

MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (2500)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (2501.00)

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Mentor Public Library will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: Mentor Public Library does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: Mentor Public Library will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Mentor Public Library's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: Mentor Public Library will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Mentor Public Library offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Mentor Public Library should contact the Human Resources Manager, by phone at: 440-255-8811 x231, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Mentor Public Library to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of Mentor Public Library is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the Human Resources Manager, by phone at: 440-255-8811 x231.

Mentor Public Library will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (2501.00)

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Mentor Public Library. The Mentor Public Library's Employee Handbook governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Human Resources Manager/ADA Coordinator
8215 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the Human Resource Manager or designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the Human Resources Manager or designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of Mentor Public Library and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the Human Resources Manager or designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Mentor Public Library Director, or designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Director or designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Director or designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by the Human Resources Manager or designee, appeals to the Director or designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the Mentor Public Library for at least three years.