



# NAVIGATING THE LIBRARY

Cowles Library strives to be as accessible as possible given the architectural layout of our historic building. This guide provides instruction and clarity on navigating the library for users with mobility accommodations.

## NAVIGATION VIA THE NORTH (MAIN) DOORS

To access the lower and upper levels of the library, users with mobility accommodations need to use the chair lift located to the left of the staircase as you enter through the North doors. Individuals who need elevator access should consider using the South doors when possible.

### **To use the chair lift:**

- Locate and press the “Up/Down” button on the wall to the left of the door in the direction you’d like the chair lift to move.
- Open lift door and move onto lift. Close door.
- Once positioned on the lift, use the “Up/Down” buttons to move lift to lower level.
- Exit through lift door.
- Lower level elevator is located to the right of the lift as you exit.

***If you need assistance during any part of this process, please ring the bell and one of our staff members at the Information Desk will accompany you.***

## NAVIGATION VIA THE SOUTH DOORS

Please note that the South doors are only accessible with a current Drake ID badge.

- Scan Drake ID badge using the automated kiosk directly outside of the doors. The exterior door will open automatically. Once inside the breezeway, use the automatic door directly to your left to enter Midnight Hall.
- Once in Midnight Hall, follow the yellow path on the floor to continue straight past the café and up the ramp to reach the Library’s main floor.
- Elevators on the main floor are located directly to the right of the ramp.

***Floor maps are located on the pillars on each level. If you have questions or need any assistance, please email [cowleslibrary@drake.edu](mailto:cowleslibrary@drake.edu) or call the Information Desk at 515-271-2111.***

