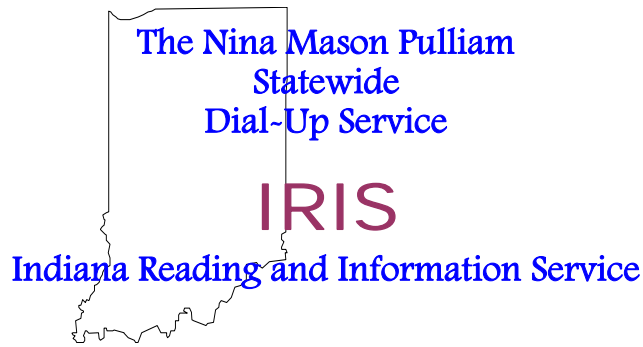




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## THE REPUBLIC

### What is IRIS?

- ❖ IRIS is a not-for-profit communications link to the visually and print impaired. (*Legally blind, Visually impaired, Physically impaired, Reading disabled, Illiterate*)
- ❖ IRIS is a service which allows the visual and print impaired to dial a **toll-free** number and listen to the newspaper, recorded daily by volunteers.
- ❖ IRIS recordings are accessible to listeners 24 hours a day/7 days a week via any **touch-tone** phone.
- ❖ IRIS is made possible by a grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and is operated out of the WFYI TelePlex, Indianapolis.

### What do IRIS Volunteers do?

- ❖ IRIS volunteers record ***The Republic*** newspaper, via a toll-free number, from their home using a headset telephone provided by the IRIS Program.
- ❖ IRIS volunteers choose the section of ***The Republic*** they wish to record and the day of the week they wish to record at time of application (recording takes 30 to 40 minutes to complete).
- ✓ Front Page – read all of front page starting with the Weather and end with *Thought for the day*.
- ✓ City/Local – read arrests for all counties, Editorials, Local interest articles, Around Town, Looking Back, and any upcoming events.
- ✓ Sports – Local sports, scores and articles.
- ✓ Obituaries – List names of deceased, then read each obituary.

### How can I become an IRIS volunteer?

- ❖ Just follow these simple steps:
- ✓ Contact the Caring Connections Volunteer Programs:

*Bartholomew County (812) 372-6918 Ext. 2765*

*Outside Bartholomew County call toll free*

*1-866-644-6407 Ext. 2765*

*Email – [caringconnections@areaxi.org](mailto:caringconnections@areaxi.org)*

- ✓ An application and return envelope will be mailed to you.
- ✓ Application is processed and an interview will be scheduled at your convenience.



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**IRIS**

Volunteer Application  
The Republic



*Please print clearly*

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

***Weekly Reader Section***

*Recordings need to be completed by 9:00 AM if possible*  
Please check section(s) and day(s) you are available to read  
If you prefer to only read *Back Up*, please skip to the next section

Newspaper Section:  Front Page  City/Local  Obituaries  Sports

Day(s) I can read:  Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs  Fri  Sat  Sun

*Complete only if you would like to be called as a Back Up Reader*

***Back Up Reader Section***

Newspaper Section:  Front Page  City/Local  Obituaries  Sports

Day(s) I can read:  Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs  Fri  Sat  Sun