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My Upcoming Speaking Engagements

May 7, 2013

UD Summit #5, St. Louis, MO

More Than Accessible: A Case Study with Resources & Ideas.

June 16, 2013

ACHUO-I 2013 Annual Conference and Exposition, Minneapolis, MN

Housing for Everyone: Promoting Universal Design in Residential Environments

June 19, 2013

AIA National Conference, Denver, CO
Half-Day Preconvention Workshop

Prevent the Most Common Accessibility Errors in Multifamily Housing under FHA, ICC, and CBC

On My Bookshelf

It was exciting to see my house published in *The Accessible Home: Designing for All Ages and Abilities* (Taunton Press; October 23, 2012). I enjoyed talking with the author, Deborah Pierce, about the creative solutions architect Carol Sundstrom and I developed to accommodate the needs of my family. It's a beautiful book with lots of photography, drawings and an introduction by well-known architect Michael Graves.

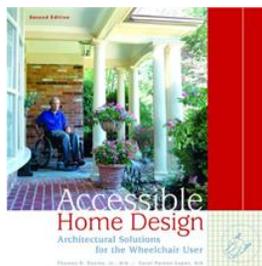


Deborah's inspiration for the book came out of her search for resources on accessible design years ago; there weren't many books so she decided to write one.

This got me thinking about my own design library and the books I turn to for information and inspiration. Following are my top five favorites on accessible residential design.

1. Accessible Home Design: Architectural Solutions for the Wheelchair User

By Thomas D. Davies, Jr. and Carol Peredo Lopez
Paralyzed Veterans of America; (April 15, 2006)
Second Edition
<http://www.pva.org> or amazon.com



This nicely designed and easy to read book provides advice on new construction and renovations of existing homes. It's full of drawings, plans and color photography with text that clearly explains detailed information. The book is organized in sections around specific spaces such as entrances, kitchens, bathrooms and outdoor areas. There are also chapters on building components including grab bars, doors, elevators and lifts. Throughout the book there are case studies that show how specific challenges are successfully addressed. It's written for homeowners, but is also valuable for architects and contractors that want to learn more about accessible design.

2. Universal Design for the Home: Great Looking, Great Living Design for All Ages, Abilities, and Circumstances

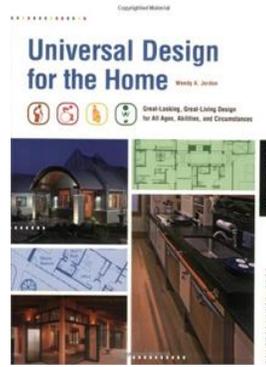
June 20, 2013

AIA National Conference,
Denver, CO

Compliance Under the
2010 ADA for K-12
Schools and Housing for
Places of Education

By Wendy A. Jordan
Quarry Books; (February 1,
2008)
Kindle

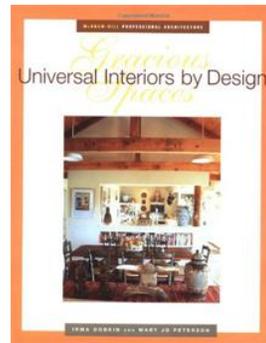
This book reads like a magazine with large photos and splashy layouts of accessible homes. It's fun to look through and there are lots of great ideas that feature more contemporary designs than the other books I mention. It's organized by spaces—kitchen, bath, outdoor, etc.—with ideas that work for remodeling existing homes. The last chapter features new homes built using universal design principles. Throughout the book there is specific information on products and manufacturers.



3. Gracious Spaces: Universal Interiors by Design

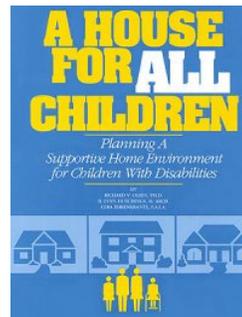
By Irma Dobkin & Mary Jo Peterson
McGraw-Hill Professional
(July 13, 1999)
Kindle Text-to-Speech:
Enabled

This book's unique feature is the personal stories of people who remodeled or built new accessible homes. It discusses the challenges they faced, the design process and the solutions, as well as, following up on how the changes affected their family's lives. It also includes chapters from a designer's perspective on projects for private clients and even a case study for GE appliances. This book in particular has great specific information and ideas for kitchens including pullout work surfaces. Published almost 15 years ago it is still a good resource.



4. A House for All Children

By Richard V. Olsen, Ph.D., Lynn Hutchings and Ezra Ehrenkrantz, FAIA
The Center For Architecture and Building Science Research, New Jersey Institute of Technology
(2000)
Book or VHS



<http://ahouseforallchildren.njit.edu/book.htm>

I love this book because it is devoted to creating safe and supportive homes for kids. It addresses the way a child's needs change from infancy to school age, gives specific examples of how to create an accessible home and ways to meet a child's needs for independence, socialization and privacy. The authors acknowledge and tap into the expertise of parents and share that information with other families. More importantly, the book explores living with a disability from the child's experience.

5. Residential Design for Aging in Place

By Drue Lawlor and Michael A. Thomas
Wiley; (August 18, 2008)
Available for rent or purchase at Amazon.com

The authors of this book are interior designers with experience designing new construction that allows clients to age in place. It's written for design professionals, but is also accessible to homeowners. It has less specific information about accessible design than the other books I mention, but does provide advice on furnishings, materials and interior design.



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