



# The National Network of Equitable Library Service

## The Canadian Accessible Library System

Access is now provided in Canada through libraries to the NNELS database of downloadable e-audiobooks, e-braille, and e-text. You can search for and download these books using your computer, through the province-wide public library catalogue on any public library website, and transfer them to a portable player or iPad. **Only people with print disabilities are able to access these materials, as outlined in the Copyright Act of Canada.**

The collection is largely popular adult fiction and non-fiction, with some emerging juvenile titles. Multilingual content is a focus for growth, in French and English as well as other languages. Titles are selected on demand and come from material produced, migrated, contributed and exchanged by NNELS partners. The majority of titles are copyright restricted.

If you have a print disability and would like to have access to these formats, you must complete a Print Disabled Patron Eligibility Form (available at your local public library, and on the Pahkisimon Nuyeqáh Library System website – [www.pahkisimon.ca](http://www.pahkisimon.ca)) and bring it to a public library. You will also need to get a library card. If you do not have a public library in your community, send your form by fax (306-425-4572), by e-mail ([circulation@pnls.lib.sk.ca](mailto:circulation@pnls.lib.sk.ca)), or by mail (Bag Service 6600, La Ronge, SK S0J 1L0) to PNLs headquarters.

If you are having difficulties with the application process, we are happy to help (1-866-396-8818).

The National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS) is an initiative of the Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council (PTPLC). Provincial libraries, such as the Saskatchewan Provincial Library and Literacy Office, have partnered with the BC Libraries Cooperative to build a digital repository of materials in accessible formats for public library patrons with print disabilities. This service is delivered free of charge across the province by all public libraries.

Local library service is about community involvement. NNELS is a co-operative effort to develop a flexible set of services for every person in every community.

For more information, contact:  
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## Notes for Public Library Staff

### How do I download a book?

For the help of libraries and end-users, the NNELS Project posts tutorials with audio, video and text information on the tutorials pages of their website, <https://nnels.ca/>.

### Who is eligible?

NNELS books are for library cardholders with perceptual disabilities as defined in the *Copyright Act of Canada*. Materials produced in alternate formats can be circulated to persons with perceptual disabilities. "Perceptual disability" means an impairment that prevents or inhibits a person from reading 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; and/or
- an impairment relating to comprehension.

### How can patrons access the service?

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### Are items in NNELS under copyright?

Access to items reproduced in alternate format are limited to users authorized for this material, namely Canadians with print disabilities. NNELS is providing equity of access to print disabled citizens under the conditions of fair use, but library users have to adhere to terms and conditions that limit their use of content to personal use only. The majority of titles are copyright restricted.

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### How can I get help using the site?

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