



Access Technology at the Library

Access Centres

Access Centres are computer stations that provide accessible hardware and software for customers with or experiencing disabilities. Access Centres are available at all Kitchener Public Library locations.

Hardware

- Adjustable height desk
- Digital magnifier
- Large print keyboard
- Microphone
- Stationary mouse

Software

- ABBY fine reader
- Dragon naturally speaking 2021
- FS reader 3.0
- Jaws 2021
- Kurzweil 1000
- Zoomtext 2021

Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA)

The Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) provides accessible reading services to approximately three million people across Canada with print disabilities. CELA provides access to a collection of over one million titles in multiple accessible formats, including audio, braille, printbraille and text.



CELA content can be accessed in numerous different ways including; physical items mailed to your home free of charge, downloading digital content to your computer, or Direct to Player service that sends the content to a DAISY Player, smartphone, or tablet.

Email accessibility@kpl.org or call 519-743-0271 ext. 260 for more information or to register for a CELA account.

Learn more

For more information on accessibility resources and collections at Kitchener Public Library visit:

kpl.org/accessibility

Accessible Resources



Accessible Borrowing

Who Can Borrow

Kitchener Public Library offers a variety of accessible resources for customers for in-library or at-home use. To identify if you are eligible to use these resources, read about our Talking Book Status and Accessibility Status library cards.

Talking Book Status

A Talking Book Card is for customers with a print disability. Talking Book Status provides an extended borrowing period of six weeks for most library material, access to DAISY Readers, DAISY CD collection, and Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) resources.

Accessibility Status

Accessibility Status is for individuals with a disability. Accessibility Status provides an extended borrowing period of six weeks for most library material.

To apply for Accessibility Status, ask for a form at any Kitchener Public Library location or download the form available online at kpl.org/accessibility.



Accessible Collections

C-Pens

The C-Pen Reader is a portable text-to-speech device that reads text aloud with a human-like digital voice in English, Spanish or French.



DAISY Readers

DAISY Readers have the ability to play content in the DAISY format. This format provides greater playback capabilities than a traditional audiobook on CD. The Readers are designed with unique tactile buttons so that the operation of the devices can be done with limited or no vision.

The DAISY Readers are preloaded with 50 books from a variety of genres and subject matter and may also be loaded with personalized content upon request.

The library offers two types of DAISY Readers, the Victor Reader Stratus and the Victor Reader Stream.

DAISY CDs

The DAISY format provides enhanced playback capabilities including the ability to place bookmarks, change the tone and speed of speech, and easily navigate content. DAISY CDs must be played with a DAISY Player.

Descriptive Videos and DVDs

Descriptive video is a form of audio-visual translation used primarily by blind and visually impaired consumers of television and film. Descriptive video describes the images and actions on screen during natural pauses in the dialogue.

Digital Magnifiers

Useful at home or on the go, the Explore 5 is a compact electronic magnifier with a 5-inch screen. The image is customizable and you can magnify text up to 22 times.

Large Print Material

Books, magazines and newspapers with a larger print.

Playaway Audiobooks

A single audiobook is loaded onto a pocket-sized device with minimal buttons for a simple and easy playback experience. Customers will need to supply their own headphones.

Read Along Picture Books

Picture books that have an audio player attached to the book so that you can read and listen along together.



Yoto Minis

Kid-friendly audio picture books and portable player. Yoto Minis are a screen-free, cord-free and on-the-go audiobook.