

Cambridgeshire Libraries is committed to providing a service to children with special needs and their families, so that they can enjoy the pleasure of stories.

Our service includes:

Access2books Braille books: these are combined giant print and braille picture books. Our main collections are at Central Library Cambridge, Huntingdon, Ely, St Neots and Arbury, but they can be requested from any library. Ask staff for which titles are available.

Bag Book packs (multi-sensory storytelling kits): available for loan to parents of children and young people with profound/multiple disabilities, as well as to Special Schools. Collections are held at Central Library Cambridge, Ely, Arbury Court and Huntingdon, but may be requested at any library. Ask staff for a list of available kits.

Barrington Stoke: fiction for dyslexic children, as well as reluctant readers. The publisher's website lists titles of books for different ages and reading abilities, which may be requested from your local library. Library staff can search our catalogue for 'Dyslexia Friendly' books for you

Bookshine: free pack of books for deaf and hard of hearing children (See our Bookstart page).

Booktouch: free pack of books for blind and partially sighted young children (See our Bookstart page)

Bookstart Star: free pack of books for children who have a disability which impacts on fine motor skills (See our Bookstart page)

ClearVision braille books: a collection on loan to Central Library Cambridge, which can be borrowed in the usual way. They are on our catalogue, but individual titles are not listed, only the title - Clearvision Project - junior books.

e-books and e-audio books: available to download for free. (See our Online Services page)

Giant print (24 pt type): picture books and fiction. The main collections are held at Central Library Cambridge, Ely and Huntingdon, but titles may be requested from any library

Large print: fiction collections at several libraries, including Central Library Cambridge, Huntingdon, Ely, St Ives, Rock Road and Milton Road (To search the library catalogue for children's large print and giant print books, simply do an 'Advanced' search for 'Collection' Junior large print).

New Experience: our New Experience collections include books aimed at explaining special needs to young children

Stories on CD: available in all Cambridgeshire Libraries, often with an accompanying large print book

Any book not available at a particular library may be requested free of charge by children (adults will be charged). All children may use library PCs free of charge