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Patrons with a Print Disability Eligibility Form

Eligibility Criteria

A print disability prevents or inhibits a person from reading conventional print. You are eligible to access materials restricted to the print disabled (talking books on CD and downloadable talking books) and SILS restricted material (described videos) through the public library if you have a print disability due to blindness, visual disability, physical disability and/or a learning/reading disability in accordance with the definition provided for “perceptual disability” in the Canadian Copyright Act.

Canadian Copyright Act definition

Under the provisions of the Canadian Copyright Act, “perceptual disability” means an impairment that prevents or inhibits a person from reading or hearing a literary, musical, dramatic or artistic work in its original format and includes a disability resulting from:

- a. Severe or total impairment of sight or hearing or the inability to focus or move one’s eyes
- b. The inability to hold or manipulate a book
- c. An impairment relating to comprehension

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Certification by a Competent Authority*

Date: _____ Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Library Card Number: _____

- I consent to the Library collecting personal health information on this form for the purpose of granting me access to library materials restricted to the print disabled, made available through the public library.

Applicant's Signature: _____

I certify that the applicant is unable to read or use standard printed material because of:

- Legal blindness
- Physical disability
- Visual disability
- Reading/learning disability

Name of competent authority:

Signature: _____

Occupation:

Library Staff Member: _____

SILS Agency/Library Branch: _____

*Competent authority refers to doctors of medicine, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, registered therapists, special education teachers, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public agencies (e.g. social workers, case workers, counselors.)

This form will be stored in a secure location in the Library.