

Application for Accessibility Status

Ottawa Public Library (OPL) customers with disabilities may apply for 'Accessibility Status' to allow for extended borrowing privileges on their Library card.

According to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, a disability is:

- Any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes diabetes mellitus; epilepsy; a brain injury; any degree of paralysis; amputation; lack of physical co-ordination; blindness or visual impediment; deafness or hearing impediment; muteness or speech impediment; or physical reliance on a guide dog or other animal, or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device;
- A condition of mental impairment or a developmental disability;
- A learning disability, or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols or spoken language;
- A mental disorder; or
- An injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Who qualifies for an Accessibility Status Library card?

OPL customers who do not require Homebound Services but require a longer borrowing period due to a disability. This card allows a 6 week borrowing period for all items, except items in the Express collection and digital media. Customers must select and pick up their own material at a branch. Anyone receiving a new Library card will be asked to provide photo ID and proof of address.

To apply, complete the attached form and return it to any branch of the Ottawa Public Library. Please note that items checked out must be for your own personal use. You may not use your card to borrow Library items for others.

For more information: InfoService 613-580-2940

www.BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca/accessibility

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To be completed by the customer or parent/guardian (for children 0 - 15 years)

I certify that I am unable to return Library materials within the standard borrowing period because of a disability.

Customer's name

Email and/or phone number

Home Library branch

Library card number

Street address

City/Province

Postal code

Signature (customer or parent/guardian)

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

To be completed by a Health Care Professional

I certify that the applicant requires an extended borrowing period (6 weeks) because of a disability as described in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Full Name

Title or Occupation

Telephone Number

Street address

City/Province

Postal Code

Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Accessibility status is required (check one):

Permanently or

Temporarily - length of time required (i.e. 3 months): _____