

Educator Access from CELA Connect students with print disabilities to great books

If you are a Canadian educator supporting students with print disabilities such as vision loss or learning disabilities, you can receive free access to an entire library of professionally produced reading materials for your students through the CELA Educator Access Program. CELA will help you level the playing field in the classroom for your students with print disabilities.

What can CELA offer you and your students?

- 1 million accessible books in audio, braille or accessible e-book formats.
- Books for reading levels K-12.
- Award winners, bestsellers and classroom favourites.
- Access to educational materials and leisure reading for post secondary students.
- Formats that work with popular accessible reading apps.
- Access both CELA and Bookshare collections through celalibrary.ca.
- Free DAISY direct to player apps for iOS or Android devices.
- Professional development resources for teachers about CELA, Bookshare and accessible reading technologies.

"Other kids have lots of choices in their reading material, and CELA gave my student with print disabilities that same type of selection. Choice made a huge difference in her reading."

Resource Teacher Antonia Del Monaco



Q&A

Who qualifies?

If you have a public library card and you're an educator who works with students with print disabilities in a school or post-secondary institution, you qualify to access thousands of books for your students through the CELA Educator Access Program.

What's a print disability?

A print disability is any condition that makes it difficult or impossible to read standard print.

These include:

- Visual disabilities such as blindness or partial sight
- Physical disabilities which make it difficult or impossible for someone to hold a book or turn pages
- Learning disabilities and challenges relating to comprehension of print

How do I access these resources?

Visit celalibrary.ca and complete the educators registration form. CELA will send you your login via email.

What resources are available?

CELA has a collection similar in scope to a public library. You'll find fiction, non-fiction, award winners, books for all ages including kids and teens, magazines and newspapers. CELA supports the Forest of Reading program, Canada Reads, and the TD Summer Reading Club.

Does each student I support need their own account?

Educators are able to borrow and download materials on behalf of their students with print disabilities. However, by encouraging students with print disabilities to register for their own account, you'll give them the freedom to choose their own books and explore CELA resources in the same way any other student accesses their library and allow their families to support literacy at home.

What if I need technical support?

We have a wide variety of tutorials, webinars and resources available to help you and your students learn how to access materials. Just visit our website celalibrary.ca/tutorials to get started. And you can contact us for more assistance at 1-855-655-2273 or via email help@celalibrary.ca

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