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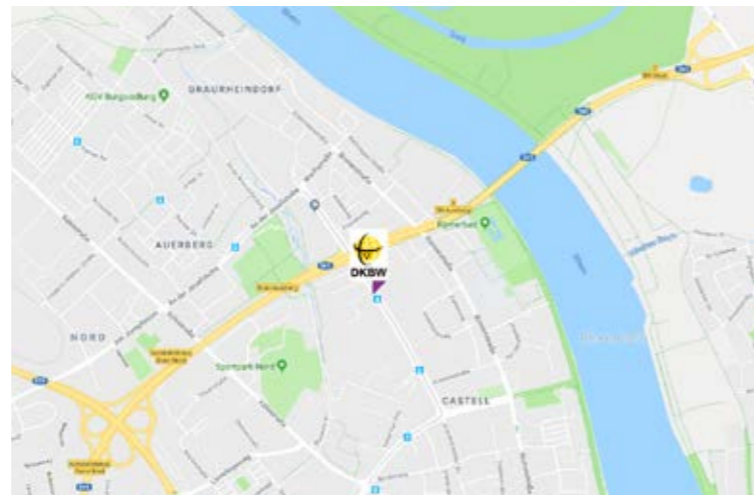
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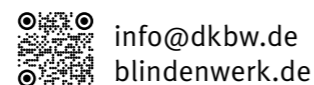
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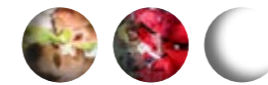
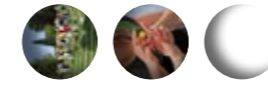
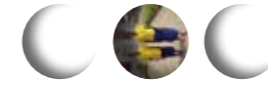
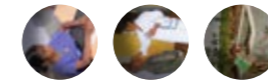
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**Blindenschrift
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At the DKBW head quarter, the Dr-Hubert-Roos House in Bonn, resides an independent non-profit publishing and printing company: the Blindenschrift Verlag & Druckerei gGmbH “Pauline-von-Mallinckrodt”.

In accordance with the values of Pauline von Mallinckrodt, who had dedicated her life to the intellectual and physical care of blind people since 1842 by founding an order as well as an early school for the blind, or providing the first tactual books, we continue her work of making printed media accessible for blind and partly sighted people.

Our product line covers all literary genre, including crime novels, cookery books, (life)guides and a wide range of magazines – of course all published in braille. Nonetheless, our primary issue form religious and liturgical texts, such as “Das neue Gotteslob”, a hymn and prayer book for the German-speaking Catholic dioceses.

Furthermore, we produce flyers, business cards, brochures, calendars, non-fictional texts, etc. in braille. All our printing services are available for both private as well as business customers. For the earnings do not defray the high manufacturing costs, the “Pauline-von-Mallinckrodt” publisher and printing company has to gain financial support through DKBW.



**Deutsches
Katholisches
Blindenwerk e.V.**

DKBW is an international acting non-profit organisation, dedicated to improving the living situation of blind, visually impaired as well as deaf-blind people. Founded in 1969, we are taking actions in developmental projects in Germany, Asia, Africa or South America: we support those who need our help.

Special attention is paid to children and young adults' education realised by funding (inter)national schools for the blind, co-funding relevant building operations, providing teaching materials for qualification measures referring to promotions, or partly covering the costs for school staff and provisions. Furthermore, due to our charitable work, we facilitate school trips and recreational activities.

The department for young adults as well as the department for adult education regularly organise meetings for affected people from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, who would like to share their experiences with others. Apart from networking, these events are either based on particular cultural or religious themes.

In developing countries, DKBW participates in eye-camps financially, where the local people get medical examinations by ophthalmologists, opticians and other qualified personnel. Apart from this, the issue of self-help for the blind Catholic community in these regions is a matter to our heart.



Thereby, the supervision, guaranteed by a local priest, nun or equally dedicated religious person who sympathises with the needs and interests of their blind community, is inevitable.

DKBW is recognised by the Deutsche Bischofskonferenz (German Bishops Conference), forming the umbrella organisation of all our eight local offices (Katholische Blindenwerke) in Germany. Moreover, we are the official representative of the Catholic blind towards the “Arbeitsstelle Pastoral für Menschen mit Behinderung” (the department Pastoral for people with disabilities).



The donation certificate of the DZI (German Central Institute of Social Affairs) in Berlin recognises DKBW donation management as trustworthy and confident



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**Deutsche Katholische
Bücherei für
barrierefreies Lesen**

DKBBL is an accessible audio library for people with reading deficiencies (visual impairments, dyslexia, etc.). Founded in 1918 as an institution providing access to braille literature to all those who suffered blindness in cause of World War One, DKBBL has developed into a braille as well as audio library with its own recording studio since 1964.

Customers can lend printed braille as well as audio books (either on DAISY CD or via download) which will be send to them by mail within a few days. A high number of our inventory is adopted from the catalogues of the “Katholische Öffentliche Büchereien” (public Catholic libraries) but also considers our customers' individual requests. Thus, a huge variety of genre are available.

Located in the Dr-Hubert-Roos House in Bonn, our library welcomes all people interested in literature, being either blind, visually impaired or lacking any other reading deficiency. All services of DKBBL are for free. Just register and enjoy the literary world.

We are financed by donations only. For those do not cover our cumulative costs, however, we gain financial support from DKBW.

