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Marrakesh Treaty and the needs of people with print disabilities



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About the DAISY Consortium



- ❑ The DAISY Consortium is an association of non-profit members “working towards equal access to information and knowledge regardless of disability”
- ❑ More than 150 organizations in 70 countries are part of our family, including special libraries for visually impaired people, disability groups, government agencies, universities
- ❑ Registered in Zurich, our team members are based in Belgium, Canada, France, India, Kenya, UK, USA and Vietnam
- ❑ Partner with WIPO to deliver training and technical support enabling NGOs and publishers to create accessible publications

Print disabled people?

disabled ≠ print disabled

A print-disabled person is "a person who cannot effectively read print because of a visual, physical, perceptual, developmental, cognitive, or learning disability"



What kinds accessible books are there?

- ❑ Talking books / audio books
- ❑ Braille
- ❑ Large print
- ❑ Accessible digital books / eBooks
- ❑ Tactile books

Reading with eyes, ears & fingers















Barack Obama said:



"Reading makes all other learning possible. At the dawn of the 21st century, where knowledge is literally power, where it unlocks the gates of opportunity and success... literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy."

“Where’s my book?”



The Book Famine

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It's time for EU governments to ratify the [#MarrakeshTreaty](#) [@EU2017MT](#) [#CRPD](#)

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What problems are addressed?

- ❑ Only 5% of books available in accessible formats in best performing countries
- ❑ Making special versions of books is expensive
- ❑ Meanwhile an accessible version of a book may be made several times over
- ❑ Barriers for accessible titles crossing borders
- ❑ Insufficient copyright provisions in many countries



Q&A and discussion

