People with Disabilities

Brandeis University Library & Technology Services is dedicated to providing access and services to all members of the Brandeis community. If you have questions or suggestions about any of our services to people with disabilities, please contact Adam Lipkin at 781-736-4795 or email alipkin@brandeis.edu.

Building Accessibility

The Goldfarb Main Library and the Gerstenzang Science Library are wheelchair accessible from the front entrances of both libraries. Elevators in the Main and Science libraries are accessible. Ask for the key to the Science Library's front elevator at the Science Information & Borrowing Desk. Restrooms on Level 1 (main floor) of the Main Library are wheelchair accessible. Restrooms in the Gerstenzang lobby just outside the entrance to the Science Library are wheelchair accessible. Water fountains in the Main and Science Libraries are wheelchair accessible.

Parking

There are parking spaces marked for handicapped use next to Pearman and in the service lot between Usdan and Brown for getting to the Main Library. There are parking spaces marked for handicapped use in the K-lot near the side entrance of the Gerstenzang building. See campus map.

Library Services

Proxy Library Service

Proxy service is available to patrons with disabilities. This service allows patrons to designate another person as their "proxy" who could then check out books on their behalf. Please contact the Main Library Information & Borrowing desk for more information at borrowing@brandeis.edu or 781-736-4624.

Access to Library Stacks/Book Retrieval Service

Many of the Main Library stacks are not wheelchair accessible. Library staff are available to retrieve books from the stacks when needed. At certain times there may be a short wait for book retrieval, based on staff availability.

Other Services

Ask at the Information & Borrowing Desk about Locker, Carrel, Book Cart Availability and Photocopying Service for patrons with disabilities; and Portable Desk Lamps that are available for borrowing.

Books on Tape, in Large Print, or in Braille

Books on tape, in large print, or in Braille are available through the library. The library uses the services of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, the Perkins School Library, and other organizations to borrow books in different formats.

Not all books that are required for classes at Brandeis are available in these formats. Often orders take several weeks to process. Please contact faculty members prior to the beginning of a semester to get a copy of the reading list.

Send the list of books you need to Adam Lipkin (alipkin@brandeis.edu).

HathiTrust Digital Library

Brandeis University is a HathiTrust supporting institution. Through the LTS designated Proxy digital versions can be made accessible to students whose disabilities do not allow them to use print books (both books that are publicly accessible and those that are in copyright). Requested materials must be currently, or previously been a part of the Brandeis University Library collection.

Students, staff and faculty wanting to have access to the text versions of material via the HathiTrust will have to be on file with Disability Services or provide documentation of their disability to Disability Services and Support. This is an LTS staff mediated service. Requests for materials will be fulfilled during normal library business hours Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (excluding University staff holidays).

Request materials, please email e-resources@brandeis.edu
Adaptive Technology and Accessibility Equipment

Large screen computers with screen-enlarging software are available on the first floor of both libraries. A print enlarger is also available in the Information Commons of the Main Library. TTY/TTD machines are available behind the InfoPoint service desk in the Main Library, and next to the Information Desk in the Science Library.

The Adaptive Technology Room in the Farber building of the Main Library offers:

- Equipment that converts print to synthesized speech
- Voice-activated and dictation software
- Screen-enlarging software
- A print enlarger
- Concept-mapping software
- A 4-track tape player
- Adjustable table and chairs

To access the room and equipment, contact Adam Lipkin at 781-736-4795, alipkin@brandeis.edu. If Adam is unavailable, please contact 781-736-LTTE.

Contact Information

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The following people are designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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