



CELA FAQ

All Saskatchewan Public Libraries now offer access to CELA's accessible materials collection. CELA offers materials in accessible formats for individuals with permanent or temporary print disabilities. CELA's collection is constantly growing, and includes physical items such as described movies in VHS and DVD format and audiobook CDs in the DAISY format. CELA offers titles both in English and French, and for all ages.

About CELA

The Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) is a new not-for-profit entity launched April 2014. CELA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of librarians across Canada. They believe in providing equitable library services to all Canadians through their public library.

Eligibility

CELA is open to Canadians with print disabilities (visual, physical or learning disabilities). The Canadian Copyright Act allows them to produce materials in alternative formats for use by these individuals.

Note: a print disability may be temporary, such as a person waiting for cataract surgery, person undergoing dialysis who can't read during dialysis procedure, person who's had a stroke.

The Canadian Copyright Act

The Copyright Act defines perceptual disability as:

A disability that prevents or inhibits a person from reading or hearing a literary, musical, dramatic or artistic work in its original format, and includes such a disability resulting from:

- Severe or total impairment of sight or the inability to focus or move one's eyes,
- The inability to hold or manipulate a book, or
- An impairment relating to comprehension



Alternative Formats Offered by CELA

CELA offers titles in a variety of formats including:

DAISY CDs

- Usually a book fits on 1 CD.
- DAISY CDs can be played on DAISY players, mp3 compatible CD players or on a computer.
- You can download free software to make use of the navigation features, or listen to it like a regular CD in a program such as Windows Media Player or iTunes.
- Delivered to the patron's home

DAISY digital

- Stream the audio or download it as DAISY in a .zip file or as a simple MP3 file.
- Listen to these files using a DAISY app, such as Read2Go on a mobile device, download free AMIS software for a computer, or listen to it like a regular mp3 in iTunes or Windows Media Player.
- Available to patrons through the CELA website – www.celalibrary.ca

Braille

They offer both contracted and uncontracted braille.

- Uncontracted or Grade 1 braille is a letter-by-letter copy of print. It is for less fluent braille readers.
- Contracted or Grade 2 braille was developed to reduce the size of books and make reading quicker - because there are fewer braille symbols.
- Delivered to the patron's home (postage paid)

Printbraille

- Picture books with added braille
- May be in contracted or uncontracted braille
- Delivered to the patron's home

e-braille

- Read using an electronic braille display
- Downloaded by patrons from www.celalibrary.ca



Described Movies

- Available in VHS and DVD
- Contains an added track with description (of settings, action, characters) for people with vision loss.
- Delivered to the patron's home

E-text

- Online services including newspapers, magazines and books
- HTML Full Text, PDF Full Text, Text files (.txt) or Rich Text Format (.rtf)
- Online databases available through EBSCOhost
- Downloaded by patrons from www.celalibrary.ca

Bookshare

CELA registered patrons can also get a free membership to Bookshare, a US-based accessible online digital library with over 150,000 full text titles. Once registered for CELA, patrons must complete the online Bookshare sign up form (<https://www.bookshare.org/signUpMember>) for individuals. Bookshare materials are only for download or use on the computer.

Registration

Patrons (or someone they choose as their designate) can register themselves on the CELA website at www.celalibrary.ca, or they may register through their local Branch Librarian. Educators may register on behalf of eligible students.

Patrons must have a valid library card to register, but do not require a doctor's note in order to qualify. Instead, they will be asked to self-identify what form of print disability they have.

If patrons requested the DAISY Direct to Player or CD service, they will receive a welcome message and a set of 3 starter books within 5 days of submitting their registration. If the patron is a minor, their parent or guardian will be contacted. Patrons who requested digital access to CELA will receive an email to get started.

Requesting Items

Patrons who have signed up for home delivery items will automatically receive 3 items monthly from CELA.



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If patrons have specific titles they would like, they can place a request through the CELA website.

If patrons have a request for an item which CELA does not currently have in its collection, suggestions can be submitted using the Suggestion Box on the CELA website at www.celalibrary.ca

If you are interested in receiving updates on CELA, new services and resources, please email CELA (members@celalibrary.ca) to sign up.

Need Help?

Patrons may contact the CELA helpline for assistance with their CELA service:

CELA Helpline: 1-855-655-2273

Email: help@celalibrary.ca

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 7:30 pm Eastern Time