

## INTERPRETIVE EXHIBIT RESOURCES

### WRITING

*Exhibit Labels: An Interpretive Approach*, Beverly Serrell

Bilingual Resource: [www.sdnhm.org/exhibits/bilingualmuseum.html](http://www.sdnhm.org/exhibits/bilingualmuseum.html)

### ACCESSIBILITY

Department of Justice — Americans with Disabilities Act  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/>

Smithsonian Guidelines for Accessible Exhibition Design  
<http://www.si.edu/opa/accessibility/exdesign/start.htm>

ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers — US Dept of Education-NIDRR  
[http://www.adaportal.org/Facility\\_Access/ADAAG/Tech\\_Rqmts/ADAAG\\_4-2.html](http://www.adaportal.org/Facility_Access/ADAAG/Tech_Rqmts/ADAAG_4-2.html)

United Nations — enable  
<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/designm/AD5-02.htm>  
(Please note Metric System dimensions)

Center for Independent Living, Berkeley, California  
<http://www.cilberkeley.org/>

LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
<http://www.lighthouse-sf.org/>

"Universal Design: An Optimal Approach to the Development of Hands-on Science Exhibits in Museums." Steve Tokar, [Steve@Stevetokar.com](mailto:Steve@Stevetokar.com)

## WORKSHEET FOR INTERPRETIVE EXHIBITS

Use this worksheet to organize the information you gather from various sources regarding accessibility and exhibits. Share this worksheet with colleagues to help ensure the interpretive experiences you create both meet and exceed the needs of a diverse audience.

### INTERPRETIVE GRAPHICS

#### Type Size

[Tip: Create a sheet with actual scale font sizes and readability distances with the following estimates:]

12 point = 1.50 feet

18 point = 2.25 feet

24 point = 3.00 feet

30 point = 3.75 feet

36 point = 4.50 feet

48 point = 6.00 feet

60 point = 7.50 feet

72 point = 9.00 feet

Line Length (number of characters on one line):

Text Lengths (main body text and captions):

Margins (flush vs. ragged):

Text placement (inches from floor):

Type color (% contrast):

Type & color parameters (color blindness, font readability):

### INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

Reach zone:

Knee clearance: