
Information

Alden Library's Adaptive Equipment Room is maintained through the generous endowment of G. Lynn Shostack and is located on the second floor in the Learning Commons. The room is designed to offer additional support to students, faculty, and staff who may need special consideration when coming to the library. Equipment is housed within the room to assist patrons with mobility or physical impairments as well as those in need of study or learning aides. In order to use the room simply go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk and ask to be let in. A library staff member will show you to the room and unlock it for you. No appointment is necessary, and the room is accessible on a first come, first served basis.

Hours for the Shostack Room are identical to the hours for the Learning Commons, which is open 24 hours a day, 5 days a week, with extended hours on the weekend. Hours vary over holidays and intercessions, so please call the 2nd Floor Service Desk with any questions at 740-593-2699 about the hours of operation. The second floor entrance to the library is equipped with a wheelchair ramp and additional assistance can be obtained by calling the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

The Library is committed to making our services available to every student, faculty, and staff member of Ohio University. If you have any questions regarding the services, software, or equipment described in this brochure, please call or email the librarian listed on the back for more information or clarification.

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The G. Lynn Shostack Adaptive Equipment Room

Need More Information?

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Services

Collaboration with the Office of Disability Services

Students who are registered with the Office of Disability Services may request through that office that we make digital copies of textbooks and other class materials that are not available electronically. The digital versions can then be used with various software packages available at the library that assist students with physical or learning disabilities.

Retrieving Materials

The library has staff available to assist patrons with disabilities in obtaining materials. Books and other materials can be pulled and placed at the Circulation Desk so that the student, faculty, or staff member can pick them up at their convenience. There is also the Document Delivery service which enables the user to request that materials like journal articles and book chapters be scanned and made available electronically. In addition, registered students, faculty, and staff may request that library materials be delivered to other locations on campus.

Library Research

Librarians are available to assist all students, faculty, and staff by providing individualized research assistance. Individual sessions can be scheduled to help with specific research questions or general instruction on the services the library provides including catalog and database searching. Class sessions can also be scheduled where a librarian will come into the classroom and explain the services the library offers.

Software

- Tools that translate written text into Braille.
- Programs that read material found on websites back to the user and transfer written text into a digital format that can be saved in the form of a sound file or simply read back to the user.
- Tools designed to identify spelling errors and homophones, assist in research with links to web-based resources, and create outlines for use as a study aid.
- Screen reading programs that enable visually impaired patrons to have material on the screen read to them, with quick key functions that replace the need for a mouse to navigate a screen or document.
- Voice recognition programs that enable the user to create text by speaking into a microphone. Users with motor skill limitations can use their voice to accomplish many of the same functions that a keyboard offers.

List of Applications

(Last updated on June 13, 2019)

TextHelp Read & Write
Gold JAWS
Open Book
ZoomText
Duxbury Translation
Software Dragon Naturally
Speaking

Hardware

- A Braille embosser to produce Braille documents.
- Two scanners to produce digital versions of documents in order to have them read by software applications available in the room.
- A handheld Bierley electronic magnifier that produces an enlarged image of the material on one of the two monitors located in the room.
- Phone that can be used to call for assistance.
- Window blinds to block excess light or to provide privacy.
- Speakers, headphones, and microphones to use with software applications.
- Two large, widescreen monitors.
- Black dry erase board with white markers for visually impaired.
- User guides and manuals.

