



ASSOCIATION OF
RESEARCH LIBRARIES



STATEMENT ON THE NON-PAPER FROM
LIBRARY COPYRIGHT ALLIANCE
WIPO SCCR 22ND SESSION
GENEVA, 15-24 JUNE 2011

I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Library Copyright Alliance.

We support the work of the Member States who have met in consultations to create this non-paper acknowledging the importance of an international legal instrument to increase access to information for persons with visual impairment or print disabilities. We appreciate the positive progress that has been taken to develop a recommendation so that people with reading disabilities can enjoy equal access to copyrighted materials.

As non-profit organizations acting as authorized entities, libraries could continue to provide accessible format copies of copyrighted works for patrons with print disabilities. As part of their primary mission, libraries of all types provide services relating to education, training, adaptive reading, and information access as defined in Article A.

By maintaining policies and procedures for ensuring compliance with the definition of beneficiary persons, we are recognized as authorized entities and do not need to seek permission of rightsholders in order to create accessible copies of works already available to other patrons. Implementation of policies and procedures to fulfill this requirement should not place an unnecessary burden on libraries with limited resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Contact:

Lori Driscoll
Library Copyright Alliance
E-mail: ldriscoll@gulfcoast.edu

20 June 2011

