



Climbing the Mountain Anyway

Disability Awareness Month
at the University of Maryland Libraries

October
2009

Engineering and Physical Sciences Library, Main Floor, "Engineering that Empowers: Innovation in Disability Patents." Oct. 3-31, 2009

This is an exhibit focusing on the development and utilization of new and innovative accommodation devices. Our goal is to create an awareness of the connection between environment and the effectiveness of accommodation devices meeting the needs of people with disabilities. Library users will see what it is like to be two feet shorter, with no hearing or speech, nor ability to move. They will find that things we frequently take for granted, such as crossing the threshold into a room, are actually challenges to some. With this exhibit we hope that viewers will have a better understanding of the need for future designs of assistive devices, buildings, and environmental spaces to meet the needs of all people.

Nonprint Media Services Library, Ground Floor of Hornbake Library, "Climbing the Mountain Anyway: The View." Sept. 28 - Nov. 1, 2009

Ongoing exhibit and Dial Access programming. Feature films and documentaries highlighting disabilities.

Week 1: 9/28 – 10/4 "Vital Signs: Crip Culture Talks Back" (Political activists, artists, writers, academicians)

Week 2: 10/5 – 10/11 "King Gimp" (Visual artist, strong Maryland connection)

Week 3: 10/12 – 10/18 "Dancing From the Inside Out: Three Stories from AXIS Dance Troupe" and "Phoenix Dance" (Professional dance troupe featuring persons with/without disabilities) and (One dancer's story)

Week 4: 10/19 – 10/25 "Freedom Machines (Adaptive technology to the rescue)

Week 5: 10/26 – 11/1 "Kiss My Wheels" (Young wheelchair athletes and their coaches on and off the basketball court)

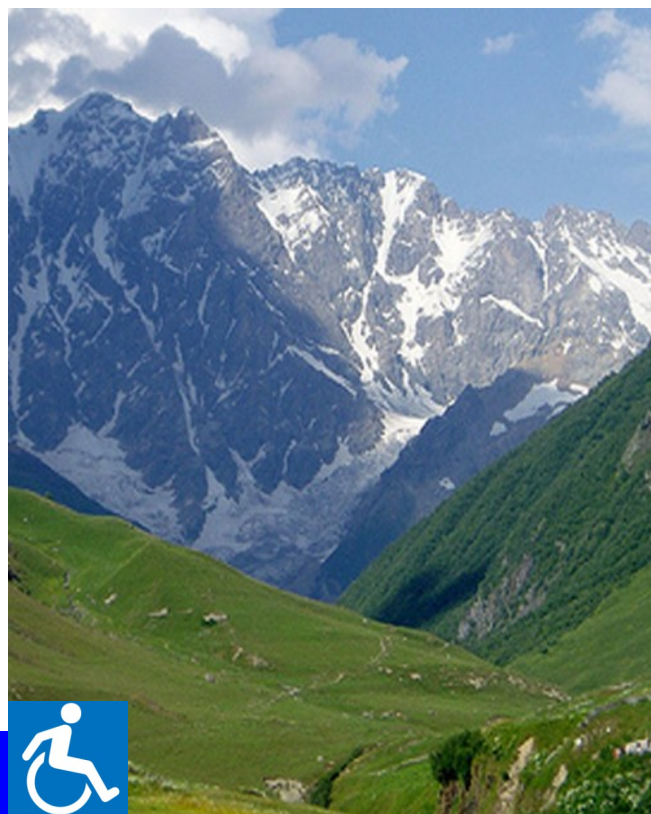
McKeldin Library, Lobby, "Climbing the Mountain Anyway: Honoring People Who Have Achieved Against Great Odds." Oct. 3-31, 2009

In celebration of National Disability Awareness Month, this exhibit seeks to honor individuals who have achieved against the odds. They have used their disability as a creative force for developing innovative solutions for themselves as well as for others.

Hornbake Library, Nonprint Media Services Library, Room J (Ground Floor), "Freedom Machines".

Oct. 19, 2009 12:00-1:30 pm

A Video Brown Bag presentation and discussion on technology and disabilities.



These events are sponsored by the UM Libraries Diversity Team.
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