



Alternative Format Library

The Statewide Vision Impairment Services (SVIS) Alternative Format Library (AFL) supports schools across the state by providing resources for students with blindness or vision impairment who require their learning materials to be in a format other than standard print.

The AFL produces and loans a range of curriculum resources and provides advice and support to teachers, school leaders, Advisory Visiting Teachers (AVT) and early childhood providers regarding relevant adjustments to support students with blindness or vision impairment to access learning and the curriculum on the same basis as their peers.

Services are available to children and students enrolled in both State and Non-State Schools, or registered with an Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) or receiving AVT support.

Services provided

The AFL offers a range of services including:

- production and loan of curriculum textbooks, novels and recreational reading in a variety of formats including braille, large print, audio books, electronic text, twin vision books and tactile books
- production and loan of tactile kits (which include a story book in print and braille, tactile pictures and accompanying objects relevant to the story) for use with early learners
- educational kits of resources, 3D models and diagrams to support the teaching and learning in the Key Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum
- professional texts specific to blindness and vision impairment

- requests for electronic formats of textbooks (PDF files) directly from the publisher on behalf of the school
- professional learning opportunities and support relating to tactile material production, editing of texts, braille translation programs and accessible documents.



If a requested item is not in our collection, we provide a transcription service in order to produce appropriate curriculum materials in large print, electronic format (PDF), and/or in braille (including tactile diagrams).

Contact details

For further information, please contact the Alternative Format Library, email

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