# National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled Braille Collection: User Guide

## Overview of the collection

Thanks to an ongoing exchange of materials with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), CELA now offers approximately 14,000 braille titles from the NLS braille collection. The collection contains titles published between 1890-2023 and covers a wide variety of genres and subjects for our patrons to enjoy, including Mystery and Crime Stories, Historical Fiction, Adventure Stories, Biography, Poetry, Science and Technology and History. CELA will continue to receive titles from NLS, including new additions to the NLS collection as they become available.

Prior to adding them to our collection we have collaborated with members of the print disabled community to assess the quality and usability of these titles in terms of content and presentation. The majority of these are offered in English Braille, American Edition (EBAE), and approximately 2,000 of these titles are available in Unified English Braille (UEB). There are also titles in uncontracted (grade 1) braille.

## Navigation Tips

* The braille was created by a wide range of producers and transcribing agencies across United States over several decades; as such, the quality, format and display may vary.
* Often braille books are created to be bound into volumes, but CELA’s process automatically combines the separate volume files into a single file for more convenient downloading and embossing. As a result, whether you use the electronic braille or request an embossed copy, you may find formatting left over from the original individual volumes such as volume numbering, page numbering and some blank pages. If you receive an embossed copy of one of these books, please refer to the part numbers on the cover page of each braille book part to confirm that the item is complete and in order.

## Contact Us

* Any issues with the braille formatting, display, or book itself can be reported through CELA’s Damaged Book Report: [Damaged Book Report | CELA (celalibrary.ca)](https://celalibrary.ca/report-damaged-book-form)
* For assistance with your account, CELA services or materials, please call 1-855-655-2273, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 7:30 pm Eastern time or email: help@celalibrary.ca

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