



Halifax Public Libraries

Accessibility

We know that our community is at its best when we ensure that everyone has the opportunity to fully participate in our society, working together for a more inclusive future.



Library Collections



Diversifying the Collection

- Large Print Books
- Audio/Wonderbooks
- Descriptive/Closed Captioned videos
- Print-braille and braille books for children
- Accessible downloadable/streaming books, magazines, music and movies



Halifax Public Libraries

★ Favourites · 31 May · 🌐



Did you know? Our [Centre for Equitable Library Access - CELA](#) Collection contains over 450,000 accessible items, including described videos and books, newspapers, and magazines in audio, e-text, and Braille formats. Learn more about accessing: <https://bit.ly/3x4fkIY> #AccessAwarenessWeek



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Alternate Format Collections

Autism Tool Kits: Borrow and Explore

by [BeyondBooks](#) April 11, 2022



Autism Tool Kits

Promoting the Collection

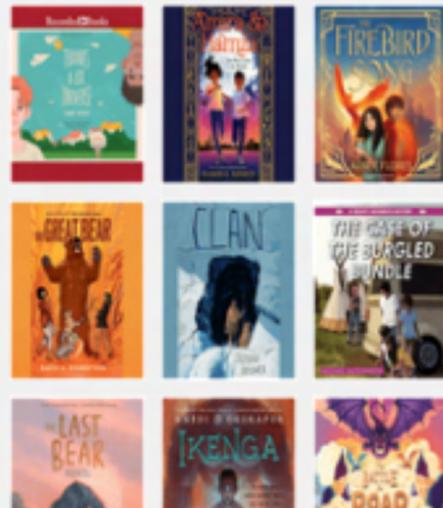
Reading and Viewing >

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New Downloadable Audiobooks

Stream and download the Library's collection of newly released audiobooks for kids.

[HiPL_Kids](#)

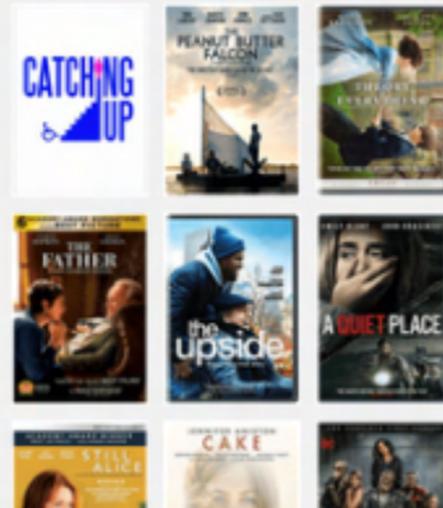


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Movies and TV Shows Featuring People with Disabilities

The films and shows in this list, available for borrowing from the Library on DVD or Blu-Ray, feature characters with disabilities.

[HiPL_Adults](#)



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Graphic Novels Featuring People with Disabilities

This list of graphic novels features memoirs by people with disabilities, as well as stories of characters with disabilities.

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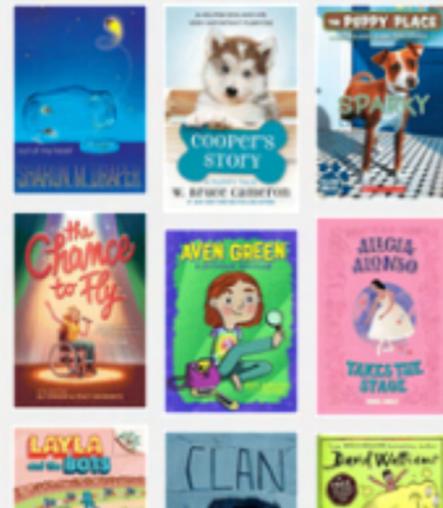


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School-Age Books: IDPWD

In honour of International Day of People with Disabilities, enjoy these books for school-aged kids, featuring people with disabilities.

[HiPL_Kids](#)



Library Services





Halifax Public Libraries

5 August 2020 · 🌐



Halifax Public Libraries is officially fine-free!

From today onward, the Library will follow a fine-free model. All existing overdue fines have been forgiven, and blocked cards have been reset. You can expect to see these changes reflected on your account very soon. Details: <https://bit.ly/3i8vXT8>



**Goodbye, fines.
Hello, Library.**

Home Delivery and Borrow by Mail



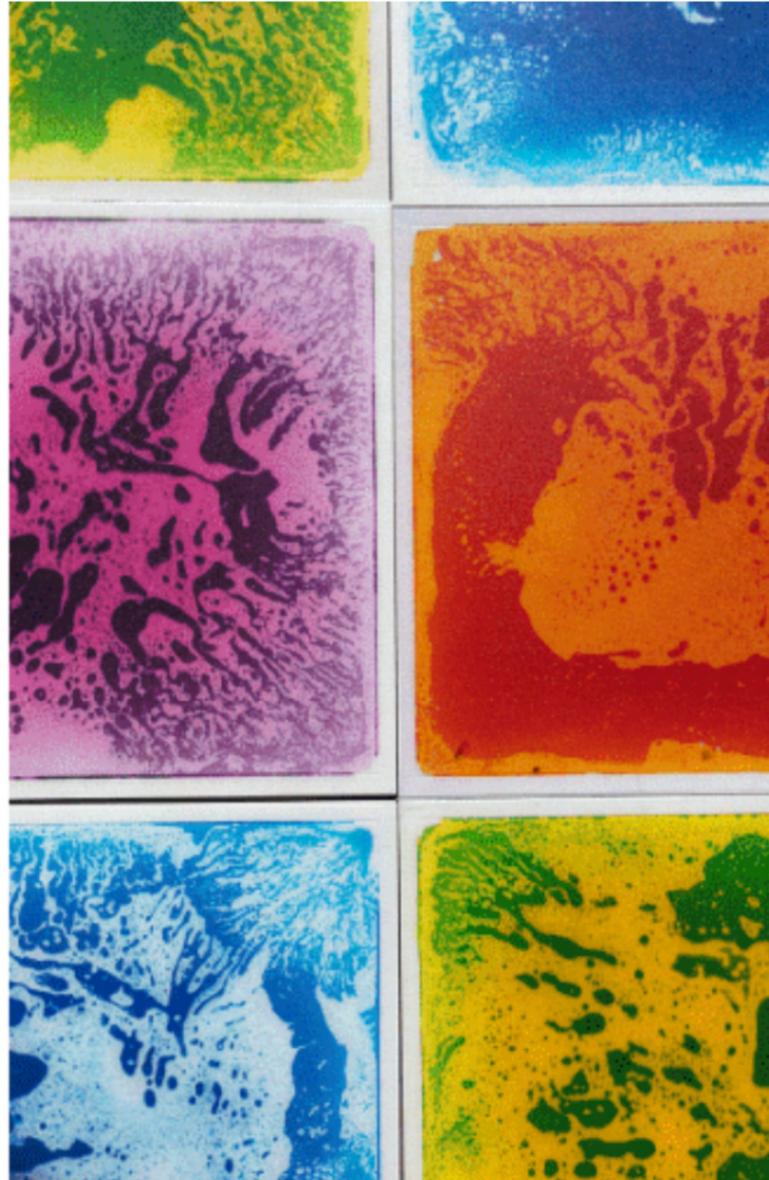
Home Delivery is a **free service** for Halifax Regional Municipality residents who are unable to visit a Halifax Public Libraries branch due to disability, long-term illness, or caregiver responsibilities.

Play in Action: Sparks Fly Bikes and More at Your Library

by [LibrarySpaces](#) April 19, 2022



Sensory play items





**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Friday, December 3
[Explore stories and resources](#)

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Library Programs & Building Awareness



Halifax Public Libraries

★ Favourites · 30 May · 🌐



It's Access Awareness Week in Halifax. Reflect on and renew your understanding of accessibility, and learn more from experiences and stories. Discover a collection of reading lists and featured resources, compiled in partnership with [Halifax Regional Municipality](#) and community members: <https://bit.ly/3wYClkP>



Events & News

EVENT

Accessibility & Abilities: All Upcoming Library Events

Multiple Dates

Multiple Locations

Free events and workshops focused on increasing accessibility, celebrating all abilities, and providing resources.



BLOG POST

How To: Find Accessible Content Through the CELA Collection

CELA holds over 450,000 items in accessible formats for all ages. Discover this resource—now updated with info on Dolphin EasyReader!

[BehindTheShelves](#)



ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

Community Collection: Accessibility

These blogs include stories and information from the disability community focusing on accessibility in 2022 and archived past content.



WEBSITE

All About Home Delivery

Home Delivery is a free service for residents who are unable to visit due to disability, long-term illness, or caregiver responsibilities.



Community Conversations



The Same Page: Making & Changing Laws

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 Add to Calendar
7:45PM – 8:45PM
Central Library

Description

Laws are made and remade in democracies through many different ways.

This evening's guest speaker is Kostantina Northrup, staff lawyer, East Coast Environmental Law. She will discuss the strategies, tactics, and tools that can be used by regular people to access, understand, and influence the law.

ASL interpretation will be provided by Carolyn Carter and Emily Power. Refreshments will be available. Masks are encouraged.

Program: [Outdoor Events](#)

Suitable for: Adults

Type: [Community Conversations](#)

Language: English

Additional Details: Back Plaza

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Business & Careers



Nova Scotia Works Opportunity Place Booth

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Add to Calendar
1:00PM – 4:00PM
Tantallon Public Library

Description

Pop in this afternoon to chat with staff from [Nova Scotia Works Opportunity Place](#). Find out how they can support you in reaching your career goals.

Nova Scotia Works Opportunity Place provides quality, accessible, and inclusive employment services to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

In partnership with Nova Scotia Works Opportunity Place

Suitable for: Adults

Type: [Business & Careers](#)

Language: English

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Abilities & Accessibility



Exploring Assistive Technology with Makers Making Change

Friday, August 12, 2022 Add to Calendar
11:00AM – 12:00PM
Central Library

Description

Join [Makers Making Change](#) to learn more about Assistive Technology and accessibility.

Are you curious if an assistive device can help you with a task? Or are you a novice or experienced maker who wants to learn some technical skills that will help you contribute to your community?

This program will explore how to build open source assistive technology devices that will help you, or the people you are helping, to gain better access to the world around us.

Suitable for: Adults
Teens

Type: [Abilities & Accessibility](#)
[Creative Technologies](#)

Language: English

Additional Details:

Lou Duggan Creative Studio | Floor 2

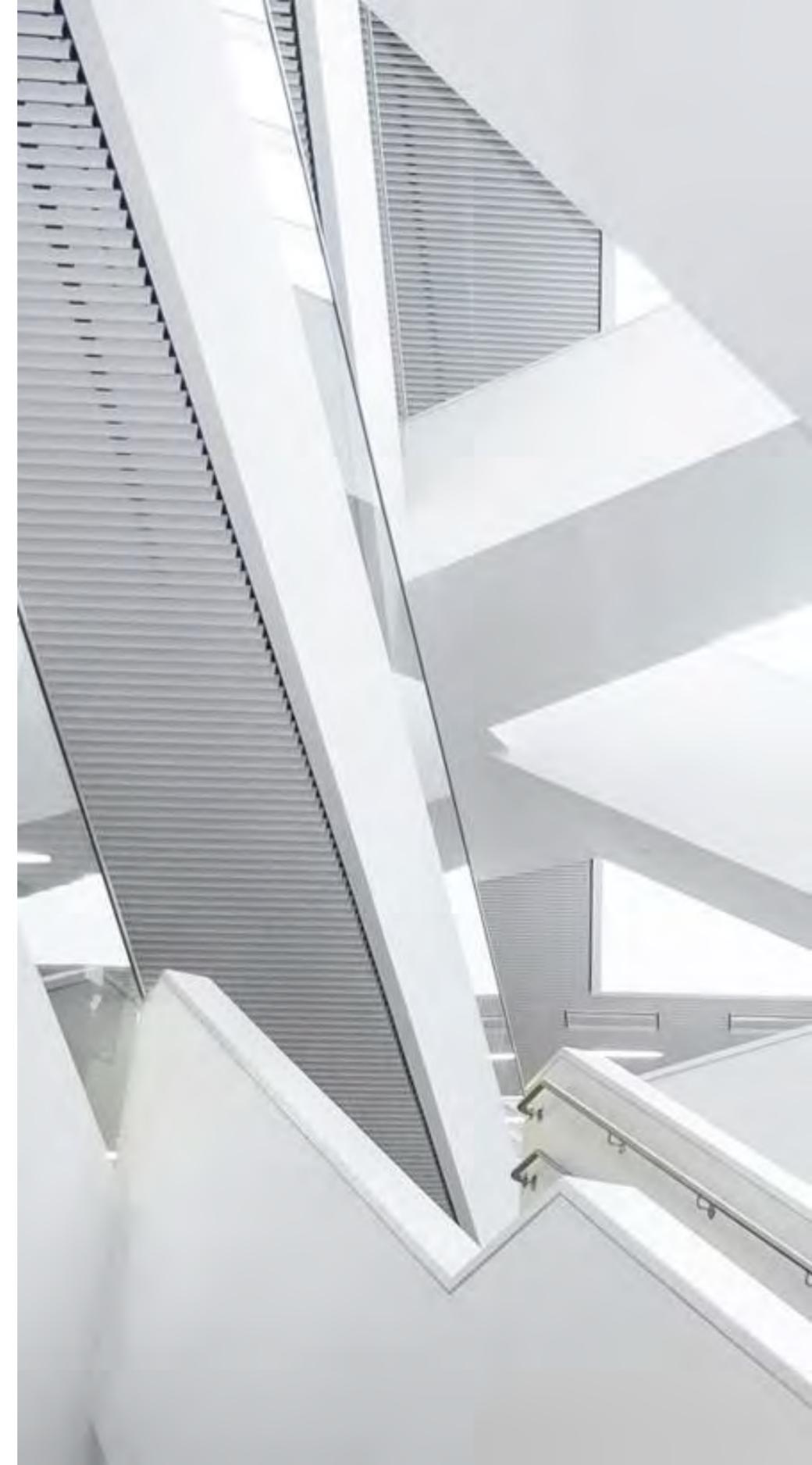
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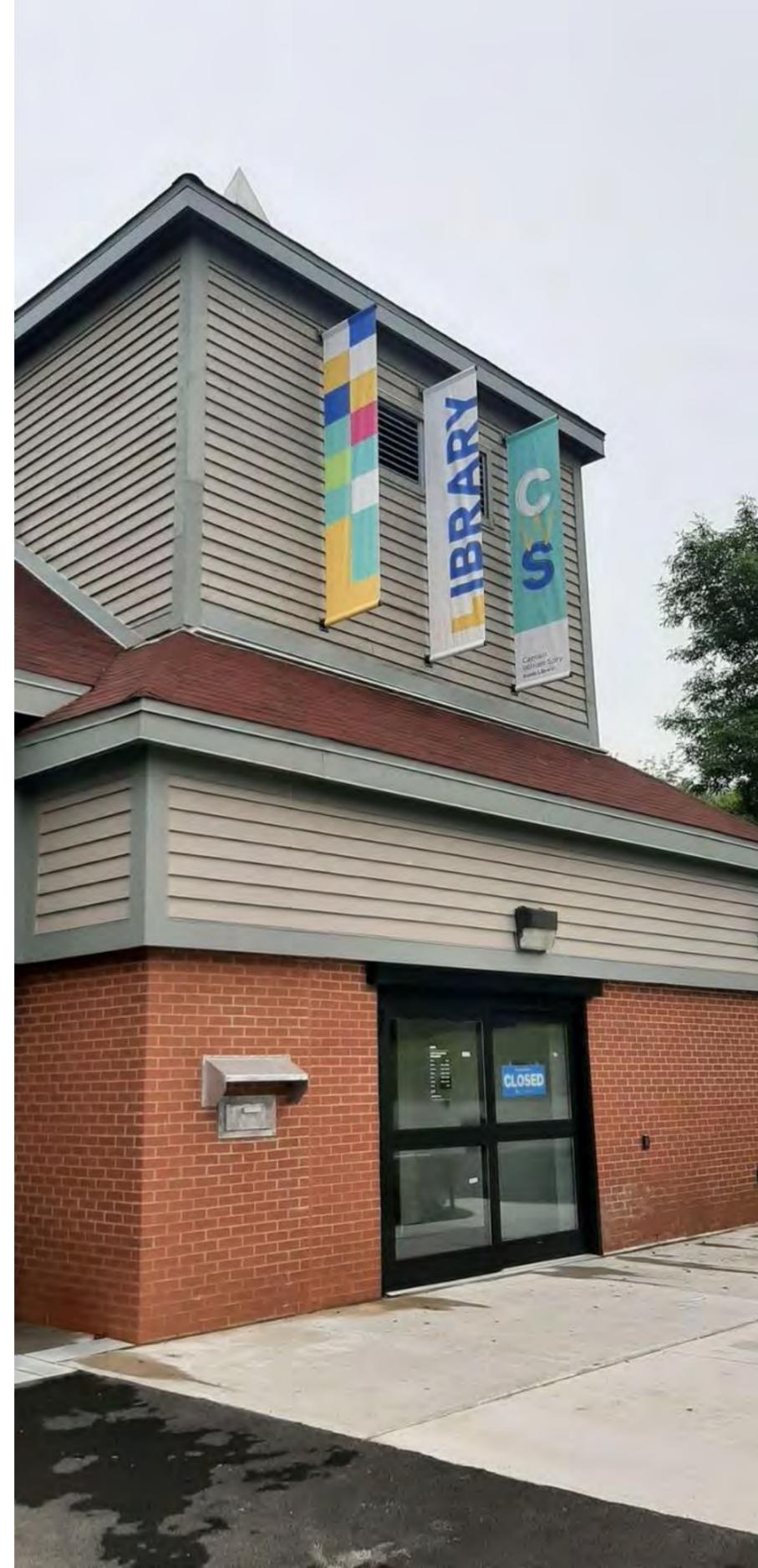
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Library Spaces











Library Employment



Recruitment

- Change to education and experience requirements
- Changes to roles and responsibilities
- Screening for identified equity groups on all external job postings
- Accommodations and modified interviews

Recruitment - Partnerships



Disability Rights Coalition of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Disability Rights are Human Rights

Recruitment – Partnership Example

READY

WILLING

& ABLE

1. Library Tour
2. Structured Interview
 - quiet room, dimmed lighting, condensed interview questions.
3. Demonstration of physical tasks
4. Observation
5. Unexpected customer service interaction and assessment.
6. Debrief.

Employee Health & Wellness

Mental Health and Mental Illness 101

Know the basics – get the 101 on mental health and mental illness.



- Workplace accommodations
- Focus on mental health & wellness
- Creating an inclusive work culture
- Providing the technology and infrastructure to support all



We're renovating
to improve your
Library space.



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embraced city's v
wrapped myself i
her rhyme
...BIG BLACK EYE



Questions

