

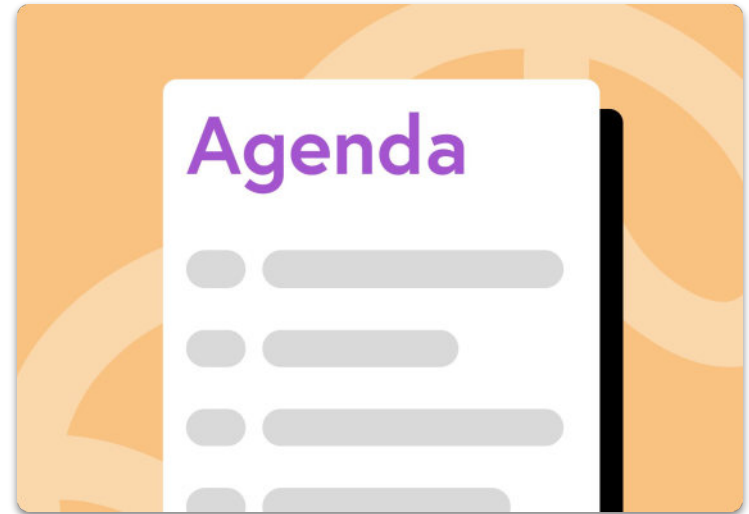
Libraries for All: Inclusive and Accessible Communication Strategies For People with Disabilities



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Librarian and Accessibility Consultant

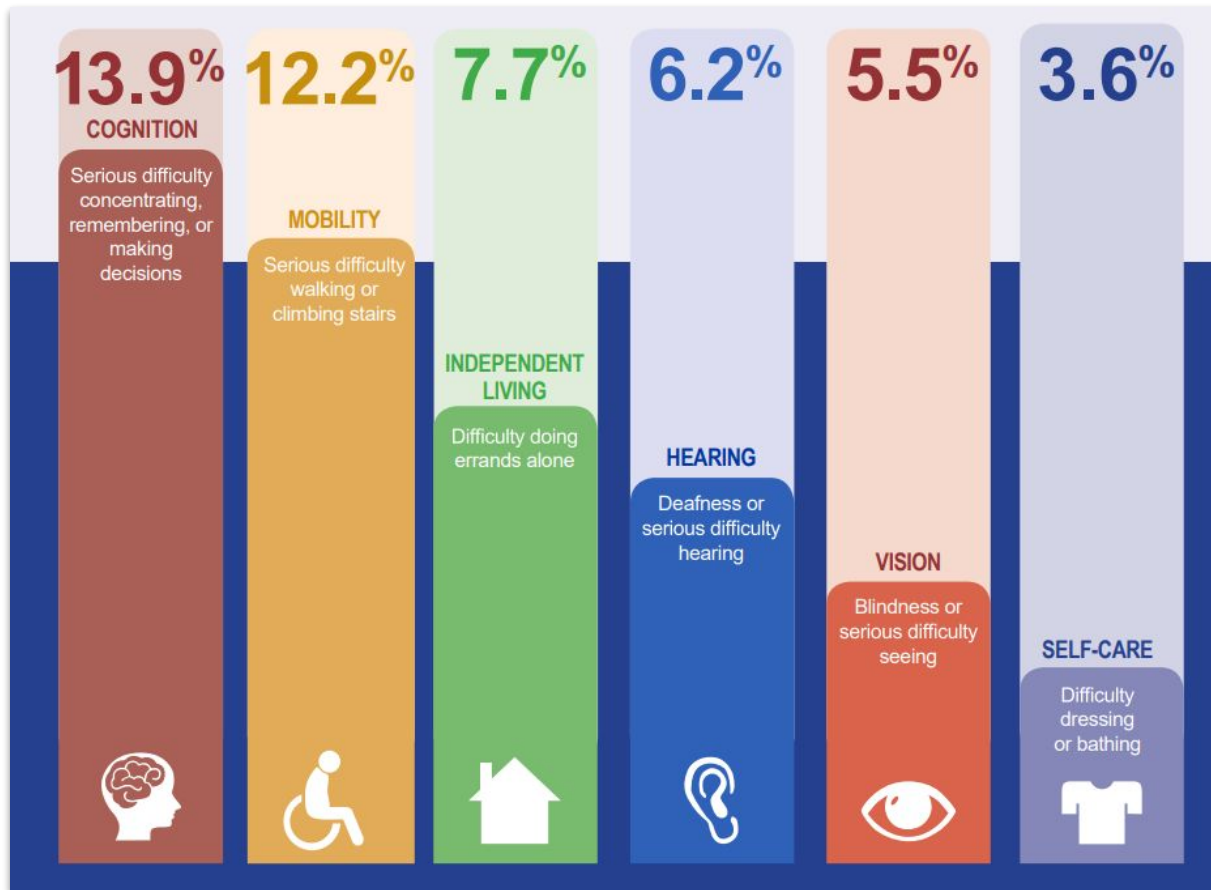
Topics We'll Discuss

- Building & Sustaining Trust
- What to Say & How to Say It
- Accessible Graphic Design
- Leveraging Your Online Presence
- Best Practices & Examples





<https://www.cdc.gov/dhds/impacts/index.html>



<https://www.cdc.gov/disability-and-health/media/pdfs/disability-impacts-all-of-us-infographic.pdf>

Compliance Is the Minimum



ADA Title II Document Accessibility

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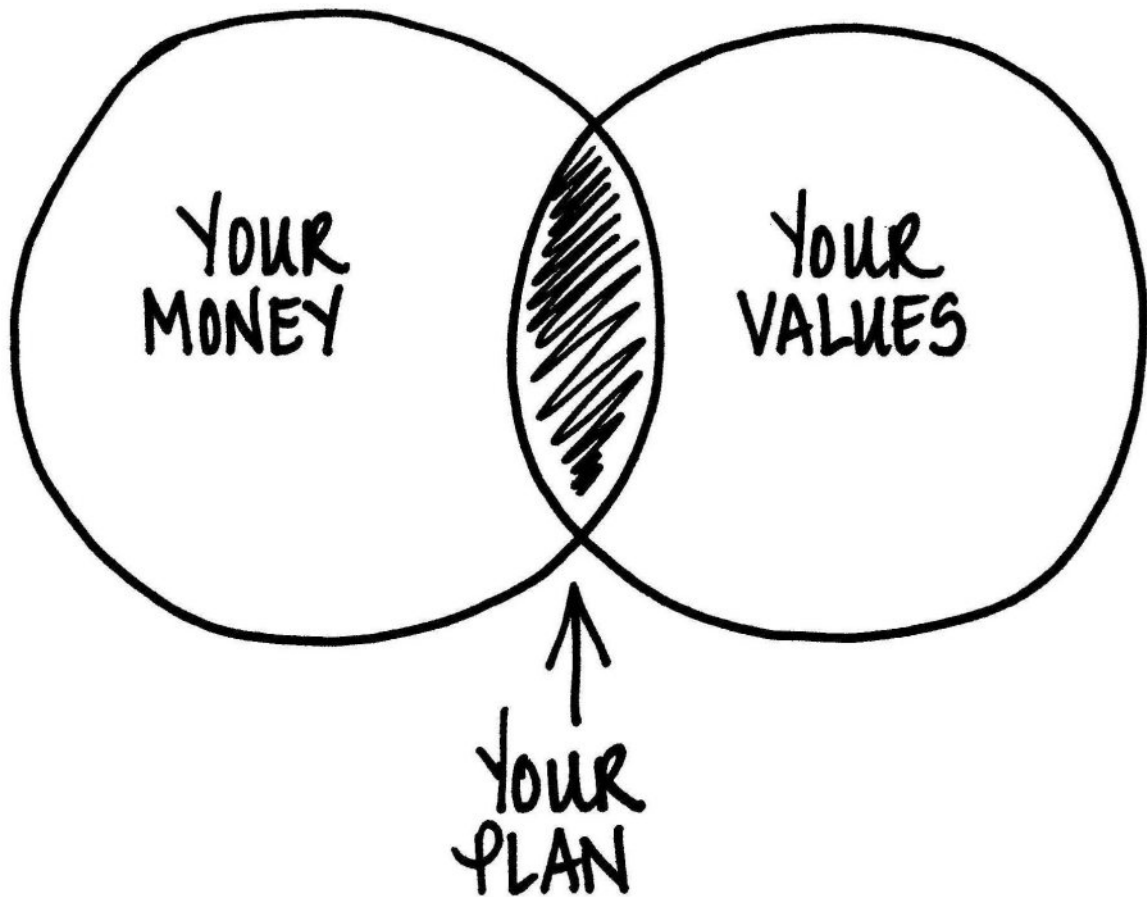
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COMPLIANCE



Building & Sustaining Trust



NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US.



Inclusion means co-creation, participation & belonging.



OF + BY → FOR

OF reflects the diverse perspectives of the community

BY invites community co-creation

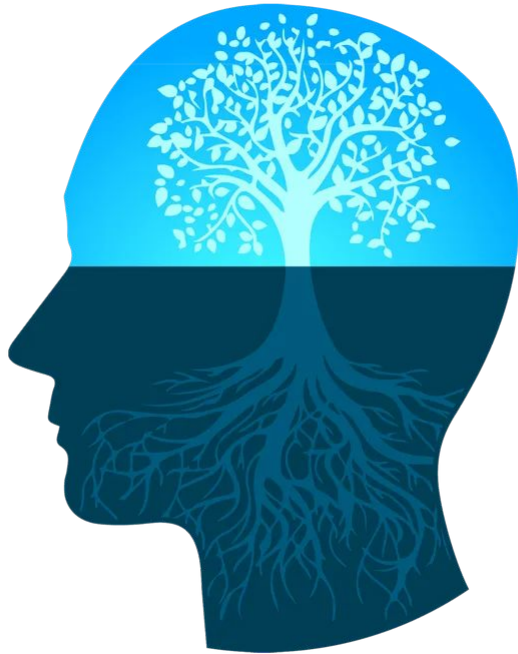
FOR creates meaningful experiences for their communities

Learn more about the OF/BY/FOR ALL Initiative: ofbyforall.org



Communication is a two-way street. Solicit and use community feedback to enhance library services.

Community Assessments, Surveys & Focus Groups



Learn about barriers to your library

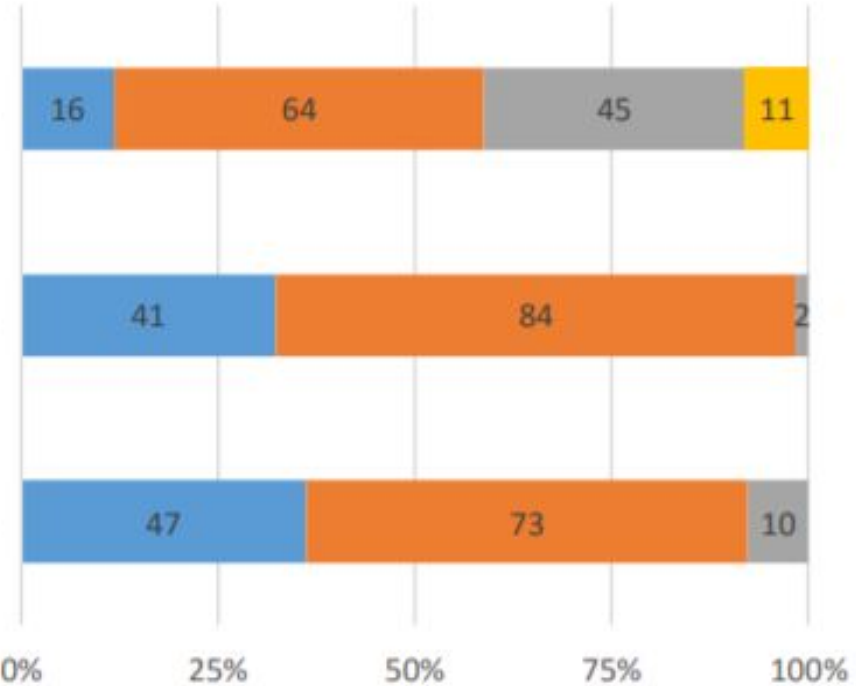
- Physical & invisible
- Real & perceived
- Cultural & social
- Logistical & institutional

Analyze customer experiences

- Confirm what you think you know
- Ask about what you don't know
- Challenge assumptions
- Find opportunities to unlearn
- Gather new ideas for services
- Leverage existing partnerships
- Learn about your reputation
- Find out what you need to do better

Experiences with Dakota County Library

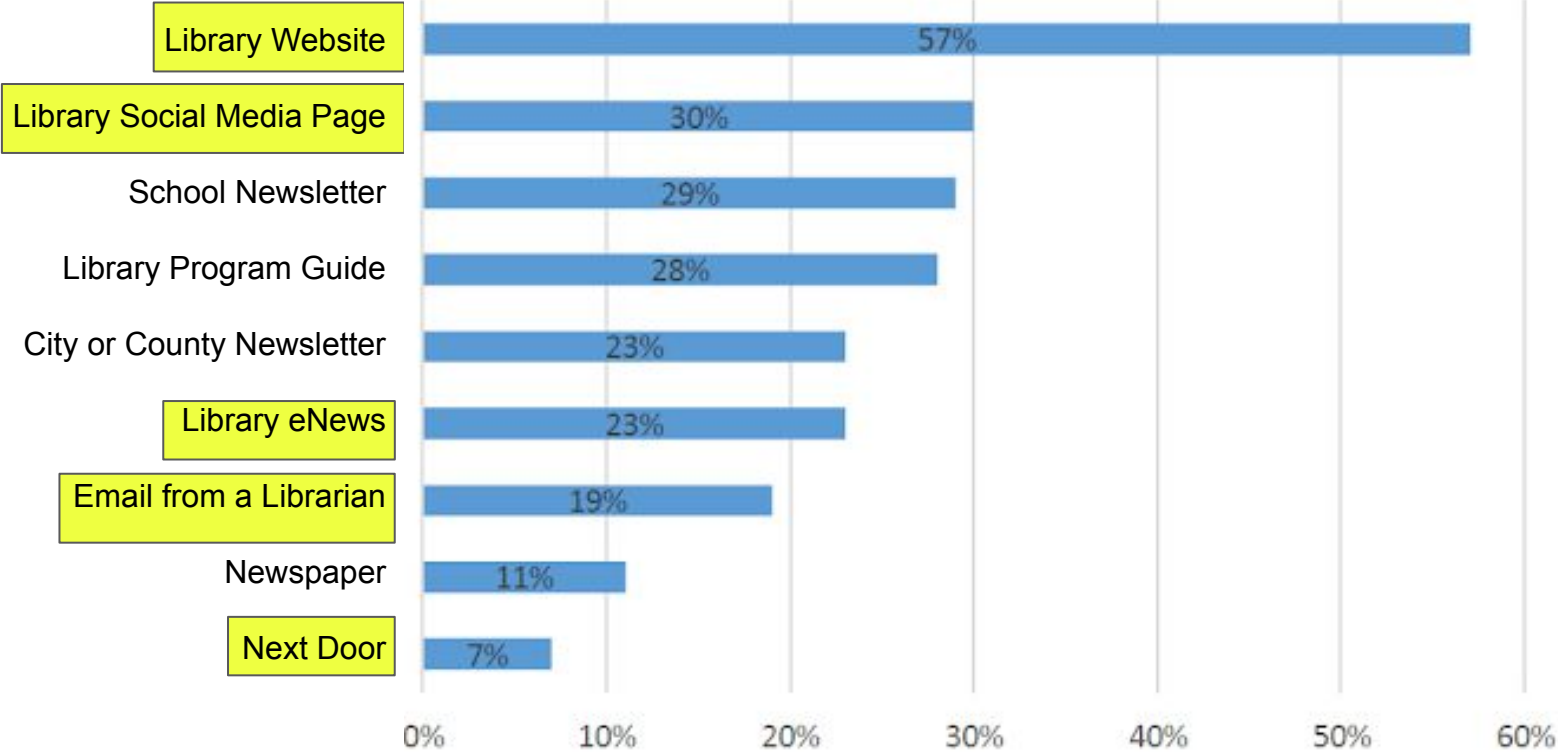
I am aware of Dakota County Library services.



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree



% of People Who Get Library Information from the Following Communication Methods



Building Authentic Relationships & Trust

- Validate experiences
- Be transparent and honest
- Learn people's names
- Be patient and understanding
- Avoid judgment
- Talk directly to the person and not just the caregiver



Embed Yourself in the Community

- Attend disability related resource fairs
- Staff a table at local 55+ care facilities
- Visit local special education schools
- Attend local Disability Pride Parades
- Join interagency groups supporting community health priorities
- Follow local, state and national chapters of disability organizations
- Join the conversation on social media
- Invite community members for tours and open houses



What to Say & How to Say It





Neutral Language

Instead of saying
wheelchair-bound or
confined to a wheelchair

Say **wheelchair user**

Instead of saying
suffers from, is a victim of,
is afflicted by, or is stricken with

Say **they have**

Instead of saying
vision or hearing impaired

Say **low vision or blind** or
deaf or hard of hearing

Instead of saying
able-bodied or normal

Say **non-disabled** or
person without a disability

Person First vs. Identity First Language

Person-first language



"I am a person with autism"

Identity-first language



"I am autistic"

Learn more: askearn.org/page/people-first-language



Tips and Strategies

- Avoid library jargon and use plain language
- Do not use offensive terms (ex. crazy, psycho, lame, freak)
- Consider stigma and misconceptions
 - Summer Reading vs. Summer Discovery
 - Sensory Storytime vs. Sensory-Friendly Saturdays
 - Study Room vs. Meeting Room
- Write copy at a 5th Grade reading level

Plain Language Laws and Guidelines

<https://www.plainlanguage.gov/>

Inclusive Phrases



- “All are welcome”
- “Participants of/for all abilities”
- “Sensory-friendly” or “Disability-friendly”
- “All reading levels welcome and supported”
- “Neurodivergent and neurotypical welcome”
- “Accessible parking available”
- “This program is designed to support people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers”

Guidelines for Writing About People With Disabilities:

<https://adata.org/factsheet/ADANN-writing>

Accommodations Statement

“We strive to make library events welcoming for people of all abilities. To request accommodations, call the library at **XXX-XXX-XXXX** or contact **NAME** at **EMAIL**. Find out more about our Accessibility Services webpage.”

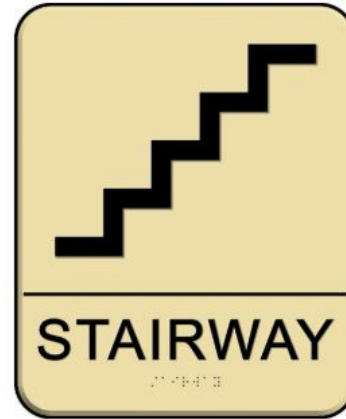


Accessible Graphic Design



Code Compliant Public Building Room Signage

- Tactile characters, including raised letters and Braille
- specific height requirements
- Font type and size requirements
- Non-glare materials
- Specific rating of color contrast



ADA Accessibility Standards: Signs

<https://www.access-board.gov/ada/guides/chapter-7-signs>

Supporting Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Visual Learners

- Visuals enhance communication Deaf and HH communities, Autistic and Neurotypical individuals
- Closed Captions support people with ADHD, Deaf and HH, and those who are learning English as a new language
- Represent multiple modes of communication in communication



Visual Design for Learning and Communicating

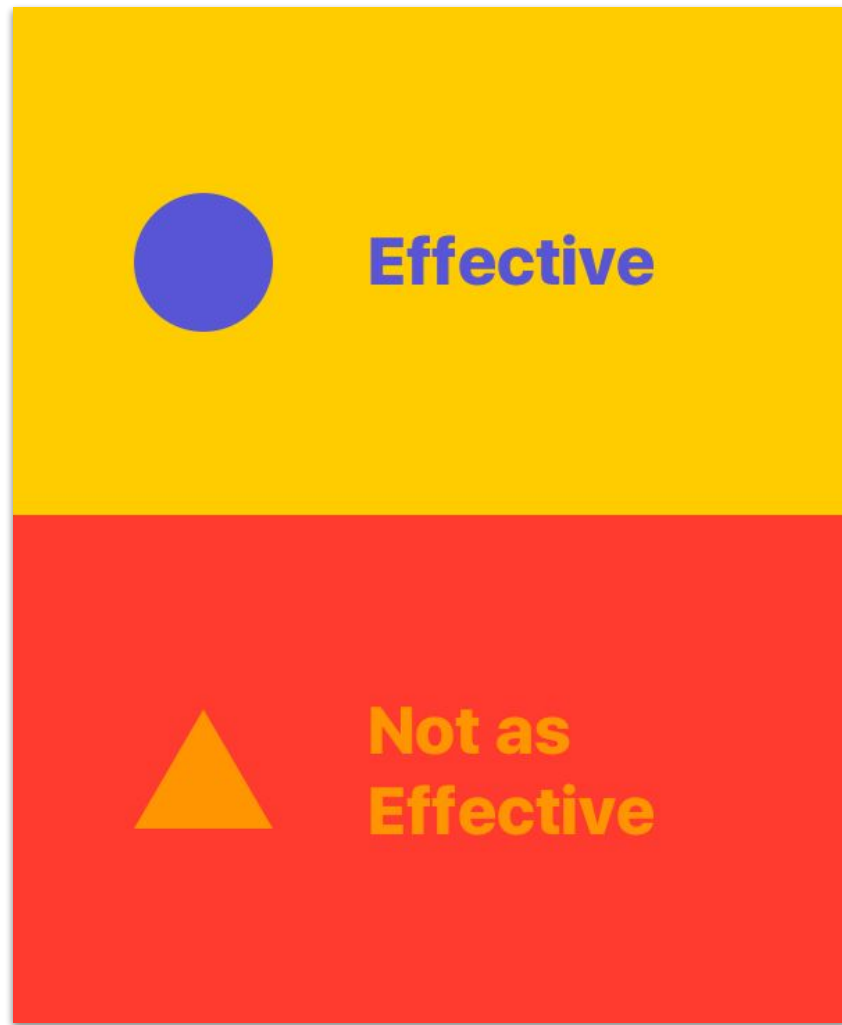
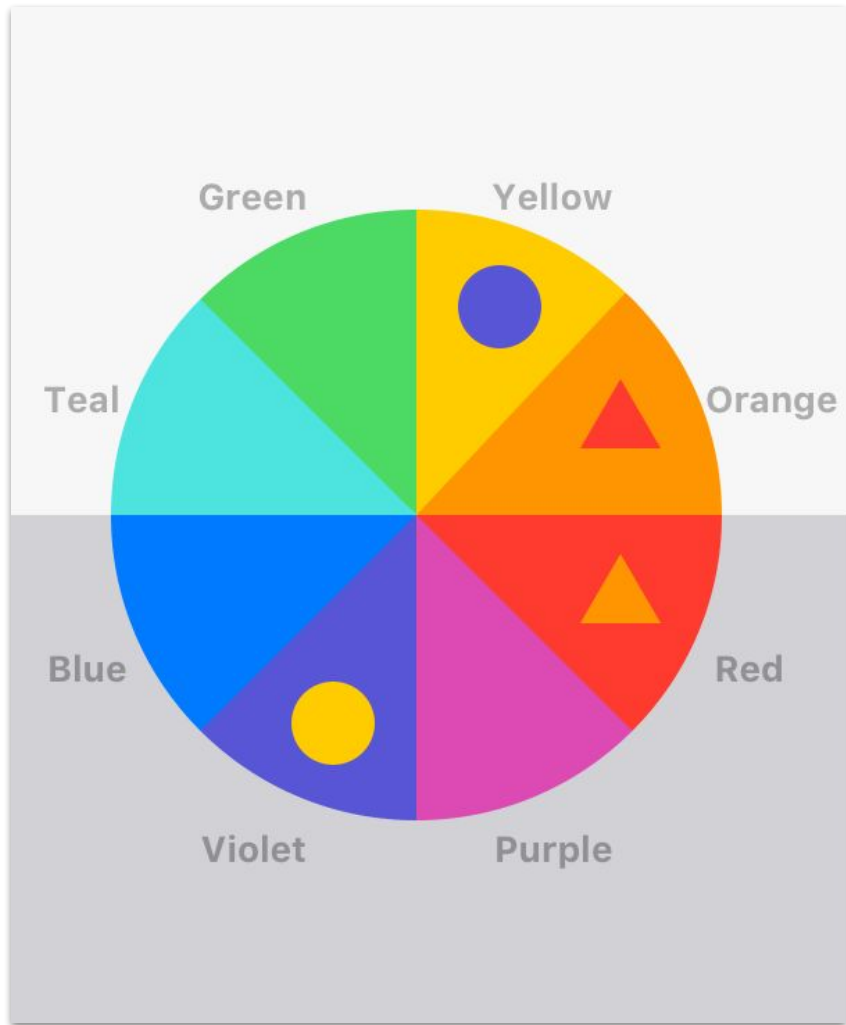
<https://www.sproutlabs.com.au/blog/visual-design-for-learning/>

Tips for Wayfinding & Signage

- Utilize text and pictograms (icons) together
- Avoid continuous capitals, italics or underlining
- Use large, clear and easy to read font and size
- Include space between letters, lines, paragraphs
- Design text that reads horizontally left to right
- Design text in straight left margin
- Print on matte paper to reduce glare





The Noun Project: thenounproject.com





Testing Color Contrast

Contrast Checker

[Home](#) > [Resources](#) > Contrast Checker

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#0000FF 
Lightness 

Background Color
#FFFFFF 
Lightness 

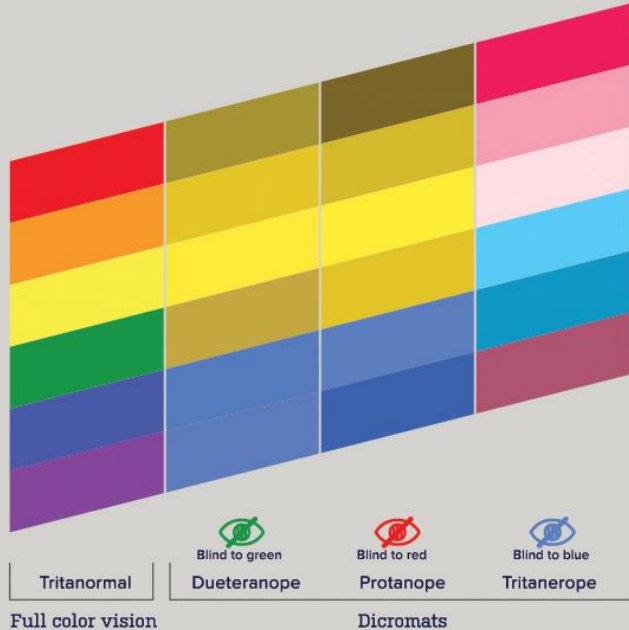
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Contrast Ratio
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WebAIM: FREE Color Contrast Checker Tool
<https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/>

designing for color blindness

Some people perceive colors in different ways, especially red, green and blue. Keeping that in mind when designing interfaces or pieces of communication, will ensure its effectiveness with all audiences.



1

Always use colors+symbols

When in need of communicating a message (i.e. "alert") use a combination of color and symbol or word, do not rely exclusively on the color.

2

A reduced color palette

A minimal color palette is more effective when using color to communicate information.

3

Use textures and patterns

Data visualization is better communicated through the use of textures or patterns in combination with color, rather than relying exclusively on color.

DON'T

use decorative typefaces that have hard to recognize characters.

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DO

choose clear typefaces with letters that are easy to identify.

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Leveraging Your Online Presence



W3C® Web Accessibility
Initiative WAI



WCAG 2.2

Web Content
Accessibility Guidelines

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2
Guidelines for your website, catalog, online calendar & more

<https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/>

- Guidance across platforms:
 - desktops
 - laptops
 - tablets
 - mobile devices
- Addresses the following:
 - blindness
 - low vision
 - deafness
 - hearing loss
 - mobility challenges
 - speech disabilities
 - cognitive disabilities
 - learning disabilities and others



What is Alt Text?



aka “Alternative Text”

“alt tag” or “image description”

Descriptive words that convey meaning of an image in a digital setting

Don't Rely On Colors Alone



Accessibility for visual designers

<https://digital.gov/guides/accessibility-for-teams/visual-design/>

Build Accessible PDFs

Meets web accessibility standards

- Screen readers
- Text-to-speech programs
- Braille displays
- Use on mobile devices
- Use with screen magnifiers




What is an accessible PDF?

<https://www.adobe.com/acrobat/hub/what-is-an-accessible-pdf.html>




ACCESSIBILITY CHECKER


← Back to Home



<https://support.prairiecat.info/>

In compliance with  United States law

🔍 Scan Entire Domain:

 **Scan Entire Domain to Achieve Compliance**

Run a full site scan and tackle the issues with easy-to-follow guidance

Audit results for <https://support.prairiecat.info/> Download audit

🔄 You've scanned 1 page so far. Scan your entire domain to uncover all critical accessibility issues. [Scan full domain](#)

Automated Tests Passed: What's Next for Complete Accessibility?

Automated tests passed for this URL. To complete its accessibility, visit the manual audit tab. For full domain coverage and to ensure your entire site is accessible, run a full domain scan.

[Scan Full Domain](#)

Audit Score:

95%

Automated Success! Finalize with Manual Checks

WCAG 2.2 Criteria: [What is the WCAG?](#)

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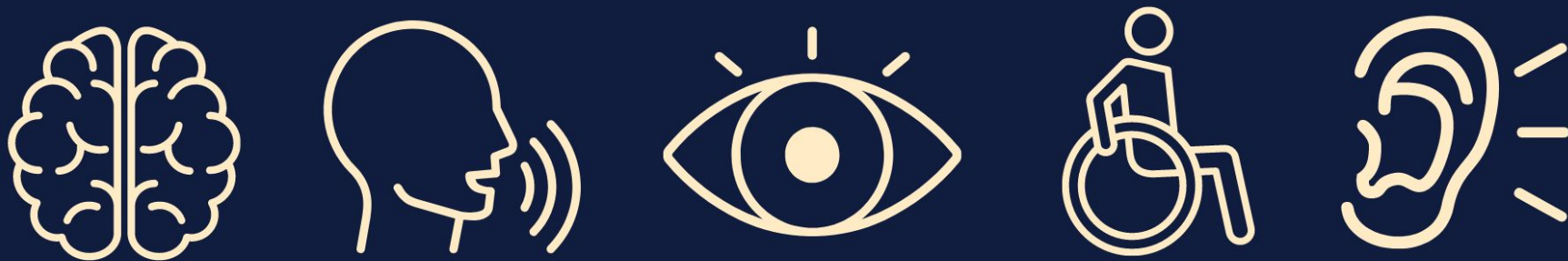
Accessibility Checker: <https://www.accessibilitychecker.org/>

Sign Language Interpretation Requests



- State that ASL interpretation is available upon request
- State if advanced notification is required and how much time needed
- Include contact name and email address
- Post online and in any event promo

Promote Your Accessible Services



Examples of Library Accessibility web pages

Dakota County (Minnesota) Library: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/Using/Accessibility>

New York (New York) Public Library: <https://www.nypl.org/accessibility>

Skokie (Illinois) Public Library: <https://skokielibrary.info/services/accessibility/>

Best Practices for Accessibility

A graphic with a light blue background filled with various business-related icons such as a laptop, calculator, magnifying glass, star, gear, piggy bank, and smartphone. The text "MARKETING STRATEGY" is centered in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "EXAMPLES" is centered in a white, sans-serif font inside a solid blue rectangular box.

MARKETING
STRATEGY
EXAMPLES

Provide Options for Customer Service

Contact Us

There are many ways to get answers to your library questions.

For basic assistance

Call your nearest [library location](#) during open hours.

Material renewal

Call the 24-hour renewal line at 651-450-2999.

Ask a Librarian: Email your reference or service questions. Responses will be given within 24 hours.

Ask a Law Librarian: Email your law reference questions. Responses will be given within three business days.

Book Match: Get help finding a book you'll like.

Suggest an Item for Purchase: Suggest a new title to add to the catalog. Items must be less than 12 months old.

AskMN 24/7 Chat Reference Service: Have your reference questions answered 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.




Welcome to LibChat!

Name

Start Chat

Offer Virtual Readers Advisory

 Dakota County

Book Match Request

Required fields are marked with an asterisk *

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Do you want books for adults, teens or children? *

Which formats do you prefer? (check all that apply) *

Book

Large print book

e-Book

Audiobook on CD

Downloadable audiobook

What are you in the mood to read next (e.g., literary fiction, a mystery, a particular subject, a specific setting or time period, etc.)? *

What are some of your favorite books and/or authors related to this request, and what did you like about them?

Is there anything else we should factor into our recommendations (e.g., age, interest, length of book)?

Last Revision Date: 12/01/2021

Provide Visuals About Your Library

Pleasant Hill Library (Hastings)

Address

1490 S. Frontage Road
Hastings, MN 55033

Phone

651-438-0200

Hours

- Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday, 1–5 p.m.
- Self-service hours available

[Closed on holidays](#)

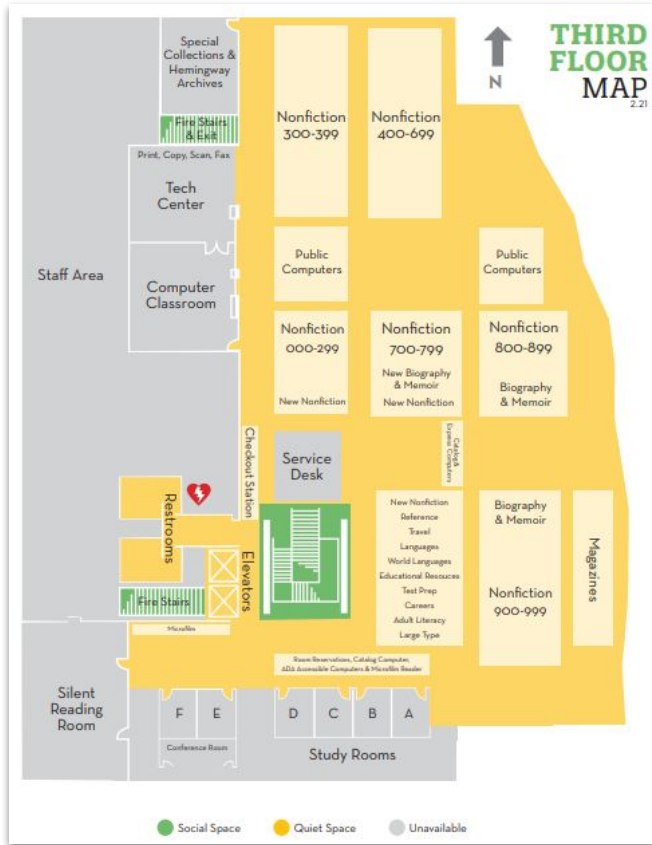
Charging stations available

Electric vehicle charging stations available. Charge is \$1 per session and 15 cents per kilowatt hour.



[View Larger Map](#)

Create Library Building Maps



- Offer maps and signage to support navigation and wayfinding
- Identify desired behavior or communication
- Demarcate “Quiet” or “Social” zones
- Use clear labels with plain language
- Make map available in print and online
- Identify “Staff Only” areas and spaces “Unavailable” to public

Oak Park Public Library’s Library Floor Maps:

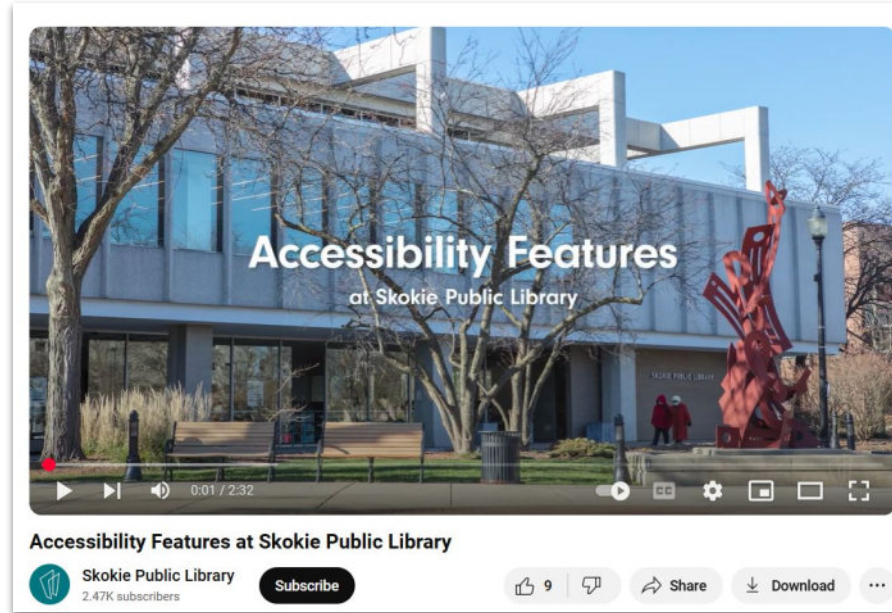
<https://www.oppl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Main-Library-Floor-Maps.pdf>

Post Video Tours for Building Changes



Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5wjaUI7lgk>

Promote Your Library's Accessibility



Skokie Public Library's Accessibility Video:

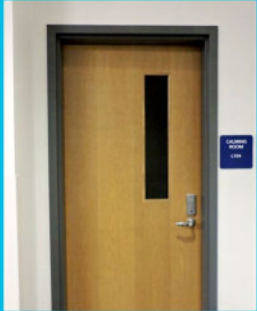
<https://youtu.be/E5GI9yOu0nM>

Provide Social Narratives

**Express Services at
Dakota County Library**
How to visit the library and use express services





**Calming
Space
Social
Narrative**



A social narrative
for using the
Galaxie Library
Calming Space



Going to the Library
A social narrative for visiting Galaxie Library



Learn more: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/Using/Accessibility/>

Develop Partnership Promo Videos



ASL Celebration Promotional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tibHhG4hnzs>

Feature People with Disabilities



Photo Shoot with local teen with disabilities

Promoting new Life Skills Kits

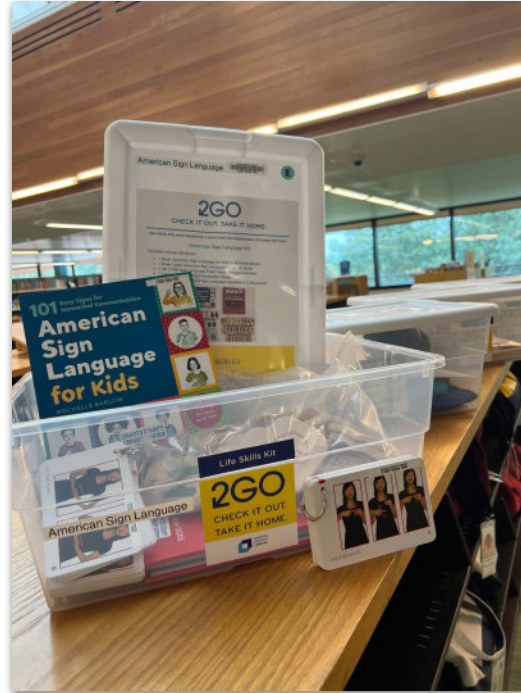
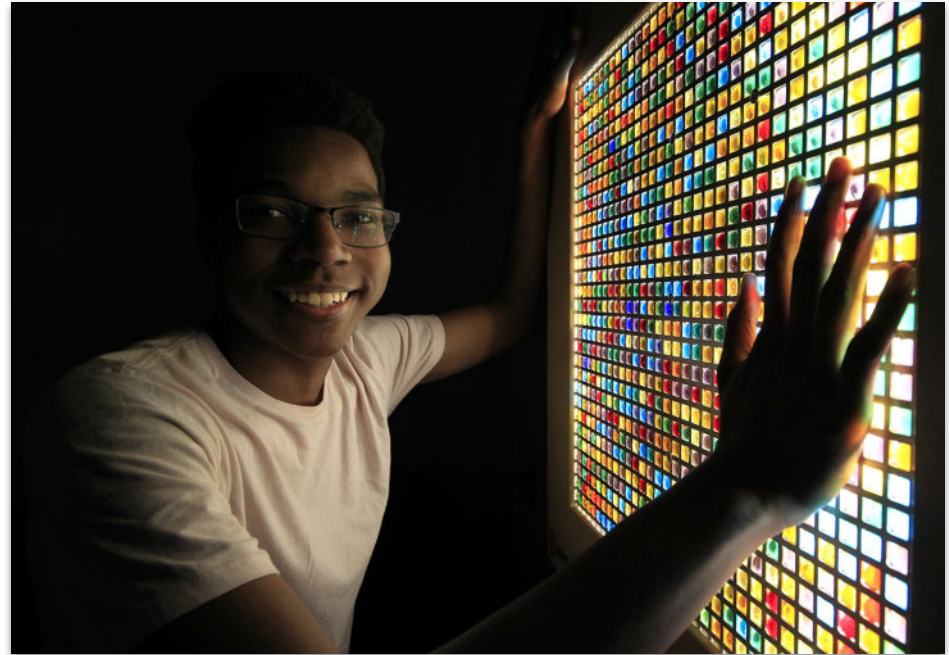
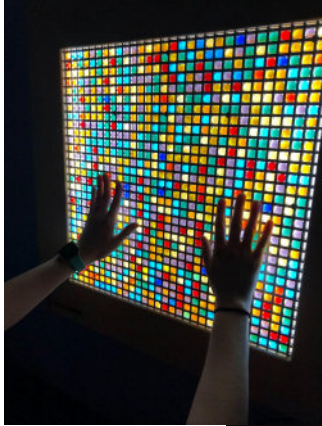


Photo Shoot with local teen with disabilities promoting new Calming Spaces



Write Inclusive Program Descriptions

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

Sunday, March 16, 2025

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

West Entrance

Families and individuals who need a quiet, uncrowded environment are invited to use the library before we open.



Explore the Kids Room, Teen Room, Studio, and materials on the first floor.

Enjoy games, crafts, and the option to interact with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs. Adaptive supports and the Sensory Break Room will be available.

Children are invited to stay for Melody and Motion Sensory Storytime at 12:15 pm.

Registration required. Enter from the west side of the library.

Glen Ellyn Public Library
Sensory Storytime

Fall 2016

An interactive storytime adapted for children with Autism or other special needs.

Sensory Storytime features books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses, with part of each session reserved for sensory play and socialization. Children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend. For kids ages 3-8 with an adult.

Saturday, September 10 • 1:30 to 2:30 pm
 Saturday, October 8 • 1:30 to 2:30 pm
 Saturday, November 12 • 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Reserve your spot at the Youth Information Desk, 630-790-6620 or at gepl.org.



400 Duane Street
 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
 630-469-9879
gepl.org

THU. JAN. 9
 10-10:45AM

Kids
 Ages: Birth-5

SENSORY STORYTIME



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SMALL GROUP

Adaptive Playtime
 Saturday, March 29, 10 am
 ages 0 - 6 years




WESTMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY westmontlibrary.org/events

DeLand Regional Library
Sensory Storytime
 Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.



Caregiver(s) and their children are invited to explore and learn through hands-on tactile play with our...

SENSORY BINS!

For 18 months - 3 years old

Bins may include water, whipped cream, and other food items, so be prepared to get a little messy!

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
 April 8 - May 27, 2025

Register weekly at salempl.org/calendar




Salem Public Library
 370 Essex St., Salem, MA
 (978) 744-0260

SENSORY playdate

Sat | Apr 5 | 10:30am or 3pm

Kids with sensory differences and/or disabilities and their families are invited to join us for a sensory-friendly storytime and playdate! Enjoy a short story and lots of open, sensory-based play, in a smaller and quieter environment. This is a judgement-free zone where kids can participate as little or as much as they want, and families will have the opportunity to meet other families who are on similar journeys! The program is aimed at children ages 0-5. Siblings are welcome.



Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us



Memory Cafe

First Wednesday of Each Month
 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
 Deerfield Library Meeting Rooms

SENSORY OLYMPICS

Celebrate the opening of the Summer Olympic Games! Try out our events with your family using all of your senses!

Friday, August 5, 2-4 PM

Pizza and Board Game Night

Group Games 6:00: Get to know you games:

1. Rock, Paper, Scissors
2. In a group at your table, everyone will play a game where you name 5 different things:
 - 5 movies
 - 5 things you put on pizza
 - 5 vegetables

Eat Pizza 6:15: Eat pizza and drink soda together

Play Games 6:30-Board Games

There will be different board games that you can play. Some of the games are:

- Connect 4
- Uno
- Jenga

Go Home 7:00 p.m.

Time to say goodbye and go home.

All Ability Activities at the County Library

Summer Adventure Bingo Bonanza

Friday June 21st
 Friday June 28th
 10:00 am- Noon

Enjoy some animal crafts and play summer adventure bingo to win fun animal prizes!

Activities are designed with Adults and Teens with intellectual disabilities in mind, but all abilities are welcome!

Groups are Welcome, registration is recommended!

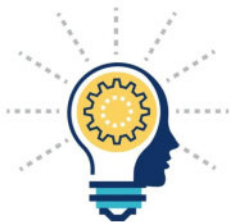
The County Library | Draper
 1136 E Pioneer Rd (12400 S) | Draper, Utah 84020 | 801.943.4636 | thecountylibrary.org

FRIDAY
APR 26
10 am-Noon

EXPLORE

at the
County Library

Library's Viridian Event Center



All Abilities Discovery

Explore this unique and inclusive event and discover nature, animals, science, crafts, and games in a welcoming and fun environment for individuals with neuro and physical divergence. This interactive gathering is open to people of all ages and abilities, and it is designed to foster a sense of community.

thecountylibrary.org/AllAbility

For more all-ability activities, search for "ability" at
thecountylibrary.org/events

Library's Viridian Event Center | 8030 S 1825 W



thecountylibrary.org



ALL ABILITIES FUN FRIDAYS

Higher needs adults ages 18+ are invited to explore, create and have fun in an inclusive environment! Supplies provided on a first come, first served basis. Different activities each month!



Main Library

2951 S. 21st Dr.

Friday, January 17th
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Meeting Room A

January Project: Q-Tip Snowflakes



Call Elia for more info: 928-373-6484

ALL ARE WELCOME:

Visit Galaxie Library for an inclusive and accessible library experience that welcomes people of all ages and abilities, including those who are on the autism spectrum or those with various sensory needs. Participate in art activities, complete a scavenger hunt, make a button, watch a 3-D printing demo, try Sensory Storytime and more. For more information, go to www.dakotacounty.us/library, search *Early Open*.

- › Presented in partnership with the Autism Society of Minnesota and Fraser
- › Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Disability Services Innovation Grant



EARLY ENTRY: AN ACCESSIBILITY HOUR

Sunday, February 16 at 11 am

Families and individuals with sensory sensitivities or disabilities are invited to explore the Kids Room and Teen Room before the library opens to the public.

Enjoy games, hands-on activities, and simple art, with an option to interact with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs. Adaptive supports and the Sensory Break Room will be available. Children are invited to stay for Melody and Motion Sensory Storytime at 12:15 pm. Registration required. Enter from the west side of the library.

5215 Oakton Street / Skokie, IL 60077 / 847-673-7774 / www.skokiellibrary.info





A Community Conversation

To further disability and mental health inclusion in Apple Valley

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6-7:30 p.m.

Dakota County Western Service Center
14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley



Individuals with disabilities live and work in our community. Join others from Apple Valley and neighboring areas for an important discussion about our dynamic community landscape and how we can foster acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities and mental health challenges.

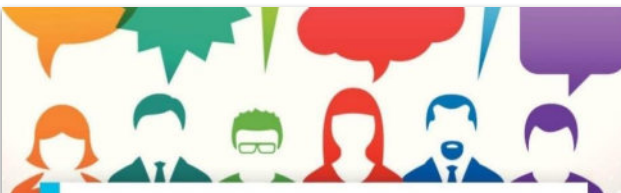
Discussion focus:

What it means to be inclusive

What resources are available to support people in the community

Practical steps we can take to be welcoming

Visit www.dakotacounty.us
search *community conversation*.



Communities Connect: Focus Groups on Library Accessibility

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS:

Help Dakota County Library enhance our services and build stronger relationships with you and the community. Join consultant and disability advocate Kevin James from K. James Consultations for an open dialogue about improving library experiences for people with disabilities and those who support individuals with disabilities. Share ideas and feedback to engage the Library in learning about our diverse community.

- American Sign Language interpretation will be available
- Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Disability Services Innovation Grant

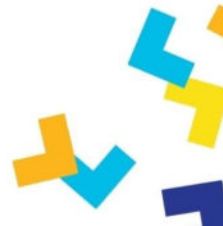
DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

Thursday, September 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wentworth Library
199 E. Wentworth Ave., West St. Paul
651-554-6800

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Farmington Library
508 Third Street, Farmington
952-438-0250

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Burnhaven Library
1101 W. Co. Road 42, Burnsville
952-891-0300

Monday, September 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Galaxie Library
14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley
952-891-7045



Design Accessible Signs & Graphics

Welcome back to the library!



Drop by during open hours for express services:



Pick up holds



Find items on the shelf



Use a computer



Check out items

Remember to follow our library safety guidelines:



Wear a mask



Keep visits brief



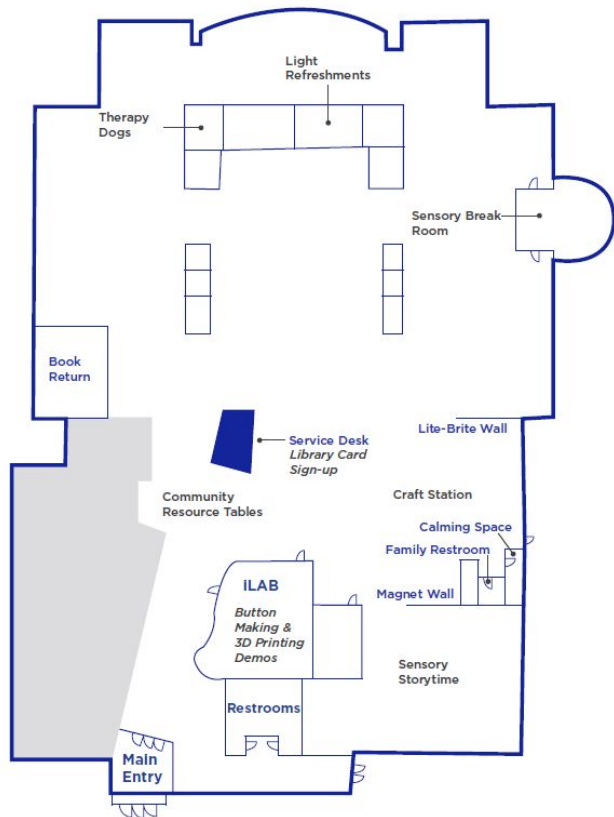
Stay 6 ft apart



Use hand sanitizer

Sensory-Friendly Early Open

Galaxie Library Activity Map



Sensory-Friendly Early Open

Program Outline

- 11 am-1 pm **Explore the library**
- 11 am-Noon **Therapy Dog Station**
L115 Meeting Room
- 12:15 pm **Sensory Storytime**
L139 Large Meeting Room
- 12:45 pm **Overhead announcement made**
- 1 pm **Library opens to general public**



ASL interpretation provided by American Sign Language Interpretation Services



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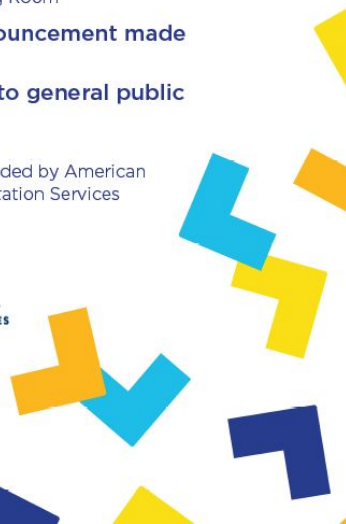
MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES



aasm
autism society of minnesota



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DAKOTA
COUNTY
LIBRARY

Find free programs,
services and
resources
for all
abilities.



- › Accessibility kits
- › Audio books
- › Autism book club
- › Calming spaces
- › Computer classes
- › Sensory-Friendly programs
- › Social narratives
- › **And more**

www.dakotacounty.us/library

A Calming Space

At Dakota County Library, we want everyone to feel welcome and part of our Library community, so we now offer the Calming Space at Galaxie Library.

The Calming Space is specially designed for individuals who need a comforting space to regulate while at the Library, especially those with autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing differences or other disability. Anyone can use the Calming Space.

The space is equipped with a guide to using the Calming Space and tools and manipulatives including:

- › Comfortable seating
- › Adjustable lighting
- › Sound machine
- › Noise-reducing headphones
- › Weighted blanket
- › Visual timer
- › Fidgets
- › Tactile objects



Going to the Library

Our social narrative "Going to the Library" helps explain what to expect during a visit to the Galaxie Library. Copies are available at the service desk, in the Calming Space or online at www.dakotacounty.us/library, search *Accessibility*.

Libraries can be busy places. We hope the Calming Space will help you and your family enjoy your visit to the Galaxie Library. If you have questions about the Calming Space, stop by our service desk or call 952-891-7045.

Furniture and materials are made possible by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Disability Services Innovation Grant.



Special thanks to the Autism Society of Minnesota and Fraser for their assistance and guidance.



Galaxie Library
14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley, MN

Promote Mental Health Resources



Dakota County Library
Feb 12, 2022 · 🌐

Dakota County Library provides books and other resources to help parents and caregivers navigate difficult conversations about community violence, trauma, and mental health with their children. Today and every day, the following picture books can be shared with kids to help support the emotional needs and mental well-being of families in Dakota County and beyond.

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Dakota County Library is 😊 feeling healthy.
May 8, 2024 · 🌐

Join DCL and Dakota County Public Health in celebrating May as Mental Health Awareness Month! Look for our displays of books and information, and please take a free green light bulb to show your support for mental health awareness! #MHAM2024

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Spotlight Collections



 **Arlington Heights Memorial Library** Oct 11, 2024 · 🌐

Get ready for this month's Favorite Things! Join us as we discuss books, movies and more that feature diverse disability representation. Meet library staff as they share their suggestions and leave with a great list of recommendations. Then share your own favorites in the discussion that follows.


You can also check out our Spotlight on the Collection display on our first floor for additional Inclusion Awareness Month recommendations.

Date and time: Tuesday, October 22, 7-7:45 p.m.
Location: Zoom
Register: <https://www.ahml.info/scheduling/reservation/153206>




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 **Dakota County Library** @dakotalib Following

This year's selection for "One Book, One Farmington" will give the community valuable information about caregiving and living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
[#DementiaAwareness](#)

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One Book, One Farmington initiative educates community about dementia trib.al/VMAioKw

9:58 AM - 24 Feb 2019


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 **Dakota County Library** Sunday at 8:00 AM · 🌐

Our new collection of Visit Kits is now available. These kits contain items designed for caregivers, family members, and friends to bring during visits with their loved ones who are experiencing memory loss. Materials in each kit are selected to gently spark memories, conversation and engagement. Check one out at the Wentworth Library, or place a hold through the catalog. <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/BooksMaterials/2GoKits/Pages/default.aspx>



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Promote Inclusive Programs




 **Dakota County Library**
Published by Jennifer Reichert Simpson · August 5, 2020 · 

Update: Event Registration Closed
Thank you to everyone who signed up for this series. We have now reached the maximum number of participants and have closed registration. We are excited to see the strong interest in this topic and will use it to inform our planning going forward.

Get a start on learning American Sign Language and exploring Deaf culture in this six-session virtual class "American Sign Language 101." Lessons are cumulative—participants should attend all sessi... See [More](#)



40,577 People Reached 5,035 Engagements **Boost Unavailable**



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Jan 23, 2014 · 

Join us this Saturday, January 25th for an afternoon of fun, recreational and inclusive gaming at our Adaptive Gaming Arcade for Teens with and without disabilities in the Info Commons
12pm - 3pm




 **Skokie Public Library**
Mar 14 · 



Families and individuals who need a quiet, uncrowded environment are invited to use the library before we open.

Enjoy games, crafts, a hands-on activity, and the option to interact with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs.

Sunday, March 16, 11 am

<https://skokielibrary.info/events/2022/early-entry-an-accessibility-hour>



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Market Tools and Supports



What to expect

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) Tech Kitchen staff will demonstrate assistive technology for the kitchen including voice control options for appliances, apps that can help with reading recipes, and adaptive kitchen tools for food preparation and kitchen safety. Learn about resources, programs and vendor information available through IATP, a nonprofit agency that promotes the availability of assistive technology services and programs for people with disabilities. Q&A will follow.

Presented as part of Inclusion Awareness Month.

Date and time: Friday, October 25, 1-2 p.m.

Location: Hendrickson Room

Register: <https://www.ahml.info/scheduling/reservation/160521>

A screenshot of a Facebook post from Dakota County Library. The post is dated January 28 and includes a text description of a Calming Space at the remodeled Galaxie Library. Below the text are three images: a person interacting with a large, colorful, grid-like display; a person using a green, maze-like tactile device; and a close-up of a hand pointing at a screen. The post has 127 reactions and 9 comments/21 shares.

Dakota County Library
January 28 · 🌐

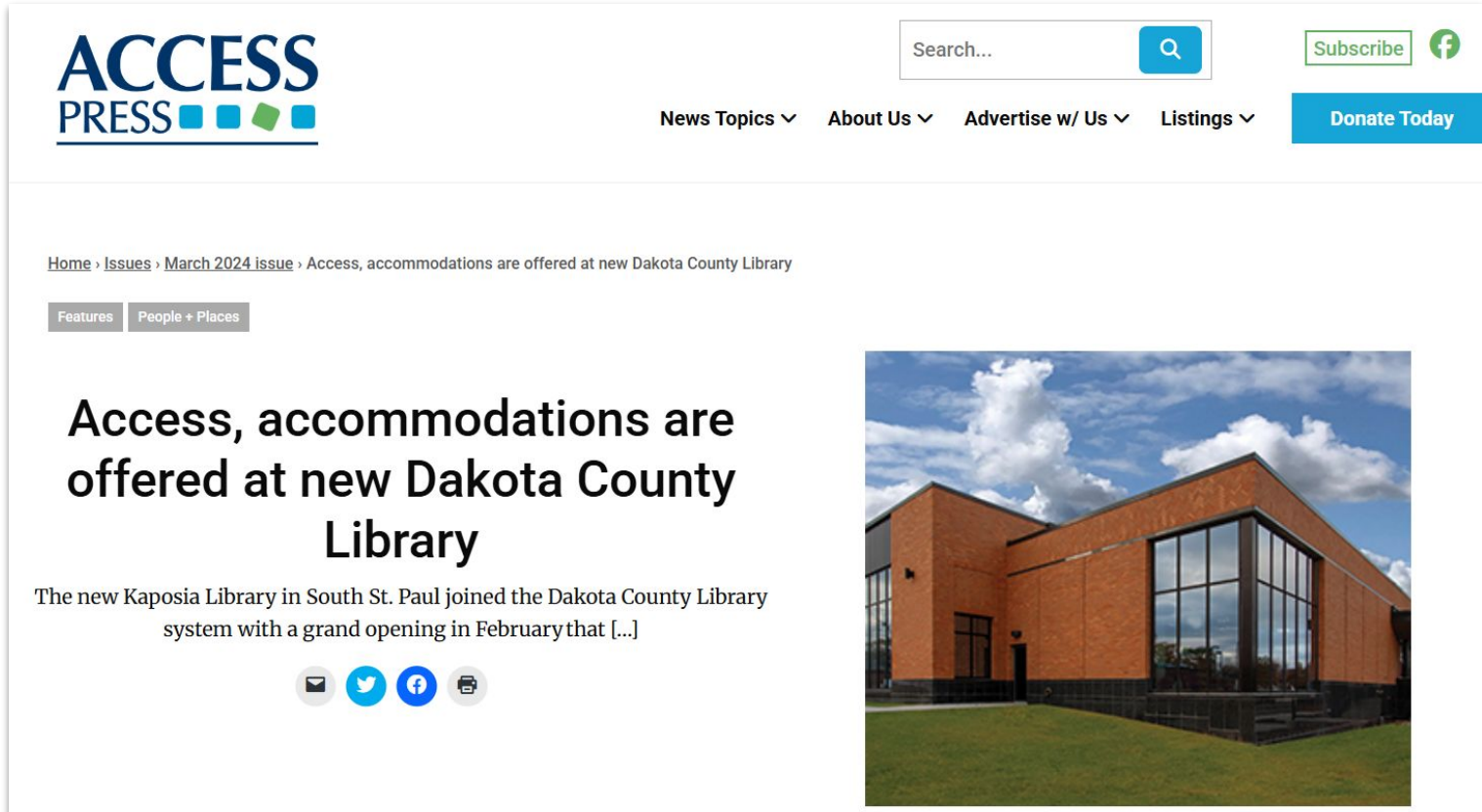
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Spread Awareness Through Press Releases



The screenshot shows a web page from ACCESS PRESS. The header includes the ACCESS PRESS logo, a search bar, a 'Subscribe' button with a Facebook icon, and a 'Donate Today' button. A navigation menu contains 'News Topics', 'About Us', 'Advertise w/ Us', and 'Listings'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Issues > March 2024 issue > Access, accommodations are offered at new Dakota County Library'. Below this are two tabs: 'Features' and 'People + Places'. The article title is 'Access, accommodations are offered at new Dakota County Library'. The sub-headline reads: 'The new Kaposia Library in South St. Paul joined the Dakota County Library system with a grand opening in February that [...]'. Social media icons for email, Twitter, Facebook, and Print are visible. On the right side, there is a large photograph of a modern brick building with large glass windows, identified as the new Kaposia Library.

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Celebrate Successes

Dakota County Library
October 14, 2018 · 🌐

Thanks to Fraser - Minnesota, The Autism Society of Minnesota and everyone who came to our first Sensory-Friendly Early Open at Galaxie Library.

Join us again on November 4 from 11 am to 1 pm for another Sensory-Friendly Early Open event—all ages, all abilities! 🙌
www.tinyurl.com/earlyopen



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Additional Resources

Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act (IITAA)

<https://doit.illinois.gov/initiatives/accessibility/iitaa.html>

Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oasam/centers-offices/civil-rights-center/statutes/section-504-rehabilitation-act-of-1973>

ADA Requirements: Effective Communication

<https://www.ada.gov/resources/effective-communication/>

IT Accessibility Laws and Policies: Section 508

<https://www.section508.gov/manage/laws-and-policies/>

Thank you!



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