**COMPETENT AUTHORITY: Patron with a Print Disability**

**Eligibility Criteria**

A print disability prevents or inhibits a person from reading conventional print. You are eligible to access public library materials restricted to people with print disabilities through the public library if you have a print disability due to blindness, visual disability, physical disability, and/or a learning/reading disability in accordance with the definition provided for “perceptual disability” in the *Canadian Copyright Act*.

**Definition in the *Canadian Copyright Act***

Under the provisions of the *Canadian Copyright Act*, “perceptual disability” means an impairment that prevents or inhibits a person from reading or hearing a literary, musical, dramatic, or artistic work in its original format and includes a disability resulting from:

1. Severe or total impairment of sight or hearing or the inability to focus or move one’s eyes;
2. The inability to hold or manipulate a book; or
3. An impairment relating to comprehension

**Competent Authority**

Certification by a Competent Authority\*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Library Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the Library collecting personal health information on this form for the purpose of granting me access to library materials restricted to people with print disabilities, made available through the public library.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the applicant is unable to read or use standard printed material because of:

* Legal blindness
* Visual disability
* Physical disability
* Reading or learning disability

Name of competent authority: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation:

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Competent authority refers to doctors of medicine, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, registered therapists, special education teachers, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public agencies (e.g. social workers, case workers, counselors).