

Disabled Access and Facilities

Access

The Old library is accessible to wheelchairs via a ramped entry on the east side of the building, which is also the entrance to the Cardiff Tourist Information Centre. The entrance on the west side is not appropriate for wheelchair access due to a set of steep steps. Once inside the building, our fully functional passenger lift enables you to easily reach all three floors. All doors within the building are a minimum of 79cm in width, with the majority actually measuring between 88cm and 96cm.

In the Tourist Information Centre, the reception desk is 90cm from floor level but has a designated disabled access area which is 70cm from floor level. The accommodation booking desk is also 70cm from floor level.

Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities for disabled visitors are easily accessible and are available on the basement level, accessed via the passenger lift.

The toilet has wall mounted rails and as you face the toilet, grab rails are located on both sides. The height of the toilet seat above floor level is 42 cm (1ft 4in) and the mirror is at a low level of 84cm from floor level for ease of use. The sink is not paced higher than 74cm. The toilet roll holder is 83cm from floor level, and the paper towel holder is 1m 28cm from floor level. However, there is a hand dryer at the lower level of 94cm from floor level. There is an emergency pull cord next to the toilet and the space to one side of the toilet is greater than the required minimum of 60cm. The door is a larger than average, 96cm in width.

Passenger Lift

Our lift is a standard passenger lift for public use and has a capacity of 67 persons or 5000 kg's. Floors basement to level 2 are accessible via the lift. It is located near to the centre of the building and is no more than 50m from the disabled accessible entrance to the building. The dimensions of the lift are 3ft x 3.4ft and it has an audible announcer to alert users as to which floor they have arrived at. It does not have a mirror to aid reversing out of the lift but the lift is large enough to be able to turn around when inside. There are also rails around the inside of the lift. The lighting level is bright inside and the controls have Braille markings and are 102-114 cm from floor level. An emergency telephone is also situated inside. Staff do not need to be notified upon use of the lift.

Guide Dogs

Trained guide dogs kept in a harness are permitted on site at the Old Library.

Parking

The Old Library is situated in the Hayes, a pedestrianised area of the city centre and therefore does not have any parking facilities. However, there are numerous multi-storey car parks available close by. The nearest to the Old Library is Quay Street NCP which is open 24 hours a day. It has a capacity of 336 and four disabled spaces.

Other car parks near by are listed below:

Car Park	Capacity	Disabled Spaces
John Lewis	550	21
Marriot	86	7
Great Western lane (Wood St)	520	4
Pellet and Green	297	4
Adam Street	427	20
Rapports	130	2
Central Station Pay and Display	426	20
Herbert Street	150	0
Castle Court	149	0

Taxi Travel

Taxis are able to pick up and drop off at Wharton Street (Waterstones and Howells can be found at the end of this street), which is approximately 100 metres from our entrance suited to visitors with disabilities.

Bus Travel

The central bus station is a five minute walk from the Old Library and nearby bus stops can be found at:

- Hayes Bridge Road
- St Mary Street
- Churchill Way
- Canal Street
- Westgate Street

For further information visit: www.cardiffbus.com

Or call Traveline on: 0871 200 22 33

Also, the new 'free b' is a free bus shuttle which takes passengers around the city centre every ten minutes. The service is free of charge with stops at Central Station, Wyndham Arcade, Canal Street (behind the new Central Library), Churchill Way, Windsor Lane, Greyfriars Road, Castle Street, Westgate Street and St Mary Street.

The 'free b' service runs from:

- Monday to Thursday 8am to 8pm.

- Friday 8am to 7.40pm.
- Saturday 8am to 6pm.
- Sunday 9am to 6pm.

For further information visit: www.cardiff.gov.uk/freeb

Train Travel

Cardiff Central Station is within a five minute walk of the Old Library. For more information on train travel visit: www.arrivatrains.co.uk
Or call: 08547 48 49 50.

Emergency Evacuation

The Old Library recognises the importance of the safety and welfare of its visitors and has carefully planned for every eventuality. Emergency evacuation procedures have been developed and staff are trained to assist and aid your evacuation from the building.

