

Accessibility Resources to Help Involve People with Disabilities in Arts Programs

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Accessibility Services

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

American Sign Language Interpreters –

Interpreter referral and information on hiring qualified interpreters is available from both interpreter organizations and agencies to provide communication services for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

- * **Minnesota Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (MRID)** – <http://www.mrid.org/>
A nonprofit organization of professional interpreters, consumers, and interested persons.
Email: info@mrid.org.
PO Box 4414, St. Paul, MN 55104
- * **All Hands Interpreting Service** – <http://www.deafstuffnmore.com>.
Bloomington. General interpreting.
Phone: 877-451-1010, 612-242-5122, 952-888-2365, Voice/TTY; Fax 952-888-2532.
Email: info@deafstuffnmore.com.
- * **ASLBlend** – Web: <http://aslblend.org>.
Golden Valley. Interpreting services not covered under the ADA.
Phone: 651-340-9514, VP: 651-927-7865.
Email: aslblend@aslblend.org.
- * **ASL Interpreting Services and Dynamic Communications Inc.** – <http://www.aslis.com>.
Golden Valley. General interpreting.
Phone: 763-478-8963, VP: 952-388-2141, 866-275-3323, Fax 763-478-3093.
Email: info@aslis.com or pam@aslis.com.
- * **CODA Brothers Interpreting** – <http://codabrothers.com> or www.facetimeinterpreting.com. Eagan.
Interpreting by video (FaceTime) and onsite services.
Phone: 612-424-2751, VP 952-283-0271.
Email: info@codabrothers.com.
- * **Keystone Interpreting Solutions, INC.** – <http://www.kisasl.com>.
St. Paul. General interpreting.
Phone: 651-454-7275, Cell 612-251-1613 or 612-840-7600.
Email: info@kisasl.com.

- * **Middle English** – <http://middle-english.com>.
Minneapolis. General interpreting.
Phone: 612-747-2813 or 612-747-7646.
Email: Schedule@middle-english.com.
- * **VSA Minnesota** – <http://vsamn.org>.
Minneapolis. Contact info for 100+ ASL theatrical interpreters and captioners who work at arts events. ASL interpreting guidelines, contract template, publicity contacts, loanable caption unit, *Accessible Arts Calendar* and other resources.
Phone: 612-332-3888.
Email: access@vsamn.org.

Assistive Listening Systems and Captioning

- * **ADA Standards** – <http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards.pdf>
Department of Justice Standards (2010) for Titles II and III.
- * **Assistive Listening Systems** tap into a room’s audio amplification microphones and speakers to amplify the volume and improve hearing for persons using assistive listening receivers, hearing aids, loops, etc. The minimum number or required ALDs (devices) is addressed in section 219 of the ADA Standards (<http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards.pdf>), pages 76-77. Local providers include:
 - * **Harris Communications**: <http://www.harriscomm.com/>, 800-825-6758, 800-825-9187 TTY, 952-388-2152 VP, info@harriscomm.com, 15155 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55344.
 - * **Williams Sound**: <http://www.williamssound.com>, 800-328-6190 or 952-943-2252, info@williamssound.com, 10300 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.
- * **Open captioning** (everyone can see it) describes text displayed alongside live speech, dialogue or performance. It is typically projected on a screen or displayed on an LED digital unit.
Closed captions are displayed on individual devices that only the user(s) can see.
CART (Computer Aided Realtime Translation) is a service provided by professionals who use special equipment and shorthand to caption presentations in “real time” – conferences, workshops, shows, etc. – projecting the captions on screens, digital readout units or other means of output arranged by the venue or the CART company. Local providers include:
 - * **Paradigm Reporting & Captioning Inc.**, Minneapolis: 612-339-0545 or 800-545-9668, caption@paradigmreporting.com; <http://www.paradigmreporting.com>.
 - * **Riverside Captioning Company**, based in Hudson, WI, is a division of Northwestern Court Reporters: 715-386-0799, 800-628-7551, feedback@closed-captioning.com, <http://www.closed-captioning.com/who-is-riverside-captioning>, or www.nwcourtreporters.com.
 - * **C2 inc.** (Caption Coalition) provides open captioning for theatre productions around the country, including at the Guthrie, Ordway, State/Orpheum: 917-733-3515, davidchu.c2@gmail.com, <http://www.c2net.org>.

Minnesota Relay Service – <https://www.fcc.gov/general/telecommunications-relay-services-directory>.

MRS can help arrange interpreters, talk with a Deaf person on the phone, etc.

Phone: 711; customer service 800-676-3777; metro information & presentations: 651-431-5490.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR OF LOW VISION

Audio Description Services –

Audio describers describe visual aspects of plays, exhibits or other events for patrons who are blind.

- * **VSA Minnesota** – <http://vsamn.org>.

Minneapolis. Contact information for a dozen or more audio describers who work at plays and other arts events in the Twin Cities and elsewhere in Minnesota. Audio description guidelines, contract template, publicity contacts, *Accessible Arts Calendar* and other resources.

Phone: 612-332-3888.

Email: access@vsamn.org.

- * **Art Beyond Sight** – <http://www.artbeyondsight.org/handbook/acs-guidelines.shtml>
New York. Guidelines for Verbal Description, Coordinator@ArtBeyondSight.org
- * **Audio Description Project** – <http://www.acb.org/adp/index.html>
This initiative of the American Council of the Blind (ACB) trains audio describers, provides an ADP Discussion List for networking, updates on audio described films, videos and TV programs; and lists arts venues state-by-state that offer audio described performances.
Project Director Joel Snyder: jsnyder@acb.org or 202-467-5083, or
Webmaster Fred Brack: fbrack@acb.org.
- * **Audio Description Solutions** – <http://www.AudioDescriptionSolutions.com>
Audio description services and training for cultural events and organizations including: museums, theatres, aquariums, zoos, film, National Park visitor centers, and historic sites.
President Deborah B. Lewis: 626-616-8474, deborahlewis@audiodescriptionsolutions.com.

Braille Services –

Braille playbills, exhibit signs and other materials can be provided for use by patrons who are blind.

- * **State Services for the Blind** – <http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/blind-visual-impaired/>
Phone: 651-539-2300; Toll Free: 800-652-9000.
Communication Center (includes Braille, Audio Services, Radio Talking Book units): 800-652-9000.
Services for Seniors: 651-539-2325.
Employment and Career Services: 651-539-2373.
Email for Braille unit: spb.braille@state.mn.us.
Headquarters: 2200 University Ave. W., #240, St. Paul, MN 55114
Several other offices around the state.
- * **Braille It** – <http://www.brailleit.com/>
Braille Transcription: Maureen Pranghofer, 763-522-2501, maureensmusic@comcast.net.
4910 Dawnview Terrace, Golden Valley, MN 55422.
- * **Guthrie Theater** – http://www.guthrietheater.org/visit/access_services/
Can provide Braille for playbills. Loans use of portable audio description kits for \$25/year.
Guthrie Access Office, Attn: Hunter Gullickson, 612-225-6243, accessibility@guthrietheater.org.
818 2nd St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415.
- * **Volunteer Braille Service, Incorporated** – <http://www.vbsmn.org>
Braille Transcription: Cindi Laurent, 763-544-2880, vbsmn@comcast.net.
1710 Douglas Drive, #102, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

VSA Minnesota – <http://vsamn.org>.

Its *Accessible Arts Calendar* lists arts events with ASL interpreting, captioning, etc. Contacts for ASL theatrical interpreters, audio describers, CART (captioning) service providers, artists with disabilities, accessibility consultants. Sample access plans and guidelines for ASL interpreting, audio description, captioning; contract templates, Braille, publicity contacts, other resources. Artist residencies and professional development to serve students with disabilities in schools. Grants for metro arts organizations for accessibility improvements (funds from MRAC), and grants for emerging artists with disabilities (funds from the Jerome Foundation).

Phone: 612-332-3888.

Email: access@vsamn.org or info@vsamn.org.
528 Hennepin Ave. #305, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Arts Organization Resources

Guthrie Theater – http://www.guthrietheater.org/visit/access_services.

Many ASL-interpreted, captioned and audio described shows, loanable audio description equipment, Braille. Accessibility Coordinator: Hunter Gullickson.
Phone: 612-225-6243, 612-225-6390.
Email: accessibility@guthrietheater.org.
818 2nd St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) – <http://www.mrac.org>.

St. Paul. Increases access to the arts in the 7-county metropolitan area communities by providing information, organizational support and grants.
Phone: 651-645-0402.
Email: mrac@mrac.org
2324 University Ave. W., #114, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Minnesota State Arts Board – <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/contact>.

Accessibility Coordinator Natalie Kennedy-Schuck can assist with arts accessibility questions. Some national links are at <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/contact/ada.htm>.
Phone: 651-215-1617 or 800-866-2787.
Email: msab@arts.state.mn.us or Natalie.Kennedy@arts.state.mn.us,
400 Sibley St. #200, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Minnesota Disability Organization Resources

The Arc Minnesota – <http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/>

The Arc Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. They offer awards and link to local chapters and the national **Arc of the United States** (Washington, DC; 800-433-5255; www.thearc.org).
Resources are included at <http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/disabilityprogramsandinfo/>
Phone: 651-523-0823.
Email: mail@arcmn.org.
800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Autism Society of Minnesota – <http://www.ausm.org/>

AUSM is committed to education, advocacy and support designed to enhance the lives of those affected by autism from birth through retirement. In addition to supporting sensory-friendly arts events, it has a Resource Directory at <http://www.ausm.org/resource-directory.html>.
Phone: 651-647-1083.
Email: info@ausm.org.
2380 Wycliff St. #102 St. Paul, MN 55114.

DeafBlind Services of Minnesota – <http://www.dbsmlc.org>.

DBSM provides services statewide to people who are deafblind including children, youth and family services (CYFS), adult community services (ACS), independent living skills, adjustment to blindness/deafblindness, and pro-tactile training. DBSM is a limited liability corporation of Vision Loss Resources (<http://visionlossresources.org/programs/dbsm>).

Phone: 612-362-8454, VP 952-338-2102, TTY 612-362-8422.

Email: info@dbsm.org or info@vlrw.org.

1936 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHHSD) – <http://www.mn.gov/dhs/deaf-hard-of-hearing>.

St. Paul. Provides information, resources (including list of interpreter agencies) and opportunities to assist deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing Minnesotans.

Phone: 651-431-5940, VP 651-964-1514.

Email: Dhhs.metro@metro.state.mn.us.

85 7th Place E., #105, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Disability Linkage Line – 1-866-333-2466

The Minnesota Center for Independent Living (MCIL) operates this information source for community resources related to persons with disabilities.

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living – www.mcil-mn.org

Phone: 651-646-8342.

Email: mcil@mcil-mn.org.

Disability Linkage Line: Abigail Helget, 651-212-2378, abigailh@mcil-mn.org; 866-333-2466.

530 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Minnesota DeafBlind Association – <http://www.deafnonprofit.net/mdba>.

MDBA, governed by DeafBlind people, serves DeafBlind people in Minnesota by sponsoring leadership meetings, community workshops and special events.

Phone: 651-647-6564 Voice/TTY.

Email: mdba@visi.com.

1821 University Ave. W., #S-117, St. Paul, MN 55104.

MinnesotaHelp.info – <https://www.minnesotahelp.info/Index>.

This statewide resource database is sponsored by the Minnesota Board on Aging, Department of Human Services (DHS) and other partners, including the **Disability Linkage Line**. It assists with navigating over 10,000 helping agencies in Minnesota.

Phone: 800-333-2433. **Disability Linkage Line** 1-866-333-2466.

Minnesota STAR Program – <http://mn.gov/admin/star/>

A System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR), located within the Minnesota Department of Administration, has a mission to help Minnesotans with disabilities gain access to and acquire the assistive technology they need to live, learn, work and play.

Phone: 651-201-2640 or 1-888-234-1267.

Email: star.program@state.mn.us.

358 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155.

Minnesota State Council on Disability – <http://www.disability.state.mn.us>

Provides information, referral, advocacy and training related to the requirements and implementation of the ADA and the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
Links to many disability organizations and resources (alphabetically or by topic) at <http://www.disability.state.mn.us/resources/disability-resources/alphabetical/>
Publications and brochures (topics such as disability parking, emergency preparedness, Building Access Survey, Assistive Technology, Understanding your Rights and Responsibilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act) at <http://www.disability.state.mn.us/publications/>
Employment resources: <http://www.disability.state.mn.us/employment/resources/>
Phone: 651-361-7800 or 800-945-8913 Voice/TTY.
Email: council.disability@state.mn.us.
121 East 7th Place, #107, St. Paul, MN 55101.

NAMI Minnesota – <http://www.namihelps.org/>

This statewide chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness works to improve the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. It offers advocacy, free classes, resources (<http://www.namihelps.org/publications.html>), awards, local chapters and more.
Phone: 651-645-2948 or 888-626-4435.
Email: namihelps@namimn.org.
800 Transfer Road, #31, St. Paul, MN 55114.

PACER Center – www.pacer.org

This statewide parent training and information center for families of children and youth with disabilities offers workshops, resources, the Simon Technology Center and puppet shows on disability awareness, abuse prevention, and bullying prevention.
Phone: 952-838-9000 or 800-537-2237.
Email: pacer@pacer.org.
8161 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55437.

State Services for the Blind – <http://www.mnssb.org>

Part of the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development or <http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/blind-visual-impaired/>
Phone: 651-642-0500 or 800-652-9000; communications services: 651-642-0879.
Email: ssb.info@state.mn.us.
2200 University Ave. W., #240, St. Paul, MN 55114-1840.
Other offices in Bemidji, Brainerd, Duluth, Hibbing, Hutchinson, Mankato, Marshall, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud, West St. Paul.

National Disability Organization & Agency Resources

Great Lakes Disability and Business National Technical Assistance Center – www.adagreatlakes.org

Provides technical assistance and information about the ADA and distributes ADA materials developed by the federal government.
Phone: 800-949-4232.
1640 West Roosevelt Road (M/C 626), Chicago, IL 60608.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts –

Office for VSA and Accessibility: <http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/>.

Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability (LEAD) Conferences: <http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/accessibility/lead/>.

Accessibility Resources: <http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/accessibility/lead/resources.html>.

Phone: 202-416-8727 Voice; 202-416-8728 TTY.

Email: access@kennedy-center.org.

2700 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20566.

National Center on Accessibility (NCA) – <http://www.ncaonline.org/>

Resources include: [Best Practices](#), [Communication](#), [Exhibit Design](#), [Funding Accessibility Projects](#), [Universal Design](#), and a [Products Directory](#).

Phone: 812-856-4422 Voice, 812-856-4421 TTY.

Email: nca@indiana.edu.

501 North Morton St. #109, Bloomington, IN 47404-3732.

National Endowment for the Arts Office for Accessibility – www.arts.gov/resources/accessibility

The advocacy-technical assistance arm of the Arts Endowment to make the arts accessible for people with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and people living in institutions.

Resources: <https://www.arts.gov/accessibility/accessibility-resources/publications-checklists-resources>.

Phone: 202-682-5530, 202-682-5496 TDD.

Email for accessibility: bienuub@arts.gov or levyk@arts.gov.

1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, #523, Washington, D.C. 20506.

Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor –

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/index.htm>

Answers questions about the ADA and other disability legislation and public access. Includes:

Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion –

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/EARN.htm>

Job Accommodation Network (JAN) – <https://askjan.org/>, 800-526-7234 Voice, 877-781-9403 TTY

LEAD Center (National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities) – <https://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/lead.htm>

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth –

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/NCWD.htm>

Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT) –

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/PEAT.htm>

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) – <http://www.rid.org>

Phone: 703-838-0030 Voice, 571-384-5163 VP, 703-838-0459 TTY.

Email: RIDinfo@rid.org.

333 Commerce St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

U.S. Access Board – www.access-board.gov

A federal agency committed to accessible design.

Phone: 800-872-2253 Voice, 800-993-2822 TDD.

1331 F Street NW, #1000, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Publicity Resources

Access Press – <http://www.accesspress.org>.

A monthly newspaper for Minnesota's disability community, with copies available at many locations or online. Submit listings by the 25th of each month.

Phone: 651-644-2133.

Email: access@accesspress.org.

161 St. Anthony Ave. W., #910, St. Paul, MN 55103.

DeafMN.com – <http://deafmn.com/events/community/add>.

Part of the nonprofit Signcasts, DeafMn.com provides a calendar and news relevant to the Minnesota Deaf, Hard of hearing, and signing community. Set up an account to post news online.

Phone: 651-964-2841 (VP/Relay).

Email: deafmn@signcasts.com, tcdeaf@signcasts.com or (director) brein@signcasts.com.

MinnesotaPlaylist – <http://www.minnesotaplaylist.com>.

An easily searchable, up-to-date local arts performance calendar includes accessibility listings for shows playing in Minnesota as well as audition notices, a database of local talent (including ASL interpreters and audio describers), a theater trade magazine, and more. Post your own shows or advertise services and talent by setting up a free account.

Email: info@minnesotaplaylist.com.

VSA Minnesota – <http://vsamn.org/community/calendar>.

VSA's *Accessible Arts Calendar* is updated online regularly and emailed monthly. Submit information into an online form, fill out an emailable calendar template, or just copy VSA on your regular news releases, making sure to include all relevant ASL information: performance date/time(s), running time of the show, interpreter name(s), if advance notice is requested, ticket prices, discount codes and any special email or other contact information.

Phone: 612-332-3888.

Email: access@vsamn.org or jon@vsamn.org.

528 Hennepin Ave. #305, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Publications and Website Resources

Here is a sampling of additional resources addressing accessibility issues in addition to those found on websites of organizations listed previously.

- * **Accessibility Symbols:** The Graphic Artists Guild Foundation provides free downloadable symbols for use in press releases, brochures, signs, forms, maps, floorplans, advertisements, etc. https://graphicartistsguild.org/tools_resources/downloadable-disability-access-symbols. For a CD of the symbols, contact: 212-791-3400 or admin@graphicartistsguild.org.

- * **American with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The law, regulations and many publications are available to understand and implement this national civil rights law for people with disabilities. The ADA's 2010 Revised Regulations address arts organizations and businesses under Title III and state/local government under Title II). Here are some ADA-related resources:

- * **ADA:** <http://www.ada.gov>

ADA Information Line (U.S. Department of Justice): 800-514-0301 Voice, 800-514-0383 TTY

- * **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design:**
<https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.pdf>
- * **ADA centers:** www.adata.org
ADA National Network fact sheets, handbooks and guides (topics such as [Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals](#), [ADA Questions and Answers](#), [Planning Guide for Making Temporary Events Accessible to People With Disabilities](#), [ADA National Network Disability Law Handbook](#), [Guidelines for Writing About People With Disabilities](#), [Adjusting Doors for Access](#), [Accessible Parking](#), [Ticketing](#), [Service Animals](#) and more).
- * **ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities:** <http://www.adachecklist.org/>
- * **ADA Minnesota:** www.adaminnesota.org
ADA technical assistance: 651-603-2015, 651-603-2001 TTY. cindy@mciil-mn.org.
(c/o MCIL) 530 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101.
- * **ADA Technical Assistance** materials: <https://www.ada.gov/ta-pubs-pg2.htm> (topics such as service dogs, accessible parking spaces, powered mobility devices, effective communication, ticket sales).
- * **ADA Toolkit** for state and local governments: <https://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm>
- * **Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines**, 7-23-04 (U.S. Access Board): <http://www.si.edu/Content/Accessibility/Americans-Disabilities-Act.pdf>
- * **Great Lakes ADA Center** – www.adagreatlakes.org
ADA technical assistance: 800-949-4232 V/TTY.
- * **Effective Communication** rules: <https://www.ada.gov/effective-comm.htm>

- * **Best Practices and Guidelines for Large Print Documents:** <http://www.acb.org/node/750>

- * **Design for Accessibility: A Cultural Administrator's Handbook:**
<https://www.arts.gov/publications/design-accessibility-cultural-administrators-handbook>
This guide is designed to help arts organizations comply with the ADA and Section 504 and assist in making access an integral part of planning, mission, programs, outreach, meetings, budget and staffing. It is being updated by the National Endowment for the Arts, along with a Section 504 Self-Evaluation Workbook, and should be available by spring 2017. Copies of the first edition can be downloaded at no charge in Portable Document Format (PDF).

- * **Equal Opportunity Employment Commission** (Title I): www.eeoc.gov
Phone: 800-669-3362 (publications), 800-669-4000 (questions), 800-669-6820 TTY.
Email: info@eeoc.gov.

- * **Fair Housing Act:** <https://www.justice.gov/crt/fair-housing-act>

- * **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** TipSheets, Books & Brochures, Videos, Webinars:
<http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/accessibility/lead/resources.html>
Phone: 202-416-8727 Voice; 202-416-8728 TTY.
Email: access@kennedy-center.org
TipSheets (available online, in braille and large print):
 - [The Color Red in Design](#)
 - [Captioning and CART](#)
 - [Large Print Programs](#)
 - [Radio Frequency, Induction Loop, and Infrared Assistive Listening Systems](#)
 - [Producing and Distributing Braille and Large Print Programs](#)

- [Service Animals and the Revised ADA Regulations](#)
- [Staff Training Resources](#)
- [Universal Design Resources on the Web](#)
- [Universal Principles of Online Accessible Ticketing](#)
- [The Impact of the 2010 Regulations on Hold and Release Policies for Wheelchair Accessible Seating](#)
- [2010 Revised Regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act Titles II and III](#)
(Developed with the Accessibility Offices at the National Endowment for the Arts)

Books and Brochures:

- [Assistive Listening Devices for People with Hearing Loss – A Guide for Performing Arts Settings](#)
- [Audio Description for People with Vision Loss – A Guide for Performing Arts Settings](#)
- [Sensory Friendly Programming for People with Social & Cognitive Learning Disabilities](#)
- [Design for Accessibility: A Cultural Administrator's Handbook](#)

Videos presented by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters on audio description, universal design, captioning, planning for access.

Webinars presented by the ADA National Network, National Center on Accessibility (NCA), the John F. Kennedy Center's LEAD© Program and The Smithsonian Institution. They are free and real-time captioned. Visit the ADA National Network site at <http://dev.accessibilityonline.org/ada-con>; find archived webinars at <https://dev.accessibilityonline.org/arts-n-rec/archives/>.

* **Section 508 Law and Accessibility Guidelines:** <https://www.section508.gov/>

* **Smithsonian Guide for Accessible Exhibit Design:** <http://www.si.edu/Accessibility/SGAED>

* **VSA Minnesota resources:**

Arts organizations: <http://vsamn.org/arts-organizations/resources-organizations/> (Accommodations for People who are Blind or have Low Vision, Accommodations for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Accessibility Symbols, Accessibility Training Topics, Metro ADA Access Grant Recipients and summaries of actual accessibility projects)

Community resources: <http://vsamn.org/community/resources-community/> (Accessible Arts Festivals, Accessible Arts Events, Current Venues and Shows)

Additional resources: ASL Theatrical Interpreters, Audio Describers, Access Plans, Access Statements, Accessibility Consultants, Disability Terminology/Etiquette, Disability-related Media Contacts, Contracts for Interpreters/Describers, and more)

* **Website Accessibility resources:**

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0: <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>