

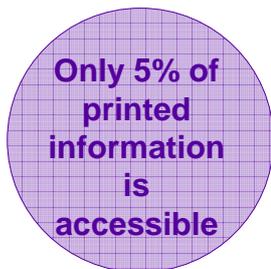
The future is already here – it
is just unevenly distributed

William Ford Gibson
Science fiction writer
1948-

Partnerships and Social Inclusion

the challenge

**The biggest barrier
to full participation:
Lack of access to
information**



Only 5% of
printed
information
is
accessible

Print Disability



- A person with a print disability is:
 - a person without sight; or
 - a person whose sight is severely impaired; or
 - a person unable to hold or manipulate books or to focus or move his or her eyes; or
 - a person with a perceptual disability

Accessibility and Inclusiveness



- Yarra Plenty Regional Library
- Eastern Regional Libraries
- Goldfields Library Corporation
- Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation
- Vision Australia Information Library Service

The Project



- Establish book clubs and reading groups
- Provide 280 playback devices
- Library – the 2nd Place
- Connect community based libraries with a specialized public library service
- Engage the print disability community with the public library experience

DAISY Technology

- CD players & Software



- Can be simple - use it without hi tech
- Online devices provide amazing flexibility



The screenshot shows a website page with a header for 'vision australia' and 'Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation'. The main content area is titled 'Improving Services for the Print Disabled' and includes a 'Printer Friendly' icon. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as 'Home', 'About Us', 'Information on the web', 'Services', 'Parents', 'Love to Read...', 'Branches & Hours', 'Resources', 'Information Desk', 'Contact Us', and 'What's On'. Below these are 'Catalogue', 'Join the Library', 'Renew Your Loans', 'Other Public Libraries', and 'Libraries Australia'. The main text describes a project involving DAISY players for talking books and provides contact information for Georgina Earl.

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Improving Services for the Print Disabled

We are pleased to be involved in a Libraries Building Communities Demonstration Project – Service Enhancements Through Partnerships – together with 3 other regional library services and Vision Australia.

This project promotes access to a new format CD player for Talking Books – the DAISY player. These players will be made available to local residents with a print disability, including blindness or vision impairment or a physical or perceptual impairment which means that reading a conventional book is not possible. People using these players will be encouraged to join a book circle at the library.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from using a DAISY player to listen to talking books, please contact Georgina Earl Ph 9896-4320 to register your interest

The slide features the 'vision australia' logo and tagline 'blindness and low vision services'. The main heading is 'Learnings' in a large purple font. Below it are three bullet points, each starting with a green circle.

vision australia
blindness and low vision services

Learnings

- **Project launch is an involved affair**
- **Early contact with operational people**
- **Communicate and Engage**

Borrower feedback



- "DAISY books have been an absolute joy for me. I have been an avid reader since I was nine years old. When I could still manage large print I read out the entire library of my hostel and now I am working my way through yours."
- "Thankyou very much for the help you give me. I honestly don't know what I'd do without it. That little machine [DAISY] is so good. I took it to Sydney on my holidays and told everyone that my motto is now 'have books will travel' "

**The National Library
for people with a print
disability**

