# Resources for Students who have Visual Impairments

CNIB is a great resource for a variety of virtual programs for all ages.

**For a full list of program offerings in your community, visit:**[**cnib.ca/en/event**](https://cnib.cmail20.com/t/d-l-mtydijy-ktulfyhd-d/) **Registration required**

Enter the CNIB Creative Writing The contest is open to primary and secondary students (grades K-12) who are blind or partially sighted and live in Canada. Write a short story, essay, or poem on any topic (in English or French) and submit it by May 31, 2020. Learn more about the contest at [cnib.ca/braillecontest](https://cnib.createsend1.com/t/d-l-mtydijy-ktulfyhd-k/).

PATHS TO LITERACY – an excellent resource for students with visual impairments. Join us beginning next week for a series of free virtual web classes for students with visual impairments!  We hope to offer engaging lessons for students with a variety of abilities.

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| [**Virtual Expanded Core Education Learning (ExCEL) Academy for Students with Visual Impairments**](https://pathstoliteracy.cmail19.com/t/d-l-myukjlk-gkriynyu-k/) |
| Classes are offered daily via Zoom at 11:00 Pacific Time. Register ahead. |

ACCESSIBYTE: With so many schools closing, Accessibyte, makers of several accessible educational software offerings, has stepped up and now offered their online platform free for the next 45 days. Among other software packages, **Accessibyte makes Typio and Accessibyte Arcade, accessible educational games and software for blind and visually impaired students**.
You can find more information on their entire platform and the links to the software on their company website : [**https://www.accessibyte.com/stay-safe**](https://canasstech.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=daed3e9daddc71e3aae3c47e8&id=2e5af352bc&e=607b38aad9)

RESOURCES FOR FREE BOOKS, MOVIES AND GAMES

https://www.reviewgeek.com/38021/the-best-resources-for-free-books-movies-and-games/

CELA – Centre for Equitable Library Access – a public library service for Canadians with Print Disabilities. Registration require.

For those who are able to use them, digital options are an excellent way to enjoy the same books you normally access on audio CDs. Our Direct to Player service can automatically deliver DAISY audio books to an internet-enabled DAISY player or to a tablet or smart phone with the Dolphin EasyReader app. Call our Contact Centre to get set up for this service.  We have also produced [a simple guide for patrons who wish to try digital service](https://cnib.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xtjvkt-kkulkdtuh-r/), including what device you may need and links to get the EasyReader app.

BLIND BEGINNINGS – check out the list of new online groups and workshops and let us know which you wish to take part in. Events posted <https://www.blindbeginnings.ca/>

There are classes for youth and teens on Monday and Tuesdays. Registration required: carrie@blindbeginnings.ca