



## **Accessibility Policy**

The Book Publishers Association of Alberta strongly believes that everyone deserves access to great stories and learning resources. With this in mind, we are committed to supporting our members in their accessible publishing activities.

Since 2015, Alberta book publishers have been active in the field of accessible book publishing. This has included the production of accessible e-audiobooks, remediating backlist titles into accessible ePUB files, implementing born-accessible workflows, pursuing Benetech's GCA certification process, and much more. The BPAA will continue to support this work where possible through our professional development program and other projects.

The association also considers accessibility from the beginning of our projects, and stays up to date with ever-evolving standards and best practices through our connections with industry leaders and by participating in professional development opportunities. We will strive to ensure that everyone can access our catalogues, websites, and other publications, and will provide accommodations where needed.

## **Accessible Books Consortium Charter for Accessible Publishing**

The BPAA has agreed to uphold the commitments required by the Accessible Book Consortium's Charter for Accessible Publishing. The commitments that the Charter requires are:

- stating our accessibility policy on our website, including adherence to the Charter;
- nominating a senior manager who will be responsible for accessibility;
- raising awareness among, and provide technical training for, relevant staff;
- designating and publicizing a point of contact in our organization to assist persons with print disabilities to access our publications;
- testing our digital publications for accessibility, incorporating appropriate feature descriptions and metadata;
- monitoring our progress in this area;
- promoting the adoption of accessibility standards throughout the supply chain; and
- supporting national and international collaboration with organizations representing persons with print disabilities so as to increase the availability of publications in accessible formats.

You can find all the signatories of the ABC's Charter for Accessible Publishing at [their website](#).



For a list of websites offering Accessible Books for sale, please click [here](#).

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