

On behalf of Central Kentucky Radio Eye, a radio reading service providing the broadcast of the reading of newspapers, magazines, and other vital information and resources for blind and visually impaired citizens, I wish to comment copyright exception for blind and visually impaired people worldwide.

Access to information is a key factor in our daily lives both in our own country and abroad - whether it's for education, entertainment, research, or simply an understanding of other countries and cultures.

It is important that blind and visually impaired individuals have the same access to the same information as the general population takes for granted. Visually impaired individuals must depend on others to provide access to (printed) information which they cannot read for themselves, so it's important that radio reading services should be able to provide this information without the necessity of seeking copyright approval.

If we truly want an integrated and diverse 'global community' where understanding and good relations help build a better world, we should provide blind and disabled individuals with free access to copyrighted materials worldwide.