

## SPRING 2021

### We're Flexible!

Build a Better Book programs are flexing and adapting to changes in how we learn together. Whether it's online meetings, grab and go kits, small gatherings, or hybrid models, facilitators and students are experimenting with socially distanced design tools and ways to stay in touch with BVI partners.



### Webinar: Tactile Art Workshops

**Tuesday, April 6 at 1pm MT / 3pm ET**

Join us for an inspiring session on engaging with the blind and visually impaired community through tactile art workshops. High school student [Rishika Kartik](#) will share her experience running the Colorado Tactile Art Club, art workshops at the Colorado Center for the Blind, Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, Braille Institute, her "[Vision of the Artist's Soul 2020](#)" (VAS) Arts in Society Grant program, and collaborations with NFB and different museums.

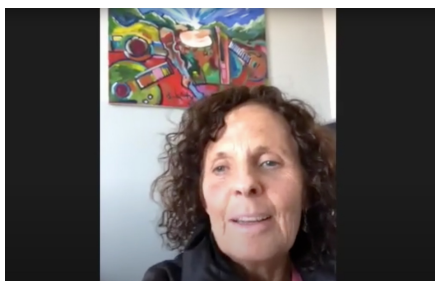
[Register for the Zoom webinar](#)



### BBB Small Grants Awarded

Build a Better Book finished out the year by awarding Participant Support grants of up to \$750 to ten partners around the country. Organizations will be partnering with local schools and libraries, and tapping into audio and digital solutions for creating accessible games, art, and tactile book kits. [Read](#)

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### Professional Development Tools

Strengthen your BBB programs with new tools and perspectives. Check out our recent videos on [Building Relationships with the BVI Community](#) and creating self-describing illustrations with the [Tactile Images](#) online platform. More webinars are always available on the [BBB News & Events page](#).



## Call for Contributions

Did you know all designs in the [BBB Design Gallery](#) fall under a Creative Commons license that invites open sharing and remixing? Share your designs for tactile materials or projects with instructors, makers and BVI end users. Photos, activity ideas, resources, lesson plans, or instructions, are all welcome. Fill out a [Submission Form](#) for the Design Gallery or [Share Your Story](#) of a BBB program.

## BBB Partner Highlight



### Mountain Lakes Public Library

Local high school students explored new ways of storytelling during a 10-week program at the Mountain Lakes Public Library maker space run by BBB partner, Ian Matty. Focusing on 3D design and printing, students interpreted favorite children's books into tactile creations and innovative formats.

[Read the article in School Library Journal](#)

## Recent Publications

Check out these articles that connect BBB with science, makerspaces, multimodal literacy, and diversity and equity. BBB staff and partners examine how universal design and maker skills can be applied across a variety of disciplines and settings.

- **The value of adding meaning to the making.** Connected Science Learning. 2(3), pt. 2., July-September 2020.
- **Design thinking in public library makerspaces.** Public Libraries. 2020;59: 58–64.
- **Bringing together multimodal composition and maker education in K-8 classrooms.** Language Arts. 2020;97: 159–171.

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