

Services for Special Needs

The Wilmette Public Library, in its continuing effort to serve the needs of all patrons, provides access to a variety of assistive technologies and services for patrons with disabilities.

In the Library

Hearing Loop in the Auditorium – Loop technology enables hearing aids to filter out background noises and reverberations. A patron with a modern hearing aid connects to the loop simply by pushing the T-coil button on their hearing aid. If you do not wear a hearing aid but need a hearing boost, you may request a headset and receiver that also connects to the hearing loop.

WYNN Reader - A literacy software tool that scans and speaks printed text in a clear, human-sounding voice. It is available for use in the Reference Room. For information, ask at the Reference or Recent Arrivals Desk. (847-256-6930)

Digital Reading Machine - Enlarged text is displayed through a wide-screen Panasonic monitor. Users can manipulate the position of the text and turn pages on the illuminated platform underneath the monitor. It is available for use in the Reference Room. For information, ask at the Reference or Recent Arrivals Desk. (847-256-6930)

Ednalite Desktop Text Magnifier - A simple illuminated text magnifier available for use in the Reference Room. For information, ask at the Reference or Recent Arrivals Desk. (847-256-6930)

Hand Magnifiers - A variety of smaller magnifiers available for use in the library. For information, ask at the Reference or Recent Arrivals Desk. (847-256-6930)

Wheelchair - Ask at the Circulation Counter to use the wheelchair in the Library. There is no time limit.

Walker - Ask at the Circulation Counter to use the walker in the Library. There is no time limit.

At Home

Large Print Collection - The Library maintains a circulating collection of large print books in the Adult Services and Youth Services Departments. For information, call the Recent Arrivals Desk at 847-256-6930 or Youth Services at 847-256-6945.

Hand Magnifiers - The Library lends out two handheld magnifiers. They can be checked out by Wilmette and Kenilworth residents for a period of three weeks, and may

be renewed if there are no holds. They can be requested at the Circulation Desk in the lobby. For information, call the Recent Arrivals Desk at 847-256-6930.

Home Delivery Service - Wilmette and Kenilworth cardholders who are temporarily or permanently unable to travel to the Library may request home delivery of library materials. Participants may request books, audiobooks, videos, and other materials that will be delivered weekly by the Library. For information, call the Recent Arrivals Desk at 847-256-6930.

Talking Book Program - Talking Books are recorded books available to those with visual, physical, or reading disabilities. This free service provides audiobooks, braille, equipment, and catalogs. The books cover a wide range of fiction and nonfiction topics for all ages. To participate, you must submit a completed application. For information, visit <https://www.illinoistalkingbooks.org/> Illinois Talking Books or call the Recent Arrivals Desk at 847-256-6930.