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January 23, 2025

Dear Listeners,

Note that the Glaucoma Research Update and Free Glaucoma Screening that was scheduled for Saturday, January 25th at the **Friendship Heights Village Center has been canceled due to the weather.**

The good news this week is that Fairfax County now has a technology lending program. Full details are here.

We hope you keep warm and enjoy the many opportunities available throughout our region.

Cheers,

Sylvia

Here are the links to all the items below:

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE**

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| Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services is pleased to announce the new Technology Lending Program available at 12 NCS centers. The program, offered through the Bridging the Digital Divide for Older Adults and People with Disabilities Project, addresses the gaps in accessibility, affordability and technical ability by increasing engagement and connection between older adults, people with disabilities and other community residents through the enrichment of resources at NCS facilities.Borrowers must be a Fairfax County resident or hold a non-resident NCS membership, show photo ID or proof of address, and pass a skills test or have training in the equipment they seek to borrow. The lending period for the Technology Lending Program is 14 days.Learn more, including the participating centers, at [**Technology Lending Program Now Available at 12 NCS Centers | Neighborhood and Community Services**](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/news/2024/1223a?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#:~:text=Transportation-,Technology%20Lending%20Program%20Now%20Available%20at%2012%20NCS%20Centers,-December%2023%2C%202024).  |

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**VIRGINIA PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN**

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities is recruiting for the 2025-2026 Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Training Program!

Learn how to make a difference for yourself, your family, and your community.

Classes start in September 2025 and end in April 2026.

Apply for PIP by Friday, Mar. 14, 2025, by 5:00 pm at [**PIP Application - Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**](https://vbpd.virginia.gov/training/partners-in-policymaking/pipapp/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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**RECORDED WEBINAR ON ADA TITLE II WEB AND MOBILE APP ACCESSIBILITY**

From the U.S. Department of Justice

They've heard that it would be helpful to have a recorded webinar about the ADA Title II rule on web and mobile app accessibility that members of the public can watch for free online at their convenience. They have therefore created a [**webinar**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.ada.gov/title-ii-web-rule//1/0100019474d04069-5bbdaa34-8506-4b5f-ad3a-446f88f30614-000000/BNB6jLCZFR0Z4PI4YozvF8s7LUv9axT-JlTk9NR9hOs%3D388) about the rule and posted it on the Department of Justice's YouTube channel at [**Webinar: Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Web & Mobile Application Accessibility Rule | ADA.gov**](https://www.ada.gov/title-ii-web-rule/).

The webinar provides introductory information about the rule's requirements. For more information about the rule or the ADA, visit [**ada.gov**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.ada.gov//1/0100019474d04069-5bbdaa34-8506-4b5f-ad3a-446f88f30614-000000/N4Oyi_6y78KvO1x-Hm4V0OnkaC9oGBVqCRNi9e6ZybQ%3D388) or call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA information line at 1-800-514-0301.

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**DBVI 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION UPDATES**

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| The Virginia General Assembly convened the 2025 session 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.  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%3A//lis.virginia.gov/%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010101948ab0d23b-413dad06-b6ce-4ba7-aa8e-f27d07ee4b08-000000/IV45MlVgMZcMBzr5h0VoXaqsIxd-nBoJi55BUGkKY-A%3D389)**.** The following may be of particular interest.[**HB 2541**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2541%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010101948ab0d23b-413dad06-b6ce-4ba7-aa8e-f27d07ee4b08-000000/DUzrJZ_3HY61jtP3UNk4r6-kkyeMxTiopLPPpSQqoVo%3D389)**- Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility**makes numerous organizational changes to the Information Technology Access Act. [**HB 2580**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2580%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010101948ab0d23b-413dad06-b6ce-4ba7-aa8e-f27d07ee4b08-000000/A1PYX7A6AXUGBHI7qDfVsztoENY_FaNyGKSbid11WeY%3D389)**- Income tax, state; disability income.**Allows an individual who claims an income tax subtraction for disability income to also claim an income tax deduction for taxpayers age 65 and older.[**HB 2696**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2696%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010101948ab0d23b-413dad06-b6ce-4ba7-aa8e-f27d07ee4b08-000000/mlwRfldH7FSXbQA6aQ1qdory8l8S1sD_1tkSXqpRuIM%3D389)**- Voluntary contributions of refunds requirements; endowment fund of the Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired.**Adds the Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired to the list of organizations and funds that may receive contributions of taxpayer refunds. 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 AnalystPhone: 804-371-3184Email: **rebecca.askew@dbvi.virginia.gov****Dr. Rick Mitchell**, Commissioner Phone: 804-371-3145Email: **rick.mitchell@dbvi.virginia.gov**### |

**MARYLAND STATE LBPD CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Your feedback is invaluable to the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD). They are conducting their annual survey and want to hear from you. This is your opportunity to share your experiences, let them know what they're doing well, and help identify areas where they can improve.

Your responses will directly impact their services, ensuring they continue to meet your needs and enhance your library experience.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey by February 28. It's quick, easy, and makes a big difference.

[**https://forms.gle/Zt7xsAb4gevV3gWT7**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//forms.gle/Zt7xsAb4gevV3gWT7%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/01000194897d89bb-34da0cb6-eed7-4108-a12b-36b67acb117f-000000/xxQOHk0bqbokKp3csIXviicZmbH9vJIHQPZQwMg3nCA%3D389).

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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.

**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

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National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 pm and Sunday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm

**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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**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%3A//marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Clayworks125%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/01000194608c1e5d-a64c469e-f65d-4ab1-83b8-2c112b588295-000000/EjSpTYv7Rp4OLs3x95WYTGPP8Y4Odq22KOgFJoVkpEc%3D387) **(**[**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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**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.

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**Vienna/Falls Church VIP Support Group Meeting**

Monday, January 27th at 2:00 pm by Zoom.

Nina Glasner, a wonderful Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) will talk about strategies in dealing with vision loss. She will present virtually and answer any questions you have about the psychosocial issues you may be dealing with. So please come prepared with those questions and comments!

Nina Glasner is a social worker in private practice, a retired teacher of the visually impaired and is a certified low vision rehabilitation therapist.  She specializes in providing services to people who are visually impaired and their families.  She has been on the faculty of the Lions Low Vision Clinic of the Johns Hopkins' Wilmer Eye Institute, has served on the board of the DC/MD Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) and has chaired the Psychosocial Division of AER International.

Join Zoom Meeting
[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934365999?pwd=QeUgri8lOdKI8pHnPOke44mbsq9Cq3.1**](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934365999?pwd%3DQeUgri8lOdKI8pHnPOke44mbsq9Cq3.1&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw34MjWmdhbSSJXsZvyfvS9w)
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**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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**Upcoming Webinar | Meta Smart Glasses Meet Accessibility**

Thursday, January 30th at 2:00 pm
From Paul D’Addario

Have you seen the new Meta Smart Glasses?

Register now for a first-hand overview and demo of Meta Smart Glasses and how they can help people with disabilities. They may dive into some other assistive technologies as well.

Register to join at [**https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_SfQ9oXSaQrSCSoNbRTTkRw#/registration**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SfQ9oXSaQrSCSoNbRTTkRw#/registration).

After the short presentation, the Accessible Web team will answer any questions about this topic or any other accessibility and RAMP questions.

[**https://accessibleweb.com/webinars/upcoming-webinar-meta-smart-glasses-meet-accessibility/**](https://accessibleweb.com/webinars/upcoming-webinar-meta-smart-glasses-meet-accessibility/)

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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)**.**

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

Thursday, February 6th 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%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session%3Fid%3D111153/1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/3FjcM2bxb5GpRyAaH3tUSnhdIqC8gDKSByw3pxGNRZc%3D387). 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%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao//1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/zg2VDA8yD6W3pMQ1kkEjguIuDYWOl9GkAHoH4iyHX5U%3D387) in cooperation with the Board. [**Archived copies**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/archives//1/01000194607c5360-b8f31993-8dd9-4713-adaa-51be765a5e03-000000/Tx20niNNBF2NXxswOqS1VHKLtEp9nvzi-d7znhhAlzg%3D387) 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 Virtual 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 a service offering books and periodicals in a variety of formats such as braille, DAISY and audio.  Many of these items are not available from the NLS collection.  The company also offers an iOS app and an Alexa skill.  Lara from Bookshare will talk about using the app and skill as well as the organization's future endeavors.

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** for more information.

Webcast:

[**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293%3Fomn%3D94648805523%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/0100019493c9d1f9-0526e680-f414-4290-8d8a-bb1c7f22edd0-000000/fMymma6sl22oyn_Cis1UIsYIvWNPyjK0Zy-tOf9jQ9k%3D389)

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or

**Call in Number:**

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293​#

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**ACBVA Meeting**

Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm

The American Council of the Blind of Virginia’s February meeting will be critical in helping to focus on ACB’s advocacy efforts at the national level. ACBVA has invited Claire Stanley, ACB’s Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, to speak about ACB’s 2025 Leadership Conference as well as ACB’s legislative imperatives.

The 2025 ACB Leadership Conference will be a hybrid event and will include ACB’s Board Meeting, Presidents’ Meeting, Legislative Seminar, and Capitol Hill visits. This meeting will take place from March 14-18, 2025, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, VA.

They are discussing the option of conducting some in-person meetings with some of the Congressional staff for Virginia as well as continuing to have some virtual meetings as they have during the past several years. There will be lots of opportunities for you to be involved—stay tuned to learn more about the details.

To learn more about the 2025 ACB Leadership Conference, go to:

[**https://www.acb.org/acb-2025-leadership-conference**](https://www.acb.org/acb-2025-leadership-conference)

Registration is now open.

Join Zoom Meeting

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481244260?pwd=ekgxYldXMnlqYk16MFlua0lIQnozZz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481244260?pwd=ekgxYldXMnlqYk16MFlua0lIQnozZz09)

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Note: There will be no program meeting in March.

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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** **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**.
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%3A//nlsbard.loc.gov/%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/pKCl8ELKvjSfIR_eCbUSSGcNo5s76Qt55itz8_m0274%3D388).

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

[**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010001946a44a164-821c1ee4-60a0-49f6-89f9-30afbc4f63a7-000000/k4WS1Yoy1PpWhDQhgLy-If3EKM8jyxn6IRMlY_MXiOY%3D388)

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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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