



Services to Patrons with Disabilities

Purpose

The Nippersink Public Library District (“Library”) is committed to providing equitable and inclusive access to all members of the community. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws, the Library strives to ensure that individuals with disabilities can fully access and enjoy Library resources, services, and programs.

Policy Statement

The Library provides the same services to patrons with disabilities as it does to all other community members. In addition, the Library offers specialized services and reasonable accommodations to ensure that all patrons have equal opportunities to participate in Library programs, use Library facilities, and access Library materials.

The Library Director or their designee will serve as the primary contact for accessibility inquiries and accommodation requests.

Service Animals

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted in the Library. Under the ADA, a service animal is a dog that has been individually trained to perform tasks or do work for a person with a disability. In limited circumstances, miniature horses that have been similarly trained may also qualify as service animals.

Service animals must remain under the handler’s control at all times. They must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless these devices interfere with the service animal’s work or the individual’s disability prevents using them. Service animals may not engage in behavior that disrupts Library services, threatens health or safety, or otherwise interferes with other patrons’ use of the Library.

Animals that are not service animals, including pets and emotional support animals, are not permitted.

Program Accommodations

The Library will make every reasonable effort to provide accommodations for patrons with disabilities so they may fully participate in Library programs. Patrons requesting accommodations are asked to notify the Library at least seven (7) days in advance of the program. Requests made with less notice will be considered, but the Library cannot guarantee that accommodations can be provided.

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Homebound Services

The Library offers home delivery of books and other circulating materials to patrons whose disabilities prevent them from visiting the Library in person. Homebound services, including assistance with reference needs, must be scheduled at least seven (7) days in advance to ensure delivery can be arranged.