

**Getting Started  
Implementing the  
Marrakesh Treaty for  
persons with print disabilities  
A practical guide for librarians**

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## Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled

# What is the purpose of the Marrakesh Treaty



- Only 7% (approx.) of published materials are available in accessible formats
- Reduce the “book famine”
- Legal framework for making and distribution of accessible format copies

# The Guide for Librarians



Image: Nevins Library – First librarians Circa 1900

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- FAQ style
  - **The basics**
    - What is the Treaty?
    - What does it do?
    - Why was it adopted?
    - What countries have joined the Marrakesh Treaty?

## **Libraries and the Treaty**

- How does it support library services?
- Eligibility and Benefits
- Options for libraries
- Accessible works and sharing
- Record keeping



## Accessible Book Services and Collections

- Who, what, where, how?
- Discoverability
- Costs

## Working with Accessible Formats

- Digital locks
- eResource licencing

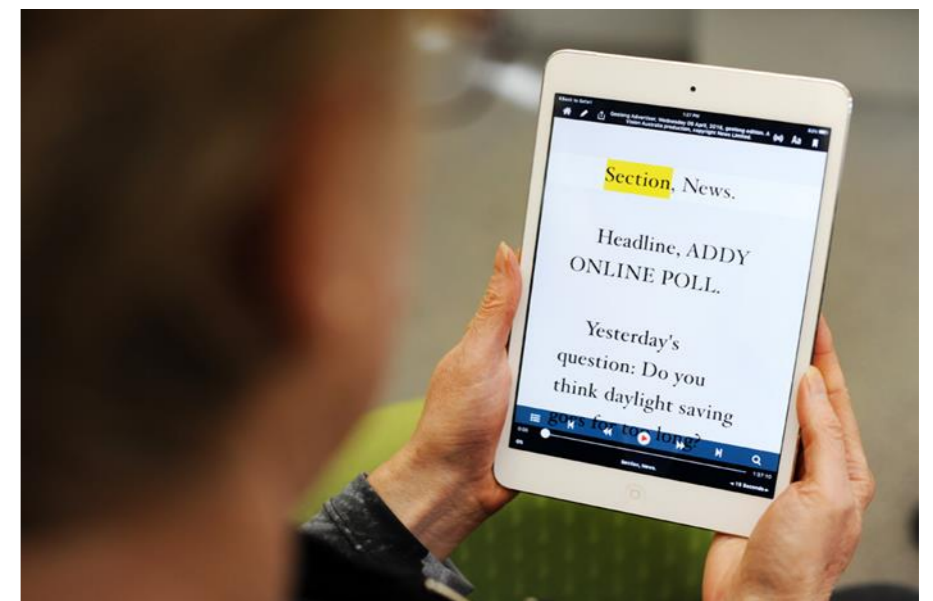


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# It's just the beginning...



Image: Group of people (librarians) holding cups cheering

# Collaboration



# Thank You



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