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Managing sight loss: advice for everyday living

Fact sheet 1d: Recorded material

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Recorded material – what you need to know

- Talking books on CD's or cassette tapes are available through a wide variety of sources.
- The local library can loan recorded books to individuals who are visually impaired.
- Mail Order is available such as RNIB and Calibre:
 - RNIB provide the 'Talking Book' machine for their books. These can be accessed direct from the RNIB and there is an annual charge, or following assessment from Adults' Health and Care or Children's Services Sensory Team.
 - Calibre Cassette Library provides a postal lending library service. Their main way of providing audiobooks is in MP3 digital format, which look like an ordinary CD. Memory sticks are also a popular way of receiving audiobooks, due to the ready availability of cheap players.
- You can also take advantage of the general public's interest in books on cassette tape or CD which can be purchased from high street stores or rented from mail order companies. These companies will send free catalogues.
- TNAUK (Talking Newspaper Association UK) provides daily newspapers and magazines on cassette and CD for an annual subscription.