

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.

Tuesday September 16, 2025; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In-Person at Rockville Library, 3rd Floor

OR

Virtual Attendance

Virtual Teams Meeting;
Meeting ID: 219 755 121 776 1
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AGENDA

- Welcome, Darcell Graham, Director
 - Introduction of Committee Members — facilitated by Richard Bell-Irving
 - AAC's background/history including accomplishments – Francie and Betty
 - Director discussion – The AAC wants our work to support your priorities and dreams for MCPL. Could you talk about your goals and hopes?
 - Questions and Answers/discussion of Director Graham's presentation
- Approval of the June 2025 meeting minutes — Yasmin Reyazuddin
- Library Updates report and discussion of report — Elizabeth Lang
- Library Board report — Tim Lighter
- ADA updates/report — Matt Barkley
- General discussion (if needed)
- Assign responsibilities, confirm next Meeting Tuesday, December 9 and adjourn

June Meeting Action Items:

1. Update on the Busy Kits – feedback from the branches. (Elizabeth)
2. Show us the new disability basic training video for new staff, after Liz Bowen approves it. (Elizabeth)
3. Find out whether Liz Bowen could give us a demonstration of some of the disability-related content on Niche Academy at the December meeting). (Elizabeth)
4. Share feedback and ideas that Liz Bowen has received from the staff who attended the Maryland State Library conference on disability, inclusion, and accessibility. (Elizabeth)
5. Elizabeth would like to have our suggestions for a FAQ-style handout for local agencies that serve people with IDD. We should send them to Richard for compilation. (Members)
6. Find out whether some small personal-safety improvements for people with disabilities could be done at McGhee (Silver Spring) given the delay in other larger work to be done. (Elizabeth)

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)