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Disability, part of diversity, on everyone’s radar, will make UM a disability-friendly campus.

Goals

* Raise campus awareness of both visible and hidden disabilities
* Provide accessible websites campuswide
* Promote universal design in new campus construction
* Provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for all

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Results

* UM Community members are now more conversant with etiquette for the individuals with challenges.
* What is the impact? Since most people either will have or will know someone with a disability, by raising consciousness about accessibility, universal design, and the possibility of accommodations, stigma has been reduced.
* M-Library is incorporating disability information on websites of each individual library. Accessibility of other campus websites is being improved as a work in progress by our accessibility webmaster.
* Disability librarian position established unofficially.

Future Development

* More people aware of issues spreading word further
* A timeline of planned activities.
* Communication with other units to disseminate information about disability issues
* Because of heightened awareness, other units will make use of accessible websites, universal design will be employed in constructing campus buildings.