

Navesink Library

149 Monmouth Ave. Navesink, NJ

Upon inspection the following problems were confirmed at the Navesink Branch Library located 149 Monmouth Ave, Navesink, NJ.

1. There are no designated disabled parking spaces at this location, contrary to ANSI section 502 and ADAAG section 4.6. Each space should be installed on a level area with a slope no greater than 2% in any direction. They should be the closest to an accessible entrance, which in this case appears to be the rear entrance. Since this library is located next to a school and the parking lot is utilized by both facilities there should be at least two accessible parking spaces on either side of the sidewalk leading to the library. The spaces should be 8 feet wide with an 8 foot access aisle between the two spaces which leads to the sidewalk and then to the accessible entrance. Each space should have proper signage designating the space as handicapped accessible and below the international handicapped accessibility symbol should be a sign designating the fines associated with violations of illegally parking in these spaces.



2. There is no access to the front entrance due to the steps lacking an accessible means of travel into this entrance, contrary to ANSI section 303.2 and ADAAG section 4.5.2.
3. The ramp at the parking area has the following problems to be corrected.
 - a. There is a 1 inch threshold transition to the ramp, contrary to ANSI section 303.2 and ADAAG section 4.5.2. The pink bricks will need to be removed and the ground will have to be leveled so there is a level transition between the brick and the concrete ramp.



- b. The bottom landing has a slope of 16%, contrary to ANSI section 405.7.1 and ADAAG section 4.8.2. These bricks should be level since they exist directly after a ramp and by leveling this area the excessive slope will be eliminated.



- c. The handrails have extensions of 6 inches at the bottom of the ramp and there are no extensions at the top, contrary to ANSI section 505.10.1 and ADAAG section 4.8.5. The handrail extensions should be a minimum of 12 inches beyond the slope at the top and bottom of the ramp.



- d. The handrails extend 3 inches off of the wall, contrary to ANSI section 505.1 and ADAAG section 4.8.5. This handrail on the right side of the ramp facing the top will need to be relocated so that the railing is no more than 1.5 inches off of the wall to lessen the possibility of a guest getting their arm caught between the handrail and the wall.



4. Upon inspection on 10/29/2004 at 4:30 pm the rear access was locked and was not able to be utilized. The librarian stated on this date that the disabled patrons of the library could go to a different branch, for instance the main branch which is several miles away, because it is more accessible. Whereas every government service must be available to the disabled community there is no assurance that the same books would be made available at each library branch so

each branch must be accessible to the community.

5. The bathroom has the following problems which need to be corrected.
 - a. The toilet is less than 17 inches high above the finished floor, contrary to ANSI section 604.4 and ADAAG section 4.16.3.
 - b. There are no grab bars behind and beside the toilet, contrary to ANSI section 604.5 and ADAAG section 4.16.4.
 - c. There is no transfer room next to the toilet, contrary to ANSI section 604.2 and ADAAG section 4.16.2.



- d. The hot water and drain pipes under the sink are not insulated, contrary to ANSI section 606.6 and ADAAG section 4.19.4.



- e. The mirror measures higher than 40 inches above the finished floor when measured to the bottom of the reflective surface, contrary to ANSI section 603.3 and ADAAG section 4.19.6.



- f. There is a round knob on the door which requires pinching, grasping, and twisting of the wrist and hand, contrary to ANSI section 404.2.7 and ADAAG section 4.13.9.
- g. The door has a round lock on the knob used to secure the door, which requires pinching, grasping, and twisting of the wrist and hand, contrary to ANSI section 404.2.7 and ADAAG section 4.13.9.
- h. The bathroom door is 32 inches wide, contrary to ANSI section 404.2.3 and ADAAG section 4.13.5.



Notes:

(a.) The present bathroom in the library is totally inaccessible due to the aforementioned problems. The librarian stated that the bathroom in the theatre area is not available to guests so the front bathroom needs to be made accessible to facilitate the desired required accessible bathrooms.

(b.) The bathroom in the theater portion of the building (see picture below), is accessible except for a few areas such as the flush valve on the toilet water tank. These bathrooms and a path to these bathrooms needs to be available to a guest using this library.

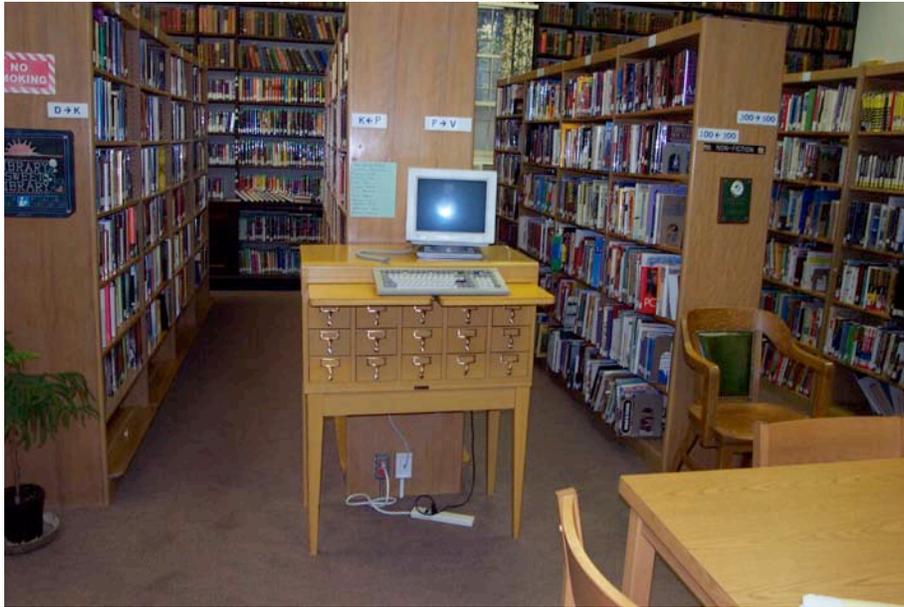


6. The library counter does not have a lowered section of 3 feet long and no more than 34 inches high, contrary to ANSI section 904.3 and ADAAG section 7.2.



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7. The computer keyboard counter is higher than 36 inches above the finished floor to the top of the keyboard, contrary to ANSI section 902.3 and ADAAG section 4.32.4.



8. The slope at the return bay is 3.1%, contrary to ANSI section 305.2 and ADAAG section 4.3.7.





9. Upon discussions with the librarian it was stated that this entrance is only used by patrons who come to see performances of a local theatre group. Since this appears to be the only entrance that can be made into an accessible element, upon correction of the problems outlined this door needs to be open during business hours to allow disabled guests the ability to enter and utilize the facilities.



Note:

On the date of the inspections, October 28-29, 2004, after inspecting the Johnson Gill Annex Building and the Courthouse, Mr. David Anderson, Esq., and myself, William B. Cody, began to inspect other facets of the Middletown Township. Whereas we were accompanied on our inspection of the two main buildings, Mr. Anderson and myself continued inspecting libraries, township parks, and various streets and curb cuts. Several parks which contained required accessible elements could not be inspected, such as restrooms and concession areas, due to the lack of access on these days. The reports dealing with the libraries and township parks will contain solutions in certain areas which we were unable to inspect and solutions will be offered to cover alleged infractions. If these problems in these areas do not in fact exist, then the solutions offered will be given as proper guidelines to make these areas fully compliant under the two standards cited, the ANSI and ADAAG.