



The Dot Experience Fact Sheet

About The Dot Experience

- Designed to be the world's most accessible museum, this groundbreaking destination blends immersive exhibitions, a behind-the-scenes factory tour, and a dynamic educational center—all in one.
- The Dot Experience is named in tribute to the American Printing House for the Blind's (APH) rich history and enduring dedication to braille. This tactile system—built from combinations of six simple dots—forms the foundation of letters, numbers, music, and words.
- Our mission is to change perspectives about blindness and empower individual action toward a world that welcomes everyone.
- Guided by a “nothing about us without us” philosophy, individuals who are blind, low vision, or disabled have served as key decision-makers throughout the museum's development.
- The Dot Experience invites curiosity, encouraging hands-on exploration. Where artifacts need protection, durable replicas are provided. Tactile guides, narration, and alternative text formats ensure accessibility for all.
- Spanning 28,000 square feet—The Dot Experience serves as a bold new front door to APH, with an expanded and reimagined museum experience that celebrates inclusion, drives innovation, and inspires exploration.
- Scheduled to open October 2026, The Dot Experience marks the 16th addition to APH's campus since the original building was first occupied in 1883.



The Dot Experience Exhibits

- The Dot Experience will feature historical and contemporary figures sharing their personal stories of success, struggle, and reality through immersive videos, interpretive panels, blogs, and more.
- The AFB Helen Keller Archive offers an interactive look at Helen Keller's life, featuring her desk, braille writers, and a replica of the famous water pump. Visitors can explore braille history and engage with tactile exhibits. Highlights include a 1922 Steinway piano once played by Stevie Wonder, and APH innovations that support independence. Fun elements like LEGO® Braille Bricks and a giant abacus make learning about accessibility engaging for all ages.

Funding

- The Dot Experience cost \$22 million to construct and APH seeks to raise \$10 – 15 million through private and public donations.

About American Printing House for the Blind

- American Printing House for the Blind (APH) empowers individuals who are blind or low vision by providing accessible braille products, technology, and services. APH fosters education, workplace readiness, and independence.
- APH is an internationally networked nonprofit that has been headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky since its founding in 1858.
- As one of Kentucky's largest manufacturers, APH employs 341 individuals, with 22% of employees identifying as disabled.

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