

Access Symbols



Access (Other Than Print or Braille) for Individuals Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

This symbol indicates access for people who are blind or have low vision, best used in places such as: a guided tour, a path to a nature trail or a scent garden in a park; and a tactile tour or a museum exhibition that may be touched.



Symbol for Wheelchair Accessibility

The wheelchair symbol indicates access for individuals with limited mobility, including wheelchair users. Remember that a ramped entrance is not completely accessible if there are no curb cuts, and an elevator is not accessible if it can only be reached via steps.



Audio Description

Blind or low vision people may enjoy performing arts, visual arts, television, video, and film that offers live commentary or narration (via headphones and a small transmitter) of visual elements provided by a trained Audio Describer.

An adapter for non-stereo TVs is available through the American Foundation for the Blind, (800) 829-0500.



Telephone Typewriter (TTY)

This device is also known as a text telephone (TT), or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD). TTY indicates the presence of a device used with the telephone for communication with and between deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired and/or hearing, persons.



Assistive Listening Systems

These systems transmit amplified sound via hearing aids, headsets or other devices.



Sign Language Interpretation

The symbol indicates that Sign Language Interpretation is provided for a lecture, tour, film, performance, conference or other program.



Accessible Print (18 pt. or Larger)

Large print is indicated by the words: "Large Print," printed in 18 pt. or larger text. In addition to identifying large print versions of books, pamphlets, museum guides and theater programs, you may use the symbol on conference or membership forms with large print. Sans serif or modified serif print with high contrast is important, and special attention should be paid to letter and word spacing.



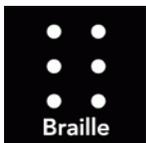
Closed Captioning (CC)

Closed Captioning (CC) (commonly known as subtitles) enables people who are deaf or hard of hearing to read a transcript of the audio portion of a video, film, exhibition or other presentation. As the video plays, text captions transcribe (although not always verbatim) speech and other relevant sounds.



Opened Captioning (OC)

This symbol indicates that captions, which translate dialogue and other sounds in print, are displayed on the videotape, movie, television program or exhibit audio. Open Captioning is preferred by many, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, and people whose second language is English. It also helps teach children how to read and keep sound levels to a minimum in museums and restaurants.



Braille Symbol

This symbol indicates that printed material is available in Braille, including exhibition labeling, publications and signage.