

Committee on Culture of St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg State Budgetary Cultural Institution
«State Specialized Central Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired»

REGULATIONS
on the International Festival «Relay of Kindness 2026»

1. General provisions

1.1 These Regulations define the goals, objectives, procedure and conditions for holding the VIII International Festival «Relay of Kindness–2026» (hereinafter referred to as the Festival).

1.2 The Festival is timed to coincide with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities — December 3.

1.3 The organizer of the Festival is the St. Petersburg State Budgetary Cultural Institution «State Specialized Central Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired» (hereinafter referred to as SPb Library for the Blind)

1.4 The Festival is held with the support of the Committee on Culture of St. Petersburg in partnership with the Union of Museums of Russia.

1.5 These Regulations are published in open access on the official website of the SPb Library for the Blind (<https://www.gbs.spb.ru>), on the official social media pages of the SPb Library for the Blind, on the portal of the Russian Library Association, on the information portal of special libraries for the blind, and on the websites of participating partners.

1.6 These Regulations are available for review to all interested parties.

2. Goals of the Festival

2.1 The Festival is held in order to:

- Foster a favorable social climate that promotes the social integration and sociocultural rehabilitation of people with disabilities, as well as ensure the accessibility of institutions and organizations to various categories of visitors;
- Raise public awareness regarding the issues faced by people with disabilities and change societal attitudes towards them.

3. Main objectives of the Festival

3.1 Creating inclusive venues for the sociocultural rehabilitation of people with various health conditions.

3.2 Unlocking, supporting, and stimulating the creative potential and activity of visitors with disabilities during the organization of events or activities.

3.3 Developing and promoting new ideas and formats of work with people with disabilities of different categories in institutions and organizations.

3.4 Attracting public interest to the issues faced by people with disabilities.

3.5 Enhancing the professional skills of institutional and organizational staff when working with people with disabilities.

4. Order and Conditions of the Festival

4.1 Festival dates - December 01 – 07, 2026.

- The main program of the festival and events at participants' venues – December 01–07, 2026;
- Summing up the results of the Festival – December 16, 2026;

4.2 Festival participants shall organize and hold one or more events (offline/online):

- An inclusive cultural and educational event with opportunities for active participation of people with disabilities (a concert, theatrical performance, themed discussion, workshop, interactive tour, exhibition, etc.);
- A cultural and educational event about people with disabilities, their capabilities, and achievements (with a participation of a guest with disabilities);
- Provision of access to the online events listed on the program of the «Relay of Kindness - 2026» International Festival at their own venue and/or at the venues of social and medical institutions.

4.3 Within the framework of the Festival, outreach events may be organized and held at the venues of social and medical institutions.

4.4 Cultural and educational events must, where necessary, be adapted for one or more groups of people with disabilities.

4.5 Festival participants shall publish the consolidated festival program on their websites and official social media pages.

4.6 SPb Library for the Blind shall ensure information support and promotion of the Festival in the mass media.

4.7 Promotional materials featuring the Festival branding shall be provided to the participants by the SPb Library for the Blind.

5. Conditions of Participation

5.1 Any institutions and organizations may participate in the Festival.

5.2 Applications to hold events by institutions and organizations from foreign countries must be submitted by October 1, 2026 for each event separately using the following link : <https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/6a5f797850569005e1155365>

5.3 On the basis of submitted applications, SPb Library for the Blind shall enter information about Festival events into the Consolidated Festival Program for publication on the SPb Library for the Blind website and on the websites of partner participants.

6. Results of the Festival

6.1 A report on the events held within the Festival shall be prepared in electronic form.

6.2 A link to the form for submitting the report shall be sent to the e-mail address of the participating organization specified in the event application.

6.3 A photo report shall consist of photographs from the events (no more than 3 photos in JPG format).

6.4 Multimedia attachments shall include no more than 3 photos in JPG format; no more than 2 links to video clips.

6.5 An electronic report on the events held shall be completed by participating organizations no later than December 9, 2026.

7. Evaluation of Festival Outcomes

7.1 All Festival participants who submit their event reports within the specified deadline shall be issued electronic diplomas.

7.2 The most active Festival participants shall be acknowledged with letters of appreciation from SPb Library for the Blind.

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