



Rainy River Public Library Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Last Reviewed: June 2018

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The Rainy River Public Library is committed to excellence in serving all customers including people with disabilities. The Library will make every effort to meet accessibility requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*.

Pursuant to our Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Policy (SE17), the Library sets out the following plan of action:

Training

The Library will provide regular training opportunities for all staff, trustees and volunteers on the AODA and the Library's accessible materials, equipment and services.

Accessible Emergency Information

The Library is committed to providing patrons with publicly available emergency information in an accessible way upon request. We will also provide employees with disabilities with individualized emergency response information when necessary.

Website

By 2021, the RRPL website and content will meet the requirements of the AODA at that time including but not limited to ensuring that the website meets the WCAG 2.0, Level AA criteria. Our Apollo OPAC now meets WCAG 2.0 Level A criteria.

Employment

The Library will review and update existing employment policies and practices (e.g. Accommodation Policy) to reflect the requirements of the AODA, as needed.

Building

RRPL intends to meet the requirements of the AODA with regard to any retroactive legislative changes to codes, acts, regulations, and by-laws. In addition to meeting all current applicable codes, acts, regulations and by-laws, any capital repair or renovation projects will be reviewed

and where financially possible, accessibility enhancements will be included in the project planning.

For more information on this accessibility plan, please contact Michael Dawber, CEO/Librarian, at libraryrr@gmail.com.

Accessible formats of this document will be made available on request.

Appendix – Accessible Materials, Equipment and Services

The Library can receive feedback through multiple channels, including electronic communication.

Many of the resources available at the Library are suited to accessibility needs:

- CELA/CNIB Talking Books and DAISY Players (for eligible borrowers)
- CELA Accounts (for eligible borrowers)
- Vision Enhancements
- Downloadable audiobooks through Overdrive and Axis360
- Downloadable eBooks through Overdrive and Axis360 – the settings can be adjusted with the majority of our downloadable eBooks to suit personal preferences for text size and typeface
- Axis360 eBooks offer text-to-speech capability in the proprietary format
- Books on CD and Playaway-format audiobooks
- Large Print Books
- Children's books in braille
- Descriptive video available on some DVDs
- Many DVDs have a subtitle option

Patrons who become housebound on a long-term basis are eligible to sign up for our "shut-in" service. Volunteers visit on request to deliver new materials and pick up the old items.

All patron computers are using Windows 7 and have available the Ease of Access Magnify utility.

The Library facility offers an accessible main entrance with automatic door opener.