

Repositories of Accessible Scholarly Materials

This table includes descriptions of repositories of remediated and born-accessible materials that are available in the US, Canada, or both. While creating and sharing accessible copies of copyrighted materials is lawful under US and Canadian copyright law and the Marrakesh Treaty, operators of each repository create administrative rules around who can access the materials, and under what conditions.

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<p>Accessible Book Consortium (ABC) Global Book Service (GBS)</p>	<p>Global Book Service is the Accessible Books Consortium's central catalog.</p>	<p>ABC Global Book Service is available to public libraries and organizations serving people who are blind and print disabled, in the US, Canada, and other countries that have ratified the Marrakesh Treaty.</p>	<p>Public libraries in the US are "authorized entities" that can access the Global Book Service on behalf of their users, in accordance with the Marrakesh Treaty.</p> <p>NLS encourages patrons outside of the US to work with their local Authorized Entities to obtain materials from the NLS collection via ABC's Global Book Service.</p>	<p>https://www.accessiblebooksconsortium.org/en/</p>
<p>Accessible Content E-portal (ACE) by Scholars Portal</p>	<p>The Accessible Content E-portal (ACE) makes Ontario's university library collections more accessible with over 15,000 texts (so far) made available in five accessible formats. Users with verified print disabilities can access these through their home institutions.</p>	<p>Ontario universities and colleges that are members of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) or the Ontario Colleges Library Service (OCLS) facilitate access to ACE for eligible students and staff.</p>	<p>Libraries can act as intermediaries between students and the ACE portal, identifying eligible users, assisting with registration, and helping students request materials.</p>	<p>https://ace.scholarsportal.info/</p>

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AccessText Network	The AccessText Network provides accessible digital textbook formats for students with disabilities in post-secondary institutions.	Post-secondary institutions in the United States and Canada are eligible to join this service.	ATN is usually used by staff in disability service offices who operate on behalf of a student with a documented print disability.	http://acesstext.org/
Bookshare	Bookshare provides audiobooks and ebooks for students with learning disabilities.	To access Bookshare, a professional with appropriate expertise must confirm that an individual has a qualifying condition. Membership to Learning Ally or National Library Service (NLS) , or a similar body outside the U.S., can serve as verification of eligibility.	Bookshare provides access to individual end users who have a documented print disability	https://www.bookshare.org/
EMMA (Educational Materials Made Accessible)	EMMA is a repository infrastructure that enables institutions of higher education in the US, Canada, and other countries that have ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to share accessible course content with students and faculty who have print disabilities.	EMMA users are staff in disability services offices or libraries who are working on behalf of students with qualifying disabilities in the US, Canada, and other countries that have ratified the Marrakesh Treaty.	Staff in libraries and DSOs can use EMMA to access materials on behalf of a person with a print disability. Libraries upload locally remediated materials into the EMMA repository.	https://emma.lib.virginia.edu/home/welcome
HathiTrust Accessible Text Request Service	HathiTrust offers an Accessible Text Request Service to users affiliated with member universities or libraries. Through this service, users who are blind or print disabled can request copies of any title in the HathiTrust Digital Library collection.	Only HathiTrust member libraries that are located in a country that has ratified the Marrakesh Treaty are eligible to request this service.	The designated contact at the library or campus disability services office receives requests from patrons, verifies their eligibility, accesses HathiTrust to retrieve the requested work, and distributes the work to the patron.	https://www.hathitrust.org/member-libraries/service-s-programs/atrs/

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Internet Archive print disability access	The Internet Archive offers special access to its digital book collection for people with print disabilities, with verification handled through partnering "Qualifying Authorities" like libraries.	Users must be certified by a Qualifying Authority to access the collection.	The Internet Archive offers access to its print disability collection to end-users with documented print disabilities.	https://help.archive.org/help/print-disability-access-general-information/
Voilà (national union catalogue)	<p>Voilà is Canada's national union catalogue that allows users to search for published materials held at Library and Archives Canada and in public and academic libraries. Voilà contains records for works in alternative formats held across Canada, providing locations in support of interlibrary lending.</p> <p>In addition, producers who create alternative-format titles send bibliographic information about their intended productions to LAC, which creates pre-publication records; these pre-publication records are called Canadian Works in Progress (CANWIP). Other producers may search the national union catalogue prior to starting production of an alternative-format title, in order to avoid duplication of effort.</p>	Voilà: The National Union Catalogue is publicly accessible and available to everyone.	By subscribing to OCLC services, libraries can contribute their bibliographic records and holdings information to Voilà. This collective effort creates a comprehensive, single point of access for Canadians and researchers worldwide to discover materials, including those in accessible formats, held in Canadian libraries.	https://library-archives.canada.ca/en/collection/basics/Pages/voila.aspx