

# Webliography: Disability-related Resources

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The articles elsewhere in this issue of *TL* provide a wealth of online resources for librarians to use when examining the issue of serving patrons with disabilities. To add a different perspective to this issue, this webliography focuses on collection development on disability-related topics. It includes specific magazine and subscription-based sources aimed at people with disabilities and those interested in related issues, book publishers and catalogs for the same audience, and a very selective list of related free websites.

## Magazines, newsletters, and subscription-based sources

**Ability Magazine** <http://www.abilitymagazine.com> This glossy bi-monthly (available at least in part online) provides news and features about and by people with disabilities. Celebrity interviews are common, and the publication aims to break down barriers and stereotypes. The Ability website includes information on other programs, including jobs and volunteer opportunities. \$27.90 annual subscription.

**Active Living** <http://www.activelivingmagazine.com> With a webpage subtitled "the adaptive resources users guide," this Bimonthly magazine "Challenges Attitudes, Inspires Activity and Uplifts the Human Spirit." It covers health, fitness & recreation for people with disabilities. \$15 annual subscription.

**Audacity Magazine** <http://www.audacitymagazine.com> "The disabled magazine for the abled mind," Audacity is a news and entertainment magazine that "covers issues pertaining to life with a disability through the prism of disability to expose the public at large to the attitudes of those with physical challenges." Free online.

**Careers & the disABLED** <http://www.eop.com/cd.html> Quarterly career-guidance and recruitment magazine for people with disabilities "who are at undergraduate, graduate, or professional levels." geared towards encouraging and helping people with disabilities maximize their potential in

the workplace. Each issue features a special Braille section. Published by a group called "Equal Opportunity Press." \$12 annual subscription.

**Disability World** <http://disabilityworld.org/> An international bimonthly online publication covering "disability news and views." News reports are divided by region on this site. Contains no advertising. Published by the World Institute on Disability. Free.

**Emerging Horizons** <http://emerginghorizons.com> A consumer-oriented magazine devoted to accessible travel. Contains no advertising. \$16.95 annual subscription.

**EP: Exceptional Parent** <http://www.eparent.com>. Excellent magazine on parenting a child with disabilities. \$34.95 annual subscription.

### **Mouth: Voice of the Disability Nation**

<http://www.mouthmag.com/abtmouthmag.htm> This hard-hitting and darkly humorous advocacy magazine provides reports and commentary on legislative, political and ethical issues that concern people with disabilities. \$48 organizational subscription.

**New Mobility** <http://www.newmobility.com>. This monthly magazine focuses on "disability culture and lifestyle" with an emphasis on wheelchair and spinal cord injury topics. \$27.95 annual subscription.

**PALAESTRA** <http://www.palaestra.com> This quarterly on adapted physical activity covers issues of sport, physical education and recreation involving people with disabilities. Annual library subscription \$26.95.

**Ragged Edge Online** <http://www.ragged-edge-mag.com/> This exclusively online publication is the successor to the award-winning magazine, *The Disability Rag*. The publication "examines current and emerging public issues from a disability perspective: civil rights, politics, culture, humor, sexuality, art, technology. We publish freelance journalism, essays, poetry and fiction." Free.

### **Window to the World**

<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/lbph/newsletter.htm> Tennessee's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides this free quarterly newsletter containing features, staff information and other items of interest about LBPH.

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## Free Websites

### **The Ability Project: See the Ability, not the Disability.**

<http://www.ability.org.uk/index1.html> The website provides hundreds of informational and software links related to ability/disability. It's aim is to show that "quality of life is related to how free a person is to make their own choices."

**Disabilities-R-Us** <http://www.disabilites-r-us.com> – "a chat room and support group created by and for people with physical disabilities (but everyone is welcome). Since 1997 we have been providing a warm and friendly place where you can make new online friends from all over the world. We invite you to roam about our web site, and if you can, drop on in for some friendly chat in our official [chat room](#)."

**Disabled World** <http://www.disabled-world.com/> Offering "news and information for the disabled community," the site provides articles, and information about products/services, medications/supplements, entertainment, and sports. While heavy on advertising, the site does offer some interesting information.

**Disabled Peoples International** <http://www.dpi.org> Site for Disabled People International and their magazine (see above). "Disabled Peoples' International is a network of national organizations or assemblies of disabled people, established to promote human rights of disabled people through full participation, equalization of opportunity and development." The site's [publication link](#) includes excellent informational documents.

**Disability Online** <http://www.disability-online.com/> A Web directory for disability information, the site is Disability offers a comprehensive resource center for all disability related resources, topics and services.

**EnableLink** <http://www.enablelink.org/> Provides links to a wide variety of resources. Includes a bookstore (see below).

**JobAccess** <http://www.jobaccess.org> "This site provides a place where people with disabilities can seek employment, confident that they will be evaluated solely on their skills and experience." Includes both job listings and resume posting service. Links to educational opportunities also appear.

**Mainstream** <http://www.mainstream-mag.com> Published as a print magazine from 1975-1988, this news, advocacy and lifestyle publication is now available only as a free website.

**Mothers From Hell 2** <http://www.mothersfromhell2.org/> Humorous site for mothers with disabled children. "Mothers from Hell 2 (MFH2) is a national group of parents, relatives, friends, and anyone who just plain 'gets it' fighting chipped tooth and broken press-on nail for the appropriate education, community acceptance, desperately needed services, rights of and entitlements for people with disabilities."

**OUCH!** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch> This fantastic British website from the BBC includes podcasts, blogs, interviews, features, and news.

**World Association of People with Disabilities** <http://wapd.org/> WAPD is a membership organization providing education and information on disability issues, from a decidedly positive point of view. The site includes educational opportunities and a web directory, as well as membership information.

**Disability Rights Education and Defense Foundation (DREDF)** <http://www.dredf.org> DREDF is a national law and policy center dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities.

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## **Book and Media Catalogs, Publishers, and Dealers**

Note: inclusion in this list does not constitute an endorsement. I have not ordered from these sites personally, and selected them only based on the information on the websites. As with all online transactions, *caveat emptor!*

**Disability Books** <http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/> Books and videos for those with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.

**EnableLink Bookstore** <http://www.enablelink.org/library/bookstore.html>

**Forest Books** <http://www.forestbooks.com/> Sells books and media "about Deafness and Deaf issues."

**Brookes Publishing Company** <http://www.pbrookes.com/> Books and media for the fields of "disabilities, education, and child development."

**Demos Medical Publishing** <http://www.demosmedpub.com> An established medical publisher focused on topics such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, and epilepsy.

**Huge Print Press** <http://www.hugeprint.com> Creates custom large print books for people with visual impairments.

**Resources for Rehabilitation** <http://www.rfr.org/> Publications and training that empower independent living. Site is in large print for those with low vision.

**Sensory resources** <http://www.sensoryresources.com/> Books, audio and video "resources for raising children with sensory-motor, developmental and social-emotional challenges." Website also contains useful online resources.

**Woodbine House** <http://www.woodbinehouse.com/> Books and media on people with disabilities for parents, teachers, children and professionals. Covers a wide variety of disabilities and a larger number of offerings than many publishers listed here.