

About the ADA

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) assures that citizens with disabilities may participate in public services.

Title II, Public Services, applies to publicly-funded libraries.

ADA protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in the services, programs, or activities of state and local governments.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) provides information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through a toll-free ADA Information Line. This service permits businesses, State and local governments, or others to call and ask questions about general or specific ADA requirements including questions about the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

ADA specialists are available Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 5:30 PM (eastern time) except on Thursday when the hours are 12:30 PM until 5:30 PM.

Spanish language service is also available.

For general ADA information, answers to specific technical questions, free ADA materials, or information about filing a complaint, call the DOJ at:
800 - 514 - 0301 (voice)
800 - 514 - 0383 (TTY)

U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act ADA home page

<http://www.ada.gov>

ADA Questions and Answers

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/q&aeng02.htm>

Guide for Job Seekers

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/workta.htm>

Service Animals FAQ

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/svcanimb.htm>

Public Resources for more Information

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/agency.htm>



Connecticut Library Association

ADA Committee

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About the ADA Committee

The Connecticut Library Association's Americans with Disabilities Act committee would like to help you provide the best possible service for people with disabilities in your community.

The committee helps CLA plan accessible programs and workshops for the library community and is also committed to helping local libraries make their resources and programs more accessible to people with disabilities.

The committee's charge is to "coordinate with other CLA sections, other organizations and agencies,



and the library community about how the ADA af-

fects all aspects of library services. This includes recruiting new personnel, working with coworkers who have disabilities, building design and access, collection development, public relations, web page design and adaptive technology, and meeting the service needs of library patrons who have disabilities."

Help for your library programs

The committee has developed resources to help make library programs accessible. They are available at:
www.ctlibraryassociation.org/adares.htm

While these documents have been developed to assist CLA in making its programs accessible, they can also give guidance to library program planners.

The documents offer advice on:
* What to look for to make certain your meeting site is accessible for people who have different types of disabilities

- How to arrange and offer refreshments
- How to plan for and present an accessible presentation
- How to publicize your event

They also include:

- Examples of accommodations that may be requested by those with different disabilities
- Links to online resources about the Americans With Disabilities Act
- A sample interview with a person who has a disability to determine what accommodations may be needed.

For more information

If you would like more information about the ADA Committee, our program offerings and workshops, or are interested in joining, please let us know by filling out this form.

Would you like to be contacted for events and workshops on the topic of ADA?

Yes

Are you interested in joining this committee?

Yes

Your name

Library name

Library address

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