ADA Update: Revised Regulations for Disability Accommodations for the Public

Key Resources
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New and Pending ADA Regulations, Hearings (archived plus transcripts) http://www.ada.gov

Great Lakes ADA Center archived webinars on the new regulations http://www.accessibilityonline.org/Archives

Department of Justice. Project Civic Access. Over 180 settlement agreements with localities in all 50 states the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Many include libraries. Typical agreement adheres the municipality to "the touchstone for compliance, "Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments" http://www.ada.gov/civicfac.htm

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm

Congressional Research Service. Nancy Jones, October 13, 2010. The Americans with Disabilities Act: Application to the Internet. http://www.nacua.org/documents/ADAInternet.pdf

Standards for Electronic Accessibility
Section 508 – for federal government and libraries that get federal funds http://www.section508.gov

WCAG 2.0 – international standard set by W3C Web Accessibility Initiative Most commenters at Department of Justice web accessibility hearings 2010-2011 recommended WCAG level AA http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/

Web Content Accessibility and Mobile Web: Making a Web Site Accessible Both for People with Disabilities and for Mobile Devices www.w3.org/WAI/mobile/

State Initiatives for Accessible E-Resources http://accessibility.gtri.gatech.edu/sitid/statelawatglance.php

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American Library Association. Purchasing of Accessible Electronic Resources Resolution (2009)

www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/reference/colresolutions/PDFs/electronicresource s.pdf

American Library Association. Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA). Accessibility to Library Databases and Other Online Library Resources for People with Disabilities - wiki Shows specific vendors' accessibility and sample license clauses http://tinyurl.com/ascla-vendor-accessibility

Reading Rights Coalition. Collaborative effort by 30 nationally recognized organizations such as the American Council of the Blind and American Foundation for the Blind Shows legal complaints against providers of non-accessible technology including libraries

http://Readingrights.org

Internet Archive Open Library – 1 million titles in the accessible DAISY format. Both public domain and titles protected by copyright. Patrons eligible for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and other Physically Handicapped can get key to open protected texts.

http://www.archive.org/details/printdisabled
For more on the DAISY format, see http://daisy.org

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Beyond Ramps: Library Accessibility in the Real World. Marti Goddard, July-October 2006

http://infopeople.org/training/past/2006/beyond-ramps/

Disability Accommodations for the Public. Mary Minow, March 20, 2003. Reviews legal cases against libraries http://www.infopeople.org/training/webcasts/webcast_data/51/index.html