

Carry on Reading

You've always enjoyed reading - and want to carry on. However, you're finding it hard going as the print is too small, the pages are getting difficult to turn, or you have other problems reading print.

Here's a guide to help you find the reading you want - books, papers or magazines. This guide covers large print and reading without print at all!



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Different ways of reading

Reading material is available in a variety of alternatives to standard print:

- Large print and Giant print
- The spoken word
- By touch (using Braille or Moon)
- Using technology (such as computers)

Listed below, you will find the names and phone numbers of the main organisations that can supply reading material in different formats. The services they provide are either moderately priced or completely free. Please feel free to phone any of them for further information.

You can also use the Internet to find out more about what's available to read. www.revealweb.org.uk is the web address of the national database of accessible resources; log on to search the catalogue and find out what is available, who has it, and in what format.

For reading using large print, contact:

- **Your local library** which has access to a range of large print books both on its shelves and through its inter-library loans scheme.
- **Big Print**
(a large print weekly newspaper)
Telephone: 0800 124 007
www.big-print.co.uk

For reading using the spoken word, contact

- **Your local library** which has access to a range of spoken word cassettes and CDs both on its shelves and through its interlibrary loans scheme.
- **Calibre Cassette Library**
Telephone: 01296 432 339 (unabridged books on cassette) www.calibre.org.uk
- **Listening Books**
Telephone: 020 7407 9417
(abridged and unabridged books on tape for people with disabilities other than sight loss)
www.listening-books.org.uk
- **RNIB Talking Book Service**
Telephone: 0845 762 6843 (unabridged books in a special CD format with the capacity to hold a whole novel) www.rnib.org.uk/talkingbooks
- **Talking Newspaper Association**
Telephone: 01435 866 102 (National newspapers and magazines on cassette tape and in electronic format) www.tnauk.org.uk
Local libraries can also put you in touch with the 19 local Talking Newspapers in Northern Ireland
- **Blind Centre for Northern Ireland**
Telephone: 028 9050 0999 (local magazines, newspapers and books on cassette, or on CD by request) www.bcni.co.uk

Or you can buy spoken word material from local book and music shops.

For reading using touch, contact:

- **National Library for the Blind**
Telephone: 0161 406 2525
For support when learning Braille
Tel 0161 355 2061/2064
www.nlb-online.org
- **RNIB Customer Services**
Telephone: 0845 702 3153
Email: cservices@rnib.org.uk

For reading using technology, contact:

- **National Library for the Blind**
Telephone: 0161355 2084
- **RNIB Customer Services**
Telephone: 0845 702 3153
- **Talking Newspaper Association**
Telephone: 01435 866 102
- **Your Local library** Every public library in Northern Ireland has a basic kit of enabling equipment and software to help you use Information Technology and give you access to word processing, the Internet and E-Mail. Larger libraries also have Braille keyboards and printers, and CCTV magnifiers.
www.ni-libraries.net

Your local society for people with sight loss, local library or college, or Social Services will also have information about these organisations and can put you in touch with them.

For more copies of this leaflet, or if you would like an audio or Braille version, please contact LISC(NI)Tel 028 9070 5441

