



Assistive Listening Devices for the Hard of Hearing

This is a receiver worn casually on your hip or held in the hand. It also can come with a lanyard that acts as an induction loop. The Coolidge has reduced the size and improved the sound quality of the device and headphones (or neck-loop). Nick has also added two in-house microphones in the larger movie houses, one and two, so that live movie introductions and post-show discussions are more audible and now run through the system into the devices.



Coolidge Corner Theater



Visual Narration for the Blind or Visually Impaired

Same technology as the Assisted Listening but offers narration of the films visual content that blends along with the film's audio so both are experienced clearly. Headphones or neck-loops are available with the receiver.

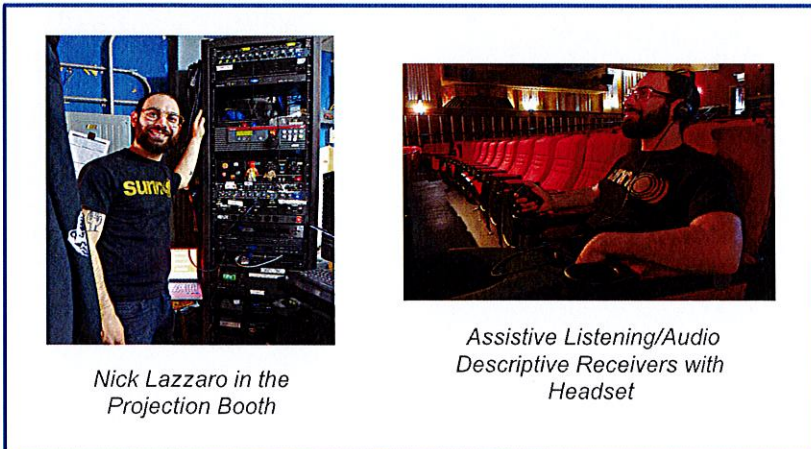


Closed Captioning for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing

A receiver fits in your cup-holder with a rubber puck at the base. Simply push it down and crane the display into your field of vision. The text displays as white (better for folks who are colorblind). This is not the rear window technology. It is much more discrete. Most digital feature films have this content. Note: if a movie has subtitles they will not appear on the captioning devices.

Nick Suggests

“People can call or visit the box office (617-734-2501) if they are unsure if the movie they want to experience has these features. The Coolidge website (www.coolidge.org) and weekly schedules list which films have Closed Captioning and/or Visual Narration - week to week it changes with the films shown. All films have Assisted Listening. Look for the above icons.”



Nick Lazzaro in the Projection Booth

Assistive Listening/Audio Descriptive Receivers with Headset

“At the theater, the box office and/or projection staff can quickly instruct people how to use the devices. A pen and paper is easily ready for folks who would rather communicate by writing. We hope that all feel welcome and we appreciate any feedback. So far it's been very constructive and positive!”