

12061 Tech Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 – 301-681-6636

January 17, 2025

Dear Listeners,

Did you know that the Metropolitan Washington Ear offers training for independent living skills including:

* mobility training
* braille lessons
* smart phone instruction
* technology
* … and more

For information about the ILS training options, call the MWE office at (301) 681-6636 or visit the website at: [**Independent Living Skills Training – Metropolitan Washington Ear**](https://washear.org/independent-living-skills-training/)**.**

MWE also sponsors a Blind Men’s Support Group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 12061 Tech Road, Silver Spring. For more information, contact Eric Paifer at 240-253-7589.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**FREE IRS FILE PROGRAM LAUNCHES January 27TH**

Forwarded by MWE Volunteer Evelyn Jemionek

Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman is encouraging Marylanders to check their eligibility for the IRS Direct File program, a free tax filing tool launching January 27, and has announced a series of webinars to highlight tax resources and credits for the 2025 filing season.

To promote the use of Direct File and connect more Marylanders with resources for the 2025 filing season, the Comptroller’s Public Engagement team will host five webinars in January and February. The webinars will cover a range of [**tax filing resources**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Flink.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3Du001.dXBuRg0Q-2B6WIcZTyhSni-2BioRGZDRLngSb5OHrbRQMNy-2Bp3gr88OHWLbB-2FMPPctlo-2FxZYfQoWiCfrrLrm3GQeiu4PO5Ey-2FbyHGC-2BrU-2FztDlbIuqerNBKFt9lrGzswgAY9T-2FsjiW9guDMFQ-2F2EaEayFBs3mxG7TJiimpuODKEQK5WDEZZ9rxkjsKL2skui4jMPEpEXN2gk7f9ztuodPrkVJ-2BYAYNdz-2BLgUEjH8091v7CH3D5yUchTMqxhbIyPv0Agsg5Zw-2BWvQ1iULS2vijSlT82JkRjUovNo8vbsvaxPkkPnQMEFL6ZtDQNdusxzuc-2BPhHDpHL8RYc2b0iwfMpmmPkaie9VMkNLk89-2FKFbAl-2FkAWJ9zYn9dPckSyrxwxoNngZlq7-2FznxG3xPJEYHdAqoJecHOf23ynXquRBvw8-2FEdyhsw7ysQ0CmlkbpINxqzjv82-2FH4oLSaqlyL9b4Z1FfGI-2Fi8-2Fqkt-2FGUmHOUg1qDcC-2FMageggtzJHvHwsbOnLC5CHL9lcNAYm4dviTheFDANcoacjan7eIcP5PSKvJPI2XX9u9XUoMmVf60L6kZHS6FqzkGB5GayBh-2FGc6MxfalqsaTO8-2FT-2BT5BJg-2F9NmpI-2B9THSqYJ1XkskiRLmUTy5BVMq0Jh-2BziU-2BLW12f7sMBK5t3KtzmVt00RGVWvYq7sgIKQ0EIIt7Y84hnJqwxzLf-2FQJSaqOc6kYsLC34CVO3XPZedMePuyvtRcIYOJTOADISn-2FVytlMkcysX714MojywqHjDLQMYB-2BXcIzIAaM6x9pXDv-2Bb72uRviZLA3oylErd0PnCezceEFMvcj56kLQEz4bYWSMBIwhT9CAAtTNC-2B9mACU9O1TVJwiK-2FqzkwjsUsRacE8KN1JslcZ466GJndaOw00lrU9-2F2UtKRYQCnJ3iX3UIH3Ev15eh3APTaRk7fMBWiNv4xhfGHhAGIfGCblaG50AX0ZxW8wsN7fEVVLo6iSikozhHJT59vZO7awC4GvUeaJT5tiWQxuOBeFlr-2FY1WRoNtW5TsfSp5LyAoATtk2U6gwS7ESPzTF1ZlKp4-2BqTn-2F4PENORZd5Tqa2b3uJHrAN6MHarQQwjLeBl2qlHv-2FnBhU5Aso9iMncp5wcxUVdjjbXlObDMtoGgyOfIO5QtQw8VZlonT7WOX8P-2FoYMF1DZyP4m-2B3TL5cdau2dapuPG4VTSy-2F5eBwavgI14A-2BB2redfwiFVfzD8ydSV2N9mh1WfqPJwBtdP9dYM38GgMRGlSPJCGdg4eJEq1hal07FAXx-2F4UiCHKWARihznrM1xlnRlUWVZXvwncqiVgFh3iWG-2Ft16ZycRIC-2BBa71dW-2BtLj0ITKxFQqgZCR_viv87QBHgf3cZPYRGDRhIX0Bhi0lPRboZYv2WsrHutr9PP7Dk6nz1znYfL9MiG1zIuxtPCZEcZQnOEb6FzP2IdQUupYj44d0sT3x7lYmX-2BymAxNX5g8D49xXud71MC0OBKI2tnhIU7o1Ww36qqNn1ZtgkBUYRZ0worxvUvZoGNrqjIaCdENe4fI50vpPJwp9VqxO6gjZuQFQCq-2FDvup5nanyJnMxvgvQj42xHoXUF17JCTr-2BwOyl1Al6-2BQWEJnnx8HbYrHwQnGFjrOTg8-2BFxvgkaWo9AwTAhisdW52Vu1rXhjtlouRavmGxsTuNkx-2F2wknFvZmNYgUxml6jLp2ULT7yCEvLNdvhvU-2Bdkg-2FTjbcDYBCgMw8bL0vVZvASehCYN&data=05%7C02%7C%7C3fd1ae9656f1461e152208dd33ecc2cc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C63872381415468070), and discuss tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, which help Marylanders reduce what they owe the state and even increase their refund.

Full details are at: [**Free IRS Direct File Program Launches January 27 - The MoCo Show**](https://mocoshow.com/2025/01/13/free-irs-direct-file-program-launches-january-27/?mc_cid=83c2c1e914&mc_eid=347527bf8e)**.**

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**2025 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION INFORMATION FROM DBVI**

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| The Virginia General Assembly will convene for the 2025 session beginning on Wednesday, January 8th.  The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) typically follows bills that may be of interest to the agency, their stakeholders, and the individuals they serve.  Although the agency did not sponsor any new bills this session, they are following several bills that have been introduced. DBVI will provide updates throughout the session on the status of bills they are following. You are able to follow bills of interest to you by visiting the Virginia Legislative Information site at [**https://lis.virginia.gov**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Flis.virginia.gov%2F%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01010194614c5b85-b99a49b4-b93d-46cd-a689-f2cde205b34a-000000/9iHmeJpbrDmrG--FdLl9fq3kIPbJvx0MNvVdIW4dMBU=387).    While DBVI cannot take positions on proposed bills, they are able to provide information on any questions you might have.  Contact information is below for appropriate staff.  DBVI Contacts  **Rebecca Askew**, Senior Policy Analyst  Phone: 804-371-3184 Email: [**rebecca.askew@dbvi.virginia.gov**](mailto:rebecca.askew@dbvi.virginia.gov)  **Dr. Rick Mitchell**, Commissioner  Phone: 804-371-3145  Email: [**rick.mitchell@dbvi.virginia.gov**](mailto:rick.mitchell@dbvi.virginia.gov)  ### |

**NEW SPAINISH LANGUAGE RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION DISABILITIES**

The National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision recently published a collection of materials in Spanish, including guides, fact sheets, and resource lists on employment, transportation, and technology at [**New Spanish Language Resources for People with Vision Disabilities**](https://www.ntac.blind.msstate.edu/spanish-resources)**.**

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**FREE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE – MARYLANDERS ONLINE**

Marylanders Online is a free, statewide program working to promote digital literacy, equity, and inclusion throughout the state of Maryland.  Offering technology resources for all parts of the state, Marylanders Online can assist with:

* computer help,
* software and hardware problems,
* Internet connectivity issues,
* finding affordable Internet options, and
* learning basic digital devices.

Marylanders Online can provide assistance via the phone by calling: 1-866-206-8467 Monday-Friday, from 10 AM to 8 PM, or Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM or through online self-help modules. More information is available at [**www.marylandersonline.umd.edu**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.marylandersonline.umd.edu%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/9wSrG72RRUmFX-jrbETOT3BCMklnJ5-DNIuF34lM3ck=388),

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**THEATER UPDATE**

The following performances will be described by an 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.

**What the Constitution Means to Me**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, January 25th at 2:00 pm

**The Bedwetter – A Musical**

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

Described Saturday, February 15th at 2:00 pm

**Shucked**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described Date to be determined

**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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**The National Federation of the Blind of Virginia Silver Bells Virtual Meet & Greet**

Saturday, January 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

For anyone 55 years or older who is experiencing vision loss, lives in Virginia, and is ready to learn new skills, such as management, mobility (white cane), technology, and communication, in a safe place, with people experiencing similar challenges that come with vision loss.  Meet their staff and instructors and meet new people.

Learn about their three weekend retreats (and choose the one that works best for you) to be held in

February, March, and April of 2025.  They begin on Thursday evening and end Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

This opportunity is provided free of charge to Virginia residents thanks to a grant from the Virginia Board for the

Blind and the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia.

Register at: [**http://archive.nfbv.org/registration**](http://archive.nfbv.org/registration) and provide your

name and contact information.  If you have difficulty accessing the registration form or need assistance completing and submitting the form, contact Renee Valdez, 703-966-0836.

Just click on this link about 5 minutes early and you're in!

[**https://zoom.us/j/8297256345?pwd=SFAyamlQNU44ZTJ6dUZNMTV4RmhCQT09**](https://zoom.us/j/8297256345?pwd=SFAyamlQNU44ZTJ6dUZNMTV4RmhCQT09)

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**POB Tech Talk Tuesday: Low Tech and No Tech Resources for Daily Living (Virtual Event)**

Tuesday, January 21st from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Have a practical, low-tech, or no-tech item that makes life easier? Share your idea, whether it’s a helpful large-print product, a new device, or a simple, impactful find! Submit by **January 15** to participate. Let’s inspire each other with creative solutions to everyday challenges.

To submit, call **(301) 951-4444** or email [**taziz@youreyes.org**](http://taziz@youreyes.org/).

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**Hadley Institute Virtual Resource Roundtable: Mental Wellness Tips for the Winter Months**

Tuesday, January 21st at 12:00 pm

The snowy season can bring its own mental health challenges, from missing out on sunshine to feeling a bit lonely or isolated.  Chat and swap tips for keeping happy and healthy all winter long!

Sign up to join at [**Resource Roundtable | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/resource-roundtable)**.**

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**Hadley Institute Virtual What’s Cooking Discussion Group: Rice Made Easy**

Wednesday, January 22nd at 3:00 pm

Compact and portable, rice cookers are ideal for small spaces and make cooking easy and accessible. Join us to share your experiences, find delicious one-pot recipes, and discover all the ways a rice cooker can simplify your kitchen routine!

Sign up to join at [**What's Cooking? | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/whats-cooking)**.**

###

**Audio Described Movie: The Forge**

Thursday, January 23rd at 2:00 pm

Metropolitan Washington Ear Blind Men’s Support Group

12061 Tech Road, Silver Spring

Contact person: Eric Paifer 240-253-7589

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

###

**ACBVA Book Group Virtual Meeting**

January 23rd at 7:00 pm

Come share your recent readings or hear what others are reading.

Details and zoom information are below:

You do not need to be a member to attend.

As always, rather than asking everyone to read the same book, attendees are asked to report on a book or books they have read.

You do not need to have a book on which to report.

ACBVA's book group meetings are not only a great way to learn about books you may not be aware of, but you may also learn about sources of audio books and technology others use to read.

And they realize the time and date are not convenient for everyone, so, following the meeting, they plan to distribute information about

the books attendees review.

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Join Zoom Meeting

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807277786?pwd=NHhqckpZRHB0dTRsSEoyNzM5Z3B5dz0**9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807277786?pwd=NHhqckpZRHB0dTRsSEoyNzM5Z3B5dz09)

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

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**LBPD Event: Baltimore Clayworks**

Friday, January 24th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, 415 Park Avenue, Baltimore

Baltimore Clayworks will host a tactile educational experience for library patrons, including instruction on hand-building coils and pinch pots. Clayworks will supply all materials needed for instruction. The instructor will create a clay-based curriculum. Once completed, the work will be transported to Clayworks for firing and returned at the next session. Each participant will have the opportunity to explore the different stages of standard clay preparation (wet, bisque, glazed) and clay tools before making their own vessel using air-dry clay, a slump mold, and stamps. **A maximum of 20 people may attend. Registration is required.**

[**Click here to register!**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.libcal.com%2Fcalendar%2FExternalCalendar%2FClayworks125%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000194608c1e5d-a64c469e-f65d-4ab1-83b8-2c112b588295-000000/EjSpTYv7Rp4OLs3x95WYTGPP8Y4Odq22KOgFJoVkpEc=387) **(**[**https://marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Clayworks125?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery**](https://marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Clayworks125?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)**)**

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**Glaucoma Research Update**

Saturday, January 25th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Presentation**  
**12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Free Glaucoma Screening**

**Friendship Heights Village Center**  
4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase

Special Guest: **Arthur Schwartz, M.D.**, Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons  
Join Dr. Schwartz, a nationally recognized glaucoma expert, to learn about the latest research and updates on glaucoma, a leading cause of vision loss and blindness. After the presentation, POB will offer free glaucoma screenings. All are welcome!

To RSVP, call (301) 951-4444.

###

**Roots Music with American Patchwork and Grégoire Maret**

Sunday, January 26th at 1:00 and 3:00 pm

National Gallery of Art West building, Garden Court

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

Registration Required at [**Roots Music with American Patchwork and Grégoire Maret — National Gallery of Art**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/01932256-fdf9-f23f-59c6-dd6bd47e49cf).

Listen to members of the renowned American Patchwork Quartet in a special trio presentation. They will celebrate the immigrant soul of American roots music by reimagining timeless songs from our nation’s past.  Led by Grammy-winning guitarist and vocalist Clay Ross, the trio infuses American folk classics with jazz sophistication, country twang, West African hypnotics, and East Asian ornamentation. Ross, a Southern-born roots music aficionado, is joined by Grammy winner Falguni Shah, an 11th-generation Hindustani classical vocalist, and Yasushi Nakamura, an internationally acclaimed Issei jazz bassist.  This concert also features guest artist Grégoire Maret on harmonica.

###

**Mid-Atlantic ADA Center Webinar: The Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Disability Rights**

Wednesday, January 29th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

AI is transforming businesses across all sectors, from targeted AI chat responses and advanced hiring tools to AI-powered smartphone features and personalized TV recommendations. However, the rapid adoption of AI has sparked concerns, including questionable monetization schemes and disability discrimination. When AI introduces bias that excludes individuals with disabilities from everyday activities, it creates significant civil rights challenges.

This webinar will explore the intersection of AI and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Diego Demaya, J.D., will discuss the latest legal developments, the impact of AI on accessibility, and how enforcement agencies and courts are addressing AI bias and seeking solutions.

Register at [**The Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Disability Rights**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/cs3rjve?source_id=586abba4-cef0-42a3-b675-a2a453882405&source_type=em&c=czRCTdA10javQdI70ZLUhMy5t69b3j6LkuenSjfs-JHeE3ZYZDsiGg==)**.**

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**Americana: Exploring the Depths of American Music**

Sunday, February 2nd from 3:00 to 4:30 pm

National Gallery of Art West building, Garden Court

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

Registration Required

[**Register Now**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/0193227c-3ad3-8987-d1d3-4a4be93c7ec0) at [**Ulysses Quartet and Guitarist Ben Verdery**](https://www.nga.gov/calendar/concerts/82nd-concert-series/ulysses-quartet-and-guitarist-ben-verdery.html/2025/02/02/1500)

Experience the rich talent of American composers in this program by the Ulysses Quartet and guitarist Ben Verdery. Included are compositions by two of the performers—Ben Verdery and violinist Christina Bouey—as well as titans of contemporary music history, such as Leonard Bernstein and Jimi Hendrix. From the contemplative to the raucous, this musical collection celebrates the diversity of styles and voices that makes up our musical heritage.

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**Hadley Institute Get Up and Go Discussion Group: Low-Tech Fitness Gear**

Tuesday, February 4th at 12:00 pm

A look at low-tech, low impact fitness routines with rebounders, pedals, and more.

Sign up to join at [**Get Up and Go! Fitness | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/get-up-and-go)**.**

###

**U.S. Access Board Webinar: Accessibility and Air Travel**

Thursday, February6th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Leaving on a jet plane and want to ensure an accessible experience? This webinar will have you ready for departure! Join the U.S. Access Board and the Federal Aviation Administration for a presentation reviewing accessibility and air travel logistics starting from arrival to the airport to boarding and deplaning. They will also cover the laws that pertain to airport terminals and air travel, along with common access issues and solutions. So, fasten your seat belts and turn off your electronic devices, your knowledge of airport accessibility is about to take off!

For more information or to register, visit the [**Great Lakes ADA Center's webinar webpage**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2Fsession%3Fid=111153/1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/3FjcM2bxb5GpRyAaH3tUSnhdIqC8gDKSByw3pxGNRZc=387). All webinars include video remote interpreting (VRI) and real-time captioning. Questions can be submitted in advance of the session or can be posed during the live webinar. Webinar attendees can earn continuing education credits. The webinar series is hosted by the [**ADA National Network**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2F/1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/zg2VDA8yD6W3pMQ1kkEjguIuDYWOl9GkAHoH4iyHX5U=387) in cooperation with the Board. [**Archived copies**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2Farchives%2F/1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/Tx20niNNBF2NXxswOqS1VHKLtEp9nvzi-d7znhhAlzg=387) of previous Board webinars are available on the site.

Learn more at: [**https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session?id=111153**](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session?id=111153).

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**LBPD TUG Meeting: The Bookshare App and Alexa Skill**

Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Join the Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled Technology User Group (TUG) as they take a deep dive into the Bookshare universe! Bookshare is an organization that produces publications, many of which are not available through the National Library Service (NLS).  Fortunately, Bookshare books will play on the NLS digital talking book player when downloaded to either a flash drive or an NLS cartridge, which are available for purchase from many retailers.  In addition, Bookshare material can be read on your NLS braille e-Reader or accessed from your smartphone or via an Amazon Alexa skill.

Did you know that you can get a FREE Bookshare account through the library? Contact [**reference.desk@maryland.gov**](mailto:reference.desk@maryland.gov) for more information.

Technology User Group (TUG) meetings can be joined via Zoom:

[**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fj%2F6562037293%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/k4WS1Yoy1PpWhDQhgLy-If3EKM8jyxn6IRMlY_MXiOY=388)

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293

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**Low Vision Support Group Virtual Meeting: What to Know About Macular Degeneration**

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

Co- sponsored by The Washington National Eye Center at MedStar Washington Hospital Center and the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, DC

Guest Speaker: Robert Reese, MD, Ophthalmology Resident

This meeting will be VIRTUAL. You can join 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 at 202-234-1010.

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**Audio Described Omnium Circus -** [***I'MPossible***](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=a1fd235262&e=59825d4dc8)Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:00)

[**Warner Theatre**](https://www.ticketmaster.com/warner-theatre-tickets-washington/venue/172129)

513 13th Street, NW

Omnium Circus is a nonprofit organization whose mission it is to create world-class entertainment celebrating diversity, accessibility & inclusion. The circus was recently featured on [**WETA**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=2b5185f45e&e=59825d4dc8) where they explained what makes this troupe's work so unique and the impact of each show.

For general ticketing and event questions, please contact the Warner Box Office at [**WarnerBoxOffice@LiveNation.com**](mailto:WarnerBoxOffice@LiveNation.com).   
Babes in arms do not require tickets.  
For Premium Seating information, please reach out to Maryclaire Griffin at MaryclaireGriffin@LiveNation.com or call 202-626-8255. [**Visit OmniumCircus.org for more info!**](https://omniumcircus.org/)

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**LBPD TUG Meeting: Christine Ha to Share Insights**

Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 am

MasterChef winner Christine Ha will share her story with the Technology User Group (TUG).  The chef extraordinaire who lost her vision from Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder will talk about her blindness journey, competing on national television, and sharing the finer points of cooking and the technology gadgets she prefers.  Her book, *Recipes from My Home Kitchen: Asian and American Comfort Food from the Winner of MasterChef Season Three*, is available in both audio (DB 76676) and braille (BR 20085).  Patrons can also download the title from the NLS BARD website at [**https://nlsbard.loc.gov/**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fnlsbard.loc.gov%2F%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/pKCl8ELKvjSfIR_eCbUSSGcNo5s76Qt55itz8_m0274=388).

Technology User Group (TUG) meetings can be joined via Zoom:

[**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fj%2F6562037293%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/k4WS1Yoy1PpWhDQhgLy-If3EKM8jyxn6IRMlY_MXiOY=388)

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293

or

**One tap mobile**[**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/vN8ZdEYxbAIBu-xHyLxJnMM6JD7K5KSmiJzv7baDZ9c=388)

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**Bloom at Good Hope Concert Series: BĒHELD**

Beloved Pop & Soul Music sponsored by the Strathmore Music Center

Sat, March 8th at 5:00 pm

[**Good Hope Neighborhood Recreation Center**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/facilities/recreationcenters/goodhope.html)

14715 Good Hope Road. Silver Spring

Free / Pay What You Can

[**RSVP**](https://secure.strathmore.org/22366)

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