FROM PRIMARY RESOURCES TO A FOUNDATION FOR PROGRAMMING: DISABILITY HISTORY AT UTA LIBRARIES

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University of Texas at Arlington Libraries
UTA HISTORY WITH DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY

President Nedderman, we have a problem.

Jim Hayes & Ronnie Eaton
GRANT #1 REPRESENT THE COLLECTION

Thank you Texas State Library & Archives
https://www.tsl.texas.gov/
Showcasing Texas' central role in the disability rights movement, especially adapted sports and access to higher education.

More about this collection

Exhibit: Building a Barrier-Free Campus

"Building a Barrier-Free Campus" explores how UTA began to become a model accessible campus for students with disabilities starting in the mid-1960s—a time when disabled...
Deaf education teacher Karen Jackson signs with Michelle Long helping her with geometry in class at Arlington’s Sam Houston High School, 05/02/1982. Karen is on her knees, signing, at face level, as Michelle sits at her desk.

Lisbeth Tooke, speech therapist, works with Mike Cameron, who is wearing headphones, in a speech training game at the Rehabilitation Center of the Fort Worth Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 4700 S. Riverside Dr., 03/07/1964.
WORKING WITH THE ADAPTIVE RESOURCE CENTER

Dozens of applications to consider
- Text to speech software (TTS software)
- Screen readers & magnifiers
- And more!

Lots of transcripts (OCRed for TTS reader)

Tab navigation (mobility)

Testing
Arlington Mayor Harold Patterson presents E.J. Wells flowers for being the 100,000th passenger on the city’s Handitran van. The van is specially designed for people with physical handicaps and senior citizens.


Describe the color blue to someone who was born blind.
WEB USABILITY TESTING

Offsite testing was used
Was NOT the typical usability testing
Awesome student workers involved
Grant #2  Disability History/Archives Consortium
(a.k.a DHAC)

THANK YOU NEH!
(HUMANITIES COLLECTIONS AND REFERENCE RESOURCES)

HTTPS://WWW.NEH.GOV/GRANTS/PRESERVATION/HUMANITIES-COLLECTIONS-AND-REFERENCE-RESOURCES
WHAT IS DHAC?

Who?
- American Foundation for the Blind
- American School for the Deaf
- Association of Universities Centers on Disabilities
- George H.W. Bush Presidential Library
- Perkins School for the Blind
- And more!

What next?

Why?

“People with disabilities are the largest minority in the country – they’re 20 percent of the population. We have only just begun to integrate this story into a larger picture of the Civil Rights era as well as U.S. history more broadly.”  --Dr. Sarah Rose, Director, Disability Minor Program at the University of Texas at Arlington
Grant #3 A Little Seed Money, Please

THANK YOU UTA!
HTTP://WWW.UTA.EDU
LOCAL WORK

Expand oral histories

Faculty partnership and programs

Exhibits – so many exhibits!
EXHIBITS

Print
http://library.uta.edu/exhibits/barrier-free

Digital
http://library.uta.edu/barrier-freecampus/
PERSONS OF INTEREST

**Brenda McClurkin**
Dept. Head, UTA Special Collections Archivist
The smart chick!

**Student supreme**
**Trevor Engel,** Disability Studies Assistant

**The Historian**
**Sarah Rose,** Director, Minor in Disability Studies & Associate Professor of History

**Digital Creation staff**
a.k.a. Mona’s awesome minions
m.i.a Diane Turner, Lynn Johnson & Faedra Wills

Gave us $$!
We 💚 them!