

Western Counties Regional Library

Library Accessibility Committee - Report on 2025-2026 Activities

Introduction

Western Counties Regional Library works on accessibility projects every year. We choose the projects from the activities that are described in the Western Counties Regional Library Accessibility Plan. Some projects will take more than one year to complete. Other projects will be added in the future.

Collections

- We reviewed our Collections Development and Maintenance policy. We added a sentence on accessible formats.
- We buy materials that persons with disabilities create.
- We buy materials in many formats including large print, Playaways, and audiobooks.
- We train staff on how to use the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and the National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS).

Employment

- We worked on a Workplace Accommodation policy.

Information and Communications

- We hired People First Canada to translate our public policies into French plain language. These policies will be added to our website in 2026-2027.
- We follow the accessibility guidelines for posters and notices.
- We follow accessibility standards for our social media posts. Our social media posts are at a grade 5 to 7 reading level. The images have alt text descriptions. The text is in accessible fonts.
- We added a [Service Notices](#) page to our public website.

Programs and Services

- We offered programs on how to access the Library's digital collections. We gave tips on how to use the accessibility features on Libby and Hoopla.

Built Environment

- We updated the service desks in Weymouth and Digby to meet accessibility requirements. We will be updating the service desks in all of our branches in the next two years. This project is funded by the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage's Library Development Fund Grant.
- We helped the Yarmouth Public Library and Museum apply for a grant to replace the walkway and create accessible parking at the Yarmouth Branch.
- We helped design an accessible library for the Municipality of the District of Argyle.