# LDAC - discussion about Canada's current legislation, rights and responsibilities concerning accessible content

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Webinar Presentation
Discussion will include terminology you should be familiar with, current national legislation, resources for new and returning students. We will incorporate the questions you need to be asking at your local libraries to have access to more resources plus an opportunity for questions.

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The right to learn, the power to achieve • Le droit d'apprendre, la possibilité de réussir.

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- Audio for this webinar is provided through the speakers/headset on your computer or you can also call in with you telephone.
- www.accessibleevent.com code: 024273222
- Questions are encouraged, please submit them in the chat box. Opportunities to ask questions verbally will be provided
- We encourage you to submit feedback on this presentation to <u>Brenda.McBride@HumanWare.com</u>
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#### ClassMate Reader

- Portable
- Synchronized text and audio digital book player
- •Study tools to assist in the learning process
- •Built-in text-to-speech, works with e-text, and NIMAS files
- •Plays DAISY 2.x, DAISY NISO, NIMAS, MP3, WAV, ogg vorbis, WMA, TXT, RTF, HTML, and XML file formats













### **Background Information**







### **Current Accessibility Legislation**

The Canadian law of accessibility is derived from many sources:

- Charter of Rights and Freedom
- Canadian Human Rights Act
- P/T Human Rights Acts
- Canadian Copyright Act
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)



### **Charter of Rights and Freedom**

 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, Section 15 which states that 'every individual is equal before the law' and one of the prohibited grounds of discrimination is physical disability.



### **Canadian Human Rights Act**

Canadian Human Rights Act – Section 5 and 6 states

- States that 'access to goods, services and facilities must not be denied to any individual on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination.
- There need not be an intent to discriminate as long as the effect of the practice is to create discrimination.



### P/T Human Rights Code

 Human Rights Code established in each province and territory recognizes that if you provide goods or services to the public you must provide them equally to all people, and not deny them to someone on the basis of their disability.

## Humanware Canadian Copyright Act

Section 32 (1) of the Act permits the following: Reproduction of books in an alternative format:

- 32. (1) It is not an infringement of copyright for a person, at the request of a person with a perceptual disability, or for a non-profit organization acting for his or her benefit, to:
- (a) Make a copy or sound recording of a literary, musical, artistic or dramatic work, other than a cinematographic work, in a format specially designed for person with a perceptual disability;

## Humanware Canadian Copyright Act

#### Section 32.1

- b) Translate, adapt or reproduce in sign language a literary or dramatic work, other than a cinematographic work, in a format specifically designed for persons with a perceptual disability; or
- c) Perform in public a literary or dramatic work, other than a cinematographic work, in sign language, either live or in a format specially designed for persons with a perceptual disability.



### Canadian Copyright Act

Limitation: (2) subsection (1) does not authorize the making of a large print book.

Limitation: (3) subsection (1) does not apply where the work or sound recording is commercially available in a format specially designed to meet the needs of any person referred to in that subsection, within the meaning of paragraph (a) of the definition 'commercially available'.

#### **Canadian Copyright Act**

http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/C-42/defaults.aspxl



## QUESTION AND CHAT COMMENTS?



### **AODA**

- AODA is introducing standards of accessibility related to five areas along with target dates to comply.
- Ontario has its first accessibility standard for customer service.
- The Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation, O. Reg. 429/07 became law on January 1, 2008.



### **AODA**

Four other standards are being developed in other important areas, including:

- transportation
- information and communications
- the built environment
- Employment

Accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities <a href="http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/accessibilityOntario/">http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/accessibilityOntario/</a>



### **Concerns:**

- Individuals with learning disabilities across Canada are not comfortable entering their local libraries
- The Copyright Act requires an individual to identify themselves as having a print disability to be able to access the collection.
- There is no consistency from city to city, rural to urban, across the country in the way an individual with a print disability identifies themselves at the library. Some need a doctor's certification; others can self-identify.
- Standards need to be consistent with producers and publishers.



### What is DAISY?

- A <u>DAISY book</u> can be explained as a set of digital files that includes:
- One or more digital audio files containing a human narration of part or all of the source text;
- A marked-up file containing some or all of the text (strictly speaking, this marked-up text file is optional);
- A synchronization file to relate markings in the text file with time points in the audio file; and
- A navigation control file which enables the user to move smoothly between files while synchronization between text and audio is maintained.



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### **Partners Program**

Library



Form

- Players/ Software
- Future



### What is Bookshare.org™

 Bookshare.org is an online library of accessible books for readers with print disabilities.

### Do we have a Bookshare in Canada?





### **Bookshare.org Benefits**

- Increased access to FREE digital books for students with print disabilities
- Library is available online 24/7
- Flexible membership options
- Seven Point Digital Rights Management System
- FREE assistive technology software downloads
- Flexible file formats in DAISY and BRF
- Accessibility to a variety of assistive technology
- Multi modal reading experience



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#### **Content:**



#### Where to find books

- Partners program
- Bookshare.ca
- Text book publishers
- Audible.com
- Gutenberg.org
- Librivox.com
- Free MP3
- Library etext -



### Challenges



- Decoding
- Slow processing
- Comprehension
- Encoding
- Organizing ideas
- Paying attention
- Completing assignments



### **HumanWare – Future Presentations**

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  - Parent presentation October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Bookshare Postsecondary November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Postsecondary presentation November 10th
  - Educational Therapist November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ClassMate Reader 101: Where to find content?
  - http://www.humanware.com/enusa/about\_us/webinars\_and\_professional\_development



Thank you for attending.

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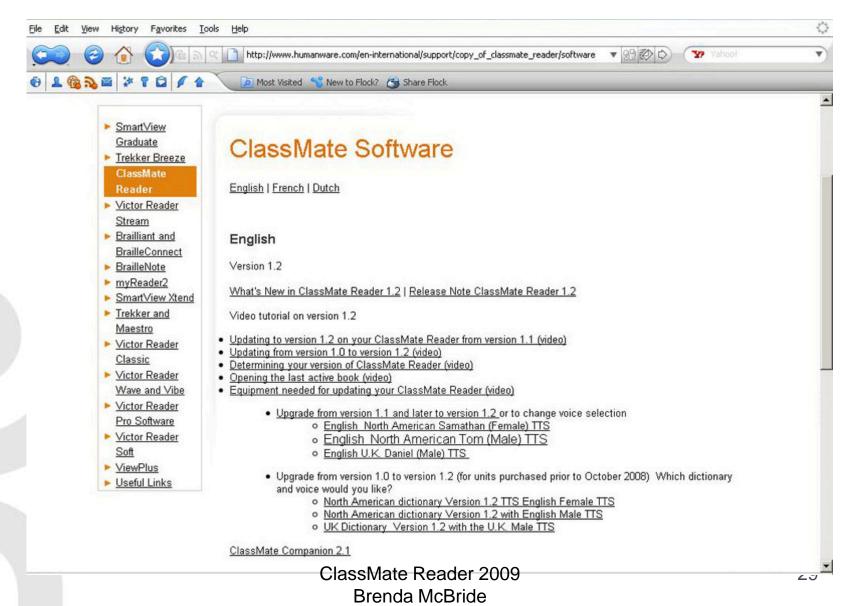
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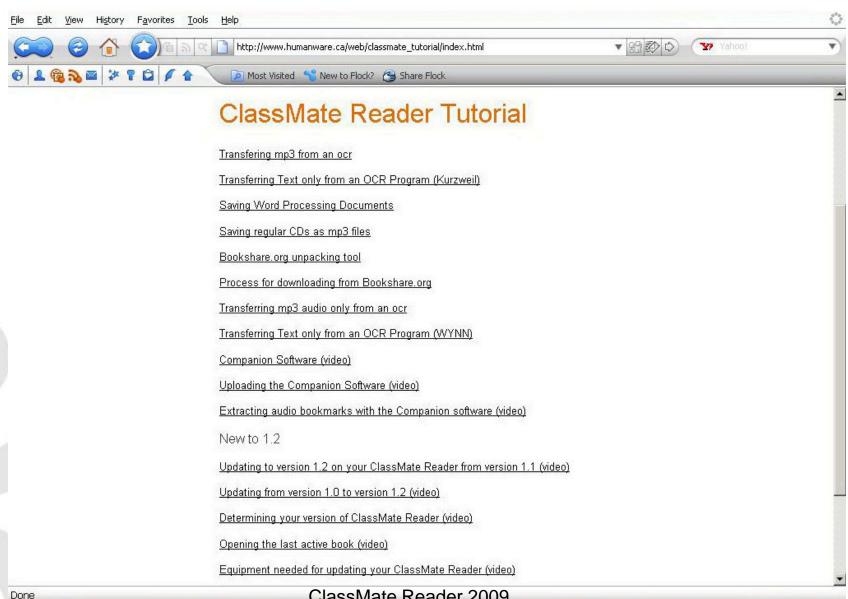
### Support tools











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