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Braille Reader's Theater Presents *Charlotte's Web*

"I like acting more than anything!"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 28, 2019) – "Templeton, Templeton! Wake up you lazy rat!" yells sixth grader Luke Hagen. He's excitedly talking about his role as Wilber in the upcoming Braille Reader's theater production of *Charlotte's Web*. That line wasn't in the original script, but when you have as much energy as Luke, the script is just a place to start.

"I don't say this to be rude, but I think the kids are basically the main attraction." If you haven't caught on yet – Luke is pretty funny kid. "Because when you think of plays you mainly think it's going to be adults only, but NO, these are KIDS!" To be fair, there are many talented adults in the production, but they're not as cute as Luke and his younger co-stars.

In Braille Reader's Theater there are no elaborate sets, and actors do not memorize lines. Instead blind or visually impaired actors read from a script, many using braille. They use vocal expression to draw the audience into the story.

The Museum of the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) invites the media to attend this year's Braille Reader's Theater production of *Charlotte's Web*. Shows will be held Friday, March 15 from 7-9pm and Saturday, March 16 from 1-3pm and 5-7pm. Interviews are also available during rehearsals prior to the event.

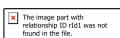
To set up an interview, or if you would like to attend the production, contact Jonathan Wahl at 502-216-9075 or jwahl@aph.org.

Braille Reader's Theater is about more than just a script: there's stronger message being sent to visitors. "I'm not really a normal kid that does this stuff. I have a lot of stuff going on. I have a heart issue, I have an eye issue, I have a brain issue. I think it's really great. If you take one look at me on stage you would never know."

About American Printing House

The American Printing House is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, please visit www.aph.org.

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