

Workshop #1: Accessibility and Inclusion for Patrons with Disabilities: The Basic



Handout #2

ALA Policy

1. The Scope of Disability Law: Providing equitable access for people with disabilities is required by federal law.
2. Library Services: Libraries must not discriminate against people with disabilities. Libraries should provide accommodations and include people with disabilities in the planning and evaluation of library spaces.
3. Facilities: Libraries are required to follow ADA regulations regarding physical space.
4. Collections: Library materials must be accessible to patrons with disabilities and various formats.
5. Assistive Technology: Libraries should integrate assistive technologies into their libraries based on communications with people with disabilities, agencies, organizations, and vendors.
6. Employment: Libraries should recruit people with disabilities into the LIS (Library and Information Science) field and provide accessible job postings and applications.
7. Library Education, Training, and Professional Development: All graduate programs should teach patrons about accessibility, assistive technology, and the needs of people with disabilities regarding library services.
8. ALA Conferences: ALA conferences must be held at locations that are accessible to people with disabilities.
9. ALA Publications and Communications: Works published under ALA must be available in alternative formats.