# Script for video: What is a print disability?

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An estimated 3 million Canadians have a print disability. That’s about 10% of the population.

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By offering CELA service in your library, you provide a wealth of accessible reading choices to people in your community with print disabilities.

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But what print disabilities qualify for CELA service? How can you ensure a patron is eligible?

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A print disability refers to a visual, physical or learning disability that makes it difficult or impossible for a person to read conventional print.

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If your patron can’t see or focus on the words on a page, that is a print disability. They might be blind or partially sighted because of a condition such as macular degeneration or glaucoma.

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If your patron has difficulty holding a print book or turning the pages, that is a print disability. They might have severe arthritis or cerebral palsy or Multiple Sclerosis -- any condition that seriously affects fine motor skills.

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If your patron has a learning disability related to reading, such as dyslexia, that is also a print disability. Learning disabilities refer to difficulties in processing information. They occur in spite of average or above-average thinking and reasoning abilities. Reading disabilities, sometimes called dyslexia, are a common form of learning disabilities.

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This definition of print disability comes from the Canadian Copyright Act that allows organizations like CELA to create alternative format reading materials for people with print disabilities such as audio books, braille, e-text.

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Print disabilities don’t include low literacy levels or developmental disabilities on their own.

The key question to ask yourself: Is the *format* of the material (not the content) a barrier for this patron? By offering a different format, does the material become accessible?

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Your CELA service helps you provide materials in alternative formats for patrons who need them. These formats: narrated audio books in DAISY or MP3 format, electronic text, braille, printbraille books for children and described video.

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There’s more than one way to read a book, so if you have library patrons who could benefit from access to CELA collections and services…

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sign them up for CELA service today!

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