

[Accessibility](#)

We are committed to making our buildings, collections, programs, and services accessible to all members of the community. Anyone encountering difficulties in making full use of the Library is encouraged to contact the Outreach Services Manager at 812-349-3103 or [ada \[at\] mcpl.info](mailto:ada@mcpl.info). For more information, please see the [Americans with Disabilities Act Notice](#).

AccessAbility



People with Disabilities
Welcome

Council for Community Accessibility,
Community and Family Resources Department,
City of Bloomington



The Downtown Library is recognized by the City of Bloomington's [AccessAbility Program](#) and is certified as a [Level I and Level II Dementia Friendly Business](#) by the Alzheimer's Resource Service.

Building Accessibility

Bloomington: The Downtown Library has three accessible parking spots in its lot. There are additional accessible metered spots on surrounding streets. Wheelchairs, rollators, and an electric mobility cart are available at building entrances and a public elevator provides access to all floors. [Bloomington Transit's](#) BTaccess can provide public transportation for people with disabilities. A [contactless pickup window](#) is available off of the parking lot, along with 24-hour material returns. Service animals are welcome.

[Building Map \(PDF\)](#)

Ellettsville: The Ellettsville Branch has two accessible parking spots in its lot. A wheelchair and rollator are available at the building's main entrance. Service animals are welcome.

Outreach Services

House Calls Service: We provide personalized delivery of materials to Monroe County residents who are unable to visit the Library due to physical disability, extended illness, or significant transportation problems. Items are selected based on patron requests and preferences, and are delivered once a month. This service is free to Monroe County residents.

Bookmobile: The Bookmobile is the Library on wheels! It offers ever-changing collections of high-demand materials for all ages including bestselling books, recent and classic movies on DVD, audiobooks, music CDs, magazines, and more. The Bookmobile also offers holds pickup, materials return, and staff information assistance. It has regular stops throughout Monroe County to make accessing materials more convenient for you.

Outreach Van Service: The Outreach Van provides library materials to residents of assisted-living and senior-living facilities. Using rolling carts, our staff set up a temporary mini-library in the lobby or activity room of facilities, and check out materials directly to patrons. Outreach Van patrons typically must be residents, staff, or approved guests of the facility being served, in accordance with the policies of each specific site.

Children's Services

[Neurodiversity webpages](#) provide several resources for teachers and caregivers of individuals who are neurodivergent with a focus on dyslexia and autism spectrum disorder.

Accessible Collections

- [Audiobooks](#) (on CD) ([new arrivals](#))
- [Audiobooks](#) (downloadable) ([new arrivals](#))
- [Playaways](#) (self-contained digital audiobooks) ([new arrivals](#))
- [Indiana State Library Talking Book & Braille Library](#)

- [Large print books \(new arrivals\)](#)
- [eBooks \(new arrivals\)](#)
- [DVDs with closed captioning or subtitles](#)
- [DVDs with descriptive audio tracks](#)
- [Toys](#)
- Touch and Feel books

Programs

We encourage people of all abilities to participate in our programming! If you need accommodations, you may indicate so when registering through the [calendar](#), or by contacting the Outreach Services Manager at 812-349-3103 or [ada \[at\] mcpl.info](mailto:ada@mcpl.info). Please make your request as early as possible, ideally at least a week prior to the event, so that we can make arrangements.

Caregivers

Caregivers of those who require assistance are welcome in age-restricted spaces such as The Ground Floor and the Ellettsville Teen Space. Please ask a staff member for a "Guide" nametag. Caregiver restrooms are available in the Downtown Library and Ellettsville Branch.



Assistive Listening

The Downtown Library Auditorium has a hearing loop system, allowing participants with compatible hearing aids and cochlear implants to receive the audio signal. Headphones with wireless receivers are also available.

For Library events in various meeting rooms, a portable assistive listening kit is available. This kit works with either your own compatible hearing aids or the Library's headphone sets. Just ask the program presenter or ask at any information desk.

Public Computing

[Downtown Library](#) | [812-349-3050](tel:812-349-3050)

303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47408

[Ellettsville Branch](#) | [812-876-1272](tel:812-876-1272)

All public computers run Windows and include Microsoft's Ease of Access Center. Please ask a staff member for assistance in using these accessibility features.

Equipment

The Downtown Library provides access to an EVS electronic magnifier located in the VITAL Resource Room, on the second floor.

Reading glasses and magnifying glasses are available at customer assistance desks at the Downtown Library and Ellettsville Branch. [We also offer free glasses](#) in common strengths, many of which are donated by the Ivy Tech Optometric Technology program.

An [Xbox Adaptive Controller and peripherals](#) are available exclusively at the Downtown Library in The Ground Floor teen space. Designed primarily to meet the needs of gamers with limited mobility, the Xbox Adaptive Controller is a unified hub for devices that helps make gaming more accessible.

[The Mobility Aids Lending Library \(MALL\)](#) is an initiative started by a local group of women with physical disabilities (aka "the Wheelie Women") to serve the greater Bloomington community. The MALL program matches "gently used" mobility devices free of charge to those who cannot afford them or only need them for a short period of time. Items may include: canes, crutches, walkers, rollators, and wheelchairs (both manual and powered). Those interested in dropping off or picking up items, or learning more about the program, can do so at the Downtown Library on the last Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

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