

# The Ravenna Collaboratory

## Accessibility

Updated: December 2020

As we renovate our space, The Ravenna Collaboratory is working to become more accessible to community members with disabilities and to community members with varied access needs. We humbly recognize that our incomplete accessibility is an example of pervasive ableism, systematically excluding disabled community members. For this we sincerely apologize, and work consistently to improve.

We ask Collab users to refer people to this page for details, so there is no confusion about what our exact accessibility situation is. We encourage anyone with specific questions to reach out to [ravenna@thecollabs.co](mailto:ravenna@thecollabs.co) or (206) 717-2878. We always welcome feedback on our processes, language, and ways of conveying information.

### Contents

<b>Communication</b>	<b>2</b>
Required Accessibility Information	2
Suggested Accessibility Information	2
<b>Accessing the Building</b>	<b>3</b>
Wheelchair and Mobility Access	3
Accessibility According to Entrance	4
Accessibility According to Space	4
Restroom Access	4
Scents, Chemicals, and Air Quality	4
Environmental Scents and Chemicals	5
Scents, Chemicals, and Fragrances	5
Scent and Fragrance Policy	5
Hygiene Products Available	5
Cleaning Products Available	5
Smoking Policy	5
<b>Transportation and Parking</b>	<b>5</b>
Parking	6
Disability Parking	6
General Parking	6
Metro Access	6
Bike Access	6

<b>Accommodations and Resources for deaf and hard of hearing people</b>	<b>6</b>
Sound Amplification	6
Interpretation Services	7
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Children and Caretakers</b>	<b>8</b>
Childcare Availability	8
Childcare Space	8
Changing Tables	8
Breastfeeding Parents	8
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<b>9</b>
Appendix A: Interpretation Services for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing guests	9
Appendix B: Childcare Providers	9

## Communication

### Required Accessibility Information

All publicity for events at the Ravenna Collab **must** include the following accessibility statement:

***Wheelchair access:** The Ravenna Collaboratory is not currently wheelchair accessible. Additional specific accessibility information available at [tinyurl.com/RavennaCollabAccess](http://tinyurl.com/RavennaCollabAccess)*

### Suggested Accessibility Information

The Collab encourages all Partners and Event Hosts to offer as much accessibility information as possible about our venue, so that guests have the information they need to have the best experience possible at the Collab.

***Scents and chemical sensitivity:** As of June 2019 The Ravenna Collaboratory is not currently a low-scent space. [More info.](#)*

***Children [partner/event host should choose from the options below]***

- *Children of all ages are welcome at this event. [More info for parents and caregivers.](#)*

- Children ages #-# are welcome at this event. [More info for parents and caregivers.](#)
- This event is for adults [insert age range e.g. 12+, 18+, 21+] only

**Childcare [partner/event host should choose from the options below]**

- This event will offer childcare. Please contact [insert your contact person name and contact info here] by [date] to ensure childcare for your child(ren).
- This event will not offer childcare.

**ASL interpretation [event host/coordinator should choose from the options below]**

- This event will offer ASL interpretation. Please contact [insert ASL coordinator name and contact info here] by [date] to ensure interpretation services.
- This event will not offer ASL interpretation
- [More info for deaf/hard of hearing people](#)

**Alcoholic Beverages [event host/coordinator should choose from the options below]**

- This event will serve alcoholic beverages along with nonalcoholic offerings
- No alcohol will be served at this event

**More info:** For more detailed accessibility information, visit [tinyurl.com/RavennaCollabAccess](http://tinyurl.com/RavennaCollabAccess)

The Ravenna Collab welcomes specific questions about accessibility, as well as feedback as to how we can improve our accessibility and communication. You can reach us at [theravennacollab@gmail.com](mailto:theravennacollab@gmail.com) and 206-717-2878

## Accessing the Building

### Wheelchair and Mobility Access

The Ravenna Collaboratory is not currently wheelchair accessible. There are stairs at every entrance, and more stairs to reach every rental space with no ramps, lifts, or elevators. Restrooms are not wheelchair accessible. Our sibling site, the [Hillman City Collaboratory](#), is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant, and could be a good alternative venue. Collab staff is also happy to offer recommendations for event venues in the city that are more accessible.

### Accessibility According to Entrance

There are 2 primary entrances to the building, both with stairs, and there is currently no ramp, lift, or elevator onsite.

- *The North entrance* off of NE 60th St has a total of 12 stairs up to reach Coworking space and Sanctuary on the 2nd floor, a total of 28 stairs up to reach the Community

Living Room on the 3rd floor, and 13 stairs down to reach the Fellowship Hall at the basement level.

- *The East entrance* off of 33rd Ave NE has 5 stairs to reach the door. Then, there are 9 stairs up to the Sanctuary, and 17 stairs down to reach the Fellowship Hall.

### **Accessibility According to Space**

- *Community Living Room (3rd floor)*: to access the Community Living Room space, one must go up 12 stairs to the 2nd floor, and then up 16 stairs to the 3rd floor. There is a total of 28 stairs to reach the Community Living Room.
- *Sanctuary (2nd floor)*: to access the Sanctuary space, one must go up 12-14 stairs
- *Coworking Space(2nd floor)*: to access the Coworking space, one must go up 12 stairs
- *Conference Room (2nd floor)*: to access the Conference Room, one must go up 12 stairs
- *Fellowship Hall (basement floor)*: to access the Fellowship Hall, one must go down 13-17 stairs

### **Restroom Access**

- No restroom is wheelchair accessible.
- There are no grab bars nor sharps containers in restrooms and stalls.
- All restrooms are single stall and gender neutral.
- 2 restrooms have changing tables: the 2nd floor pink bathroom off the Sanctuary, and the bathroom on the basement floor off the Fellowship hall.
- Restroom distances:
  - From the Sanctuary, the closest restroom is 25 ft away, on the same floor
  - From the Community Living Room, the closest restroom is down 16 stairs, and an additional 15 ft away.
  - From the Conference Room, the closest restroom is 40-110 ft away
  - From the Fellowship Hall, the closest restrooms are up 3 stairs and 15 ft away.
  - The Coworking space has its own restroom which is at minimum, 14 ft from the closest desk and 14 ft from the closest private office, and at maximum, 35 ft from the furthest desk and 23 ft from the furthest private office.

## **Scents, Chemicals, and Air Quality**

*As of June 2019 The Ravenna Collaboratory is not currently a low-scent space.*

### **Environmental Scents and Chemicals**

The Ravenna Collaboratory is in an old building and is currently under renovation. People with chemical and scent sensitivity may notice some chemical scents from painting as well as dust or sawdust. The renovation phase is temporary, but old building scents are likely have a persistent presence for the medium term.

## Scents, Chemicals, and Fragrances

### Scent and Fragrance Policy

As of June 2019, the Collab does not have a low scent policy for our cleaning and hygiene products, nor does the Collab have a policy encouraging guests to limit scented products.

### Hygiene Products Available

The Collab currently offers scented hand soap (Soft Soap; [ingredients](#)). The Collab also offers Dr. Bronner's Baby Unscented Soap as an alternative to mainstream fragranced hand soap.

### Cleaning Products Available

The Collab currently uses mainstream cleaning chemicals.

## Smoking Policy

The Ravenna Collaboratory is a non smoking space. Out of consideration of childcare and preschool on site, and the needs of Collaboratory partners with respiratory ailments and disabilities, we do not permit smoking anywhere onsite. Smoking (including cigarettes, marijuana, and vaping products) is not permitted within the Ravenna Collaboratory building or on its premises. This includes the parking lot and the sidewalk adjacent to the building. Any cigarettes used nearby must be disposed of properly.

---

## Transportation and Parking

**The Address of the Collaboratory is 5751 33rd Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98105.** This is at the corner of NE 60th St and 33rd Ave NE.

## Parking

### Disability Parking

There is a small parking lot which can accommodate 3-5 vehicles off of NE 60th st, ~45 feet away from the NE 60th street entrance. This parking is not currently officially designated as parking for people with disabilities, but you may arrange day-of designation with Collaboratory staff for your event. Please email [theravennacollab@gmail.com](mailto:theravennacollab@gmail.com) or call 206-717-2878 at least 3 days in advance of your event in order to arrange this. We encourage all Collab partners to direct event participants who are able to use street parking to do so, and thereby leave lot parking available for guests with disabilities.

## General Parking

Street parking is the primary parking option. Be advised that there are several unmarked crosswalks adjacent to Bryant Elementary across the street. If you block these hard-to-spot crosswalks, you may get a ticket.

## Metro Access

- #65 bus stops at NE 60th St & 35th Ave NE (2 short blocks away)
- #62, 71, 76 busses stop at NE 65th St between 31st and 32nd Ave NE (2 long blocks away)
- #74 bus stops at NE 55th St & 33rd Ave NE (2 long blocks away)

## Bike Access

- The Burke Gillman bike trail passes very nearby the Collaboratory. Exit the trail near the Ronald McDonald house

---

## Accommodations and Resources for deaf and hard of hearing people

Hosts and coordinators of events at the Collaboratory are encouraged to list on their event publicity whether or not sound will be amplified at their event, and whether or not ASL interpretation services will be available.

## Sound Amplification

- The Ravenna Collab offers a sound system with rental of the Sanctuary Space at no extra charge.

## Interpretation Services

- Local resources for procuring interpretation services for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing guests are listed in [Appendix A](#) of this document.

---

## Restrooms

There are currently 4 gender-neutral, single stall restrooms. No restroom is wheelchair accessible. Access to these restrooms will vary based on your reservation. Special

arrangements may be made for additional restroom access, with advance notice to Collaboratory staff.

Reservation of the Sanctuary includes access to 1 single stall, gender neutral bathroom on the same floor which includes a changing table. There is no sharps container.

Reservation of the Community Living Room includes access to 1 single stall, gender neutral bathroom one floor below which includes a changing table. There is no sharps container.

Reservation of the Fellowship Hall includes access to 2 single stall, gender neutral bathrooms a half floor (3 stairs) away, one of which includes a changing table. There is no sharps container in either bathroom.

---

## Alcohol

The Ravenna Collaboratory is not a dry venue. That said, the Collab makes an effort to respect the needs of non-drinking individuals, groups, and communities.

Policy:

- RC Reserves the right to coordinate event rentals such that meetings of sobriety groups (e.g. AA) and other abstaining groups do not coincide with events serving alcohol on site.
- Any alcohol brought into the space for private events must be removed from the space.
- Any event serving alcoholic beverages must also offer non-alcoholic beverages (for adults as well as for children, if applicable)
- Any event serving alcohol must name that alcohol will be present on any publicity for the event (see boilerplate accessibility language, [above](#)).

There are additional licensing requirements accompanying the service of alcohol at Collaboratory events. Event coordinators should refer to your rental paperwork to ensure you are in compliance with these requirements.

---

## Children and Caretakers

Children are welcome at the Ravenna Collaboratory. That said, it is up to specific event hosts whether or not children are welcome at specific events.

## Childcare Availability

The Ravenna Collaboratory encourages Event hosts and coordinators to offer childcare for your event, such that more community events are accessible to parents and caregivers. A list of local childcare providers is included in [Appendix B](#) of this document.

## Childcare Space

The Ravenna Collaboratory is glad to host University Ravenna Cooperative Preschool as a partner in our building. URCP generously shares their preschool classroom with the Collab for childcare purposes several days and evenings a week. Childcare space is currently available for events on: Thursday evenings, Friday evenings, Saturday days and evenings, Sunday Daytimes, and by special arrangement. The preschool classroom is equipped with small tables and chairs for use by visiting children. Renters must provide their own toys and supplies.

## Changing Tables

Two of the Collab's restrooms are equipped with changing tables. One is on the 2nd floor, adjacent to the Sanctuary and near the Community Living Room, and one is on the basement level, adjacent to the Fellowship Hall.

## Breastfeeding Parents

As of June 2019 there is not a specific, designated lactation room. Breastfeeding/pumping parents are invited to use the locking, single stall restroom adjacent to the Sanctuary, which has a nursing-friendly chair. The conference room can be made available by special arrangement. Contact [theravennacollab@gmail.com](mailto:theravennacollab@gmail.com) to arrange.

---

# RESOURCES

## Appendix A: Interpretation Services for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing guests

We encourage all public events in the Ravenna Collab to offer interpretation services for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing guests. Here are some local resources:

- [Interpretation Services and Interpreter Request through Hearing Speech and Deaf Center](#) (HSDC). HSDC provides in-person and [remote](#) interpreting in a wide variety of settings for Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing individuals or groups across the Puget Sound and Washington State, including Seattle. You can [request an interpreter online](#).

- [Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#), a national certifying body, has links to individual interpreters and interpreter agencies.
- [On Site Interpretation Services by Purple](#). You can [request an interpreter online](#).
- [ALL HANDS](#) is a progressive and professional Sign Language Interpreting Agency in Washington State. You can [request an interpreter online](#).

## Appendix B: Childcare Providers

The following individuals provide onsite childcare services for events.

- Meeghan Bergmann: [mbergmann09@gmail.com](mailto:mbergmann09@gmail.com)
- Alex Brott: [alex.brott32@gmail.com](mailto:alex.brott32@gmail.com)
- Sarah Zolan: [sarah.zolan@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.zolan@gmail.com)