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Dear Listeners,

Of particular note this week is an item about the Arlington, Virginia website offering support for Federal employees and contractors impacted by current developments [**here**](#Arl). As we learn of more resources, we will post them in these weekly Updates. And if you know of related information to share, please forward it to me at [**sylvia@washear.org**](mailto:sylvia@washear.org).

Also, note that there are two events at MWE coming up in March. One is for Ava’s Braille Class [**here**](#Ava) and the other one is for the Blind Men’s Support Group [**here**](#Men).

Cheers,

Sylvia

Here are the links to all the items below:

* [**Arlington Assistance for Federal Employees and Contractors**](#Arl)
* [**AAPD Explaining Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA), The Trump Administration's Recent Actions on DEIA, and the Impact on Disabled Americans**](#DEI)
* [**Resource for Veterans with Visual Impairment**](#Vets)
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**ARLINGTON ASSISTANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS**

The more than 25,000 Federal employees who work in Arlington—and the many more who call Arlington home—are important to the County’s economy and community. Arlington is working to support federal employees and contractors in their community who may need unanticipated help.

Arlington is also coordinating with their regional partners and the Commonwealth of Virginia to discuss how to mitigate potential impacts to workers, residents, nonprofits, and businesses in their community.

Full details, including resources are at [**Assistance for Federal Employees and Contractors – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government**](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Federal-Employee-Assistance).

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**AAPD EXPLAINING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY (DEIA), AND THE IMPACT ON DISABLED AMERICANS**  
Since taking office, President Trump has taken several actions attacking diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (often called "DEIA" or "DEI") in the federal government. The American Association of People With Disabilities (AAPD) has put together a resource to provide an overview of what DEIA is, why DEIA efforts are essential for disabled Americans, and how diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility efforts have been affected by these recent Presidential actions, including Executive Orders and guidance related to them.  
[**i**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=938ad6a4e9&e=d204b146b9)[**f you wish to view this resource on AAPD's website, click here**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=421ced47df&e=d204b146b9).  
[**If you wish to view this resource as a PDF, click here.**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=c9f9ee1aad&e=d204b146b9)

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**RESOURCE FOR VETERANS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

From Sandy Neuzil

**U.S Department of Veterans Affairs**

[**https://www.va.gov**](https://www.va.gov/)

Health Care Programs include Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) and Visual Impairment Outpatient Rehabilitation (VISOR).

You may have to search starting from Veterans Affairs and the closest VA medical center to where you live.

Search for VIST or Blind and Low Vision Services

[**https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/vision-care/blind-low-vision-rehab-services/**](https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/vision-care/blind-low-vision-rehab-services/)

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**RECORDING OF AFB WEBINAR ON NEW AI RESEARCH NOW AVAILABLE**

As previously reported, a new AFB AI research report highlights key issues and provides guidance that industry, advocates, and government can leverage to ensure the evolving AI landscape expands access and inclusion while avoiding harm. On February 19, 2025, AFB hosted an exclusive webinar outlining and unpacking key findings from this report. They were joined by Dr. Cynthia Bennett, Senior Research Scientist in Responsible AI at Google, who shared expert insights and promising best practices.

The webinar is available at [**Empowering or Excluding: New Research and Principles for Inclusive AI**](https://www.youtube.com/live/6MhZS_sfbWU)**.**

The report is available 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)**.**

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**META’S AI-POWERED RAY-BANS ARE LIFE-ENHANCING FOR THE BLIND WITH CAUTION**

A February 17th *Wall Street Journal* article by [***Sarah E. Needleman***](https://www.wsj.com/news/author/sarah-e-needleman)

Forwarded by MWE Volunteer Evelyn Jemionek

The tech giant makes smart specs for the general public; visually impaired owners use themfor everyday tasks, though critics cite safety concerns.

After Allison Pomeroy lost most of her vision two years ago, her husband began reading menus, signage and other text out loud to her. He doesn’t need to anymore.

Pomeroy, 49 years old, recently bought a pair of Ray-Ban [**Meta**](https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/META)**[META -0.92%decrease; red down pointing triangle](https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/META)** smart glasses, and now a voice inside them does all of those things for her and more—from helping her get dressed and prepare meals to sorting laundry and reading books to her 3-year-old granddaughter. She also frequently uses the glasses to get the time of day and current temperature outside the couple’s Warsaw, Ind., home….

Made in collaboration with Italian eyewear giant **[EssilorLuxottica](https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/FR/XPAR/EL)**, Meta’s Ray-Bans come with a camera, microphones and an artificial-intelligence assistant capable of identifying objects, answering questions and more. They retail for around $300—slightly more than the cost of most other smart glasses meant for the general public—and they look ordinary, an appealing characteristic for folks who don’t want to draw attention to a disability.

Some critics say blind users face risks in using smart glasses that weren’t intended to be a health product. John-Ross Rizzo, a professor at New York University’s School of Medicine who is blind and whose research covers assistive technology, said more studies are needed when using off-the-shelf gadgets to ensure safety for users.

The full article is at [**Meta’s AI-Powered Ray-Bans Are Life-Enhancing for the Blind - WSJ**](https://www.wsj.com/tech/ai/metas-ai-powered-ray-bans-are-life-enhancing-for-the-blind-3ae38026?st=b9eAV7&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink)**.**

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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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**Virginia State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Vision Impaired Public Meeting**

February 21st from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Attendance virtual ONLY.

Join virtual:[**Zoom link**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdsa-virginia.zoomgov.com%2Fj%2F1600381937%3Fpwd=2o4Yr9d2IynlMJ1g2XzAf6aicIbFC0.1%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010101951fc73271-0f502e21-9ba6-4d5f-8200-fe982417e00f-000000/6dKRl8uBnuYpMtJ1xrw0vx-2lkJ76ntzqw8Ejw8k1Q0=393)Password: 044558 **Or Telephone:** Dial:(646) 828 - 7666 (US Toll)   
Meeting ID: 160 038 1937  
Password: 044558

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

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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/)

###

**“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.*

###

**Vienna/Falls Church VIP Meeting: NFB Silver Bells Program**

Monday, February 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Thomas Jefferson Library

7415 Arlington, Blvd, Falls Church

From Ann Koch and Rachel Schreiman

Vienna/Falls Church VIP – Co-chairs

A virtual option is not planned unless mother nature causes a move to Zoom.

Renee Valdez from the NFB of Virginia will discuss the Silver Bells program. Spaces are still available for this exciting and transformative program that assists Virginia residents age 55 and over with vision loss regain confidence and independence by introducing a variety of tools and skills. The 2025 Northern Virginia retreat will be held in Sterling from March 27-30. It is free and even transportation is provided if needed.

###

**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).

###

**Maryland Libraries Together: Michelle Coles, author of Black Was the Ink!**

February 27th at 6:00 pm

[**https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/11858971**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcalvertlibrary.libnet.info%2Fevent%2F11858971%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0100019514d67780-100f1bc6-198a-4dfe-9749-3e152afddc10-000000/rVxj_-Vk7VlWK2KqNFpfnvU9S_oyguBDxrvurLWcgAw=392)

The event will be live streamed on Calvert Library's YouTube Channel:

[**https://www.youtube.com/c/calvertlibrary**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fc%2Fcalvertlibrary%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0100019514d67780-100f1bc6-198a-4dfe-9749-3e152afddc10-000000/3bRIgn99790-ynusyNUWqpRXZ5fTuLJNwKfVAaQ7Hyk=392)

Michelle Coles, a Civil Rights attorney, wrote the award-winning young adult book *Black Was the Ink*. The story features Malcolm, a Black teen from Washington, D.C. whose mom is worried about his safety over the summer and sends him to stay with his father's family on their farm in Mississippi. Part of the farm had been taken through eminent domain for a highway some years prior and now the state is threatening to take the rest of it even though there is an option to take some of the farm across the road. Malcolm isn't all that worried about it until he is transported back in time to the Reconstruction Era as his ancestor Cedric, an aide to Senator Hiram Revels who was one of the first Black members of Congress. Malcolm and readers learn about the Black heroes of the period and learn how to advocate in the present. This is an entertaining and inspiring read for both teens and adults and you'll undoubtedly learn something new, too!

The book, *Black Was the Ink*, is available on BARD for download. It can be found either by the title or by entering DB121727.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact:

[**ashley.biggs1@maryland.gov**](mailto:ashley.biggs1@maryland.gov)**.**

###

**FFB Webinar on the Latest Research & Treatments for Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)**

Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 pm

Discover the latest information on AMD with the Foundation Fighting Blindness! This is a free webinar to learn more about this common eye condition. This webinar is sponsored by [**Apellis Pharmaceuticals**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCW4vUFlEbmhHIS7jW4b5VRXlgCeWQBIMHHPCQjTrbMioIdkY6qjdFk1PVPVwH9r5FKZtfxirEI-2BDs5JNxvzWRodifsMaonhZqgOUmYizQK3DqsH8_BxPR6W5oZsRhAOSau4aUcisMrr7bnsJzRcSwkwSKOlMMiVWqeTcGRBb0ZaCHKTqtuWKcU0IGZnnvCURPi8dXo4F7GdxyFqcyegkxeUjOiIYSeQjVQZ55Dgw-2BraKrlU1CjeI-2BsQtIq1y-2BSXhJfmQrFqhG-2FKcgPIBZBDS-2BA3hdIJW6g9LPlsglafuHXCCHaG0sGPHdsRfZeBjsovITHb23AxlkZT9wi5DTleGBBCNYxG6yIVJiQv9QZPhVn4GMC3P2oTXXEDVSP-2BtL3o-2BA9GxiAMt3T9gQ6sPfJmvzKFeBjnUXor1NpYV6BW1RIdBuwHji).

What will you learn?

* What is AMD and how does it affect vision?
* Current research and potential treatments.
* Tips for managing AMD and maintaining eye health.
* Q&A with experts.

The speaker, Dr. Janet Sunness is an ophthalmologist specializing in low vision rehabilitation and retinal diseases, including macular degeneration and Stargardt disease. Formerly with the Wilmer Eye Institute, she is now Medical Director of Hoover Low Vision Rehabilitation Services and a Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Register at [**Quarterly Vision Webinar — Foundation Fighting Blindness**](https://www.fightingblindness.org/quarterlyvisionwebinar?vcrmeid=g9vwQF11Em6rFitkelvFA&vcrmiid=Fxr0wjZBg0WS5F0PZlU3gQ).

For more information, please reach out to Bailey Bostelman at[**BBostelman@FightingBlindness.org.**](mailto:BBostelman@FightingBlindness.org)

###

**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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Meeting ID: 838 0727 7786

Passcode: 669550

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

###

**LBPD Event: Baltimore Clayworks**

Friday, February 28th from 12:00 t0 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. An Instructor representing Baltimore Clayworks will teach up to 20 students, ages 8 to Adult.

**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%2FBaltmoreClayworks25%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000195054e7886-f2b3cf5a-29e5-4f3a-acd4-8bf61b75bec3-000000/ohjuWYKiVp8LbKYMgva9HXDKn00A7vkJdYgJgxXbjys=392)

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**MWE – Ava’s Braille Writing Class – Are Your Affairs in Order?**

Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 am

12061 Tech Road, Silver Spring

Life is unpredictable. Make sure you and your loved ones are prepared.

Contact Janice Dyson-Ceasar at 301-681-6636.

###

**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**](mailto:libas@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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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 either 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)

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or

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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)

###

**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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