

The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Library Board

Provision of Service to Those 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:
 - (a) severe or total impairment of sight or hearing or the inability to focus or move one’s eyes,
 - (b) the inability to hold or manipulate a book, or
 - (c) an impairment relating to comprehension.”
2. The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Library Board shall work with or use the resources of other local, regional, provincial, and national organizations to provide services to print-disabled patrons. Such organizations may include:
 - The regional library system
 - Public Library Services Branch
 - Local community services organizations (e.g. Alberta Health Services, schools, social services)
 - Regional or national organizations (e.g. CELA, CNIB, NNELS)
 - Other organizations as required
3. When possible staff members shall be trained on how to provide services to print-disabled patrons
4. The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Library Board shall endeavour to provide materials in a form appropriate to the patron, from whatever source is available. Forms may include:
 - 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
5. Library staff shall incorporate the needs of print-disabled patrons when planning library programs. Staff shall take whatever steps are reasonably possible to ensure print-disabled patrons are able to participate in all library programs.
6. The Library Board shall address accessibility concerns when they arise.
7. The Library Board may promote library services to people with print disabilities through local media and partner organizations.

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