# Services for Persons with Disabilities

The CSI Library is committed to providing equal access to all library materials, programs, and services by all its patrons, including those with disabilities. Both librarians and staff members working at the public service desks make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests from students, faculty, and staff requiring assistance. In particular, the library pays special attention to students who, having a documented disability, are registered with the Center for Student Accessibility

## Physical Access to the Library

The CSI Library is a physically accessible facility. An automatic push-pad opens the library's main entrance. Upper levels of the library are accessible by two elevators. The elevator leading to the two upper levels, floors 2 and 3, of library stacks is located to the left of the rotunda upon entering. The elevator leading to the library's Media Services is located immediately to the right upon entering.

## Stack Access

Persons who are unable to access the book stacks may request that the material be retrieved by contacting the Circulation Desk at 718.982.4011 or the Library Liaison to the Center for Student Accessibility at 718.982.4064 or Rebecca.adlerschiff@csi.cuny.edu

## Photocopiers

An accessible photocopy machine is located in the Reference area and if personal assistance is needed, please contact the Library Liaison to the Center for Student Accessibility at 718.982.4064 or Rebecca.adlerschiff@csi.cuny.edu

## Assistive Technology Available

The First Floor Reference Area houses the following assistive equipment:

- **Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)** -- 718.982.4096 -- enabling reference communication between the librarian and deaf or hearing impaired patrons

- **CCTV (Closed Circuit Television)** -- a device that enlarges both text and image of any printed material
- **Adaptive Technology Workstation** -- comprising screen-reading software (JAWs); large

print software (Zoom Text); a Hewlett Packard scanner and Kurzweil 1000 software (which together scan and vocalize print)

- **Automatic Height Adjustable Table** -- allows for easy access of the equipment

The First Floor Circulation/Reserves Desk houses:

- **Cassette Book Machine** -- plays back talking books, on loan from the National Library Services for the Blind

The Second Floor on which the Library Media Center is located houses:

- **Closed-Captioned monitors** for viewing video materials

## Research Assistance / Library Orientation

Individuals with disabilities may receive research assistance upon request at the Reference desk. If more extensive assistance is needed using the assistive technology please contact the Library Liaison to the Center for Student Accessibility. Library Orientation sessions either for individuals and groups may also be scheduled.

For further information about services for persons with disabilities, please contact:

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