

More than 400 Canadians used cbm talking books last year

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The Talking Book Library was introduced five years later. Donors approached the mission about making Christian audio available to them.

The library has been providing more than 2,000 titles with a number of genres and authors to Canada's print disabled population.

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"You don't have to be completely blind to have a print disability," said Sandy Klauke, manager of the library for eight years.

A print disability may be slight vision loss, or perceptual — someone may be able to read the printed page but cannot exactly comprehend what they've read.

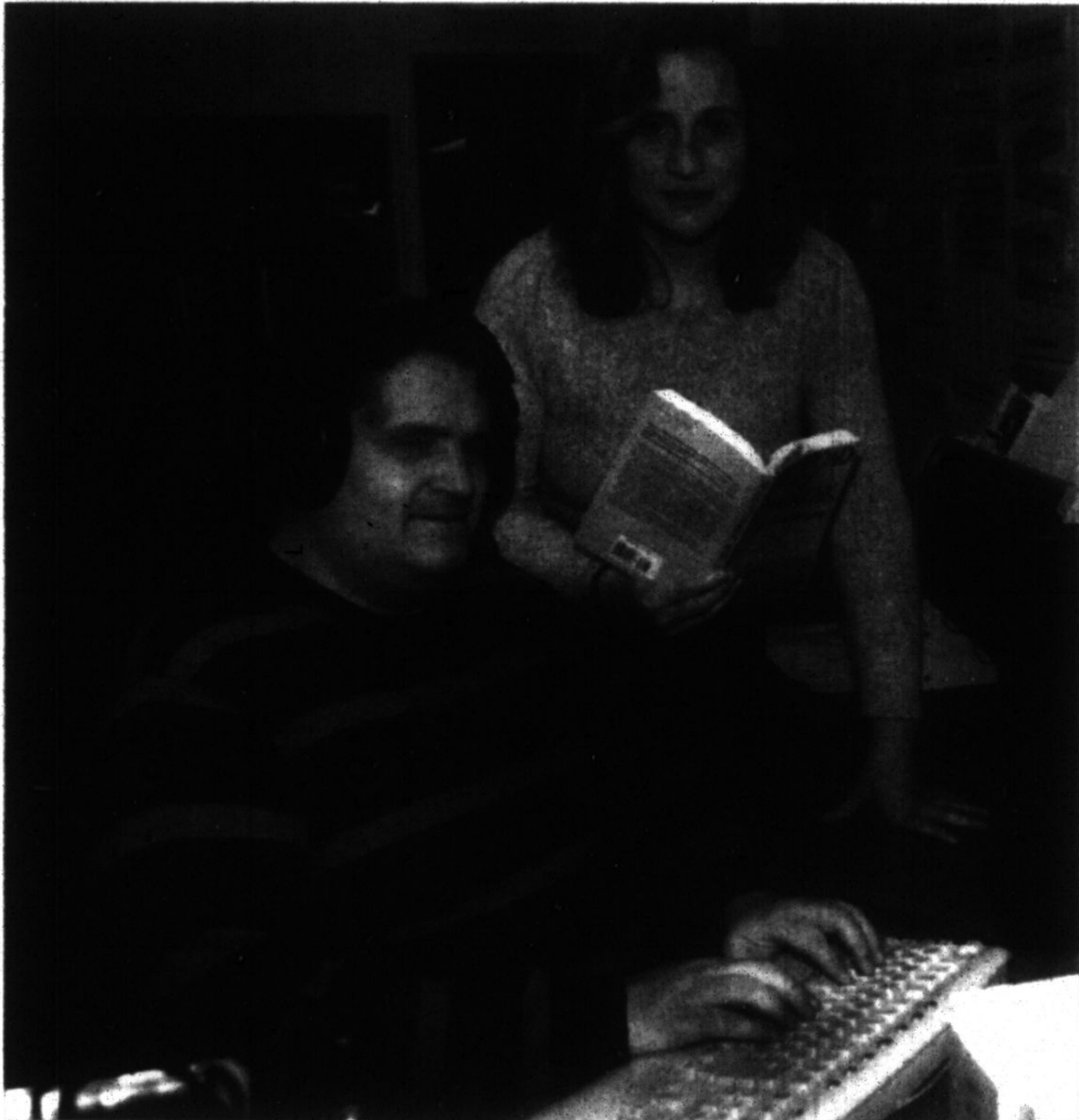
One of the main causes of a print disability is age-related macular degeneration. It affects an estimated 1 million Canadians and targets central vision, sometimes leaving side, peripheral vision intact.

Even though macular degeneration does not cause total blindness, it takes away the

ability to read, drive, and see the faces of those you love.

Those interested in borrowing from the Talking Book Library can sign up for the print catalogue or call 1-800-567-2264. Recordings are sent and received by mail and free of charge.

For more information call 905-640-6464 or visit www.cbmcanada.org/



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Sandy Klauke and technician Kevin Avery work in the Talking Book Library at Christian Blind Mission, recording and developing books on cassettes and CDs for the print-disabled community across Canada. The centre is marking its 25th anniversary Tuesday.

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