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Books with sound

Books with sound buttons will engage children with learning difficulties as well as those with visual impairment.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

- Select *Advanced* search
- Type *sound effects books* in the *Anywhere* search and select *Phrase* from the drop-down box on the right
- Click on *Submit*

Braille

Access2books publish dual format picture books with giant print (75pt) and Braille as well as illustrations enabling children and adults to read together. In addition to being suitable for those with visual impairment, they can also be used by those with learning and dexterity difficulties.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Type *Braille* in the *Anywhere* search
- Select any other options you require e.g. locations or collections (e.g. for children's stock, select Junior Fiction and/or Junior Non Fiction)
- Click on *Submit*

NB – this search will retrieve items about Braille as well as books written in it

Dual language

A wide range of languages is available in dual format. Provides families with the opportunity to read books in their home language and can highlight different cultures, traditions and customs.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Type *Dual language* in the *Anywhere* search, select *Phrase* from the drop down box on the right and type the language you are looking for in *Title* search
- Click on *Submit*

If you need to narrow down the search further, select appropriate term from drop down boxes below e.g. *Location* and *Collection*. Or use the *Refine Results* box on the right from the Results page.

Dyslexia friendly books

Specialist publishers e.g. Barrington Stoke and Ransom, produce picture books, fiction and non-fiction for children and young people with dyslexia and visual stress. Short chapter books with dyslexia-friendly font on tinted paper, simple language structure and clear plot-lines by a wide range of well-known authors.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Change *Author* box to *Publisher* and type *Barrington Stoke*
- Change *AND* to *OR* from the drop down at the end of the same line
- Select *Publisher* on the next line and type *Ransom* and change *and* to *or* at the end of the same line
- Type *dyslexic-friendly* in the *Anywhere* search
- Click on *Submit*

If you need to narrow down the search further, select appropriate term from drop down boxes below e.g. *Location* and *Collection*. Or use the *Refine Results* box on the right from the Results page.

Graphic books

Graphic books are a useful resource for reluctant and 'English as an additional language' readers. These books can help improve language and literacy development with the illustrations providing visual clues to the meaning of the written narrative. However use of different font types and block capitals can be a barrier.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Type *graphic* in the *Anywhere* search
- Select *Junior Fiction* and/or *Junior Non-fiction* under *Collection*
- Click on *Submit*

If you need to narrow down the search further, select appropriate term from drop down boxes below e.g. *Location*. Or use the *Refine Results* box on the right from the Results page.

Large print books

Suitable for children with visual impairment, these have a large font and lighter weight paper. Dual format picture books are also available in large print and braille.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Type *large print* in the Anywhere search and select *phrase* from the drop down menu at the right
- Select *Junior Fiction* and/or *Junior Non-fiction* under *Collection*
- Click on *Submit*

If you need to narrow down the search further, select appropriate term from drop down boxes below e.g. Location. Or use the *Refine Results* box on the right from the Results page.

Stories without words

Books with pictures only are an alternative way for children with additional support needs to access stories.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Change *Title* box to *Anywhere* and type *wordless picture book* and select *Phrase* from the drop down box on the right
- Change *AND* to *OR* from the drop down at the end of the same line
- Type *stories without words* in the Anywhere search on the next line
- Click on *Submit*

Talking books / e-audiobooks

Audio books are suitable for reluctant readers, and those with dyslexia/ visual impairment. Using a CD with accompanying book can also support reluctant readers.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

Select *Advanced search*

- Scroll down to *Collection* and select *Junior Audiovisual*

To narrow the search down further, select appropriate term the Refine Results box on the right e.g. *Form/Genre*

Or to find Playaways (pre-loaded, ready to use devices)

- Type *Playaway digital audio*
- Click on *Submit*

Select *eBooks Catalogue* from the box on the left of the Children's Catalogue

- Scroll down to the *eAudiobooks* box on the left
- Select appropriate category i.e. *Juvenile fiction, Young adult fiction*
- Click on *Submit*

Touch and feel

Tactile books are useful for children with visual impairment, physical or learning difficulties. The touch and feel aspect helps the child to engage with the book.

How to find these books on the [online library catalogue](#)

- Select *Advanced* search
- Type *touch and feel* in the Anywhere search and select *Phrase* from the drop down box on the right
- Click on *Submit*

If you need to narrow down the search further, select appropriate term from drop down boxes below e.g. Location and Collection. Or use the *Refine Results* box on the right from the Results page.