

NLR Playground 1

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Kids with special needs have a new place to play in central Arkansas. North Little Rock city officials opened a new accessible playground today (Tues) between the city's community center and the William F. Laman Public Library. Jerilyn Wasson says she lobbied the city to create a space where her daughter could safely play.

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"...so much to us."

This marks the second accessible playground in the city, with the first opening in Burns Park in 2017. Amber Havens, therapeutic recreation program coordinator for the City of North Little Rock, says they're already planning for future improvements to the space.

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"...while kids play."

Havens says she hopes to add more changing facilities to the playground's restrooms, as well as a lending library for toys and other play equipment. The playground has 35 play elements, most of which are wheelchair-friendly, and the capacity to hold as many as 269 kids.

NLR Playground 2

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Officials in North Little Rock formally opened the city's second accessible playground today (Tues). The playground at Laman Plaza features 35 play elements and the capacity to hold 269 kids. Amber Havens, therapeutic recreation program coordinator for the City of North Little Rock, says the space encourages kids of all abilities to play.

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"...time and play."

Havens says she hopes to add outdoor classroom space to the playground, which sits between the North Little Rock Community Center and the William F. Laman Public Library. The city's first accessible playground opened in Burns Park in 2017.