

Vision Aids

To help support library patrons, the following vision aids are available for use in-branch:

- Reading glasses (+1.5, +2, +2.5, +3)
- Magnification sheet (A4)
- Magnification sheet (mini)
- Reading overlays (various colours)

Reading Glasses

Reading glasses are used to help with close-up vision such as reading a book or newspaper. The non-prescription glasses available for use in the library are of various strengths starting at a lower power of +1.5 up to a higher power of +3. They are suitable for reading and not intended for driving, long-distance use or as eye protection. dlrLibraries' provision of reading glasses for loan is not a substitute for professional eye care.

Magnifying Sheets

An A4 magnifying sheet is helpful when reading large areas such as maps, newspapers or books. This magnifying sheet gives 2 x magnification and its rigid surface makes it easier to hold in one hand above printer matter.

A mini magnifying sheet (55mm x 85mm) is helpful for use on printed items and is particularly lightweight. This magnifying sheet gives 3 x magnification.

To ensure best results, magnifying sheets should be held approximately 10cm above the text (do not place the sheet directly on the page).

Reading Overlays

Many readers find that some text formats make reading uncomfortable. Coloured page overlays can help reduce visual stress by laying them directly over text. The overlays can be combined for greater ease of reading and the large, coloured window allows for reading forward. Designed for use with up to A4 width, these overlays are available in 6 different colours.

To use any of these vision aids, a staff member will ask you to sign out that item.