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Dear Listeners,

The good news this week is that treatment for Stargardt disease may be close. Check out the details [here](#Star).

As always, you will also find a wide variety of information and opportunities. I hope you enjoy them all.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**TREATMENT FOR STARGARDT DISEASE MAY BE CLOSE**

By [**Reena Mukamal**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/reena-mukamal-2736a05/)

Reviewed By [**Nieraj Jain, MD**](https://www.aao.org/biography/b567e710-2179-4852-a527-e9934b51a5bc)

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For the first time, there may be hope for children and young adults with [**Stargardt**](https://www.aao.org/eye-health/diseases/what-is-stargardt-disease) disease — a leading cause of blindness that has no cure. Researchers are testing a [**vitamin A substitute called gildeuretinol**](https://iovs.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2795499) that could slow vision loss in affected children. Although more testing is needed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given gildeuretinol [**two special designations**](https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2024/11/18/2982878/0/en/Alkeus-Pharmaceuticals-Receives-FDA-Rare-Pediatric-Disease-and-Fast-Track-Designations-for-Gildeuretinol-as-a-Treatment-for-Stargardt-Disease.html) to speed its path toward patient care.

The full article is at [**https://www.aao.org/eye-health/news/gildeuretinol-stargardt-disease-vitamin-a?utm\_source=HIgherLogic&utm\_medium=newsletter&utm\_campaign=EyeSmart**](https://www.aao.org/eye-health/news/gildeuretinol-stargardt-disease-vitamin-a?utm_source=HIgherLogic&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=EyeSmart).

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**AFB REPORT - EMPOWERING OR EXCLUDING: NEW RESEARCH AND PRINCIPLES FOR INCLUSIVE AI – EXPERT INSIGHTS ON INCLUSIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) systems have grown in capability and versatility. As the capabilities of AI and automated systems expand, there is much excitement about the potential for autonomous vehicles, AI-enabled tools at school and in the workplace, and other innovations that could increase human efficiency. Many of these new technologies can help promote inclusion and accessibility. However, like all new technologies, AI can also pose risks for people with disabilities.

More details and the full report are at [**Empowering or Excluding: New Research and Principles for Inclusive AI | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/research-and-initiatives/empowering-or-excluding).

###

**NLS PROGRAM - THAT ALL MAY eREAD READ**

In July 2024, the Patron Engagement Section of the National Library Service launched a new monthly program called That All May eRead on Zoom. This new program, scheduled monthly for the last Tuesday night of each month, focuses on using the [**NLS Braille eReaders**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/equipment-for-nls-materials/#refreshable-braille-devices). Each session will begin with a brief demonstration of a feature or use case. The rest of the hour will be spent answering patron questions about any aspect of the Zoomax or HumanWare Braille eReaders.

The next That All May eRead event will be announced soon.

Links to previous That All May eRead MP3 Recordings are below.

[**Listen to the January 2025 program on Navigating Books and Articles**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/January-2025-That-All-May-eRead-Navigating-books-and-articles.mp3) [1 hour/58MB]
[**Listen to the November 2024 program, which was an Open Forum**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/November-2024-That-All-May-eRead.mp3) [1 hour/57MB]
[**Listen to the October 2024 program on Access Online Services**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/October-2024-That-All-May-eRead.mp3) [1 hour/57MB]
[**Listen to September 2024 program on Using Your eReader to Read Books with Third-party Apps on an iPhone**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/September-2024-That-All-May-eRead.mp3) [1 hour/48MB]
[**Listen to August 2024 on Using the NLS Braille eReader to Read BARD Books**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/August-2024-That-All-May-eRead.mp3)[1 hours/60MB]
[**Listen to July 2024 launch of the first That All May eRead program**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/July-2024-That-All-May-eRead.mp3) [1 hours/60MB]

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**NLS E-NEWSLETTER**

Collections Connections is an e-newsletter assembled by the staff of the Collections Division of the National Library Service (NLS) to highlight works of diverse interest that you can download from BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download website. To receive Collections Connections by email, please send a request to **connections@loc.gov**.

###

**FAIRFAX COUNTY TAX INFORMATION GUIDE**

Available at [**About this Guide - Tax Information - Library Research at Fairfax County Government**](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax), this guide provides information and resources on U.S. federal, Virginia state and Fairfax County local taxes, including:

* Tax forms and instructions.
* Information to help you prepare and file income taxes.
* Free income tax preparation help.
* Recommended reading.

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**FREE IN-PERSON TAX PREPATATION HELP**

Many area libraries are offering free in-person tax preparation assistance now through April 15th for low-to-moderate income resident taxpayers, in some cases by appointment only. For dates and locations, check the event schedules of the following library systems.

* Arlington - [**Arlington Public Library - Events Calendar - Home**](https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/calendar/apl/?cid=12881&t=g&d=0000-00-00&cal=12881&inc=0)
* DC - [**Events - DC Public Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/events?a=Adults&r=thismonth)
* Fairfax County -[**Library Events - Fairfax Library Calendar - Library Home**](https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&audience=2039&inc=0)
* Montgomery County - [**Events - Montgomery County Public Libraries**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/events?a=Adult&r=thismonth)
* Prince George’s County -[**Events - Prince George's County Memorial Library System**](https://www.pgcmls.info/events?a=Adults&r=thismonth)

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**NEW AFB SCHOLARS PROGRAM EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLIND STUDENTS**

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) has launched a program of scholarship awards available for graduate and undergraduate students who meet the qualifications for legal blindness. The maximum amount available will be $8k for community college students, $20k for undergraduate students, and $28k for graduate students. The first round of scholarships will be awarded for the coming 2025-2026 school year. These scholarships are in addition to AFB's current offering of scholarships awarded in partnership with the American Council of the Blind (ACB). The application deadline is March 21st, 2025. Visit the scholarship page at [**www.afb.org/scholarships**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/101893352/527404342/217940653?sourceid=1091081&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMy8xLzcyODI3IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjQzMTIyYTNhLWUxZTctZWYxMS05MGNiLTAwMjI0ODJhOTRmNCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic3lsdmlhQHdhc2hlYXIub3JnIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=eJ1nl6wESN7xdUpRpzgE4CWKN_phcP226ZSj7CCqUKc=&emci=c7a3041b-68e5-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4&emdi=43122a3a-e1e7-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4&ceid=5132417) to learn more about the qualifications and to submit an application.

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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.

**Shucked**

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

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

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

Described Saturday, **March 8th** at 2:00 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

###

**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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**VVFD Blood Pressure Check Health Fair**

Saturday, February 15th from 1:30 to 4:30pm

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, Patrick Henry Meeting Room

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will conduct Blood Pressure Checks as part of their Community Outreach Program.  This is for both adults & children.

Drop in.  No registration is required.

###

**National Symphony Orchestra In Your Neighborhood: Uptown**

Saturday, February 15th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

[**Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Neighborhood Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/12919034#branch)

7420 Georgia Avenue, NW

The Kennedy Center and the National Symphony Orchestra are partnering with DC Public Library to honor the history of Ward 4 neighborhoods like Shepherd Park. Come listen to world-class chamber music while building new connections and relationships with your neighbors. Join them to amplify joy, unity, and shared humanity through music and the arts.

###

**Jazz Quartet at the Centerville Library**

Saturday, February 15th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Centerville Regional Library

14200 St. Germain Drive, Centerville

Jazz quartet led by pianist Alfred Yun performs live. Yun draws inspirations from k-pop, traditional Korean music, hip hop, techno, and more! View performances at [**alfredyun.com**](http://alfredyun.com/).

No registration required.

###

**Veterans' Services at American Job Center/Wheaton - In-person**

**Tuesday, February 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

[**Wheaton Library**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/12763691#branch)

11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

Staff from the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, based at Maryland Dept. of Labor/ Worksource Montgomery, will be available to discuss services and assistance available to veterans.

Questions about this event? Call the Library at 240-777-0678.

They will be in the building lobby immediately outside the library entrance.

###

**Tech Talk Tuesdays: Smart Glasses Explained (Virtual Event)
Tuesday, February 18th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Speakers: Sree Roy and Rachel Schreiman**Smart glasses are innovative wearable devices designed to be worn on the head or eyes, combining everyday eyewear with advanced technology. Wondering if they're right for you? Join the event. To register call **(301) 951-4444** at least 24 hours before the event.
###

**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**.

###

**Public Forum on Proposed Changes to Montgomery County Ride On Bus Routes**

Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm In-Person

Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2nd floor conference room,

2425 Reedie Drive, Wheaton

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is hosting the in-person public forum. MCDOT is seeking public feedback on proposed changes to MCDOT Ride On bus routes [**10**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/route010.html)**,**[**34**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/route034.html)**,**[**42**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/route042.html) and a new route 40, as well as weekend service changes to Metrobus routes [**L8**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/routel8.html)and [**T2**.](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/routet2.html) These changes are planned to take effect on Sunday, June 29. Public feedback has the potential to impact these changes.

More details are at [**In-Person Public Forum on Proposed Changes to Montgomery County Department of Transportation Ride On Bus Routes on Tuesday, Feb. 18**](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=46480&Dept=50)**.**

###

**Freedom Songs – Presented by We Are Zion Music (WAZM)**

Tuesday, February 18th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

New Carrollton Library

7414 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton

*Large meeting room 1, Large meeting room 2*

Experience Freedom Songs by We Are Zion Music (WAZM) — a vibrant Black History Month celebration featuring a powerful performance that honors the spirit of freedom and resilience. Discover the rich heritage of African American history, paying tribute to the past while inspiring the future. Let the spirit of unity and resilience lift your soul in this unforgettable musical experience!

Register at [**Freedom Songs** - **Presented by We Are Zion Music (WAZM**)](https://www.pgcmls.info/event/12464512)

###

**AFB Webinar - Empowering or Excluding: New Research and Principles for Inclusive AI**

Wednesday, February 19th at 12:00 pm

Join the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) for a discussion of challenges and opportunities AI technologies pose for people with disabilities, with a focus on people who are blind or have low vision. AFB researchers will share findings from an expert panel and a series of principles for improving the inclusivity and fairness of AI systems, including those used for transportation, teaching, hiring, image description, and more. Dr. Cynthia Bennett, Senior Research Scientist in Responsible AI at Google, will discuss promising practices for reducing algorithmic bias and involving disability communities in AI development.

Register at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PtnS6Sm9SrWye5ADKhUsHQ#/registration).

**###**

**Low Vision Town Hall: What is Orientation and Mobility Training?
(Virtual Event)
Wednesday, February 19th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Speaker: Sharon Payne, M.S., Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) and Certified Low Vision Therapist (CLVT), Director, Able Services**
Join the event to explore how orientation and mobility (O&M) training can empower individuals who are visually impaired to move safely and independently in all aspects of their lives. From fall prevention and home safety to strengthening exercises, including chair yoga, O&M skills can provide the confidence to navigate confidently. Sharon will also discuss overcoming psychological barriers to using a white cane.
Call **(301) 951-4444** to register.
###

**New Resources and Services at The Metropolitan Washington Ear
Thursday, February 20th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friendship Heights Village Center**4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase

**Vision Resource Group Speaker: Rev. Ray Raysor, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Ear (MWE)**MWE provides reading and information services, and independent living skills training for blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled people who cannot effectively read print, see plays, watch television programs and films, or view museum exhibits. Join them for an exciting update!
To RSVP, call **(301) 656-2797**.
###

**Understanding Your Medicare Options- In-person**

**Thursday, February 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

[**Germantown Library**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/12811936#branch)

19840 Century Boulevard, Germantown

The Montgomery County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will provide an overview of Medicare benefits and other topics

The Montgomery County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will provide an overview of Medicare benefits, eligibility, enrollment, costs, & coverage, as well as info on Medicare savings programs, Medicare fraud, protection & local services. This event will take place in the lower-level meeting room. This program does not require registration.

Questions about this program? Contact the Germantown Library 240-777-011

###

**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/)

###

**“The Spirit and Strength of Nathalie Joachim” In-Person Concert**

Sunday, February 23rd from 3:00 to 4:15 pm

National Gallery of Art East Building Auditorium

4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

In-person

Registration Required at [**https://tickets.nga.gov/events/019326ac-0a68-e48b-163a-5a7dc7f39c6f**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/019326ac-0a68-e48b-163a-5a7dc7f39c6f).

Join Grammy-nominated Haitian-American performing artist and composer Nathalie Joachim for a concert celebrating the exhibition [***Spirit & Strength: Modern Art from Haiti***](https://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/2024/modern-art-haiti.html).

Lauded by *The New York Times* for her “powerful and unpretentious voice,” Joachim advocates for social change and cultural awareness through her gifts of storytelling and human connection. Her landmark recording project *Fanm d’Ayiti* explores her Haitian heritage and received a Grammy nomination for best world music album.

Joachim will perform selections from her recent album *Ki moun ou ye.*

###

**NFB CENA Access Boutique Series: How to Engineer an AI Prompt**

Tuesday, February 25th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm via Zoom

AI tools are becoming ubiquitous in our lives as technology rapidly advances. To get the most out of these tools, it is important to ask the questions the right way. This practice of properly communicating what you want to an AI model, called prompt engineering, is crucial for making sure you get the information you are looking for as efficiently as possible. Join the National Federation of the Blind Center of Excellence in Nonvisual Accessibility to learn how you can get the most out of your use of AI. They will cover:

* Why prompt engineering is important
* How to craft a good prompt
* The effects of different phrasing on AI responses
* Real examples of how this can be useful in daily life

Register at [**https://nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/events/accessibility-boutique-reg**](https://nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/events/accessibility-boutique-reg).

###

**Base Camp: Veterans Career and Resource Session**

Wednesday, February 26th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Prince George’s Memorial Library [**Virtual Branch**](https://www.pgcmls.info/event/12595335#branch)

Welcome all veterans, active military, ROTC, potential service members, and families to Base Camp, a monthly informational and resource session for all members of the armed forces. This session will highlight Black Heritage Month, African American Military History, resources and more.

This series, in partnership with the Prince George's County Office of Veterans Affairs, offers participants access to upcoming events, information, initiatives, and resources that can aid veterans and their families.

Register to attend online at [**Base Camp: Veterans Career and Resource Session - Prince George's County Memorial Library System**](https://www.pgcmls.info/event/12595335).

###

**ACB of Virginia Virtual Book Group**

Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 pm

All are welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Come share your recent readings and learn what others are reading.

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.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

###

**All Access Book Club – The Book of Charlie by David Von Drehle**

Thursday, March 6th at 11:00 am

When Von Drehle moved to the Midwest, his neighbor was Charlie White-- who was already a century old. In coming to know his neighbor, Von Drehle came to understand Charlie was a master in the art of thriving through times of dramatic change. Here he sets out to tell Charlie's secrets. The history that unfolds through Charlie's eyes reminds readers that the United States has always been a divided nation, a question nation, an inventive nation-- a nation of Charlies in the roller-coaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life. -- adapted from jacket. The Fairfax County Library’s All Access Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. via free conference call.

To join the event:

* Call **703-324-1800**or toll-free number **1-877-862-8112**
* At the prompt, enter the code **389887#**

For more information, contact Access Services Library at 703-324-8380 or email **libas@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

###

**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 either 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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**Celebrating Elizabeth Catlett with Musicians from the Howard University Jazz Ensemble**

Sunday, March 9th from 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm and

3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

National Gallery of Art East Building, Concourse

4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

With outstanding performances in the United States, Europe, Latin America, China, Japan, Africa, and the Caribbean, HUJE is recognized as one of the foremost university jazz ensembles in the world. The group has been heard on radio, television, and in concert, with many of its members going on to become celebrated jazz artists. HUJE also performed at the 1992, 1996, and 2005 Kennedy Center Honors and has released 43 recordings in a distinguished series that began in 1976.

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**Friendship Heights Vision Resource Grou**p - **Powerful Smart Phone Apps that use Human and AI assistance**

Thursday March 20th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Friendship Heights Village Center

4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase

The speaker will be Sandy Neuzil, Low Vision Community Outreach for the Prevention of Blindness Society.

Three free apps can connect you to human or AI assistance that can read text out loud, identify objects, and describe what you are looking at - in that instant! Learn how to download these apps and try them out on your iPhone, Android, or iPad.

Low Vision Resource meetings help you connect,

share ideas, and learn from each other.

For information and to register, please call **301-656-2797**

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