# A guide to buying and loaning music from RNIB

RNIB sells, loans and transcribes music in various accessible formats. These include Braille Music, Modified Stave Notation and audio tuition CDs. This short guide is intended to help you find what you want.

## Braille music

The collection includes:

* vocal music
* music for piano, flute and guitar as well as other instruments
* works in full score
* instrumental tutor books and grade examination practice materials
* theory of music materials

To browse the collection or to search for something specific, visit the [RNIB Library](http://www.rniblibrary.com/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=a1), select “music only” from the drop down list of categories and enter a search term, for example Wolstenholme.

You can view additional information for each record and add items you wish to borrow to a wish list by logging onto your library account.

Available braille music scores are usually sent out the day after orders are received and can be loaned for 3 months

Alternatively contact the Music Librarian by telephone on 01733 375105 or by email to [musiclibrarian@rnib.org.uk](mailto:music.librarian@rnib.org.uk).

Braille music scores that are available for sale will have a sales order number shown on the record. In some cases of older records, the sales order number may not be showing but this information can be obtained from the Music Librarian. Once you have the order number, you will need to place your order with the Helpline by telephone on 0303 123 9999 or by email to [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk).

There is further information about [Braille music](http://www.rnib.org.uk/braille-and-moon-%E2%80%93-tactile-codes/braille-music) available on the RNIB website.

## Modified Stave Notation (MSN)

RNIB has a small collection of large print music scores available for loan, mainly popular light classics for piano and vocal scores for choir members. The notation is 16mm or 24 pt size print and on a cream background. These are MSN scores produced to a generic standard, rather than tailored for an individual’s needs.

RNIB does not currently sell any scores in MSN.

To browse the collection, either

* visit the [RNIB Library](http://www.rniblibrary.com/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=a1), select “music only” from the drop down list of categories and search for “MSN” in the search box.

or

* Contact the Music Librarian by telephone on 01733 375105 or by email to [musiclibrarian@rnib.org.uk](mailto:music.librarian@rnib.org.uk)

### Further information

There is further information about [Modified Stave Notation](http://www.rnib.org.uk/information-everyday-living-home-and-leisure-music-reading-music-accessible-formats/modified-stave-notation) on the RNIB website. This includes information on producing your own MSN with free software and the contact details for Ivybridge Transcription Centre which can produce scores to individual specifications (see below).

## Audio Tuition and Rehearsal CDs

RNIB has specialist CDs for loan of choral scores for learning and rehearsal from Saffron Choral Prompt and Choraline as well as tutor books and the Learn to Play series covering several instruments from the American musician, Bill Brown. These are available for loan only.

To browse the collection, either visit the [RNIB Library](http://www.rniblibrary.com/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=a1), select “music only” from the drop down list of categories and search for “Saffron”, “Bill Brown” or “Choraline” in the search field.

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## Joining the RNIB library

RNIB library services are free and you can borrow up to six items of any format at a time for up to 3 months. Items are sent out Freepost, Articles for the Blind by Royal Mail and a self-adhesive returns label is included in the package. To join, call the **Helpline on 0303 123 9999.**

## Educational Resources

For educational resources such as A level set works, please go to the Music section on RNIB Bookshare <https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/music-rnib-bookshare>

or contact the Music Librarian by telephone on 01733 375105 or by email to [musiclibrarian@rnib.org.uk](mailto:music.librarian@rnib.org.uk)

## Music transcription from RNIB

If the piece you want is not available in your preferred format, individual blind and partially sighted customers can request print music to be transcribed into Braille music or MSN through the RNIB Personal Transcription Service.

The Personal Transcription Service provides MSN scores to meet individual needs in a range of font and stave sizes on different coloured papers. Sample MSN booklets are sent out so you can choose what is best for your individual needs.

### How much does it cost?

The RNIB Personal transcription service is a free service for individuals but donations are gratefully appreciated and make a big difference to the service we are able to provide. To find out how to make a donation, please contact us.

### Further information

Accessing personal transcription is quick and easy. Call your regional centre in Ivybridge (if you live in England or Scotland) or Cardiff (if you live in Wales or Northern Ireland), or RNIB Helpline on **0303 123 9999**. They will be able to help you with your specific requirements and delivery date.

* Ivybridge Transcription Centre - Telephone: 01752 690 092. Email [ivybridgetranscription@rnib.org](mailto:ivybridgetranscription@rnib.org).uk
* Cardiff Transcription Centre – Telephone: 029 2044 9575. Email cardifftranscription@rnib.org.uk