



# Vision Northumberland Assistive Tech Series

## Registering for RNIB Talking Books

RNIB's Talking Books service is free and gives you access to over 40,000 fiction and non fiction books for adults and children in accessible formats that suits you.

### Formats available:

- Digital Downloads; PC, tablet or smartphone
- Alexa enabled device; smart speaker, ipad or iphone
- Braille
- DAISY CD (one book per disc)
- USB stick (three books per stick)

### Registering:

If you wish to receive your booking in **Braille**, **CD** or **USB** format, you must register via their helpline. Call them on **0303 123 9999** and they will talk you through it.

If you wish to **download** or listen to books through **Alexa** enabled devices, **tablets** or **smartphones** follow these steps:

- Go to the RNIB Reading Service website - <https://readingservices.rnib.org.uk>
- Complete the form with your email, password and contact details.

- A confirmation email will then be sent to you. Please follow the link in the email **within 24 hours**.
- Click 'log in' and add your details.
- A green button will appear 'Finish my registration'. Click and complete the marketing preferences page.

## Listen via Alexa

- Open the Alexa app (this can be download from the Google Play Store or App Store).
- Click 'more' in the bottom right-hand corner.
- Click 'skills & games'
- Search for 'RNIB talking books' and select.
- Click settings, then link account. This will take you to the RNIB Reading Services login page. Complete your details and click 'continue'
- Once the screen shows you have successfully linked your account, click 'Close'.
- You can then listen to audio books from your playlist via Alexa by saying '**Alexa open RNIB Talking Books**'
- Alex will give you the option of:
  1. **Audio books** - where you can search for books by saying "Find [book title]" or "List books by [author name]". You can then play the book you select or add to your bookshelf for later.
  2. **Bookshelf** - providing a list of books you've added to your bookshelf previously.

## Downloading books onto a tablet or phone

- The easiest way to listen to books on your tablet or phone is to download the 'Dolphin EasyReader' app.
- A detail guide on downloading the app and using it is available. Please ask.