

SPARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SPLA) STATEMENT of POLICIES		Page:	1 of 1
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POLICY

1. The Sparwood Public Library shall provide access to collections in alternate formats for people with perceptual disabilities including visual, learning and physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, or people with health or age-related issues that make it difficult to use regular library services.

Canadian Copyright Exemption

2. Access to the Accessibility Services collection is available only to people with perceptual disabilities, defined under the provisions of the [Copyright Act of Canada](#) as follows:
 - a. Learning disability: an impairment relating to comprehension
 - b. Physical disability: the inability to hold or manipulate a book
 - c. Visual disability: severe or total impairment of sight or the inability to focus or move one's eyes

Interpreting the Copyright Act

3. The Copyright Act defines a perceptual disability as one that prevents or inhibits a person from reading a work in its original format. It does not apply to reading difficulties that result from low literacy levels or developmental disabilities.

Home Delivery

4. As staff and volunteer resources allow, the Sparwood Public Library may offer delivery of library materials directly to residents.

Accessible British Columbia Act

5. The Sparwood Public Library complies with the [Accessible British Columbia Act](#) and works to remove barriers for people with disabilities.

PURPOSE

6. To ensure that the Sparwood Public Library provides access to collections in alternate formats.

RESPONSIBILITY

7. The oversight of the accessibility policy is the responsibility of the Board and the Chief Librarian.

PROCEDURES

8. This policy will be reviewed annually.