



**SUN SOUNDS OF ARIZONA
WELCOMES ARIZONA
TECHNOLOGY ACCESS
PROGRAM VISITORS AND
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Our Mission Statement

Sun Sounds of Arizona provides audio access and information to people who cannot read print because they have a disability.



This Is Who We Are. This is What We Do.

We broadcast the reading of over 200 print publications to people who cannot read or hold print material.

We broadcast throughout Arizona on an SCA radio signal and to the rest of the United States via the internet.

We don't edit, editorialize or censor material.

We have statewide volunteers that make this all happen!



A Brief Overview of Sun Sounds

- ▶ **Founded in 1979 and moved into Rio Salado College, Tempe AZ.**
- ▶ **Additional studios opened in Tucson and Flagstaff after ten years.**
- ▶ **Sister stations KJZZ and KBAQ FM provide Sun Sounds with technical support and local radio signal transmission.**
- ▶ **Sun Sounds has moved from special radios to internet streaming to smart home devices to utilize various methods of delivery.**
- ▶ **Thousands of people across Arizona are eligible for the service.**
- ▶ **Volunteers provide all on-air talent, and outreach.**
- ▶ **All Sun Sounds services and radios are free to listeners.**



Program Topics

Daily Newspapers

Financial

Health

Fitness

History

Home and Garden

Science

Local publications

Music

Religious

Political

Sports

Travel

Audio described DVS Movies

Native American News

Short Stories

Spanish

Culture

Disability

Kids



Listeners

Our Listeners are ANYONE who cannot read or hold print material due to a disability, and may include:

- **Low Vision or other visual disability**
- **Arthritis**
- **Dyslexia**
- **Parkinson's**
- **Quadriplegia**
- **Traumatic Brain Injury**
- **Dementia**
- **Alzheimer's**



Listener Accessibility Broadcast

24/7/365

- Individual radio provided by Sun Sounds
- HD radio 89.5 HD3 in Maricopa County
- Stream Sun Sounds on-line at www.sunsounds.org
- On demand; download programs and listen at their convenience
- Smart Home Device; Amazon Echo, Google Home, Tunein Radio Simple Radio, Sun Sounds skill
- Sero, Tunein, and Simple Radio app
- Hospitals, assisted living communities and retirement homes
- Time Warner Cable in Yuma
- DTV in partnership with KAET-TV Channel 8
- Victor Reader



Listener Applications

On-Line applications can be obtained at sunsounds.org. Click the “Apply for Service Link” and complete the following:

- Contact information
- Race and Ethnicity
- Verifying Authority
- Nature of disability
- Service Requested
- Broadcast Schedule – Large Print, Audio CD, Braille, Email
- Contact Person's Name and Telephone Number
- Referral to the Arizona Braille and Talking Book Library



Funding Sources

- **State Funding from AZ Talking Books Library**
- **Grants from Foundations and Corporations**
- **Individual Donations**
- **Estate Gifts**
- **Fundraising Events**
- **Civic Organizations**



Q and A - Chat Box

Questions?



Sun Sounds of Arizona Contact Information

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