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(3.19) Services to the Disabled

The Juneau Public Libraries offer a variety of assistive technology devices to assist patrons with disabilities in the use of the libraries.

All of the libraries are equipped with ADA Workstations providing access to Microsoft Office 2007 software and the Internet (IE8). ZoomText 9.1 and Read&Write Gold 8.1 are available to users at these terminals, these accessibility tools provide screen-reading, screen magnification, scan-to-speech among other features. High-contrast, desktop LCD displays are in use at these stations. Headphones may be obtained from the service desk for \$1 and hand-held illuminated magnifiers ranging from 3x to 12x are available for in-library use.

All of the libraries are equipped with TTY/TDD phones for local calls.

All of the libraries offer collections of large print books and books on tape and CD. For items not included in the local library collection, interlibrary loan is available. Patrons may also request that items from the ListenAlaska digital collection (<http://listenalaska.lib.overdrive.com>) be loaded on to an mp3 player and made available for checkout.

In addition, at the Valley Library there is a Merlin LCD Video Magnifier. Many of the full-text articles available in our Electronic Resources (<http://www.juneau.org/eresearch.php>) feature text-to-speech technology which provides accompanying audio of the printed content.

Qualifying patrons may wish to contact the Talking Books Center in Anchorage to request shipments of Braille books or recorded books and a variety of playback equipment including Digital Talking Books Players and access to the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Downloads) system:

Alaska State Library & Talking Book Center
344 W. 3rd Avenue, Suite 125
Anchorage, AK 99502
Phone: 907-269-6570
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Email: aslanc@eed.state.ak.us
Website: <http://library.state.ak.us>
Application: <http://library.state.ak.us/dev/tbcapplication.html>