

# Services for the Print Impaired

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## Policy

Chinook Arch recognizes that individuals who are unable to read or hold conventional print materials have a right to access materials which are specifically produced to meet their needs. Chinook Arch will participate in the CELA and NNELS programs to facilitate such access for eligible patrons through member library boards.

Formats created especially for the print impaired are restricted to library patrons with a “print impaired” designation in the System database.

## Guidelines

- Eligibility criteria for access to formats created especially for the print impaired are established by the Canadian Copyright Act, section 32 (b.1).
- Patrons eligible for services for the print impaired are registered by member libraries. Member libraries are responsible for determining patron eligibility. Eligible patrons should be listed in System database with a “print impaired” designation.
- All materials collected under this policy will be included in the System catalogue.
- Member libraries are encouraged to point patrons to CELA, NNELS, or interlibrary loan for resources in their preferred formats.

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