Library of Congress

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As an especially elegant building, much adaptation has been done to achieve maximum ADA compliance. As a store house of American treasures, the building showcases our nation’s heritage at every turn and this can be learned from, as well as how the building’s spaces accommodate various visitor needs and styles of working.
The Library of Congress is ADA accessible with both ramps and stairs guiding visitors to the entrance.
Visitors enter the library through security magnetometers.
Clear signage guides visitors through the library.
Amenities for visitors include charging stations near benches where guests rest or wait for tours to begin.
Clear signage alerts guests to activities they can attend that are designed for them.
Handsome displays line the walls of the library to provide an educational experience to guests.
The gift shop is easily visible to all guests.
Artistic marble sculptures and murals adorn the walls of the Library of Congress.
Intricate tile work and paintings decorate the ceilings throughout.
Powerful symbols of knowledge can be seen throughout the library
Statues relay portions of the library’s history to all that view them.
Visitors are guided by signs to interactive displays designed for them. To the left is Thomas Jefferson’s personal library.
Priceless books on display attract visitors from all over the globe.
Easy to read signs guide researchers and other work-a-day foot traffic to areas designated for their work.
Reading nooks hidden from the main corridor provide visitors a quiet place to read
Communal seating areas promote collaboration in the library.
Emergency plans and exits are clearly marked.
Life safety equipment and signage are clearly marked throughout.