

ACCESSIBILITIES OVERVIEW OF Little Sister's Book & Art Emporium

Location, Contact Info Etc.: 1238 Davie Street; 604.669.1753

When was the audit performed? August 30 2014

Website link: <http://www.littlesisters.ca>

Google Map link:

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/1238+Davie+St.+Vancouver.+BC+V6E+1N3/@49.2821992,-123.1341859,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x5486722b86a26591:0x7a9ee8f79c6f70db>

Link to The Full Access Audit:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AIWfkGlu_oJ3dHF4Rm1NNW9TeXBJdWJvczJJdIVUOVE&usp=sharing

Overall Accessibility Ratings

Access Type	Rating	Comments
Blind / Vision Limited	X	floor is lifting in some spots; easy to trip on
Deaf / Hard of Hearing	X	staff is familiar with deaf customers, but are untrained in ASL
Scent Reduced / Free	X	no policy in place
Wheelchair/Mobility Limited	X	some tricky turns and navigation, but generally accessible
(additional access sections		
can go here)		

Accessibilities Rating Key: [leave this key in place when you're finished, so people have an idea how you are deciding on ratings]

FULL: e.g. can freely access all publicly available spaces; scent policy in place and enforced; ASL, Braille, & other accommodations available at no charge to the individual; sliding scale available; etc.

SEMI: e.g. can access most/main activity spaces but not all public areas, some arrangements/changes required, some accommodations provided for deaf/HoH and blind/vision limited folks; adequate lighting for signing; limited scent policy; etc.

NON: e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no asl, Braille or other accommodations; inadequate lighting for signing; no sliding scale; etc.

[this audit was generously conducted by community member Charlie Spats]

Little Sister's Book & Art Emporium is a GLBT bookstore, adult store, and unofficial community centre.

It is located at 1238 Davie Street, in the heart of the West End between Jervis and Bute.

The closest transit available is the #6 bus (connect from Expo/Millennium lines at Granville Station) or the C23 shuttle bus (connect from Canada Line at Yaletown-Roundhouse). Eastbound bus stop is less than half a block away; Westbound is across the street.

Both the main space and the public washroom are *mostly* accessible to chairs and scooters. There may be heavy doors or tight turns interfering with smooth navigation.

Staff are helpful and community-oriented in nature, but do not have formal training in accessibility issues.

Each staff member has their own individual background in community involvement and knowledge.

There is no scent policy in place at the store. Be aware that the bathroom is sometimes very heavily scented.

Specific events will have their own policies. Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:

Fragrance Free Femme Of Colour Realness, by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha:

<http://www.brownstargirl.org/1/post/2012/03/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15.html>

A FAQ on MCS and being scent-free:

<http://www.peggymunson.com/mcs/fragrancefree.html>

On making your event scent-free or scent-reduced:

<http://dualpowerproductions.com/2011/03/26/organizing-a-fragrance-free-event/>

On products you can use to reduce your use of scents:

<http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>



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<https://radicalaccessiblecommunities.wordpress.com/>