VENICE LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 6

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #: 12 A

ITEM: ACCESSIBILITY EFFORTS

Vickie Sciocca, Librarian, Adult & Teen Services, Danville Library, will update Commissioners on accessibility efforts put forth by the Library to serve customers’ accessibility needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None
Accessibility

Guide Information
Last: Aug 28th, 2011
Update:
Guide URL: http://guides.ccclib.org/accessibility
Description: The Contra Costa County Library provides access for people in a number of ways, including technology solutions, free services, resource information, etc.
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Collections

Featured Titles
The Special Needs Parent Handbook (eBook) by Jonathan Singer
http://ccc.lib.overdrive.com/ContentDetails.htm?id=F1DA4E62-C3D3-4152-AB84-E49A58DB6AF
Covers such subjects as finding babysitters, planning a financial future, working with school districts, and keeping the family together.

Freedom Machines - Downloadable Video
An award-winning PBS Special that dramatically reframes our ideas about "disability" through personal stories of people aged 8-83 whose lives are being transformed with the help of new technologies.

- A Wheelchair Rider's Guide: San Francisco Bay and the nearby coast by Bonnie Lewkowicz
- Way to Go Contra Costal A Guide to Transportation Resources in Contra Costa County

Library Materials
The Library offers
- Large print books
- Audio books (on CD or cassette)
- Closed captioned videos and DVDs
- Described videos and DVDs
- Digital audiobooks, eBooks, and videos from the OverDrive Downloadable Media Collection
- Accessible eBooks for the print-impaired
- RSS feeds to receive information on new arrivals of large print books and audio materials
- Ability Magazine
- New Mobility Magazine
Find in our Collection

Downloadable Audiobooks

A sampling of titles available from our Downloadable Media Collection.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow - Washington Irving
ISBN: 0306035141
The well-known tale of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman of Katrina Van Tassel has become a classic ghost story.

The 4-Hour Workweek - Timothy Ferris
Whether you dream of escaping the rat race, experiencing high-end world travel, earning a monthly five-figure income with zero management, or just living more and working less.

Jeff in Venice, Death in Venice - Thomas Mann
Dyson's translation and commentary of the beautiful moth and salmon inven, an engaging commentary of the history, geography, and psychology of Venice and the Venetians, are brilliant.

Downloadable eBooks

go to the Library's Downloadable Media site and click on the box that says "accessible eBooks for the print-impaired."

If you have a disability that makes it difficult or impossible to read a printed book, you most likely will qualify for this free service. Qualified patrons can download up to 20 accessible eBooks each month for a full year at no charge!

The catalog of accessible eBooks is currently more than 70,000 titles, including best sellers and new releases.

Simple Tricks/Tips

1. How do I magnify images on a website?

A. You can make everything on the page larger by pressing the CTRL button with the "+" button. Hold the CTRL button down (usually located at bottom left corner of keyboard); then press the "+" key (top right of keyboard, contains "+" and "-" any number of times to zoom in on the page).

Press CTRL with the "-" button to zoom out, or to make things smaller again.

Braille and Talking Book Library

The California State Library loans braille, cassette, and digital talking books, magazines, and playback equipment to Northern Californians who cannot read standard print due to visual or physical limitations.

All community libraries have applications for patrons to register with the California State Library Braille and Talking Book Library to have tapes and equipment made available to them. You can also download the application here.

- Novels, mysteries, westerns, biographies, magazines, and more on cassette, downloadable audio, braille and electronic braille
- Registers individuals for telephone access to local and national newspaper services
- Books and equipment are mailed postage free to and from readers.

Featured Websites

- Good30
- National Federation of the Blind Novice
- National Federation of the Blind of California
- National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

http://guides.ccclib.org/content.php?pid=79947&sid=597401

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Job Services for the Disabled

Job search handbook for people with disabilities
by Daniel J. Rybn

- ABILITY Jobs
  A resume bank dedicated to providing a place where people with disabilities can seek employment, confident they will be evaluated solely on their skills and experience.

- Job TIPS
  Offers tools for job seekers with disabilities to identify compatible employment opportunities as well as interview and work site advice.

- Talent Knows No Limits
  A comprehensive public education resource for the promotion of hiring persons with disabilities. Includes sections for job seekers, employers, and service providers.

Americans with Disabilities Act

- ADA Business Connection
  A comprehensive site of ADA links.

- ADA Hotlinks and Document Center
  A comprehensive site of ADA links.

- Guide for Restaurants and Other Food Service Employers
  Online lessons for business owners covering accessible design, removing barriers, maintaining accessibility, cost issues, etc.

- The ADA: Your Responsibilities as an Employer
  Guides for employers.

- The Americans with Disabilities Act: A Primer for Small Businesses
  A step-by-step, easy-to-read overview of the basic employment provisions of the ADA as they relate to employees and job applicants.

- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  Comprehensive site with facts sheets on age, disability, equal pay, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, and sexual harassment.

Community Resources

- 211 Database - Contra Costa Crisis Center
- Acumen Northern California
- ARC Inroads
- Center for Accessible Technology
- Center for Adaptive Learning
- Center for Independent Living
- Deaf & Disabled Telecommunication Program
- Disability Rights California
- Elder Care Management Contra Costa County
- Futures Explorers
- Lafayette Special Parents for Special Kids (SP/KE)
- Resources for Parents of Children with Disabilities
- Workability I - A California Transition Program - Students Learn to Earn

Comments (0)

Articles

- Berkeley's Ed Roberts Campus has access for all

Comments (0)
Assistive Technologies and Programs - Accessibility - Guides at Contra Costa County Lib...

Assistive Technologies and Programs

Visually Impaired

- Monitor with a large 29 inch screen
- Large Print Keyboard
- Trackball Mouse
- 20/20 Pen
- Signature Guide
- 3x Handheld Magnifier

ZoomText with special keyboards are available on selected computers at the Pleasant Hill, Antioch, San Pablo, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek community libraries.

Closed Captioned Televisions (CCTVs)

Read, write, or engage in your favorite hobby

Topaz by Freedom Scientific - 22 inch screen desktop video magnifier

- Walnut Creek Library—located on the 2nd floor near the library's magazines, newspapers, and reference books. (Gift from the Walnut Creek Lions Club)
- Lafayette Library and Learning Center—located near the adult magazines and newspapers. (Gift from the The Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center)
- Merlin - 24 inch screen LCD desktop video magnifier
- Antioch, Hercules, and Clayton community libraries.
- Optelec Spectrum - 20 inch monitor that magnifies up to 7x.
- El Cerrito, Orinda, and Moraga community libraries.

Kurzweil software is coming this summer!

Comments (1)

TOPAZ CCTV Instructional Video

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Project Second Chance: The Library's Adult Literacy Program, Serving Adults with Reading Disabilities

Paws to Read: Reading Therapy Dogs at the

Clayton, Danville, Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek, community libraries

- WorkAbility placements countywide (students in Contra Costa County)
- ALIVE volunteers at the Antioch Library: Futures Explored
- Volunteers at the Lafayette Library (adults with disabilities)
- Book clubs held at local senior centers (contact San Ramon Library and Brentwood Library)
- Wednesday Club, Antioch Library (scheduled with ARC Inroads—a community-based program for adults with development disabilities) monthly programs, volunteer opportunities, Wii gaming

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Pictograms

in Antioch, San Ramon, and Lafayette community libraries are using pictograms to help library users, including those with learning differences, those for whom English is not their native language, and those who are adult learners, navigate the Deskey Circulation System.

The pictograms are excellent examples of universal access. Read more about pictograms here.

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Early Literacy Stations

Early Literacy Stations are located at the following community libraries:

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