Archives and Library Accessibility

AMRT/RMRT Joint Working Group on Accessibility in Archives and Records Management

Working Group Charge
To contact and network with persons with physical impairments in the archives and records management profession (archivists, records managers, and researchers/patrons), identify and study the challenges for them in same, and develop tools to assist them in overcoming these challenges.

"Best Practices for Working with Archives Researchers with Disabilities"
http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/BestPract-Disabilities_Researchers.pdf

"Best Practices for Working with Archives Employees with Disabilities"
http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/BestPract-Disabilities_Employees.pdf

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"Making Archives Accessible for People With Disabilities"
Frank Serene
www.archives.gov/publications/misc/making-archives-accessible.pdf

"Library Accessibility –What You Need to Know"
ASCLA, Monique DeLatte, editor
Includes an extensive accessibility "toolkit"
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/ascla/asclaprotools/accessibilitytipsheets/index.cfm

"Archives and Libraries Accessibility for All"
Avery Olmstead Video
You Tube Video discusses how accessibility is a benefit to everyone.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBdVcWu03IU

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Accessibility Is For Everyone!

A Quick Guide to Accessibility and Archives

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http://www2.archivists.org/groups/amrtrmrt-working-group-on-accessibility

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Working Group Presentations

SAA 2011:
Thursday, August 25, Noon-1:15 pm

"Accessibility For All: Practical Tips for Creating Access in Archives"

SAA 2010:
"Archival Accessibility for All: An Awareness Forum"
http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/**4DCGI/events/**eventdetail.html?Action=Events_Detail&InvID_W=1681

SAA 2009:
"Strategies for Accommodating People with Physical Impairments and Disabilities in Archives"
http://www2.archivists.org/groups/amrtrmrt-working-group-on-accessibility

Accessibility Information Resources

Definitions:

Glossary of Disability-Related Terms
University of Washington

https://www.washington.edu/doit/Brochures/
Programs/glossary.html

Laws and Regulations

U.S. Department of Labor

http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/disability

International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resources
Syracuse University Law Library

http://www.law.syr.edu/library/
electronic-resources/
legal-research-guides/humanrights.aspx

Disability Studies:

Academic Literature
University of Washington

http://depts.washington.edu/disstud/
related-links

Video:

Accessibility: For Everyone's Benefit:
You Tube Video discusses how accessibility
is a benefit to everyone.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=U86PW0VdxeA

Disability-Related Organizations

Access Board

http://www.access-board.gov

International Disability Alliance
United Nations

http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org

Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)

http://www.w3.org/WAI

The International Disability-Research Discussion List

http://www.leeds.ac.uk/disability-studies/
discuss.htm

Trace: Research to Make Everyday Technologies Accessible & Usable
University of Wisconsin, Madison

trace.wisc.edu

Accessibility and Mobile Devices

Apple:
www.apple.com/accessibility

For Blackberries:
http://us.blackberry.com/support/devices/
blackberry_accessibility/

Find general information about mobile devices and accessibility:

http://www.w3.org/WAI/mobile/

Accessibility Tools and Gadgets

Voice Recognition Devices

For people who have limited physical dexterity.

Use speech to input information into a computer and to navigate applications, menus, and the Internet.

Text-to-Speech Software

For people with reading difficulties and/or visual impairments.

Written text on a computer, including email and web pages, is converted to audio files.

Screen Readers and Talking Browsers

For people with visual impairments.

Software that can 'speak' graphics and text.

Screen Magnification Software

For people with low vision.

Used to enlarge sections of computer screens.

Portable Note-Takers with Braille Display

For people with visual impairments.

Lightweight devices that include speech synthesizers. Some use Braille input, others use regular keyboard input.

Visual Organization Software

For people with learning disabilities.

Mind-mapping software that helps with note-taking and organizing information for reports.

Scanning and Literacy Software

For people with learning disabilities or who are blind.

Closed Circuit Television Video Magnifiers

For people with low vision.

Cameras that project images of documents, graphics, etc. on a television screen, computer monitor, etc.

Ergonomic Pointing Devices

Help to prevent strain and tension of upper extremity muscles.

Used to point or type on a keyboard—can be worn on the head, held in the hand or in the mouth, or strapped to the chin.

Head Tracking and On-Screen Keyboard

For people who have limited physical dexterity.

A reflective dot is worn on the forehead and a camera and software track the positioning and translate this into mouse movements and clicks.

Augmentative Communication Devices

Portable, lightweight devices that let users with physical disabilities communicate by punching various programmable labeled buttons.

Find More Tools and Definitions

Family Center on Technology and Disability
Assistive Technology Glossary
http://www.fctd.info/factsheet/glossary