

# Sensory and Physical Support Service

## Useful links – Vision Impairment team

### Digital reading material

#### RNIB Bookshare

<https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/>

RNIB Bookshare UK education collection membership is for educators supporting learners with print-disabilities and is provided **FREE to organisations in the UK**. RNIB Bookshare provides accessible textbooks and resources for learners with a range of needs including, but not limited to, vision impairment, learning disabilities, dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism and qualifying physical disabilities under The Copyright and Related Rights (Marrakesh Treaty etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

#### How to sign your organisation up to Bookshare

[Sign up - RNIB Bookshare](#)

#### How to find books on RNIB Bookshare:

[How to find books - RNIB Bookshare](#)

#### How to read books on Bookshare:

[How to read books - RNIB Bookshare](#)

#### How to set up accounts for learners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2tZi6VCmWU>

#### How to create and use reading lists within RNIB Bookshare:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ9AuJggbf4>

How to read the books through a variety of sources e.g. on an iPad, using a laptop, creating a physical book etc.

[Reading accessible books - RNIB Bookshare](#)

#### How to use RNIB Bookshare in conjunction with the free Dolphin EasyReader

[Read with Dolphin EasyReader - RNIB Bookshare](#)

# Print reading material

## CustomEyes Books

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/help-for-children-and-families/living-independently/customeyes-books/>

### What is the CustomEyes Books scheme?

CustomEyes books are print books where the text, font and colour of the page are designed and produced, bespoke to a child's individual print needs. They are produced **at the recommended retail price, regardless of format but need ordering ahead of time.**

### Why use CustomEyes books?

CustomEyes Books for a child with a vision impairment and/or other needs e.g. dyslexia means children and young people can have exactly the same books as their friends and classmates. This not only helps them keep up at school, but they can share books with friends too.

If a child is not comfortable using a magnifier, or gets tired using a screen, they can pick up a real book and still enjoy reading and learning. From Dr Seuss to Shakespeare, from inspirational fiction to educational textbooks, CustomEyes Books have over 4,200 large print books available.

**Becoming a CustomEyes Books member is easy and completely free**, due to a generous subsidy from Guide Dogs.

### How to order CustomEyes Books?

1. Become a CustomEyes Books member by filling in an individual or schools and services form.
2. Take a look at the range of books in the online shop, where you can then place your order. This is also where you can tell them how you'd like your book customised. Please note that you will need to create an account and be logged in to place an order and have full access.
3. Your CustomEyes Books will then be sent to you in about two to three weeks, depending on the size and volume of orders being placed at that time.

### Schools and Service Membership Form

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/help-for-children-and-families/living-independently/customeyes-books/schools-and-services-membership-form/>

# **Audiobooks**

Audiobooks allow access to narrated books, read by professional readers.

## **RNIB Reading Services**

<https://readingservices.rnib.org.uk/>

How to get started and create an account

<https://readingservices.rnib.org.uk/Home/GettingStarted>

## **BBC Sounds**

Access to narrated books as well as podcasts, radio programs and channels, including local radio stations

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds>

**Please feel free to contact the team for support with any of the above at any point:**

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links to support available and details of events.**