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A Budget-Friendly Route to a Large Quantity of Relevant E-Books

All Subscriptions Offer Unlimited User Access

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- Drill down into niche topics that fit the unique research needs of your library users

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- 15% of the world's population, experience some form of disability, either permanent or temporary
- About 4% of the population have low vision, whereas 0.6% are blind
- 7 to 12% of men have some form of color-vision deficiency
- Low-vision conditions increase with age, and half of people over the age of 50 have some degree of low-vision condition
- Worldwide, the fastest-growing population is 60 years of age and older

*Source: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/disability>

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