

TOWN OF MCLENNAN LIBRARY BOARD
PROVISION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES TO PATRONS UNABLE TO USE CONVENTIONAL PRINT POLICY

1. A patron unable to use conventional print may also be known as a print-disabled patron. Print-disabled patrons include any patron who has a perceptual disability, defined in the *Copyright Act* as a disability that prevents or inhibits a person from reading or hearing a literary, musical, dramatic or artistic work in its original format and includes such a disability resulting from:
 - severe or total impairment of sight or hearing or the inability to focus or move one's eyes.
 - the inability to hold or manipulate a book
 - an impairment relating to comprehension

2. The McLennan Municipal Library believes that patrons unable to use conventional print materials are still entitled to full access to library materials, services and programs.

3. The McLennan Municipal Library will work with or use the resources of other local, regional, provincial and national organizations to provide services to print-disabled patron. Such organizations may include:
 - Peace Library System
 - Public Library Services Branch
 - Local community service organizations (e.g. Smoky River Adult Learning, Alberta Health Services, schools, social services)
 - Regional or National organizations such as Centre for Equitable Library Access(CELA), National Network for Equitable Library Services(NNELS), Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

4. The McLennan Municipal Library endeavors to provide materials in a form appropriate to the patron from whatever sources are available, including but not limited to:
 - Adaptive computer software
 - Talking Books (e.g. Books on CD, DAISY books)
 - Titles at a variety of reading levels for a variety of audiences (e.g. high/low titles)
 - Large Print Titles
 - Other adaptive technology

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