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Hi All

Does anybody have a "good" solution?

I have been experiencing a lot of difficulty getting a Jaws accessible copy of the American Psychological Association's 2001 Publication Manual for one of my summer students who is blind. This is a reference book for virtually all students in the social sciences at all Canadian and American colleges and universities.

The sad tale, which started mid-June when the student started working in the Adaptech Research Network lab, goes as follows. The "accessible" version of this 439 page book provided by the American Psychological Association for students who are enrolled in a course which requires this as a textbook (for which the student must pay the full price of the text) is not accessible to Jaws. We have tried it with Jaws versions 5, 6, 7, and 8. The American Psychological Association says they are "working on it." RFB&D has only a Daisy version, but, of course, Daisy books will not be delivered to Canadians. RFB&D is willing to put this onto audiocassette, but a reference book is virtually useless in that format. CNIB does not have this book. On top of everything else, this is a reference book and individual students with print impairments should not have to buy it - most sighted undergraduates consult it in a library.

So my questions are as follows:

1. Does anyone know where I can obtain an accessible eCopy of the APA manual?
2. What are "best practices" for alternate text reference works which are best housed in Canadian college and university libraries?
3. Does anyone have any idea when the Daisy "copyright" (or whatever the problem is) issue will be resolved? Canadian college and university students will be seriously disadvantaged if they cannot access RFB&D Daisy books in the future.

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