

Sulphur Springs Public Library ADA Services Policy for People with Disabilities

Sulphur Springs Public Library in conjunction with the American Library Association recognizes that people with disabilities are a large and neglected minority in the community and are presented with many personal challenges with regard to access to information and resources in libraries. With this in mind, it is our sole purpose to provide ample access to all tools and resources at the library.

Accessibility:

Sulphur Springs Public Library is an ADA compliant facility and is equipped with structural and visibly accessible, compliant areas throughout the library building. The library entryway, both main and secondary entrances, provides access to either traditional or electronically operated wheelchairs via a temporary loading zone and short-term parking area. Restrooms are designed to provide ample walkways for wheelchair access or persons with limited mobility upon entering and exiting the facility.

Computer Access:

The library provides at least one computer workstation at all times which is accessible for the disabled in addition to a mobile chair to facilitate ease of use. Staff will not be accessible to transport library furnishing across the floor or to regions other than their originally designated locale of the computer workstation. Likewise, patrons may not partake in the random transport of library furniture beyond any designated ADA computer area and should be accompanied by an additional party member if they require further assistance with mobility issues or matters pertaining to the relocation of their personal belongs or help with acquiring shelf or library materials access.

Circulation and Checkout:

Sulphur Springs Public Library may provide on occasion extended loan periods and extended holds periods for disabled patrons upon request and/or identifiable or verifiable disability. Remote access to the OPAC for renewal of some library items is available. The Language (ASL) Interpreter program or the real-time captioning program are currently unavailable at the library; this also includes radio reading services, however, these may be included at a later date.

Resources and Materials:

Resources and materials are available in multiple formats for patrons with disabilities. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's Talking Book Program for patrons with visual impairment is available upon request and must be submitted online by accessing the library's website directly at <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/index.html>. Talking books are accessible to

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patrons in good standing with Sulphur Springs Public Library and to patrons who have no existent fines, service fees, or long overdue charges pending against their accounts. Please check the Texas State Library and Archives Commission website for details and special requirements/ or exclusions.

Restrooms and Study Areas:

ADA compliant stalls and handrails are existent throughout all restrooms, with easy access via ample breezeways and entrances. Study tables with ergonomically suited heights of 38” allow for wheelchair access. Additionally, space of 33” between library stacks allows mobile access for wheelchair patrons seeking direct access to library materials.