



Library Services & Access

Read here about the options the library provides to keep you reading at any age, and to make the library accessible to people with disabilities.

Reading Formats Available to You



Large -Type Books

The library has a collection of books printed in large type fonts. You can use the library catalog to search for large type books. Ask at the reference desk to see how easy this is.

Audio and Braille Books from the State Library



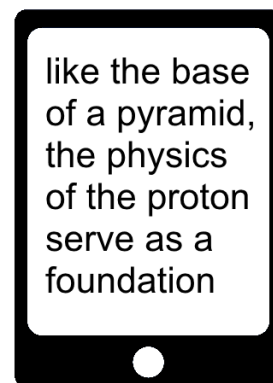
Ask us about the California State

Library's Braille and Talking Book Library service.

This service loans various audio book formats and Braille materials to people who are physically unable to read conventional print.

Read on Your Screen

Reading books on an eReader or computer can allow you to see words in the size that is best for you, or listen to the words instead of viewing them.



Download digital books and digital audiobooks from the Humboldt County Library. With your library card, you can borrow them at no cost.

Visit the library's web page and choose eBooks from the menu, then Overdrive, to see the choices available.

New books are added every month!

Audio Books



Library audio books are available on CD, on cassettes, and as eBooks to download to your computer or device.

Accessible eBooks from L.E.A.P.

If you find it difficult to read printed books, and need accessible eBooks, you may also qualify for free membership in the Library eBook Accessibility Program, or LEAP. Ask a librarian about LEAP or read about it online on the Overdrive page described above. LEAP has many more books for you!



Reading Aids for Use in the Library



Lights & Glasses

Reading lights are available at the counter in the Main Library wi-fi area. Ask at the desk to borrow a magnifying glass or reading glasses.

CCTV Magnifier

Need more than a magnifying glass?



A low-vision reader to magnify written material is available for use in the library. Any print, including handwriting, can be magnified to a very large size and read from the screen.

Ask!

Can't Find It?
Can't Reach It?



Staff can help you find what you are looking for and reach items that are too high or too low. Please do ask. We want you to get the books and information you came for.

Is Walking & Standing Hard, when Searching for Books?

Try using our in-house scooter! It has a basket.

The scooter is located right across from the desk where you check out your books.

Ask at that desk for the key.



Need Information?

Library staff are here to help you get information, and help you find the materials you want. Don't hesitate to ask us. It's our job! If you need facts, we can usually find them quickly.



Research Assistance

For longer research questions a reference librarian can speed your information quest.

Children's Assistance

For children's questions or questions about children's events or children's literature, call 707-269-1910.

Call the Library

Call the Main Library,
707-269-1905

Need a fact? Want a book or video reserved for you? Have a question about library access?

Many questions can be answered over the phone.



Redial

Be ready to use your redial button if the telephone isn't answered right away. The librarian may be away from the desk or helping someone else and may not be able to pick up immediately.

Use the California Relay Service: Dial 711

If you have limits in seeing, hearing, speaking, remembering, or moving that make it difficult to use the phone, California's trained Communications Assistants can relay your call.

This service is useful if you are hard-of-hearing or if you are using a TTY. It can also help when your speech is hard for some to understand, if it's hard to dial long numbers, and to get past other telephone related barriers.

Librarians are used to receiving Relay Service calls.

Main Library Access at a Glance

Getting into the Library

- Ramps - at entrance and all emergency exits
- 4 accessible parking spaces near entry ramp
- Handrails on all stairways
- Automatic sliding entry doors

Getting Around Inside the Main Library

- Elevator to 2nd floor
- Scooter – available for mobility in the library.
- Wheelchair accessible building and restrooms
- Handrails in restrooms

Restroom Access



Restrooms in the Main Library are located off the small hallway to your right as you enter the lobby.

There is a restroom for children and parents in the children's room. There are no restrooms on the second floor.

Restrooms have signs with Braille & raised symbols on the wall at the latch side of each doorway at 5 feet from the ground. All of our restrooms are wheelchair accessible. They include handrails in the largest stalls.

Please let us know if you find that the restrooms need attention.

Check Out a Movie

Captioned Films Catch Words & Sounds

Films with captions give you more than subtitles. They give you cues as to who is speaking, important noises such as train sounds, glass breaking, or a child laughing, and may even brief you on background music.

How to Find Films with Captions

Search by subject for "video recordings for the hearing impaired" to pull up the whole list of captioned films, or simply check the catalog record of any film that interests you for the note "closed captioned."

If you have the film in hand, you may also spot a symbol on the case such as one of these:



Films with Descriptions: Hear the Action

In the library catalog, search by subject for "video recordings for people with visual disabilities" to find a list of films with extra audio content.

These films have an optional soundtrack that describes the action so that you can follow visual events on the screen by ear. You may also see this symbol on the case:



Using Library Computers

Internet

Library internet use is free. One 30-minute turn a day is available at the Main Library. Other branches may allow a longer turn. Call the branch to check. Prints cost ten cents a page for black & white, or fifty cents for a color print.



Library Catalog

Use the catalog to find the locations of library materials, reserve a book or video, and more.

Word Processing

Use these computers for resume writing, creating flyers or spreadsheets, and writing letters and papers. You may take a turn up to two hours long.

Hardware Options:

Ask at the Reference Desk to use these if it will make your task easier:

- large-type keyboard
- NVDA text-to-speech software
- lefty mouse
- big-ball mouse

You may also want us to demonstrate how the size of words and images on the screen can be adjusted.