

Radio Reading Service On Third-Adjacent Channel, KUT 90.5 MHz

KUT no longer has the Radio Reading Service (RRS) therefore it is not required to protect it.

Radio Reading Service broadcasts have become increasingly obsolete in recent years as more efficient alternatives like podcasting and streaming audio have become widely available, especially in major metro areas like Austin Texas.

There is no mention of a RRS on the KUT web site, and an internet search for a RRS at KUT does not find any indication that such a service is currently provided by KUT.

We were not able to get a reply from KUT management when we requested information about a RRS at their station, so we tried reaching out to the blind community in Austin to ask if there is a station in town that broadcasts a RRS.

In Austin we are fortunate to have several organizations that serve the blind and visually impaired:

- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which is operated by the state of Texas
- Talking Book Program which is operated by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Austin Council of the American Council of the Blind

None of the people we spoke to at any of those organizations were aware of a Radio Reading Service that is currently available in Austin Texas.

The Talking Books Program at Texas State Library and Archives Commission provided a reply to our question in the form of an E-mail. A copy of that E-mail is included here. (Douglas Foxworth, who is referenced in the E-mail, is shown as the contact person for information about the RRS at KUT in a newsletter from 2012 on the Texas State Library web site.)

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Good morning Mr. Ewing,

I received a prompt e-mail from Doug Foxworth that the Austin Radio Reading Service closed in March of 2012. He did not give any other details. The other gentleman that I was thinking of does not work for KUT anymore. I did not send him an e-mail since I received the information from Mr. Foxworth.

Thank you for contacting the Talking Book Program.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

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