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Genres used in the Print Disabilities Collection

	General Fiction		Humour
	Saga		Replay Radio
	Romance		Poetry & Plays
	Crime		Biography
	Thriller		Travel
	Short Stories		Non-Fiction
	Western		Children
	Science Fiction		Young Adult

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PRINT DISABILITIES SERVICE

Using the Print Disabilities
Collection



The National Library's Print Disabilities Service offers audio books to adults, young adults and children who have a print disability.

Borrowers can access the collection through participating libraries, special needs teachers and school libraries. The collection contains mainly adult fiction, and a good selection of adult non-fiction and children's titles.

Who is this service for?

The Print Disabilities Service caters to adults, young adults and children who 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

This can be due to:

- Arthritis
- Dyslexia
- Hospitalisation
- Learning difficulties
- Medication causing blurred vision or lack of concentration
- Multiple sclerosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Paralysis
- Side-effects of treatment
- Strokes

What titles are available?

A wide range of genres of talking books is held:

- Saga
- Crime
- Humour
- Biography
- General fiction
- Science fiction
- Non-fiction
- Thriller
- Travel
- Western
- Replay Radio
- Poetry & plays
- Romance
- Short stories
- Young adult
- Children

The children's collection is for recreational reading only; the service does not support the school curriculum.



Caring for audio books

CDs and DVDs

Many people think that CDs and DVDs are robust and virtually indestructible. This is not the case. They need to be handled very carefully as flexing, bending or applying pressure will cause damage.

Handle discs only by their edges or the centre hole.

It is best to place discs back into their cases immediately after use rather than on a table or surface. Be aware that both sides of a disc are vulnerable to damage.

Tapes

The surface and edge of the tape in cassettes is easily damaged, so the tape itself should never be touched.

Always stop the cassette before starting to Rewind or Fast Forward, and when going from Rewind or Fast Forward to Play.

Please finish playing all cassettes to the end, or rewind them, before returning them to your library.

Audio books can be damaged by heat. Do not leave them near heaters or in the sun.

Faulty audio books

Please do NOT attempt to repair a faulty audio book. Return it to your library with a note explaining the problem.

Requesting audio books

Audio book enquiries can be made at your local participating library or school library.