
Carry on Reading!

Do you have problems reading print?
Here is a guide to help you find
what you want to read -
books, newspapers or magazines -
in a format to suit you.

This guide is a co-operative venture by the Library and Information Services Council (Northern Ireland) with Calibre Audio Library and the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

You've always enjoyed reading - and want to carry on. However, you're finding it difficult because the print is too small, the pages are getting difficult to turn or you've other problems reading print. The organisations in this leaflet can help and their services are mostly free.

Use your local library

There is no need to stop using your local library just because you have problems reading print.

- All libraries in Northern Ireland have a wide selection of large print books. They also have audiobooks on CD and cassette. Some libraries have MP3 audiobooks. All are free to borrow.
- You can take part in library reading groups and activities.
- Every public library has software to help you use library computers, e.g. screen magnifiers and readers. Larger libraries also have electronic magnifiers, Braille keyboards and other equipment.

To find your nearest library, go to www.librariesni.org.uk or telephone **Libraries NI** on: 028 9260 6750

For Large print

- **Use your local library or mobile library.** All public libraries in Northern Ireland have books in large print.
- **RNIB National Library Service and Torch Trust** have giant print titles for loan in 24 point type.
RNIB Tel: 0845 762 6843 www.rnib.org.uk/library
Torch Trust Tel: 01858 438260 www.torchtrust.org

For audio books

Don't forget to ask about audio books at your local library.

- **Calibre Audio Library:**
Free postal library of unabridged books on tape or MP3 CD.
Tel: 01296 432339 www.calibre.org.uk
- **Listening Books:**
Postal audiobook library on MP3 CD and cassette. Also via internet streaming.
Tel: 020 7407 9417 www.listening-books.org.uk
- **RNIB National Library Service:**
Postal library of unabridged Talking Books in DAISY format.
Tel: 0845 762 6843 www.rnib.org.uk/reading
- **Torch Trust:**
Free postal Christian library, mostly on cassette with a growing choice in DAISY and MP3 CD.
Tel: 01858 438260 www.torchtrust.org

For newspapers and magazines

- **Talking Newspapers in Northern Ireland:**
Find out how to get your local newspaper in audio format
www.atnni.org.uk
- **Talking News Federation:**
Talking news from all across the UK
Tel: 0871 226 5506 www.tnf.org.uk
- **National Talking Newspapers & Magazines:**
Subscription service of more than 230 newspapers and magazines including all major daily and Sunday papers.
Tel: 01435 866102 www.tnauk.org.uk
- **Big Print:**
The only weekly newspaper published in large print (16 point text). Tel: 0800 124 007 www.rnib.org.uk/bigprint

For reading by touch

- **RNIB National Library Service** has Europe's largest library of Braille books (and Braille sheet music) to borrow or buy.
Tel: 0845 762 6843 www.rnib.org.uk/library

To read using your computer

To download or stream books to your PC, you will need a sound card and media-playing software package - usually supplied as standard on new computers. Files can be played directly from the computer or be transferred to other devices such as iPods, memory sticks and SD cards.

- **Calibre Audio Library:**
MP3 CDs can be played on computers.
Tel: 01296 432339 www.calibre.org.uk
- **Listening Books** offers an internet streaming option.
Tel: 020 7407 9417 www.listening-books.org.uk
- **National Talking Newspapers & Magazines** are available on computer disk and by email.
Tel: 01435 866102 www.tnauk.org.uk
- **RNIB National Library Service:**
Free online access to a choice of information websites including newspapers, journals, reference books and information directories. Also, Bookstream Book Club:
Tel: 0845 762 6843 www.rnib.org.uk/reading

Your local library, society for people with sight loss or Health & Social Care Trust may also have information about sources of local help.

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