

Montgomery County Public Libraries Accessibility Advisory Committee

Mission: The MCPL Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) advises the MCPL Director and Library Board on how to increase the value of library services and programming for people with disabilities.

Thursday June 26, 2025; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Virtual Teams Meeting; **Meeting ID: 219 755 121 776 1**
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[Teams Link:](#)

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AGENDA

- Welcome, New Members, & Introductions — Richard Bell-Irving
Welcome LAC Member Odilia Alvarez; Joyce Plaxen - resignation
- Approval of the revised December 2024 meeting minutes — Debbie Brown
- Approval of the April 2025 meeting minutes — Yasmin Reyazuddin
- Library Updates report — Elizabeth Lang
- Library Board report — Tim Lighter
- ADA updates/report — Matt Barkley
- General discussion:
 - Spring conference on disability (update from Francie)
 - Action Items from meetings – need timelier follow-up
- Assign responsibilities, set the next meeting date and adjourn

April Meeting Action Items:

- Elizabeth will provide the list of branches participating, the items in the Busy Kits, and a list of events
- Elizabeth to send the graphic and description of the new communication board artwork
- Elizabeth will see if Liz Bowen can come to our next meeting to demo NICHE training platform
- Metro Access is still dropping people off on the wrong side of the Rockville Library. Matt said he will follow up on that.
- Richard to invite Director Darcell to the next meeting – coordinate thru Elizabeth
- Francie offered to send priorities developed by members several years ago so we can track our accomplishments to date

**Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday, September 9,
Tuesday, December 9 – do these dates work for the majority?**

AAC Committee Members:

Leadership:

- Richard Bell-Irving, CHAIR (Learning Disability Association of Maryland/Montgomery County)
- Debbie Brown, VICE-CHAIR (Sligo Creek Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind)
- Yasmin Reyazuddin, SECRETARY (Individual)

General Membership:

- Nadia Abouraya, (Individual)
- Cindy Buddington, (Independence Now)
- Jane Carona, (National Capital Area Chapter of the American Council of the Blind)
- Jonina Duker, (Individual)
- Francie Gilman, (Individual)
- Wendalyn Hovendick, (Individual)
- Barbara King, (Individual)
- Serena Kemp, (Individual Guest)
- Betty Thompson (Individual)

Support Members:

- Matt Barkley, (County ADA Compliance Officer)
- Elizabeth Lang, (Assistant Facilities and Accessibility Program Manager)
- Jill Lewis, (Individual) – taking leave
- Tim Lighter, (Library Board Chair)