**Guide for Parents**

Help your child access more books, in a variety of accessible formats, for free with CELA.

**What is CELA?**

CELA, the Centre for Equitable Library Access is a free, comprehensive and accessible reading service offering books and other materials to Canadian residents with print disabilities. In partnership with Bookshare, CELA offers more than 800,000 titles which span all genres including fiction, non-fiction, bestsellers and award winners, biographies poetry, and short stories, as well as 45 newspapers and more than 150 magazines.

**How can CELA materials help my child?**

CELA’s titles are specifically produced for those with print disabilities. For example, audio books can be synchronized with text to help improve the vocabulary, reading speed and fluency of students with dyslexia. Books are indexed so that students can easily bookmark specific pages or navigate to the right spot needed for their schoolwork. For students with vision loss, we also offer books in braille and printbraille.

**Who can use CELA materials?**

Thanks to an exception in the Canadian Copyright Act, CELA materials are available for free for anyone with a print disability which includes learning disabilities like dyslexia, low vision or blindness, or physical disabilities which prevent someone from using traditional print. To access the CELA collection your student does not require documentation.**How does my child read CELA books?**

CELA materials can be read digitally using a variety of devices and apps. EasyReader by Dolphin is a free, easy to use app that works on Android and iOS devices and allows accessible books to be read using audio, e-text or synchronized text and audio. You can find out more about EasyReader and other apps on our website in our [Help](http://celalibrary.ca/help) or [Getting Started](https://celalibrary.ca/help/tutorials/getting-started) sections.

Students can also read using devices like DAISY readers or braille readers, or request physical copies of audio CDs, printbraille picture books, or braille books.

**How do I help my child find books to read?**

CELA’s collection is available online. Visit [celalibrary.ca](https://celalibrary.ca) to search our collection. You can filter your search results by age, format, or genre. To download or request a book, log in to the account, request the book and then visit **My Account** on our website to find books that you have requested.

**What is Bookshare?**

Bookshare, a US-based accessible online library for people with print disabilities. Bookshare offers more than 700,000 titles, including books for all ages, best sellers, and more. Like CELA, Bookshare offers titles in a variety of formats including audio books which can be used with reading apps like EasyReader and can display synchronized text with the audio. Bookshare audio book versions are in synthetic speech (computer voice), not human-narrated.

To access the Bookshare collection, students must fill out a proof of disability form. You can find more information on [our website](http://celalibrary.ca/proof-of-disability).

**If my child’s teacher can provide books, do we need to sign my child up for their own account?**

We know that one of the ways to get kids engaged with reading is to give them lots of choice. If your child has their own CELA account they can access books they want for pleasure reading, check out magazines, or have access to additional books for research for school projects. It’s fast, easy and free to sign up for CELA.

**How do I sign my child up for CELA?**

Visit [celalibrary.ca/register](http://celalibrary.ca/register). Once you are registered, you will receive an email with your account information and password.

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