

Resources for Accessibility and the Arts

The following resource list is not exhaustive. It is intended to serve as a guide for seeking additional information and/or assistance to ensure that your programs and activities are accessible to and useable by people with disabilities and their friends and families.

Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the author or the Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium (CCAC). This information is provided for informational purposes only.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADA (FEDERAL AGENCIES):

U.S. Department of Justice Regulations:

- Title II (Local and State Government owned and operated programs and services) http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_regulations.pdf
- Title III (Privately owned and operated programs and services) http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/titleIII_2010_regulations.pdf
- ADA Accessibility Standards 2010 (Current Accessibility Standards for renovations, additions and new construction of buildings and facilities) http://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm

U.S. Department of Justice ADA Technical Assistance Materials:

ADA Update: A Primer for Small Business

<http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm>

Fact Sheet re: Service Animals http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

Fact Sheet re: Ticketing Requirements http://www.ada.gov/ticketing_2010.htm

Fact Sheet re: Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD)

<http://www.ada.gov/opdmd.htm>

Fact Sheet re: Effective Communication <http://www.ada.gov/effective-comm.htm>

Fact Sheet: Expanding Your Market - Maintaining Accessibility in your Museum

http://www.ada.gov/business/museum_access.htm

Fact Sheet: Expanding Your Market - Accessible Information Exchange: Meeting on a Level Playing Field <http://www.ada.gov/business/accessiblemtg.htm>

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National Endowment for the Arts Technical Assistance Materials:

Tip Sheet: 2010 Revised Regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act Titles II and III <http://arts.gov/sites/default/files/NEA-ADA-TipSheet-v2.pdf>

Design for Accessibility: A Cultural Administrators Handbook
<http://arts.gov/publications/design-accessibility-cultural-administrators-handbook>

Everyone's Welcome: The Americans with Disabilities Act and Museums
Collaborative publication and available for \$35.00 from <http://www.aam-us.org>

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADA AND ACCESSIBILITY (OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES)

LEAD – Leadership Exchange in Arts and Culture (John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts)

Tip Sheets/Books and Brochures:
<http://www.kennedy-center.org/accessibility/education/lead/resources.html>

Tip Sheets:

- The Color Red in Design
- Captioning and CART
- Large Print Programs
- Radio Frequency, Induction Loop, and Infrared Assistive Listening Systems
- Producing and Distributing Braille and Large Print Programs
- Service Animals and the Revised ADA Regulations
- Staff Training Resources
- Universal Design Resources on the Web
- Universal Principles of Online Accessible Ticketing
- The Impact of the 2010 Regulations on Hold and Release Policies for Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Books and Brochures:

- Assistive Listening Devices for People with Hearing Loss – A Guide for Performing Arts Settings
- Audio Description for People with Vision Loss – A Guide for Performing Arts Settings
- Sensory Friendly Programming for People with Social & Cognitive Learning Disabilities

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Bodies of Work – Network of Disability Arts and Culture

Accessibility Manual For Bodies Of Work: Festival of Disability Arts & Culture

http://www.bodiesofworkchicago.org/images/Documents/bow_manualUpdated.pdf

Arts Midwest – Web Based Resources

<http://www.artsmidwest.org/resources/accessibility>

Sign Language Interpreting for the Stage

<http://terptheatre.com/>

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Web Accessibility Guidelines/Standards –

W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)- <http://www.w3.org/WAI/>

Section 508 Web Accessibility Standards - <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards/section-508-standards>

U.S. DOJ Fact Sheet on Web Accessibility for Local and State Governments -

<http://www.ada.gov/websites2.htm>

Web Accessibility “Checking” Tools –

WAI “Easy Checks” Tool for evaluating accessibility -

<http://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/preliminary.html>

WAVE – Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool - <http://wave.webaim.org/>

AC Checker - <http://achecker.ca/checker/index.php>

Knowbility – Organization that has done a lot of work with the Arts/Culture Community regarding Web Accessibility. They perform web accessibility evaluations. Executive Director Sharon Rush has presented at numerous Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability (LEAD) conferences - <http://www.knowbility.org/>

ILLINOIS/CHICAGO ACCESSIBILITY SPECIFIC RESOURCES:

Chicago Accessibility Code – Questions should be directed to the Mayor’s Office for Persons with Disabilities (MOPD) Accessibility Compliance Unit
<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mopd/provdrs/comply.html>

Illinois Accessibility Code
<http://www.illinois.gov/cdb/business/codes/pages/illinoisaccessibilitycode.aspx>

Easy Access Chicago – On-line guide to accessible locations and services
<http://www.easyaccesschicago.org/>

Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act Standards – State of Illinois Web Accessibility Standards that apply to State Government Entities but can be used as a guide for other entities as well <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32765>

Great Lakes ADA Center – Regional ADA Center for Technical Assistance and Training on the ADA
Phone: 800-949-4232 (V/TTY)
www.adagreatlakes.org

Open Doors Organization – Training and guidance in marketing strategies to target people with disabilities, ADA compliance and customer service
Phone: 773-388-8839
www.opendoorsnfp.org