Services for Persons with Disabilities

This information is available on the Web, at: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/accessibility

The staff of the Rutgers University Libraries provide services and/or accommodations aimed at equalizing access to library resources. It may be to your advantage to make an appointment for non-routine accommodations so that appropriate staff can be scheduled to provide timely assistance.

Services

Some examples of the services that may be provided, in addition to services such as document delivery or interlibrary loan, include:

- retrieval of materials from the stacks
- physical assistance with searching the Libraries’ online catalog, related databases, and manual files and assistance with using microform and audiovisual equipment
- reference or other assistance by appointment
- photocopying assistance for on-site copying
- modified reserve loan periods

For questions about more specific services at a particular library call the individual from each library designated as coordinator for services for persons with disabilities, or for a smaller library, call the number listed in this guide. For answers to questions relating to library system-wide services or suggestions for service improvement, call the Libraries’ Coordinator of Services for Persons with Disabilities, Megan Lotts, at 848/932–7189. Services provided by the law libraries may vary; check with those libraries directly for more information.

For information about non-library services, call the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities at your college of enrollment or affiliation (see: https://ods.rutgers.edu/).
Access

All libraries are wheelchair accessible. Information on the best path to each library is available by calling the individual library directly.

The Libraries’ online catalog and databases are available on the Libraries website at http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu. There are computers available in all the libraries and campus computing facilities, as well as remote access via your own computer connected to the University’s network.

Adaptive Equipment

The Libraries are continuing to acquire adaptive technology for patron use. The equipment is purchased with the understanding that it can be moved from library to library as user needs dictate and as feasible.

Six Kurzweil reading machines for learning disabled patrons are located in the Alexander, Douglass, and Kilmer Libraries, and the Library of Science and Medicine in New Brunswick/Piscataway; the Dana Library in Newark; and the Robeson Library in Camden. The Kurzweil machines are connected to computers so that data can be downloaded.

Five computers with JAWS software, which reads aloud what is on the screen, are available in the Alexander, Douglass, and Kilmer Libraries, and the Library of Science and Medicine in New Brunswick/Piscataway, Dana Library in Newark and the Robeson Library in Camden.

CCTV video magnifiers are located in the Alexander, Dana, Douglass, Kilmer, and Robeson Libraries, and the Library of Science of Medicine.

Major Libraries / Coordinators

ARCHIBALD S. ALEXANDER LIBRARY
169 College Avenue/College Avenue Campus
Coordinator: Joe Abraham
Phone: 848/932–5999
Email: joseph.abraham@rutgers.edu
Access Services: 848/932–7851

The front of the building has an inclined entrance with automatic doors. Elevators, with accessible controls and Braille markings, connect all floors. There is designated parking in the nearby parking deck, in the parking lot on the Huntington Street side of the building and a handicapped parking meter on College Avenue at the main entrance. All rest rooms are accessible. There are accessible water fountains, telephones and study carrels. The copy center has an adapted photocopier.

LIBRARY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE
165 Bevier Road/Busch Campus
Coordinator: Holly Muller
Phone: 848/445–3523
Email: hollym@rci.rutgers.edu
Access Services: 848/445–3854

The library has automatic outside doors. An outside ramp and rail lead from the parking lot, which has designated parking. First floor rest rooms have outside push plate door openers and adapted facilities. Telephones on the first floor are installed at wheelchair height. There are study desks designed for wheelchair access. Accessible parking spaces are located in lot #58 closest to the library entrance.

MABEL SMITH DOUGLASS LIBRARY
8 Chapel Drive/Douglass–Cook Campus
Coordinator: Chiaki Mills
Phone: 848/932–5014
Email: ocicats@rulmail.rutgers.edu
Access Services: 848/932–9411

There is a wheelchair accessible ramp at the rear of the building and button at the door to ring for staff assistance. There is designated parking in the rear parking lot. There is elevator access to all floors. Accessible water fountains and rest rooms are located on the main level and rest rooms on the level 1, the lowest level of the library.

KILMER LIBRARY
75 Avenue E/Livingston Campus
Coordinator: Joseph Asaro
Phone: 848/445–3167
Email: jasaro@rulmail.rutgers.edu
Access Services: 848/445–3613

The main entrance has a ramp and automatic doors. Designated parking is available. Elevators connect all floors but assistance is needed to work the controls. Accessible rest rooms are located on all levels. The entire building is wheelchair accessible.