

ALTERNATIVE FORMAT MATERIALS FOR QUEBEC STUDENTS: HOW TO REGISTER AN INDIVIDUAL FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

Quebec students with perceptual disabilities can access alternate format materials from the following provincial, national and international online libraries.

Access to all libraries must be initiated via a process that begins at the provincial Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ).



1. THE SERVICE QUÉBÉCOIS DU LIVRE ADAPTÉ (SQLA) is a service branch of the *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ)*. It offers French-language resources in Braille, audio and e-text for eligible Quebec residents. To [register](#) go to www.banq.qc.ca/sqla/abonnements and complete the [form](#) provided. This form must be accompanied by an attestation from a qualified professional, such as a special education teacher or a speech and language pathologist.

If you are already a member of the BANQ, you will be registered using your existing client number and password. If you are not a member of the BANQ, you will be registered for both SQLA and BANQ services (such as borrowing materials and using online collections) using a single client number and password.

SQLA Help Line: 514 873-4454 (Montréal) or 1 866 410-0844 (outside Montréal).



2. THE CENTRE FOR EQUITABLE LIBRARY ACCESS (CELA) provides access to over 200,000 titles in both English and French, in audio, braille, e-text, and descriptive video formats. Eligible individuals must use their SQLA client number (see above) to complete the online [form](#) at <http://bit.ly/2dhYaZf> for access to *CELA* services.

CELA Help Line: 1-855-655-2273



3. BOOKSHARE is the world's largest accessible online library for people with print disabilities. Over 450,000 e-text and audio titles are available in English as well as other languages. A special agreement allows *CELA* members to benefit from *BookShare* services. To [register](#), fill out the form at <https://www.bookshare.org/signUpMember>. You will then receive a **personalized proof of disability form**, which must also be completed.

Please note that a "competent authority", such as a special education teacher or psychologist must confirm that a student's perceptual disability interferes with his/her reading. [Examples of competent authorities](#) are listed at <http://bit.ly/2d27BOA>. A parent or legal guardian must accept the terms of agreement for individuals under age 18.

Bookshare Help Line: 650.352.0198