

Making your TD Summer Reading Club activities accessible

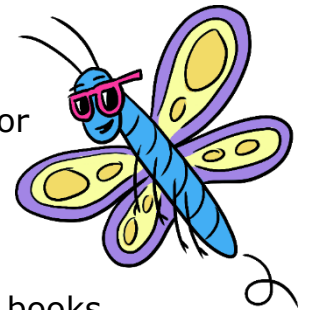
As you plan your TD Summer Reading Club with fun books, displays and activities, ask yourself how you can make them inclusive for kids with a disability.

Storytimes

- Choose books where the text describes the pictures as much as possible.
- Describe your movements when doing finger plays and action songs
- Use components of sensory storytimes by including movement, feeling textures and hearing sounds.
- Invite a braille reader to tell a story. Kids will be fascinated how the storyteller feels the words while reading them aloud.

Books

- CELA offers many of the [TD Summer Reading Club books](#) in audio, e-text or braille. Kids with print disabilities can sign up for [CELA](#) service and benefit from access to this amazing collection all year long!
- Learn more about reading in [accessible formats](#).
- Add titles for reluctant readers with shorter texts and images for kids with learning disabilities.



Displays

- Include audio books or other non-print formats alongside print books
- Signage should be clear and easy to read, use fonts that are simple. Read more about Clear Print Standards: <https://cnib.ca/sites/default/files/2018-07/CNIB%20Clear%20Print%20Guide.pdf>
- Make books easy to reach and pick up for visitors using mobility devices such as wheelchairs.
- Consider adding signs to your displays informing patrons that books and resources are available for children with print disabilities.

Activities and crafts

Here are some general guidelines about making crafts and activities accessible:

- **Plan, Observe, Words...** follow the POW idea by:
 - Plan ahead for a variety of abilities
 - Observe how kids are participating and considering if you need to adapt your activity
 - Words to describe what you are doing
- Include music and drama in activities to boost confidence, and repetitive reading to increase fluency.
- Use the activities on the TD Summer Reading Club page for libraries <https://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/activities>, such as "Canadian Wildlife Sounds".
- Provide larger craft materials for small hands or limited mobility
- Tactile images or books are a fun accessible activity. The Tactile Book Advancement Group has fantastic ideas: <http://www.tactilebooks.org/>
- Use pictures or diagrams in instructions or scripts.

Popular activities

- Rain sticks and shakers
- Play dough or molding clay
- Slime (add textures and scent)
- Any kind of tactile or raised line drawing, map or game using glued-on yarn, fabric paint, stick on letters or beads.
- Mobiles
- Guess that sound or hidden objects by feeling them.

Visit the **Plan for Accessibility** page at [tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/plan-for-accessibility](https://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/plan-for-accessibility) and bit.ly/CELApin for more ideas and downloadable templates!

Questions?

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