

Accessibility Statement

The Library is dedicated to ensuring that our building, collections, programs, and services are accessible to all community members. The Library will serve individuals with disabilities in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will provide appropriate accommodations and make reasonable modifications to policies and procedures to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy programs, services, and activities.

Individuals who require special services or modifications are encouraged to contact the Library well in advance, as not all accommodations can be anticipated.

Additional provisions for reasonable accommodations may be made on a case-by-case basis, depending on the patron's needs. Despite the Library's best efforts, not all materials may be available in accessible formats, and not every service, class, or event can be made accessible to every disabled person without fundamentally altering the nature of that service, class, or event. While the ADA does not obligate the Library to take actions that would fundamentally change the nature of its programs or services or impose an unreasonable financial or administrative burden, the Library makes every reasonable effort to provide assistance to individuals with disabilities upon request.

Building Accessibility

The Library facility was most recently renovated in 2022, and meets the standards of accessibility. Updates to areas with specific ADA requirements, such as restrooms, are always made in accordance with current law when a building is renovated. Any planned improvements to this building are included in the City Government's plan to bring all facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Transportation

The Library is included on the GOPASCO (Pasco County Public Transportation) bus route, which has an adjacent bus stop. GOPASCO can provide door-to-door paratransit transportation for individuals with verifiable disabilities through its advanced reservation service (727.834.3322). For added convenience, the library offers regular and reduced-fare bus passes for sale.

Facility

The Library has two accessible parking spots in its lot, and there are additional accessible spots in City Hall's adjacent parking lot. A public elevator provides access to both floors. Contactless pickup lockers are available outside the front doors, and two bookdrops are on site: a freestanding repository box located in the driveway behind City Hall for vehicle drop-offs, and a book drop slot located on the north side of the building for walk-up returns. Well-behaved service animals are welcome. *For more information about service animals, please refer to the **Animals and Service Animals Policy**.*

Materials

The Library purchases materials to provide information to or about people with disabilities.

Accessible Collections

Audiobooks (on CD and downloadable)

Playaways

*Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library **

Large-print books

eBooks

eMagazines

DVDs

*Although the library does not have a Braille collection, librarians are available to refer library members to the **Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library**, an incredible resource for Florida residents who are unable to use standard print due to visual, physical, or reading disabilities. Applications are available at the Library, and staff are available to assist with completing forms and certifying applications. Applications may also be obtained directly from the Florida Division of Blind Services at 1-800-226-6075 (Voice 386-239-6000; TTY: 711, Fax 386.239.6069)

Programs and Events

The Library encourages people of all abilities to participate in programming! If you need accommodations, please indicate so when registering through the event calendar or by contacting the Library at

727.853.1279. Please make requests as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

Assistive Listening

The Library has a **portable hearing loop system**, allowing participants with compatible hearing aids and cochlear implants to receive the audio signal. Just ask the staff at any information desk.

The Library will assist individuals who are deaf, hearing-impaired, blind, or speech-impaired through the **Florida Relay Service**. To call Florida Relay, dial 7-1-1, or use the following toll-free numbers: 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)

1-800-955-8770 (Voice)

1-800-955-1339 (ASCII)

1-877-955-8260 (VCO-Direct)

1-800-955-5334 (STS)

1-877-955-8773 (Spanish)

1-877-955-8707 (French Cr)

Florida Relay can be reached from anywhere in Florida, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Public Computing

All public computers are Apple computers and utilize built-in screen accessibility readers, which offer customizable options for font, color, spacing, contrast, and magnification, real-time captioning of spoken audio, and settings that reduce screen sensory stimulus by automatically dimming the display. If you require assistance, please ask staff at any information desk.

The *TBS print station for the public* is situated on an adjustable-height table and features a text/audio conversion service, a magnifier, a narrator, and a high-contrast screen for visually impaired users.

Outreach Services

The Library offers an **eCard** that grants residents access to all of the Library's digital content, including thousands of e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines, downloadable music, and streamed movies. To sign up for an eCard, visit <https://www.nprlibrary.org/Services/Borrow/Get-a-Library-Card>.

The Library offers **Books-by-Mail**, a Homebound Service for eligible Library members who are unable to visit due to physical disability or extended illness. Items are selected based on requests and preferences, and up to three items are sent to the library member through the United States Postal Service (USPS) at a time. For more information, contact the Library at nprlibrary@cityofnewportrichey.org or by calling 727.853.1279

The **Mobile Library** is a library on wheels! It offers a constantly changing collection of high-demand materials for all ages, including bestselling books, audiobooks, early literacy storytime kits, and more. The mobile library also provides holds pickup, materials return, information assistance, technology tutorials, and occasional programs. It makes regular visits throughout the City of New Port Richey to make accessing materials more convenient for residents of assisted living, veterans and senior living facilities, preschools, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs, and areas with high-density housing or social services offices, clinics, and other community organizations. Using rolling carts, staff set up a temporary mini-library and loan materials directly to Library members. To see the Mobile Library's schedule, visit <https://newportrichey.librarycalendar.com/events/month>. To request a bookmobile visit at your location, contact the marketing and outreach specialist by calling 727.853.1275.

Suggestions or Concerns

Residents who wish to express suggestions or concerns about the Library's policies and procedures regarding ADA are welcome to speak with or write to the Director, who can be contacted online at Figarta@cityofnewportrichey.org or by calling 727.853.1279.