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Weekly Dose Formatting a Bibliography

"Working on a language worksheet and on the last page there is a long dash shown in print. Should this even be transcribed, it just doesn't make sense?"

In most cases there is a reason that text is provided, and therefore, as a braille transcriber, you should do your best to provide the print text into braille.

- **RULE** 22.2.2 Follow print for punctuation and font attributes.
- **RULE** 22.2.3 If two or more works by the same author are listed, a long print dash frequently is substituted for the author's name. Use the long dash, spaced as shown in print, to reflect this type of print dash accurately. Follow print if other symbols are used.

EXAMPLE 22-2: Bibliography with Long Dash

Johns, Evan. 1965. An Industrial History of Ontario. Toronto: Fieldhouse Press.
——. 1971. Canada's Railroads. Toronto: Fieldhouse Press.

EXAMPLE 22-3: Bibliography with Three-Hyphen Dash

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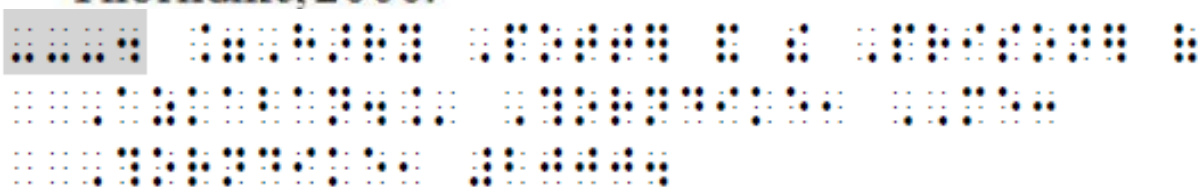

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