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Dear Listeners,

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic now. While there are benefits to the technology, there are also cautions. For more insight, check out the following items in this week’s Update:

* [**A New Study Highlights AI's Impact on People with Vision Loss**](#Study)**;**
* [**FTC Order Requires Online Marketer to Pay $1 Million for Deceptive Claims That Its AI Products Could Make Websites Compliant with Accessibility;**](#FTC)
* [**The World of AI Online via Zoom.**](#AI)

Also note that there are **two calendar changes**.

The February 6th **U.S. Access Board Webinar: Accessibility and Air Travel** has been **POSTONED.** An announcement will be made as soon as a new date has been set.

The described performance of **Bedwetter at Arena Stage** has been changed to **SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH at 2:00 pm.**

Cheers,

Sylvia

Here are the links to all the items below:

* [**A New Study Highlights AI's Impact on People with Vision Loss**](#Study)
* [**FTC Order Requires Online Marketer to Pay $1 Million for Deceptive Claims That Its AI Products Could Make Websites Compliant with Accessibility**](#FTC)
* [**Glaucoma Questions, Concerns, and Answers Podcast**](#Glaucoma)
* [**The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibition Tour at MLK Library: Audio Tour**](#Green)
* [**Volunteer Opportunities: Assistive Technology Trainers who have experience using the VoiceOver screenreader for iPhones**](#Vol)
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**A NEW STUDY HIGHLIGHTS AI’S IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS**

From the Lighthouse Guild

A new study shows how artificial intelligence is making life easier and more accessible for people with vision loss. Published in the January edition of[**Translational Vision Science & Technology**](https://lighthouseguild.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0498dc09f619cf957587ebb7f&id=bba35fa91d&e=d7c2dd5e52)**,** an ARVO journal, the study reveals that individuals with vision loss express high satisfaction when using artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. The research, conducted at Lighthouse Guild, underscores AI's transformative potential to enhance the lives of people with visual impairments.

“With advancements in computing power and digital imaging, the integration of AI into portable tools such as smart glasses and smartphone apps is shaping the future of assistive technology," says Dr. William Seiple, lead author and Chief Research Officer at Lighthouse Guild. "These technologies hold tremendous promise for creating a more inclusive, accessible world for people with vision loss."

Check out the Lighthouse Guild[**website**](https://lighthouseguild.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0498dc09f619cf957587ebb7f&id=6011d1defe&e=d7c2dd5e52)for more information or visit the ARVO[**website**](https://lighthouseguild.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0498dc09f619cf957587ebb7f&id=132c16a82b&e=d7c2dd5e52)to read this groundbreaking study. ARVO isthe [**Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology**](https://www.arvo.org/)

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**FTC ORDER REQUIRES ONLINE MARKETER TO PAY $1 MILLION FOR DECEPTIVE CLAIMS THAT ITS AI PRODUCTS COULD MAKE WEBSITES COMPLIANT WITH ACCESSIBILITY**
The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will require software provider accessiBe to pay $1 million to settle allegations that it misrepresented the ability of its AI-powered web accessibility tool, accessWidget, to make any website compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

According to the FTC’s complaint, the company engaged in deceptive practices to promote false and misleading claims related to its product.

Full details are at [**https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2025/01/ftc-order-requires-online-marketer-pay-1-million-deceptive-claims-its-ai-product-could-make-websites**](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2025/01/ftc-order-requires-online-marketer-pay-1-million-deceptive-claims-its-ai-product-could-make-websites)**.**

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**GLAUCOMA QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND ANSWERS PODCAST**

An episode of the [**Hadley Presents: A Conversation with the Experts**](https://hadleyhelps.org/podcasts/hadley-presents-conversation-experts) audio podcast

February is Glaucoma Awareness Month, and the Hadley Institute is revisiting their informative 2021 conversation with Dr. Jullia Rosdahl, a glaucoma specialist from the Duke Eye Center. Listen in as they ask Dr. Rosdahl common questions they hear about glaucoma, its risk factors, and treatment options. PLUS: at the end of the interview with Dr. Rosdahl, they've added on an episode from their sister podcast, [**Insights & Sound Bites**](https://hadleyhelps.org/podcasts/insights-and-sound-bites), featuring Angela Delgado sharing her story about [**living with glaucoma**](https://hadleyhelps.org/podcasts/insights-sound-bites/secret-was-killing-me).

Check it out at [**Glaucoma Questions, Concerns, and Answers | Hadley**](https://hadleyhelps.org/podcasts/hadley-presents-conversation-experts/glaucoma-questions-concerns-and-answers)**.**

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**THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK EXHIBITION TOUR AT MLK LIBRARY; AUDIO TOUR**

Listen at[**The Negro Motorist Green Book Audio Tour**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERXo97-9YMQ)**.**

Take a journey into "who we have been, who we are today, and who we have the potential to be when we understand the complexities of our past" with an Audio Tour of this visiting exhibit!

This Audio Tour provides exhibit highlights for [**The Negro Motorist Green Book**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.dclibrary.org/negro-motorist-green-book/1/01010194b87b2280-bd128aba-c0b3-4e0f-98f3-2408239ab74c-000000/ZtG8coQMtSHv_2hq7eNc0ilr580GLP9hXGkYO47FWH8%3D390), an exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with award-winning author, photographer and cultural documentarian, Candacy Taylor, on view through March 5, 2025 at the MLK Library.

It includes visual description and may be enjoyed by those who are blind or low vision or otherwise can't experience the exhibit in person. It also includes a full transcript.

The Negro Motorist Green Book exhibit offers an immersive look at the reality of travel for African Americans in mid-century America, and how the annual guide served as an indispensable resource for the nation's rising African American middle class and evidence of a vibrant business class.

**\*NLS Patrons**: To request a copy of the audio tour via cartridge in the mail, please call 202-727-2142.

Contact DCPLaccess@dc.gov or 202-727-2142 for any other questions.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE USING THE VOICEOVER SCREENREADER FOR iPHONES**

Do you know VoiceOver for iPhone and would be willing to volunteer to teach at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library on Thursdays from 1pm to 3:15 p.m. in two levels?

In-Person Class: Thursdays, 1:00 PM - 3:15 PM, teaching basics of VoiceOver and iPhone navigation. Starts Thursday February 27th, through May 8th and then June 5th through Aug 14th.

Remote Training: Work one-on-one with students over the phone.

They Need:

Skilled iPhone users familiar with VoiceOver.

Patient, supportive, and passionate about accessibility.

Available for in-person or remote sessions.

If interested in any of these volunteer opportunites, contact Patrick Timony at 202-727-1335 or **patrick.timony@dc.gov**.

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**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & BRAILLE CLASSES CONTINUING THROUGH SPRING AND SUMMER 2005**

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library Center for Accessibility

901 G Street, NW, 2nd Floor

**JAWS for Windows: Wednesdays**

February 26 - May 14th (no class March 12th)

June 4 - Aug 13 (no class July 2nd)

Keyboarding: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Intro: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In Clinic: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**VoiceOver for iOS: Thursdays**

February 27 - May 8

June 5 - Aug 14 (no class July 3rd)

Siri with iPhone: 12 - 1:00 p.m.

Intro to VoiceOver: 1 - 2 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In and Apps: 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

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| **Talkback for Android: Fridays**February 28 - May 9June 6 - Aug 15 (no class July 4th)10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**Braille Beginner Class: Saturdays**January 4 - August 210 a.m. - 12 p.m. (No class July 5th)  |  |   |

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**To register please call 202-727-2142 or email****DCPLaccess@dc.gov****.**

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**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Mark your calendars for the Prince George's County special elections to select the [**next County Executive**](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/county-executive/about-county-executive/county-executive-transition) and a [**District 5 Council representative**](https://pgccouncil.us/27/The-Council).

**Special Primary Election**

Early Voting: February 26, 2025 -March 3, 2025

Election Day: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

**Special General Election**

Early Voting: May 28, 2025-June 2, 2025

Election Day: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

More information is at [**Special Elections | Prince George's County**](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/news-events/news/special-elections)**,** and

you can use the [**Maryland State Board of Elections Voter Lookup**](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch) tool to find your current voter registration and district information. Be sure your voter information is up to date.

###

**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.

**The Bedwetter – A Musical – NEW DATE**

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

Described Saturday, **March 8th** 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

**Waitress**

Olney Theatre Center – Roberts Mainstage 301-924-3400

Described Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 pm

**Kunene and The King**

Shakespeare: Klein Theatre: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, March 8th at 2:00 pm

**The Age of Innocence**

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

Described Saturday, March 22nd 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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**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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**iBUG Café – Glide Demo by Glidance**

Sunday, February 2nd from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

(new date due to the Super Bowl next week),

From Sree B. Roy

The leadership team from Glidance will demonstrate their product called Glide. Sandy Neuzil suggests you think of the Glide device as an intelligent, guiding cane.

The Zoom conference is listed below the following topics that they will cover:

\* Who Glide Is For

\* Features & Functionality

\* Outdoor & Indoor Navigation

\* Traveling with Glide

\* Connectivity, Battery & Durability

\* Pricing & Availability

\* Preorder & Deposit Programs

\* Beta Testing Program

\* Questions & Answers

To join the Zoom conference on using a computer or the app, click the following link:

[**https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09**](https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09)

Or, type in the Meeting ID and Password below:

Meeting ID: 742 848 6329,
Password: 369978

To dial from a phone, call:

+1 3462487799 US

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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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| **Making "Listen to the Universe" and "Mini Star Kits" Accessible for Blind and Low Vision Users**Online Panel Discussion via ZoomWednesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm |

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)—in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian Institution—will host a virtual panel of scientists who will discuss the Chandra X-ray Observatory project and how astronomers with visual impairments pursue their careers.

Have you ever listened to the universe? NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory is a telescope designed to detect X-ray emissions—data that some scientists then process and interpret using sonification, which turns large data sets into sound.

Panelists will include Dr. Wanda Diaz, who is blind and is a leading proponent of sonification of astrophysical data, and Christine Malec, an accessibility consultant who also is blind.

The panel will be streamed live on Zoom at [**Launch Meeting - Zoom**](https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1619542004?pwd=LgN8J45UGeYbkiwz4fuba5jaKmpegI.1#success).

NASA has also provided NLS with Mini Star Kits that can be loaned to patrons who want a tactile astronomical experience. Each of the kits contains three 3D-printed stellar objects. Samples of these kits were demonstrated at the Biennial Conference in Washington, DC, last September.

To request a kit, log into WOW2 and enter "Material" under Class, "Training Material" under Category, and "NASA001" as the Item or Material number. Currently, each network library is restricted to requesting one kit due to limited supply. This number may be increased if more kits become available.

**For more information, please contact:**
Claire Rojstaczer
Writer/Editor, Communications and Outreach Section
**croj@loc.gov**

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**Hadley Discussion Group - Models and Devices to Aid Your Braille Studies**

Thursday, February 6th at 10:30 am

Tune in to talk about fun models and devices to help you with your braille reading and writing.

Sign up to join at [**Embracing Braille | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/embracing-braille)**.**

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

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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

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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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**Hadley Book Discussion Group - Tales of Friendship and Family**

Thursday, February 13th at 10:30 am

February is all about love—not just the romantic kind. This month let's celebrate the connections that bring us together. Share your favorite stories of lasting friendships and the families we’re born into or create along the way.

Sign up to join at [**Book Nook | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/book-nook).

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| **Many Faces of BARD Online Discussion: Open Forum – Answers to Your Questions From the Experts**Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 pm |

There will not be a presentation, just a full hour of answers to your questions about anything related to BARD.

Join the discussion at [**Launch Meeting - Zoom**](https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1617603376?pwd=NfoaVjkaSCNf5wM6eBpg21BWJfSZY9.1#success), NLS will record this program.

For more information, please contact:
Tamara Rorie
Head, Patron Engagement Section
**tror@loc.gov** or nlspes@loc.gov

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| **Youth Braille Club**Friday, February 14th from 3:00 to 5:00 pmMartin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library Center for Accessibility901 G Street, NW, Room 205-B (2nd Floor) |

They will play accessible games, make tactile art projects, talk about cool books, and more!

This program is designed for low-vision and blind youth and friends, but all kids are invited to attend! No knowledge of braille is required.

Contact the Center for Accessibility with questions or for reasonable accommodations. Email **DCPLaccess@dc.gov**.   Phone 202-727-2142.

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**The World of AI Online via Zoom**

February 18th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

[**Register**](https://lighthouseguild.org/events/2024-in-review-assistive-technology-innovations-web-accessibility-reddit-r-blind-2/#register) at [**The World of AI - Lighthouse Guild**](https://lighthouseguild.org/events/the-world-of-ai/?mc_cid=0a542cd84a&mc_eid=d7c2dd5e52)

Join this informative webinar on the transformative world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This discussion will cover the basics of AI, what AI is, where we stand today and how it’s shaping accessibility for people who are blind or visually impaired. Learn about Chat GPT, Perplexity and other AI platforms as well as those designed for use by someone with vision loss, such as BeMyAI, Seeing AI and wearable devices like Ray-Ban Meta Glasses making a difference the lives of users.

Special guest, Brian Fischler, assistive technology expert and host of “That Real Blind Tech Show”, will share his expertise and insights on current AI trends, real-life use cases and exciting future possibilities. This talk will also discuss common AI concerns, fears, and misconceptions while exploring the positives and the negatives.

* Discover the latest AI powered apps, tools and devices.
* Gain practical insights and basic AI knowledge and how it is being used and its potential for the future.
* Learn about the challenges and opportunities AI presents for accessibility.

**Questions?**Do not hesitate to reach out to Chief Technology Officer Dr. Bryan Wolyinski, at **wolynskib@lighthouseguild.org**.

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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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