

Doing an Accessibility Audit of Your Library

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What stands out about this picture?



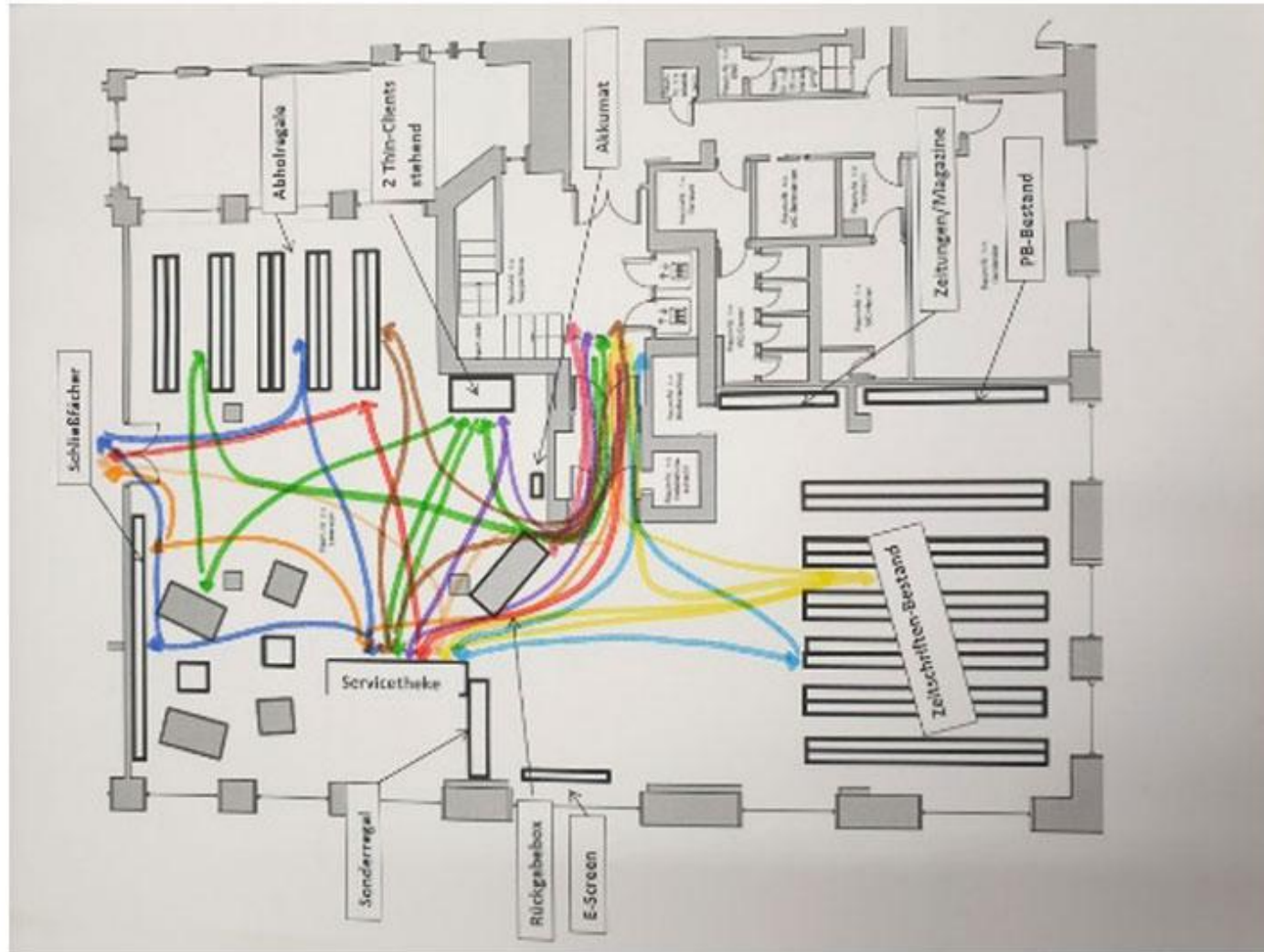
Physical Accessibility

- Compliance vs Accessibility
- Queens Public Library Debacle:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/nyregion/long-island-city-library.html>
- Schomberg, J. & Corley, C. (2022). Asking the right questions: Accessibility and library study rooms. *Journal of Library Administration* 62(4): 572-579.

Guidelines/Checklists

- Project ENABLE ADA Checklist:
https://projectenable.syr.edu/data/ADA_Accessibility_Checklist4.pdf
- IFLA Guidelines for making libraries accessible for people with disabilities 2025 <https://repository.ifla.org/items/72d304a4-9896-4254-9ac1-955d19bca483>

User Experience Testing – Behavior Mapping



Physical Accessibility: Take Perspective

- TED Talk: Why Design Should Include Everyone
- https://www.ted.com/talks/sinead_burke_why_design_should_include_everyone?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare



Digital Accessibility

- Library Accessibility Alliance
 - <https://www.libraryaccessibility.org/>
 - High level accessibility testing of databases
 - Accessibility contract language for negotiating with vendors
- WebAIM
 - <https://webaim.org/>
 - WAVE: Web accessibility evaluation tool: <https://wave.webaim.org/>

Further Resources

- Arlitsch, K. (2018). My User is a Machine: Making Information Accessible to Disabled Users by Structuring for Machine Intermediaries. *Journal of Library Administration*, 58(7), 728–738.
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- Horton, S. & Quesenbury, W. (2014). *A Web for Everyone: Designing Accessible User Experiences*. Rosenfield Media.
- Vincent, J. (2024). *Making the Library Accessible for All: A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman and Littlefield.
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- Sweeney, M. (2024). *Brittle Joints*. Street Noise Books. [This graphic medicine title is EXCELLENT for understanding chronic pain.]

Thank you!

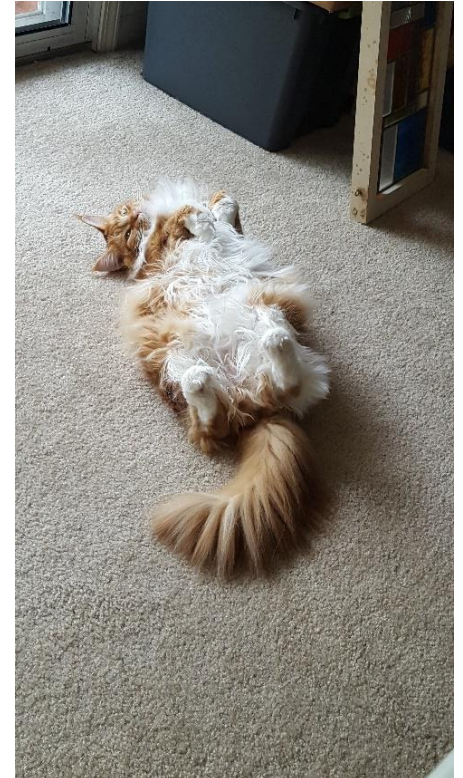
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Questions?

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