





Raj, the head of the School for the Blind, writes in the school's quarterly report (January–March 2025) that on January 4th, a day was organized for the staff and students of the School for the Blind in memory of the Frenchman Louis Braille. Louis Braille was born 216 years ago, on January 4, 1809. Louis Braille is still significant today. The "Braille language" he created was highlighted on this Memorial celebration.

Louis Braille became blind at the age of three. He found a school that accepted him despite his disability and studied there for a few years. He learned a lot. He was curious and wanted to learn more. He wanted access to the knowledge found in books. Louis could feel with his fingers. He had an idea: a special way of reading for the visually impaired. He came up with letters made of small, raised dots-tiny bumps. He took a piece of paper and made small dots, which, in different combinations, formed letters. Louis could write! He moved his fingers over the paper and felt the dots. He could read with his hands! Louis was Newsletter April 2025

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But Louis was lucky. He found a special school. So, he joined it. He learned a lot there.

After leaving school, did Louis join any other schools?

Louis was curious. He wanted to learn more. He wanted the knowledge he could get from books.

Louis could feel with his fingers. He had an idea. He wanted to create special type of writing. He thought of letters made of dots. There would be little bumps on the paper.

Louis took paper. He made little bumps on it. Each set of bumps was a letter. When he joined the letters, he made words. Louis was writing!

Louis moved his fingers over the bumps. He could feel the bumps. He was reading with his hands!

Louis was only 15 years old. He made an alphabet for blind people. That alphabet is now called Braille.

only 15 years old when he created an alphabet for the blind. That alphabet was named after him and became known as Braille.

(Images and some text for this paragraph were sourced from the internet.)

After the school's presentation about Louis's life, struggle, inventions, and dedication to the blind community, the Memorial Day concluded with several performances by the school's students. – The students are so happy when they get to perform.

Warm greetings from the School for the Blind and SB Foundation, via all of us on the board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger*



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