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NEW TECHNOLOGY INCREASES CUSTOMERS' ACCESS **PUBLIC LIBRARY INSTALLS STATE-OF-THE-ART HEARING EQUIPMENT**

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County recently installed adaptive hearing equipment in its Tower Room and Reading Garden at the Main Library, downtown. This new hearing equipment, manufactured by Listen Technologies, makes these two venues, which are frequently reserved for conferences, meetings, and special events, more accessible to Library customers.

"The installation of these devices is simply another step the Public Library has taken to ensure that our resources are available and accessible to all members of the community," said Library Services Manager Paula Brehm-Heeger.

How does the adaptive hearing equipment work?

The new adaptive hearing equipment is extremely intuitive and user-friendly. Customers can request that Library Staff retrieve the devices for programs and events, and these knowledgeable staff members will be on hand to answer any questions as well to assist customers with equipment setup.

Accommodations offered by the Public Library to people with special needs

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is affiliated with The Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, located in Cleveland, Ohio at the Cleveland Public Library. The Library for the Blind provides information and services to all Ohio residents who qualify for their services. For more information please call The Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled at 1-800-362-1262.

Locally, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Outreach Services Department offers "Books by Mail," a service that allows books and other Library materials to be sent to individuals in Hamilton County who are confined to their homes. Call 513-369-6963 for additional information.

The Public Library also provides handicapped parking, magnifying devices, large print books, closed captioned videos and books-on-tape and on-CD at all of its branches. In addition the Main Library, downtown, provides talking books, Braille books, and motorized scooters for those who need them. For more information about the services provided by the Public Library please visit: <http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/services/blind.html> or call 513-369-6900.

Public Library departments that provide services to people with special needs

- **Interpreters (serve the hearing impaired at Library events):** (513) 369-4400 or TTY 369-4409
- **Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:** (513) 369-6999
- **Outreach Services (serves nursing homes, retirement centers, correctional facilities, the homebound, and children with special needs):** (513) 369-6963
- **Programs/Exhibit Office (provides sound and visual enhancement at Library events):** 513-369-3173