

How to Access Modified Reading Materials- Information for Schools and Parents

There are a number of different websites and companies that either loan or produce adapted books both electronically and as a hard copy. Below are some of those that we recommend.

ClearVision- Provide a wide range of books suitable for very young children up to older children who are learning to read braille. Braille is added, in addition to the printed text, to tactile books and well-known titles to encourage early exposure to braille and the development of reading skills. ClearVision is a lending library which is free to sign up for families and a small charge (£50) is requested from schools.

<http://www.clearvisionproject.org/Books/index.html>

RNIB Bookshare- Offer a vast range of free accessible books and educational material to support the needs of learners at all stages of education. Once a log in has been created, texts can be downloaded onto an electronic device to be used by the reader.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/independent-living/reading-and-books/rnib-bookshare/>

CustomEyes Books- A range of books that will be modified and printed to an individual specification. You will need to order online and are able to choose the text size, line spacing and paper colour. You will then receive a bound hard copy in the post. The texts are all very reasonable priced and start from as little as 99p.

<https://guidedogsuk.my.site.com/shop/s/>

Living Paintings- Offer a free of charge postal library to blind or partially sighted people of all ages. They create special 'touch to see' books which include tactile images as well as audio descriptions. In addition to story books, they have a range of texts that can also be used to support curriculum learning within the classroom. You will need to create a log in and can then request books either online or via the phone.

<https://livingpaintings.org/our-library/about-our-library>

Calibre Audio Library- A national charity that provides audio books for anyone with a print disability. It is a free service for those under 18 or in full time education. You will need to create a log in and then choose how you would like to listen to the audio books- streaming, downloads or USB stick. There is further information about accessing the service on the website.

<https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/services>

Lincs Inspire eLibrary- Register for a free Lincs Inspire Library card and you will be able to download a wide range of eAudiobooks to listen on a range of electronic devices.

<https://lincsinspire.com/libraries-archives/online-services/elibrary/>