CRCPL Accessibility Statement

Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library is a place where diversity is celebrated, equity is prioritized, and inclusion is a guiding principle. Your library is committed to providing a welcoming and accessible space for everybody in the community to ensure that each individual feels valued, respected, and empowered. Your library strives to achieve this through the collections, programs, and services provided, all of which aim to represent the identities and cultures that make up this beloved community. By cultivating an environment where differences are embraced, barriers are dismantled, and opportunities are accessible to all, the library hopes to create a space that celebrates the spirit of inclusion and serves as a beacon of unity within your county. *(DEI Statement approved September 2023)*

Focus on Accessibility
We believe "The Library is for Everybody," and we strive to make our spaces in person and online accessible to all patrons, regardless of ability or disability. We've put significant resources towards accessibility in our libraries and on our website to ensure that all of our services are accessible to every citizen, and that those citizens are empowered to use our services with dignity, equity, and independence.

Accessibility on the Website
We firmly believe that our online services should be available and accessible to anyone and are committed to providing a website that is accessible to the broadest possible audience, regardless of ability.

To fulfill this, we aim to adhere as strictly as possible to the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1) at the AA level. These guidelines explain how to make web content accessible to people with a wide array of disabilities. Complying with those guidelines helps us ensure that the website is accessible to blind people, people with motor impairments, visual impairment, cognitive disabilities, and more.

Accessibility Widget
Our website, CRCPL.org, utilizes the Accessibe accessibility widget to provide fine-tuned accessibility options for each site visitor. The Accessibe widget provides a multitude of accessibility options such as Seizure-Safe, Vision Impaired, and ADHD Friendly profiles, integration with Screen Readers, adjustable font and contrast, and more. Provision of these accessibility options ensures our compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1).

Using the Accessibility Widget
Accessibility options for our website can be enabled by clicking the accessibility menu button in the lower right-hand corner of our website. The button appears as a blue circle with a person in the center. After clicking the button, simply wait for the

menu to load, then toggle your preferences and allow the site to re-load with those features. A blue check mark appears on the button when an accessibility feature is enabled. To clear accessibility preferences, simply click the button again, and toggle your selections off.

Accessibe's full Accessibility Statement can be viewed by clicking on the blue button, then selecting "Statement" from the top of the menu.

Our Commitment
CRCPL will continually work to improve the accessibility of our physical and online spaces to ensure seamless access to library resources for all users.

Despite our efforts to make this site fully accessible, some content may not have yet been fully adapted to the strictest accessibility standards. We will work with our web site administrator to update any non-compliant features as we become aware of them.

Reach Out
If you are having trouble on the CRCPL website or using the accessibility tool, please contact the library at 740-702-4145 or contact@crcpl.org and we will be happy to assist you.

Free 1-1 Tech Tutoring Sessions are also available for training on our website and its accessibility features.