

BOOK SUMMIT 2018: ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Below are some resources regarding accessibility at the Book Summit 18 (June 14, 2018, at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto). If you have further questions, or to ensure we are aware of your needs, please contact publicity@thebpc.ca or 416-975-9366.

General Information

Allergies: As a courtesy to attendees with chemical sensitivities, attendees should refrain from using scented products to help ensure the comfort of everyone at the conference.

Nearest drug store: Rexall 88 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5J 0B8 (230 m from Harbourfront Centre). Located in RBC WaterPark Place.

Visual or hearing impairments: There are seats available at the front of meeting rooms for members with hearing or visual impairments. Speakers have been asked to speak clearly and look at the audience during their presentations.

Infrared hearing devices are available at Fleck Dance Theatre. Please notify one front of house staff at the time of entry to arrange device pick-up prior to the performance.

If you require additional accommodations, please let us know by **May 15, 2018** so that we can do our best to accommodate you.

Volunteers will be available for attendees requiring assistance with door and directions to a venue.

Arriving at Book Summit

Toronto Transit Commission

The TTC has been working to improve accessibility on the system.

- All TTC bus routes now have accessible low-floor ramp-equipped buses.
- All buses have two mobility device seating areas and are equipped with audible and visual stop announcements.
- Accessible streetcars can be identified by the blue international wheelchair symbol on the side of the vehicle at the second door and by the blue lights on the front of the streetcar.
- More than half of all subway stations have elevators and all subway cars are accessible.

Explore the range of accessible TTC services at www.ttc.ca/TTC_Accessibility/index.jsp. The TTC offers an accessible trip planner at www.ttc.ca/Trip_planner/index.jsp.

The TTC website also provides daily service alerts for route diversions, elevators and escalators out of service, construction and repair schedules.

By Subway

Head southbound on the Yonge-University Line to Union Station, then transfer to the streetcar.

By Streetcar

- 509 Harbourfront streetcars run between Union and Exhibition.
- 510 Spadina streetcars run between Spadina and Union.

Exit your streetcar at the Harbourfront Centre stop.

Airports

Toronto Pearson

When travelling through Pearson, contact your airline directly for wheelchair and mobility assistance.

There are designated drop-off locations on the Departures Level inner curb lanes at both terminals for passengers that may require assistance. Accessible parking is available and the Terminal Link train is also accessible. Pet Zones in Terminals 1 and 3 provide a comfortable space for service animals (and non-service animals) to relieve themselves.

Information about airport accessibility is available at <https://www.torontopearson.com/whileyourehere/accessibility> and by calling the airport at 416-247-7678

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is wheelchair accessible, either by the ferry ride across the channel or by the pedestrian tunnel, with elevators on both the mainland and the island entrances. The airport website has information about mobility and wheelchair assistance, oxygen needs, service and emotional support animals, medication and medical conditions, allergies, special or extra seating, visual or hearing impairment, and travelling with a personal assistant at <https://www.flyporter.com/en-ca/travel-information/disability-assistance>. Information on requesting assistance is at <https://www.flyporter.com/en-ca/travel-information/disability-assistance/requesting-disability-assistance>.

Download an airport map at <https://static.flyporter.com/Content/Documents/BBTCA-Curbside-Assistance-Map-en-2017.pdf>

Parking

There are a number of parking lots at the Harbourfront Centre. Check their website at <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/parking/index.cfm> for rates and locations.

Harbourfront Centre

Venues

Harbourfront Centre Main Building (Bill Boyle Artport), 235 Queens Quay W

Distance to Fleck Dance Theatre: 230 m

Includes Artport Gallery, Brigantine Room, Craft & Design Studio, Lakeside Terrace, Lofts, Marilyn Brewer Community Space, Miss Lou's Room, Studio Theatre

All venues in the Main Building are wheelchair accessible.

- Ramp access to the Main Building at the north east side entrance and at the south west entrance.
- Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found indoors in both the north and south hallways through the Craft corridor and the West Arcade, and outdoors just below the west end of the World Cafe. Entry to these three restrooms is not power-assisted.
- Elevators have button commands in Braille.

Gender neutral washroom facilities are available at Harbourfront Centre on the second floor on the north side of the Main Building. These washroom facilities can be accessed by stairs or elevators across from the security desk to the second floor. These washrooms have an accessible stall but no automatic door opener.

The wheelchair ramp to the Brigantine Room and Marilyn Brewer Community Space is very steep.

[Artport Gallery](#) – Wheel chair accessible

[Brigantine Room](#) – Wheelchair accessible, entrance via the ramp beside the Information Desk (very steep)

[Craft & Design Studio](#) – Wheelchair accessible to public viewing area.

[Lakeside Terrace](#) – Wheelchair accessible.

- Entrance from the back wooden patio or from inside the Main Building.

[The Lofts](#) – Wheelchair access to second floor via elevator near the Information Desk.

[Marilyn Brewer Community Space](#) – Wheelchair accessible, entrance via the ramp beside the Information Desk (very steep)

[Miss Lou's Room](#) – Wheelchair access to the second floor via elevator located at the south east end of the Main Building.

[Studio Theatre](#) – Wheelchair access to this theatre requires consultation with Harbourfront Centre staff; please identify yourself to the usher or Information Desk. This theatre can only accommodate one large or two small wheelchairs.

[Fleck Dance Theatre](#), 3rd Floor, Queen's Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay W

Distance to Harbourfront Centre Main Building (Bill Boyle Artport): 230 m

- Wheelchair accessible on the main floor.
- Elevator access to the theatre's box office and entrance is available from the main floor at the south end of the Main Building, directly opposite the Vita Plus shop.
- Wheelchair seating can be accommodated with advance booking through the box office. Seating may vary according to the configuration of the house.
- Infrared hearing devices are available. Please notify front of house staff at the time of entry to arrange device pick-up prior to the performance.
- Wheelchair accessible restrooms with power assisted entry are present.
- Please note that there are no elevators in the theatre.

The Harbourfront Center Accessibility Plan is available at <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/accessibility/plan>.

We look forward to seeing you at Book Summit 18!