Library as an Inclusive Space, Librarian as a Social Curator

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RSLYA is the main library in Russia that focused on readers aged 16-35, a modern multimedia space with the latest technical equipment, ergonomical design and electronic resources



Inclusion is our main approach. People with special needs are welcome at all library's activities along with other patrons





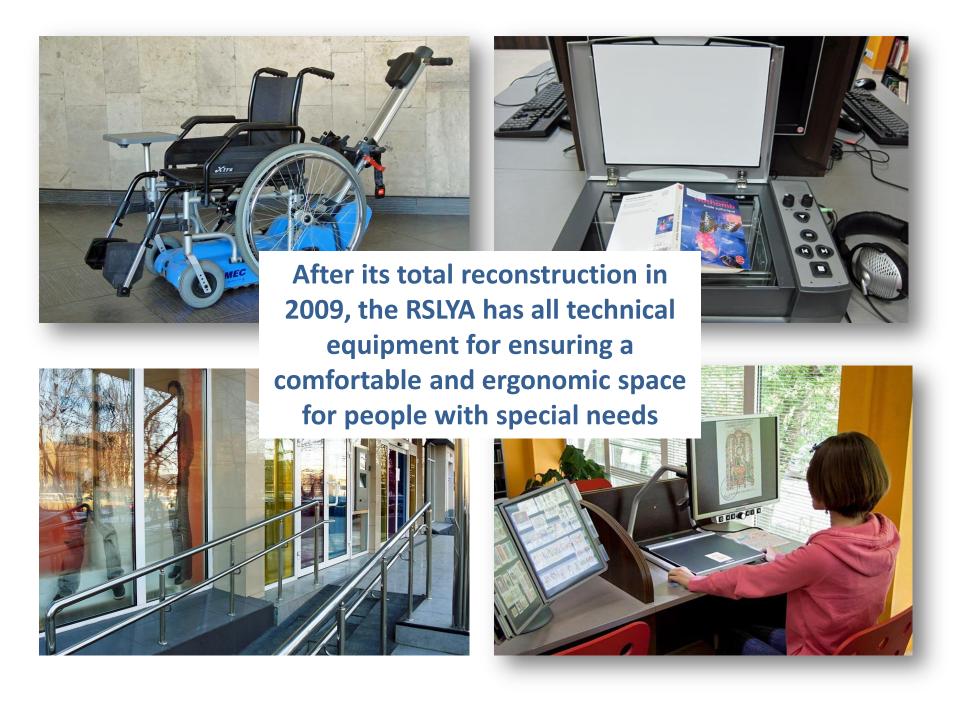
Accessible environment:

- ensuring the availability of physical space
- creating comfortable psychological atmosphere

Equal opportunities:

- providing services in accordance with people's preferences and needs
- creating conditions for their participation in all library's activities and access to all its services
- giving opportunities for uncovering their abilities and skills





Extra wide aisles and low bookshelves for a wheelchair user to reach





The RSLYA offers a free psychological support service both for our patrons with special needs and librarians





You need a communication strategy to spread the word about your activities. It includes:

- Representing detailed information on resources, services and facilities for people with special needs using all library informational means: website, social networks, information desks inside the library, etc.
- Making regular publications in the mass media, social networks and other information websites, where the target group usually get information



 Conducting your own projects and activities aimed at forming a certain public environment around the library and reflecting the main ideas and values that the library bears



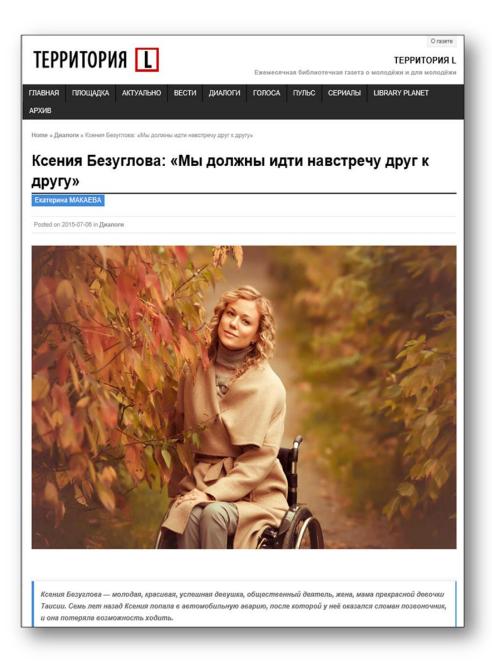


 Interacting with partner organizations that work directly with people with special needs: information cooperation, joint activities, implementation of major projects





• Interacting with opinion leaders, bloggers, public figures who become translators of the idea of the library as an inclusive space, and taking part in thematic events



All-Russia short film competition and festival called Overcoming: Young Authors about Young People with Disabilities





169 films from 69 regions of Russia

Main goals:

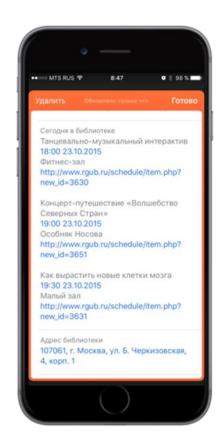
- Directing young people's attention to their peers with disabilities
- Raising an issue of social adaptation and self-fulfillment of young people with special needs
- Showing success stories of young people with disabilities as an inspiring example for others
- Strengthening the library's position as an inclusive space for people with special needs





Digital RSLYA card for young people with special needs countrywide





The RSLYA sees one of its primary missions in inspiring even small city and rural libraries of Russia to become an accessible environment and self-fulfillment space for young people with special needs



Thank you!

Any questions?

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