



# Kansas State School for the Blind

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Dear Families,

Our Winter 2023 activity box is family movie night! If you haven't already, you will receive a box of snacks and goodies to enjoy during movie time.

Movies are sometimes, but not always, available with audio description to help people with visual impairments better understand what visual information is happening on the screen. Rather than only offer a movie or two with descriptions, we want to enable you as families to develop the skills to find content that meets your accessibility needs and opens up more variety of choices for your interest.

We have included links to lists of accessible movies and resources that have been compiled by other agencies. These lists are ever changing and not exhaustive.

Here are a few we recommend:

1. [The Described and Captioned Media Program](#)
2. [The Audio Description Project](#)
3. [3PlayMedia](#)
4. [National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled](#)

It's very likely that movies offered on your streaming services are not accessible and do not include visual descriptions. One of the ways we can make sure that movies and tv shows are accessible to all is to advocate to production companies about the importance of these features. If you are interested in advocating for you or your family's needs, we encourage you to reach out to the customer service lines of the companies that you would use.

Some questions you might ask include:

"Do you have any movies or tv shows that are accessible to people who are blind or visually impaired?" If not, "why?"

"Is there any way to filter content by accessibility features?"

"Do you have a team dedicated to the accessibility and inclusivity of your content?"

"Is there a timeframe to make sure your company is up to date on accessibility standards and guidelines?"

Self-Advocacy is one of the 9 areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum. Advocating to companies for accessibility needs is just one of the many ways people can have a meaningful impact in the development of accessible content for all. While some people prefer not to, others like to be part of the catalyst for change.



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When you find a movie that you feel was a great fit for your family and included the accessibility features you needed, let us know! We would be happy to share with other families on our social media, and we would love to share your family movie night photos! Please tag us at Kansas State School for the Blind on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
The Family Engagement Committee  
Kansas State School for the Blind