



## **Do you love to read Aloud?**

The volunteer Voices of IRIS read newspapers & other publications aloud over the radio for over 11,000 print-disabled listeners.

### **LIVE Reading Opportunities**

Read The Des Moines Register aloud live from either  
9 - 10:30am or 10:30am to noon.

### **RECORDED Reading Opportunities**

You can record in one of our studios OR from your home.

### **Other Publications**

Volunteers also record an array of specialty shows like magazines, grocery ads and other local publications.

## **We Would LOVE to have you!**

Your voice doesn't have to be dramatic or newscasty - we're just neighbors reading to neighbors!

**[IowaRadioReading.org](http://IowaRadioReading.org)**



## **We'd love to have YOU join the volunteer Voices of IRIS!**

IRIS volunteers read newspapers and other publications aloud for over 11,000 print-disabled Iowans! IRIS listeners tune in on custom radios, webstreams, smart phones, smart speakers or podcasts. All IRIS equipment and services are provided at no cost.

The 24/7 signal includes readings from eleven Iowa newspapers, national publications and specialty programs like our MidWeek Shopping Cart (sponsored by Hy-Vee) where we read weekly ads and specials aloud each week.

### **THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GET YOUR VOICE ON THE AIR ON IRIS:**

#### **LIVE Reading:**

Every day of the year, IRIS reads the Des Moines Register live from our studios at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Euclid in Des Moines. Two readers alternate articles from 9am to 10:30am. Two fresh readers take over at 10:30am and alternate articles until noon.

\*\* Training: In-person training can be scheduled any time.

#### **HOME Reading:**

Readers record on their own smart phone, tablet or computer at their home. The recordings are sent to IRIS via DropBox. From there, IRIS staff edits and produces the files for air.

\*\* Training: IRIS will email our instruction packet to you and walk you through it.

\*\* If you live in the Des Moines area, we also have recording booths you can use during office hours.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

#### **What if I Don't Have a Radio Voice?**

- Perfect! We don't want anchorperson or theater voices. Our listeners prefer pleasant everyday voices that can speak clearly. IRIS is just neighbors reading to neighbors.

#### **What is the Time Commitment?**

- As little or as much as you like! Some folks read weekly or bi-weekly, some monthly or as-needed. It takes about 90 minutes to record an hour-long newspaper. Our live shifts are also 90 minutes.

#### **Do I need a Newspaper Subscription?**

- Nope! IRIS provides the content for live readers and logins for e-editions for our home readers.

#### **When are Volunteers Needed Most?**

Live weekend reading of the Des Moines Register is our biggest need at the moment. But we have spots for home readers on almost all papers across the board.

- Prior to the pandemic, 95% of our reading was live. At this time, we're only live for the Des Moines Register. All other newspapers are recorded from home.
- We are working to get our remote live locations restarted in the coming months. You can get a feel for our needs at [IowaRadioReading.org/volunteer-schedules](http://IowaRadioReading.org/volunteer-schedules).

#### **Where Do I Start?**

Submit a volunteer application at [IowaRadioReading.org/Become-A-Volunteer](http://IowaRadioReading.org/Become-A-Volunteer). That's it!

Learn more at [IowaRadioReading.org](http://IowaRadioReading.org)

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