



## Halton SEN Service

Vision Impairment (0-25)

**Books and resources in accessible formats** - Including: audio and digital books, DAISY format books, large and giant print books and Braille as well as several services offering tactile and large print diagrams and drawings.

**RNIB Bookshare** [www.rnibbookshare.org](http://www.rnibbookshare.org) is a free online resource that provides UK curriculum materials in a range of accessible formats that can be adapted to suit the personal reading needs of learners. With RNIB Bookshare you can:

- Access thousands of books; early years to higher education.
- Access thousands of accessible images: curriculum subjects and leisure topics.
- Give learners and staff access and set up reading lists and assign books.
- Empower learners to read on their own, using the free built-in reading tool designed for print-disabled learners.

**EasyReader** is a reading app produced by Dolphin. It runs on both Apple and Android devices. It provides a simple and accessible way to search for, download and play books from RNIB Bookshare on a smartphone or tablet. It's available to download for free from both the Apple app store and the Google Play Store to your smartphone or tablet.

**Living Paintings** [www.livingpaintings.org](http://www.livingpaintings.org) produce 'touch to see' books that include raised tactile pictures accompanied by audio guides, that help fingers explore the tactile images, tell the stories of the pictures and describe their features. It is free for schools or parents to join and has a large range of books from picture books through to magical worlds and classical art. There is also the 'discovery zone' full of multi-media content.

**ClearVision** [www.clearvisionproject.org](http://www.clearvisionproject.org) is a postal lending library of children's books designed to be shared by visually impaired and sighted children and adults. There are over 14,000 books that all have Braille, print and pictures with everything from The Very Hungry Caterpillar to Katie Morag, Dick King-Smith and books about space.

**RNIB Library** <http://rniblibrary.com/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=a1> is the largest of its kind in the UK, and it's completely free with over 60,000 items in the collection. This website is your gateway to the entire collection in one place: Audio, Braille, Giant Print, Music. It includes a 'kids and teens' section.

**Custom Eyes** [customeyes@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:customeyes@guidedogs.org.uk) produces tailor made books in the font size and format to suit each individual child/pupil's eye condition. You may purchase the customised books for the cover price of the original print copy. Both schools and parent/guardians can become members.

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