

**Library Services for Older Adults—A growing New Hampshire Population
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Here are some questions to ask about your library:

- Is your library physically accommodating for older adults (accessible entrances and rest rooms, furniture--like chairs with arms--for older adults, etc.)?
- Does your library have technology geared to older adults (computers with low-vision aids, a website that is “age-friendly,” technology classes for older adults)?
- Does your library provide programming geared to older adults in terms of subject matter and scheduling (from programs geared to active older adults to programs for elderly)?
- Does your library provide outreach to home-bound older/disabled adults unable to get to the library (home delivery of materials, curbside service, etc.)?
- Does your library partner with other community agencies that serve older adults (AARP, VNA, Alzheimer’s Association, senior centers, nursing homes, etc.)?
- Does your library promote the Talking Books Service provided by the NH State Library?

NH State Library’s resource page for library service for older adults:

https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/senior_services.html

For a look at a library that offers book delivery to home-bound patrons:

<http://www.goffstownlibrary.com/homebound-services>

A library with a flyer describing its services for seniors:

http://www.plaistow.com/sites/plaistownh/files/uploads/ppl_senior_services.pdf

Example of a library with a webpage of resources for seniors:

<http://www.hampstead.lib.nh.us/erseniors.asp>

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