

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 December 9, 2025; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Virtual Attendance

Virtual ZOOM Meeting; Meeting ID: 872 1574 1682 Passcode: 12092025 Zoom Link:	Dial-in # 301-715-8592 Phone conference ID: 87215741682# 13017158592,,87215741682#,,,,*12092025#
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AGENDA

- Welcome to all Zoom participants – Zoom rules of the road - Richard
- Staff Development Coordinator Liz Bowen gives update on the new training system
- Approval of the September 2025 meeting minutes – Yasmin Reyazuddin
- AAC 2026 Board elections – Nominating Committee – Francie & Betty
- Library Updates report and discussion of report – Elizabeth Lang
- Library Board report – Tim Lighter
- ADA updates/report – Matt Barkley
- General discussion (if needed)
- Confirm next meeting date and adjourn

September Meeting Action Items:

1. Nadia will send info to Richard about the Next Chapter book club, who will send it to everyone
2. Elizabeth will send a test link for the new Accommodation Request software when it becomes available. When it's ready, Elizabeth will let the Commission know so they can publicize it.
3. Richard will follow up with Tim about involving Grace Manubay.
4. Francie, Betty, and Serena will identify candidates for 2026 AAC officer positions.
5. Elizabeth will ask Liz Bowen for the December meeting. They will hope to play the new training video for us.
6. Richard will send a thank-you from us to Director Graham; Betty will provide an initial draft.

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)
- Betty Thompson (Individual)

Support Members:

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