



IRIS

Recording the News

Frequently Asked Questions

Program: IRIS stands for Iowa Radio Reading Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped. Volunteers come into the studio and record newspaper readings which are broadcasted over the radio. Recordings are played for Iowans who are blind or print handicapped.

Why should I become a volunteer?

It is a great way to volunteer on campus and on your own time. Recordings happen the morning hours at Meredith. It is a really cool way to have a different volunteer opportunity than anything that you have previously experienced.

Who can volunteer?

Any Drake student can volunteer, including graduate students. Faculty and staff are also welcome to volunteer. Other people that are interested and don't have ties with Drake can volunteer at the IRIS office in Des Moines.

What am I expected to do?

You would be expected to complete a thirty-minute training session to learn about the recordings and the organization. For reading, you are expected to set aside a two-hour block in the morning of your reading to record the Council Bluffs newspaper.

Do I need any prior knowledge/experience? Are there any rules I should know before I get started?

Nope! Anyone can do it. You don't have to be in the journalism school to participate. It is expected that if you sign up for a slot you will show up for your reading.

Where/Location?

Meredith basement in the studio room 6SC.

How long?

The training will take up to thirty minutes and the reading will take between 90 to 120 minutes.

What should I wear?

Comfy clothes. No one will see you in the basement of Meredith!

I want to volunteer! What are the next steps?

Send me an email at katie.carlton@drake.edu and I will be in contact with you about the next steps. You will also receive a google folder with all the information you need to get started.

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