

November 8, 2024

Dear Listeners,

November 5th, election day, is almost here. We hope have found the accessible voting information in the October 18th MWE Update helpful. The Update is still available on the MWE website at [**Listener Newsletters – Metropolitan Washington Ear**](https://washear.org/listener-newsletters/)

Cheers,

Sylvia

Here are the links to all the items below:

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  + [**Cultural Crossroads: Dvorak in America**](#Culture)
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**###**

**NLS IS LOOKING FOR BETA TESTERS FOR “MY TALKING BOOKS”**

From Sandy Neuzil

Jennifer Tchida, Branch Manager for Access Services at the [**Fairfax County Public Library**](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/), will be speaking in person at the Reston VIP meeting this Friday November 1st at 2:00 pm. One of the many topics that will be covered at the meeting is the NLS looking for Beta Testers.

NLS is looking for beta testers for the new "My Talking Books" skill on Alexa or Echo smart speakers. For more information about the testing, people can visit: [**Welcome to My Talking Books on Smart Speaker**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/how-to-enroll/sign-up-for-bard-and-bard-mobile/welcome-to-my-talking-books/). If people are interested in participating, they can sign up useing the link [**Beta Testing My Talking Books**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mtb-open-beta). The testing is limited to 5000 users.

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**ARLINGTON DIGITAL EQUITY INITIATIVE**

A new [**Digital Equity Initiative**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.arlingtonva.us%2FGovernment%2FDepartments%2FCommunity-Planning-Housing-Development%2FDigital-Equity-Initiative/1/01010192e3e79b3f-c30a6ff5-6b80-4218-b2d3-89533958159d-000000/ScY-asm45F3B73fnS2Tv_t12S2XIKrp8KdUUzqlBCmw=377) is working to equip all Arlington County residents with affordable broadband access, devices, and technology skills.

Without the necessary resources, like affordable Internet access, digital skills and technical support, and devices, many individuals are left behind. The Digital Equity Initiative seeks to empower everyone with the tools and knowledge they need to fully participate in our tech-driven world, enabling and ensuring equitable opportunities for all residents. To this end, the Initiative will collaboratively work with others in the County to provide centralized support, including strategic planning, expanding partnership opportunities, organizing a Digital Equity Coalition and collaborating with stakeholders, managing digital equity-specific grant opportunities, and advocating for policies that support digital equity.

Learn more at [**Digital Equity Initiative – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government**](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Community-Planning-Housing-Development/Digital-Equity-Initiative)**.**

**###**

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADVOCATE FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Community members wishing to serve should be knowledgeable about the constituency represented, have visibility into the needs and supports available in the communities for which they are appointed, and be able to work with to staff to help vision and reimagine how their service delivery system – directly and in partnership with other organizations – supports county residents.

People with lived experience bring invaluable insight and perspective to the development of social services programs. Their firsthand understanding of the challenges, barriers, and gaps within existing systems allows them to offer practical solutions and identify program elements that are truly responsive to the needs of the community. By centering the voices of those directly impacted, they can create social services that are more effective, equitable, and likely to achieve their intended goals.

Learn more at [**Family Services Boards, Authorities, Commissions | Family Services**](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/boards-authorities-commissions?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

###

**ACCESSIBLE FORMATS AVAILABLE FOR MOST IRS PRODUCTS**

Forwarded by MWE volunteer Evelyn Jemionek

The IRS [**Alternative Media Center**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fforms-pubs%2Finformation-about-the-alternative-media-center/1/01000192dd7b72ef-89b1f84b-8d9b-4649-a517-61ebe5be5009-000000/57JOrM7vPv9rpwtI3ASdLxOkD26Y1QJJNeGN-7UtYs8=377) provides content in a variety of formats to accommodate taxpayers with different communication needs.

The AMC provides hundreds of tax forms and publications in alternative formats, including:

• Text only.  
• Braille-ready files.  
• Browser-friendly HTML.  
• Accessible PDF.  
• Large print PDF.

The Alternative Media Center makes IRS resources as accessible as possible, but not every product is available in all formats. Large print and accessible PDF products are available in a variety of languages, including English and Spanish. Right now, Braille and text are available only in English and Spanish.

**Get accessible tax products**  
Anyone who needs accessible tax forms, instructions and publications can download them from the [**Accessible IRS tax products page**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fforms-pubs%2Faccessible-irs-tax-products/1/01000192dd7b72ef-89b1f84b-8d9b-4649-a517-61ebe5be5009-000000/9KoR63HzfV2VIdA2E9GMJ0cqgm6LqdxcCdBZfzOuEAk=377) on IRS.gov or request paper copies by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

**Request tax notices in accessible formats**  
Taxpayers can log in to their [**IRS Online Account**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fpayments%2Fonline-account-for-individuals/1/01000192dd7b72ef-89b1f84b-8d9b-4649-a517-61ebe5be5009-000000/uWUq7AZfHIPLOvGUoS5IkdOGi3yoPPZVE4yoGluKCNY=377) and choose to receive their IRS written communications like notices in an accessible format such as Braille, large print, audio or electronic formats.

**The IRS is here to help**  
The IRS Accessibility Helpline at 833-690-0598 can answer questions related to accessibility services and alternative media formats. The Accessibility Helpline does not have access to taxpayer IRS accounts. For assistance with matters regarding tax law, refunds or other account related issues, people can visit the [**Let Us Help You**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fhelp%2Flet-us-help-you/1/01000192dd7b72ef-89b1f84b-8d9b-4649-a517-61ebe5be5009-000000/KPzutREIKB1KMEtX7dpWxtRD2J-xEfOiAma6w9Mznwg=377) page on IRS.gov.

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**GOODMAPS AVAILABLE AT THE DC PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ACCESSIBILITY**

Goodmaps is a wayfinding app for your mobile phone or iPad to help any visitor, especially blind and low vision library patrons, navigate the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library building more independently. Find the nearest restroom, meeting space, or department you want to visit and navigate there with a responsive, accessible app!

[**Download the app here**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZ29vZG1hcHMuY29tL2FwcHMvZXhwbG9yZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA1MzEuOTU1NzYyMjEifQ.XfVKyC_rBAnSeH-rjIEN_LoB3oFZz2qU9weQmXxwFfM%2Fs%2F2133778961%2Fbr%2F243383650979-l/1/01010192d85e3a6a-3c48d8c9-8057-4d7c-b72b-2b5d93d9316a-000000/CR79QWd6SHAvVQSGay8VnvlOspzeFK__LwR2OMuVkSw=376), or simply go to your Apple or Google Play stores and search "Goodmaps Explore."

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**THEATER UPDATE**

The following performances will be described by a MWE volunteer. Note that recorded program notes will be available at the theater just prior to the actual performance and on Dial-In before and after the performance at Publication 8, Category 10, Branch 11.

**Disney’s Frozen**

Olney Theatre Center – Roberts Mainstage 301-924-3400

Described: Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm

**The Other Americans**

Arena Stage Fichandler at the Mead Center - 202-488-3300

Described: Saturday, November 9th at 2:00 pm

**Six**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described: Saturday, November 16th at 2:00 pm and Sunday, December 1st at 7:30 pm

**A Hanukkah Carol or Gelt Trip! The Musical**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, November 30th at 2:00 pm

**Data**

Arena Stage Kogod Cradle at the Mead Center - 202-488-3300

Described Saturday, November 30th at 2:00 pm

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**CALENDAR**

**Replay POB Events**

**Listen and watch replays of recent webinars and other POB events at**[**www.youreyes.org/replays**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=21719989f4&e=59825d4dc8)**.**

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**Reston VIP Meeting: “New National and Local Library Services for People Who Can No Longer Read Print Material”**

Friday November 1st from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm In-Person  
Reston Regional Library, Meeting Room #2

11925 Bowman Towns Dr., Reston

Meet Jennifer Tchida, Branch Manager, Access Services Library, Fairfax County, Virginia and learn about the newest services available through the Library of Congress NLS

( [**https://www.loc.gov/nls/**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/) ) and Fairfax County, Access Services Library ( [**https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/aging-and-disability/overview**](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/aging-and-disability/overview) ).

“Talking Books” will be available soon through smart speakers in addition to standard Talking Book Machine cassettes or downloaded through BARD to your Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone. Jennifer will also remind everyone of the many library services and resources available to Fairfax County residents and how to access them even if you cannot get to the library.

Questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns about VIP? Please phone, text, or email:  
Sandy Neuzil - 703-989-1821 or [**sandy.neuzil@gmail.com**](mailto:sandy.neuzil@gmail.com)

Stan Gowin - 703-470-6633 or [**sgowin@verizon.net**](mailto:sgowin@verizon.net)

Kathryn Hodgdon - 703-608-5817 [**ahodgdon@aol.com**](mailto:ahodgdon@aol.com)

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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED (DBVI) PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**

November 1st at 5:00 pm

in conjunction with the National Federation of the Blind State Convention

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel  
425 Water St, Portsmouth, VA 23704-3801

DBVI wants to hear from you!

Public meetings are held to give stakeholders an opportunity to make comments about DBVI programs and services. DBVI especially wants to get input regarding agency strategic planning, development of agency policies and procedures, and implementing services and supports to potentially eligible and eligible individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind. DBVI is particularly interested in comments regarding the following programs, services, and divisions:

Independent Living/Rehabilitation Teaching

Education Services

Low Vision Services

Deafblind Services

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired Programs

Rehabilitation Technology Services

Vocational Rehabilitation and Workforce Services

Library and Resource Center Services

Virginia Industries for the Blind

Virginia Enterprises for the Blind

Services to Students and Youth including year-round programming and special Academies

Individuals requiring interpreters or other special accommodations should contact Deborah Collard (800-622-2155) at least two weeks prior to the meeting to request the preferred accommodation.

###

**TUG Meeting: AT Gifts for the Holidays**

Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 to 11:30 am

The Technology User Group is pleased to present its annual salute to gadgets, gizmos and whatchamacallits that you may want to receive (or give) as gifts for the holidays!  This year’s collection will be intriguing, detailed, and affordable.  Assorted vendors will also be touting their products and letting everyone know what is new in the assistive technology arena.

Who should attend this meeting?

Individuals who want to learn more about the latest in interesting tech gadgets.

People who are looking for gift ideas for themselves or significant others.

Anyone seeking affordable, useable, and valued products.

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| This program will be recorded.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Call in Number**:  1-301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 656 203 7293​#  **One tap mobile** [**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/01000192af73a5c9-6819a212-9910-455d-a092-2c92e829cb64-000000/IHgTBzUfgUbv2iDs3GgTmsAzo1f96Obo9u7NfvYkXo0=375) | | |  | | --- | | **Webcast**:  [**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fj%2F6562037293%3Fomn=94648805523%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000192af73a5c9-6819a212-9910-455d-a092-2c92e829cb64-000000/KGx5xQJ2r3Qx9hCSJwPG1170B5QWsyE9DeXDRDjI7T8=375) | | |

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**American Council of the Blind of Virginia (ACBVA) Virtual Annual Meeting**

November 2nd from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Get ready for a lively and interactive day via Zoom.

Current subscribers to the ACBVA listserve will receive Zoom information for this Annual Meeting automatically.

If you are not currently subscribed and want to receive information, join the email list by sending a blank email to

[**Acbva+subscribe@groups.io**](mailto:Acbva+subscribe@groups.io)

You will then receive an email message asking you to confirm your subscription.

Alternatively, if you prefer not to subscribe to their list at this time and want to attend the meeting, please drop a note with your name, phone number, and email to [**info.acbva@gmail.com**](mailto:info.acbva@gmail.com)and you will receive sign in credentials prior to the meeting.

(Please do this early.  Requests that come in less than an hour before the meeting begins may not be answered.)

Here are the highlights of the meeting followed by the Zoom information needed to connect to the meeting:

**10:00** **Business meeting**

Roll Call of Officers, Members, and Guests

Approval of Minutes from Last Year's Annual Meeting

Report from Treasurer Marie Brinas

Election of New Officers and Board Members

Report from President Doug Powell

Committee Reports (membership/outreach, program/convention, advocacy, communications, administration, and fundraising)

Discussion of Future Advocacy in Richmond During the 2025 Legislative Session and Beyond

**12:30 Reflections by an Author with Low Vision**

ACBVA’s Judith Goode Kirby will be sharing her experiences involved in writing her book, Blurred Vision. This book is a ten—year compilation of poems, meditations, and personally taken photographs and describes her life as a person who has experienced progressive vision loss due to Stargardt's macular degeneration. Her website is:

[**https://blurredvisionbooks.com/**](https://blurredvisionbooks.com/)

**1:15 Update from the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired -**

Rick Mitchell, Commissioner, has once again agreed to share exciting news from DBVI.

**2:00: Did You Know...?**

There are lots of programs and services available to seniors who are blind or who are losing their vision, from Meals On Wheels to weatherizing your home.  Listen to this panel of statewide and regional entities, what they have to offer, how they include people who are blind or low vision, and how we can help them outreach to people we know and ensure they will be accessibly welcomed when they approach these entities (speakers are still being confirmed):

Independent Living for Older Individuals Who are Blind (the OIB program administered by DBVI)

Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), and Senior Centers

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

Prevention of Blindness Society

the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL).

**3:30 Adjourn**

**Door prizes** will be announced throughout the day; you must be present to win!

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American Council of the Blind of Virginia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2024 Annual Membership Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2024 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547886862?pwd=W05S81YyKxKNLb7GJAGJ19viaS7aOE.1**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547886862?pwd=W05S81YyKxKNLb7GJAGJ19viaS7aOE.1)

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• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

• +1 305 224 1968 US

• +1 309 205 3325 US

Meeting ID: 835 4788 6862

Passcode: 111222

Find your local number: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kTzRbI1ex**](https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kTzRbI1ex)

###

**ACB of Virginia Fiber Arts Club Zoom Meeting**

November 5th at 7:00 pm

You are invited to join the debut Zoom meeting of the ACB of Virginia Fiber Arts Club! Whether you love crocheting, knitting, loom knitting, weaving, sewing, or any other fiber art, you are welcome to be a part of this vibrant community.

During the meeting, they will discuss and plan the activities of the club together. This includes sharing patterns, helping each other through challenges, and organizing classes for all skill levels. Whether you're a beginner, advanced, or have never picked up a needle, your enthusiasm and interest are all that matter.

For any questions, please contact:

Theresa Breeden

[**teeelynn68@gmail.com**](mailto:teeelynn68@gmail.com)  
540-621-4843 (text first please)

Zoom link

ACB of Virginia Fiber Arts Club.

Topic: Fiber Arts Club.

Click here to Join Zoom Meeting

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150519141?pwd=MTuYHOyZqoFGWIW8WmLyzvf18lwdGr.1**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150519141?pwd=MTuYHOyZqoFGWIW8WmLyzvf18lwdGr.1)

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**POB READS Book Club (Virtual Event)**  
**Wednesday, November 6th at 11:00 am**November's book is The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War by Erik Larson. This book delves into the lives of individuals grappling with ambition, sorrow, and bravery as the Civil War begins.  
To sign up, visit [**www.pobreads.org**](http://www.pobreads.org) or call **(301) 951-4444**.

###

**JAWS Intermediate Drop-In Clinic**

**Wednesday, November 6th from 1:30 to 2:30 pm**

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/11670271#branch)

901 G Street, NW, 205-J Computer Lab (12 Person Capacity)

Bring in your questions to this drop-in clinic and they will try to help.

Are you pretty experienced with JAWS screenreader software but need help completing projects like applying for jobs? Bring in your questions and they will try to help! To register, please contact DCPLaccess@dc.gov or 202-727-2142.

###

**iOS VoiceOver: Beginning Level Siri**

**Thursday, November 7th from 12:00 to 12:45 pm**

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/11723284#branch)

901 G Street, NW, 205-B Accessibility Program Room

This is an iPhone class for total beginners who want to use the iPhone without sight. They will practice all of the things you can do with your phone using the Voice Assistant Siri.

Are you totally new to the iPhone and have never asked your phone to do anything out loud? Siri is the Voice Assistant on the iPhone that can allow you to do things like check the weather, send a text message and make a phone call without ever touching the screen. To register please call 202-727-2142 or email [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov).

###

**iOS VoiceOver: Intro**

**Thursday, November 7th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/11723295#branch)

901 G Street, NW, 205-B Accessibility Program Room

Learn to use iOS VoiceOver at the Introductory level.

VoiceOver is the screen reader that will read what is otherwise displayed visually on the iPhone screen that will allow you to use the iPhone without sight. Do you want to start with VoiceOver gestures and get a real overview of iOS and Voiceover? Learn to navigate the phone with VoiceOver, use the rotor, use the SeeingAI and BeMyEyes apps to scan and read printed material and have a sighted volunteer access your phone camera and describe your surroundings, and other tasks. To register please call 202-727-2142 or email DCPLaccess@dc.gov.

###

**iOS VoiceOver: Intermediate Drop-In Clinic**

**Thursday, November 7th from 2:15 to 3:15 pm**

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/11723306#branch)

901 G Street, NW, 205-B Accessibility Program Room

Learn to use iOS VoiceOver at an intermediate level with as close as possible to one-on-one assistance. In a drop-in clinic setting, take a deep dive into some of the more advanced levels of iOS with VoiceOver, and get as close to one-on-one help as is possible depending on the number of students. To register please call 202-727-2142 or email [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov).

###

**DBVI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**November 8th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Attendance in-person or virtual

397 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227

Join virtual: [**Zoom link**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdsa-virginia.zoomgov.com%2Fj%2F1600919879%3Fpwd=UuoxVmski9ysxAAFNqqPQ0MJAm96y0.1%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01010192bb4107d5-c31c0afd-907d-4a99-bce5-8a52695d992b-000000/OgLBfqUjGZhNyRCf8h8-_xr-Z4EZi03pwhBwyDJCOLo=376)  
Password: 464336  
Or Telephone: Dial:(646) 828 - 7666 (US Toll)   
Meeting ID: 160 091 9879  
Password: 464336

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED AT 10:10 A.M.

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**Android TalkBack Drop-In Clinic**

**Friday, November 8th from 10:30 am to 12:00pm**

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/11670962#branch)

901 G Street, NW, 205-B Accessibility Program Room

Learn to use the TalkBack screen reader for Android.

They will practice the gestures and other basic skills and try to trouble shoot your individual issues as much as possible, to learn to use Android phones without sight. To register please call 202-727-2142 or email DCPLaccess@dc.gov.

###

**Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness**

Tuesday, November 12th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting of The Washington National Eye Center at MedStar Washington Hospital Center Low Vision Support Group

Guest Speaker: Hailey Robles-Holmes, MD Ophthalmology Resident

You can join this virtual meeting via computer or phone or both—email Penny at [**penelpe.a.helfgott@medstar.net**](mailto:penelpe.a.helfgott@medstar.net) to receive an electronic link to the program. If you have any questions, please call Penny Helfgott at 202-877-5329 and leave a message or call the POB number below.

Co-sponsored with: THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC For further information, please call 202-234-1010.

###

**America InSight: Verbal Description Tour**

Thursday, November 14th at 5:30 pm

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Free

Registration required at [**Overview ⋮ America InSight: Verbal Description Tours  ⋮ Blackthorn Events**](https://events.blackthorn.io/en/5f4ZMUx7/america-insight-verbal-description-tours-4a2bVRv3KX/overview)

Join a docent-led tour designed for participants who are blind or have low vision. Discover highlights from the collection through rich verbal descriptions that invoke a multisensory experience.

These tours are held bi-monthly and can also be scheduled upon request. For more information, email [**SAAMAcess@si.edu**](mailto:SAAMAcess@si.edu) or call 202-633-8550.

**###**

**Ellington’s Nutcracker presented by the US Navy Band Commodores**

Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 pm

National Gallery of Art West Building, West Garden Court

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

Register at [**https://tickets.nga.gov/events/01919fcb-c7eb-f62e-5d08-e1a9ad2790cb**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/01919fcb-c7eb-f62e-5d08-e1a9ad2790cb)

[**82nd Concert Series**](https://www.nga.gov/calendar/concerts/82nd-concert-series.html)

###

**Mid-Atlantic ADA Center Webinar**

Wednesday, November 20th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Marilyn Morrison, Director of the Maryland Work Incentives, will outline the differences between SSI and SSDI, explain the working rules, and discuss available work incentives that enable individuals to work while maintaining their benefits.

To register please visit the [**November 2024 Webinar registration page**](https://7azbrycab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017ozorucg-ZEuu23tHV9IKyJCC-JOnaMfPwvXA8uwoIAaNEm9UNQhZTgoNfvh43qxR16pCVxhHEtSy40-0tsGo8cC_D96s4SYotbuL9HP_QLNy3ew0Q5Lcdx6ZPwJAIlJoET5C5j64nyajuMzZRbrsScXtdZIygZWRlb_G0fH6wrikAsXZtq_2MCynSQbsR-tBRbEHzVqMGRS4ZpkoUWOOheJQyDoJvwuvfHK0J2Yc3hm2n-RSjVQvHdjfHXc5prfe_SWf7WPIL7g7gjhwZMuIBogjQRL3OOgJPV-4KDD8_iP1bulyBsT37IdHFWojcSiv64BinIo2uhRmoR20M3RQw==&c=CNNWs7ZtLsFcQpFrlGvS44i1kFawq3oRPMkaVTpRPtCmuqAU9kJabA==&ch=cotpR8AU946I81D7U_TGi3H93-CbMf2dnMA06aRUJwdqiYFMOnCg7w==)**.**

Questions? Contact the [**Mid-Atlantic ADA Center**](mailto:adatraining@transcen.org)!

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**Cultural Crossroads: Dvorak in America**

Sunday, November 24th from 3:00 to 4:15 pm

National Gallery of Art, West Building, West Garden Court

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

Registration required at [**Cultural Crossroads: Dvořák in America — National Gallery of Art**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/0191a368-fe98-b8ba-855c-1c3528efb1a0)**.**

Listen to how Native American melodies and uplifting African American spirituals influenced the music of beloved Czech composer Antonín Dvořák with *Cultural Crossroads: Dvořák in America*. With its stellar cast of musicians, this ensemble entertains, educates, and inspires through a program drawn from the curiosity of a Czech composer a century ago

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**Virtual Blind Health Expo 2024**  
Friday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The 3rd annual Blind Health Expo is the world’s largest virtual expo of healthcare information, products, and services for individuals, organizations, and companies in the, blindness, and disability communities.

FREE to attend

Hundreds of exhibitors! health

[**Click Here to Register to Attend**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedZ-pjdWivnuuOpXx0uuNaIRiH0nNSPg-s-Vf6HI9jjiW4jg/viewform?usp=sharing)

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