

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



Handout #3

The Law

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973: bans discrimination based on disability in federal programs and federal funding institutions.

Section 508: is a part of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is a law that requires all federal agencies to provide people with disabilities equal access to electronic and information technologies.

The Americans with Disabilities Act: prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. People with disabilities are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as able-bodied people.

ADA Library Examples:

1. Tables at the library should have 27-inch high clearance and 19 inches of depth.
2. The space between furniture should be 40 inches.
3. The top row at the stacks shouldn't be higher than 48 inches.
4. Aisles should have at least 36 inches of clearance, but 42 inches is preferred.
5. Service desks (reference, check out, etc.) shouldn't be higher than 36 inches.
6. The floor should be smooth and bump-free.