

# Winter 2023

# Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Creative New Year!

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# **BBB Goes to College**

Prof. Tamara O'Callaghan launched the first BBB honors level course at Northern Kentucky University this Fall! Students immersed themselves in tactile learning and technology, developing four multimodal children's books. With support from Clovernook's Braille Printing House, their books will be distributed to children in Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, and Somalia. Read more.

## **Engineering Accessibility**



Fourteen teen interns at Mountain Lakes Public Library (NJ) worked this fall to design and fabricate accessible products in partnership with St. Joseph's School for the Blind, Sound Start Babies, and See3D. They created tactile book covers, game apps, crayon toppers, accessible video games and other products. Learn more about their projects.



## **Upcoming BBB Internship Opportunities**

Thanks to our NSF funding, we're excited to offer additional paid teen internships in the coming year.

The <u>CU Boulder summer internship</u> will be held Mondays-Thursdays, June 19-July 21 (4th of July week off). Applications will be accepted Feb 7-April 2 via the BBB website. We also look forward to welcoming new interns at The Possible Zone (MA) and Mountain Lakes Public Library (NJ).



#### **Share Your Success**

Tell us about your BBB projects! If you completed a Build a Better Book program at your school, library, or other community organization in 2022, please fill out this quick <a href="Program Summary">Program Summary</a> form. Your responses help us learn and share how the BBB Network impacts student learning and contributes to the design of more accessible products.

# **Partner Highlights**



## Play for All

Colorado students in Northglenn High School's Engineering Pathway took up the challenge to design accessible tools for sports and games. Using feedback from their peers, they created prototypes for playing wheelchair soccer, basketball, baseball, and table top versions of popular games like pool, air hockey, and board games. Read more.

## **BBB Resources**



### **Accessible Games**

Board games and video games are a big part of student life and friendships. Several recent BBB projects have focused on making game play more accessible through tactile and audio enhancements. Find examples, videos, and tips for designing accessible games and video games on the BBB

Resources webpage.









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