

## “Calibre audio library

the freedom to read

If your sight is poor - or if you have another disability (including dyslexia) that prevents you reading print - you can still enjoy all the pleasure a good book brings.

Our library has the largest lending collection of audio books in the UK in open format - that's to say, you don't need special playback equipment.

That means there is something for all tastes and you can listen anywhere, at home or on the move.

### What we offer

Our postal library service includes:

- a choice of 8,500 audio books for all tastes - fiction and non-fiction - chosen specially to appeal to members
- over 1,800 books for children and young people - read more about Young Calibre here
- books read cover to cover by professional actors and broadcasters
- most books in digital format on MP3 CD or USB memory stick
- free postage and no fines for late or lost books
- flexible lending to suit your needs
- the option to choose your books online
- a friendly, personal, quick service.

There is a single administration fee of £35 (£20 for Young Calibre) to join the library. Thereafter, we do not charge any subscription and there are no fines for lost, late or damaged books- anything you contribute is a purely voluntary donation. We make a small charge for our print catalogues but the online catalogue is free.

### How the service works

When you become a member we ask you to tell us what kind of books you like to read (such as detective novels, biography and so on) and whether you want books on digital MP3 disks, USB memory sticks or a combination of these media. (Click here to read more about our digital service. ) Then we do the rest, making sure you are never without a book to read. We also send out regular audio newsletters.

Children and young people 16 and under can select books by educational key stages. They can also borrow books from the main library if they wish, other than x-rated ones (which are not suitable for junior members).

Calibre books are sent to members and returned free of charge. Calibre bears the postage costs for everyone, even those who are not visually impaired and do not qualify for Articles for the Blind Scheme.

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