

Adaptive Equipment and Services

The Everett Public Library makes every effort to accommodate all its patrons. The following services and adaptive equipment are available:

A hearing loop system in the Auditorium in the Main Library for those with a hearing impairment and hearing aids/cochlear implants equipped with a T-coil

A Sorenson videophone near the 2nd floor reference desk at the Main Library

Computer settings that may be adjusted to provide magnification, on screen keyboard, a narrator, or more contrast are available on any public computer.

Library materials are available in a variety of formats including audiobooks, DVDs, and large print. Staff can help you find materials suitable for your needs. Special accommodations available to patrons include pulling requested materials in advance of your visit, and putting together collections of materials for nursing and retirement facilities. Please contact the Circulation Office at the Main Library to request these services at 425-257-8010.

Reasonable Accommodation: Americans with Disabilities Act

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, states in part that “that no otherwise qualified disabled individual, shall solely by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination” in programs or activities sponsored by a public entity.

Effective Communication: Everett Public Library will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in library programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: Everett Public Library will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Everett Public Library, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Everett Public

Library, should contact the office Anita Johansen, 425-257-8012, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Everett Public Library to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of Everett Public Library is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Anita Johansen, 425-257-8012.

Everett Public Library will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.