

I, Alex Garcia, am very excited to receive this simple, but at the same time, giant recognition.

The Accessibility Station at the Porto Alegre Book Fair wrote-recognized on its Facebook page the following:

Know the history of the origin of the Accessibility Station. Soon, the story of its idealizer Alex Garcia!

The movement of inclusion of people with disabilities at the Porto Alegre Book Fair began with a group of people sampling the production of editions in Braille, while monitoring and checking the interest in the knowledge of communication about persons with disabilities, the writer Alex Garcia began an organization and activities on the subject in the space "House of Thought", in the Harbour.

In 2008, Alex Garcia released his first work: "Deafblindness: Empirical and Scientific" and continued to develop isolated actions on accessibility at the fair. In 2010, Alex suggested a space of continuous creation for the coordinator of the Book Chamber, Sônia Zanchetta, who studied a proposal and together with volunteers of companies and entities, within a few minutes managed to realize an idea.

The Station had gained space, form and identity!

Since 2013 the volunteer Márcia Gonçalves, from the Company "Desenvolver", a company dedicated to the inclusion of persons with disabilities, participates of the organization of the space, activities and sales of products and services along with volunteers from social entities, supporters and some participation of public agencies.

This year the Accessibility Station completes 5 years of consolidation and has gained space in the heart of the Book Fair where it will offer services of interpreter of Brazilian Sign Language, wheelchair borrowing, sale of audiobooks, artistic and cultural presentations besides a good "circle of chimarrão" to receive friends.

Thank you very much, my friend Alex Garcia for the initiative and for providing this space for the transformation of paradigms in the Book Fair!

Alex Garcia's repply: Hello. Thank you, all these words renew my energies and so on. This recognition, coming from the Accessibility Station at the Porto Alegre Book Fair is very much loved by me. I was in not a too distant past and little by little I started proposing, questioning, the existence of the Station, and there it is. The Station is solid today. It is included in the most democratic Book Fair in the Americas, which is the Book Fair of Porto Alegre, and we, People with Disabilities, are hqppier.

Best regards and please share this post. Alex Garcia - Deafblind Person from Brazil.