**Library Services for Those with Disabilities**

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If you are experiencing a temporary or permanent disability, Fairfax County Library Services can provide books to you in your own home. Whatever your age, if you are not able to visit your local library (usually Woodrow Wilson) you may qualify for free home delivery of library materials which will come from Access Services. Without cost, you may borrow materials and return them by mail. This link takes you to the application for Access Services: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/home-delivery>. You can also apply by phone (703-324-8380) or by email and find more information at Access@fairfaxcounty.gov .

The Access Services branch of the library also provides many services to people with disabilities. It is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 123, Fairfax, VA, 22035-0012. The phone number is listed above. The services provided include “providing opportunities to learn about assistive technology and equipment, providing books in alternative formats to people with vision impairments and delivering books to readers who cannot visit a local library.”

The Talking Book program provides books and players free by regular mail services. Again, an application is required for certification.

The library also features Audio Described DVDs. To find out more about the Access Services, call the number listed above. The librarians will be happy to help you.