SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Under the direction of the Outreach Librarian, Library staff shall provide selected Library materials, equipment and programs to Elmhurst residents who are otherwise unable to take advantage of conventional collections and services due to a physical or cognitive impairment.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1) The Library is a contact point for the Library of Congress Talking Book Program, registering patrons to receive Talking Books and players according to the policies of that program.

2) The Library maintains a Large Print book collection and a collection of audio books for individuals with low vision.

SERVICES (See also Outreach Services Policy 7.4)

1) Staff or volunteers will deliver selected materials to people unable to visit the Library in person *due to physical disability/ies, illness or other condition last eight weeks or more.*

2) The Library will work cooperatively with local nursing homes and daycare or activity centers to provide the stimulation of Library programming within the limits of available staff time and expertise, and deposit collections to augment the institution's programming.

EQUIPMENT

1) The Library maintains a TTY machine and provides chat and e-mail reference to facilitate communication with the hearing impaired.

2) The Library provides CCTV readers enabling persons with low vision to read regular print for use at home or in the Library.

3) The Library provides several computers with adaptive software and equipment for persons with low vision and other physical or cognitive disabilities.

4) The Library provides tablet computers with assistive apps for persons with low vision and other physical or cognitive disabilities to use at home.