Print Disabilities Service
Fact Sheet for Schools

What the National Library’s Print Disabilities Service offers

- Audio books to adults, young adults and children who have print disabilities
- Access for students with print disabilities to our audio book collection through their school librarian or special-needs coordinator
- Access for home schooled students with print disabilities to our collection, directly

What’s in our collection

Our collection contains popular fiction for young adults and children.

We also have non-fiction suitable for adults and older students.

Most of the collection is in CD format; we also have some MP3CDs, kits (book plus CD) and some older titles are available on cassette.

Our collection is focussed on recreational reading. Our ability to support the curriculum is constrained by the limited material published in audio format, however, we do have an increasing number of audio books suitable for NCEA wide reading.

Charges

- There is no charge to borrow the audio books
- The school is responsible for the return postage
- Lost or badly damaged audio books may be charged for

What is a Print Disability?

People with print disabilities are unable to independently read, hold or turn the pages of a standard book because they:

- are blind or vision impaired
- have physical disabilities which limit their ability to hold or manipulate information in a printed form
- have perceptual or other disabilities which limit their ability to follow a line of print, or which affect their concentration
- cannot comprehend information in a print format due to insufficient literacy or language skills

For example dyslexia, learning difficulties, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, hospitalisation, arthritis or paralysis may all result in a print disability.
How to access our collection

Register with us

Schools must be registered with us to access our audio book collection. We require one person from the school to take responsibility for the resources. This is usually the school librarian or special-needs coordinator.

Email or phone us to obtain a registration form. (Our contact details are at the bottom of this sheet).

Ordering audio books

Once you have registered, we can send you a selection of titles at the beginning of each term based on information you have provided about your students’ reading preferences.

Alternatively, you can search the online catalogue and email us your title requests as you need them. The collection is not open to the public for browsing.

Returning audio books

When the audio books are due to be returned, please check all CDs are in their cases and that the cases are clean. Return them by post or courier to the Print Disabilities Service.

Faulty or damaged audio books

If a CD or cassette is faulty or becomes damaged, please do not attempt to repair it. Return the complete audio book to us with a note explaining the problem.

How to search for audio books

1. Open the National Library Catalogue:
   

2. Type your search into the search box

3. Select Print Disabilities Collection from the drop down box

4. Click the search button

   - From here you can limit your search further from the menu on the left hand side, for example by subject, author or creation date
   - You can also sort your search results using the Sorted by drop down box

Contact us

Return audio books to:

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Wellington 6011

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Email: audiobook.request@dia.govt.nz
Website: [http://natlib.govt.nz](http://natlib.govt.nz)

You can contact us: Monday-Friday 9am to 4:30pm