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March 7, 2025

Dear Listeners,

Employment issues are the big topic this week. For information about four openings at AAPD click [**here**](#AAPD) and for information about Fairfax County internship opportunities click [**here**](#Intern). There are also two events in the calendar section in support of federal workers. Information on one in Virginia is [**here**](#Event) and information for Prince Georges County residents is [**here**](#Fair). We will keep you posted if we learn of others.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**AAPD IS HIRING FOR FOUR FULL-TIME POSITIONS**

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), a national cross-disability rights organization, is seeking applications for a Programs Director, Content Producer, Digital Director, and State Voting Coalition Coordinator.

The **Program Director** role is hybrid with some in-person work required in Washington, DC and the salary band is $90,000 - $110,000. [**View the full job description and apply here by this Friday, March 7**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=1d83afb275&e=d204b146b9)**.**

The **Content Producer** role is hybrid with some in-person work required in Washington, DC and the salary band is $80,000 - $95,000. [**View the full job description and apply here**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=ae983c8971&e=d204b146b9) by March 14th.

The **Digital Director** role is hybrid with some in-person work required in Washington, DC and the salary band is $90,000 - $110,000. [**View the job description and apply here**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=b694adef64&e=d204b146b9) by March 14th.

The **State Voting Coalition Coordinator** role is remote or hybrid and the salary band is $60,000 - $75,000. [**View the full job description and apply here**](https://aapd.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=08dab5cd58ad9250c3f56519f&id=cda084408a&e=d204b146b9) by March 31st.

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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| **Applications Close Friday, April 11**  The John Hudson Internship Program is a paid summer job for college students and recent graduates with disabilities. It is run by Fairfax County Government agencies. This program gives students work experience, professional growth, and training.  The internship lasts for 380 hours and pays $15.79 per hour. Interns usually start at the beginning of June and finish at the beginning of August, working full-time (40 hours a week). Interns work in person, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break.  For 2025, there are two internship positions:   * Emergency Management Intern * Land Development Services (LDS) Information Technology (IT) Intern   You can find more details and apply on their website at [**John Hudson Internship Program | Family Services**](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/disabilities/john-hudson-internship-program?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).  ### |

**COMPENSATED RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY**

From Andrea Luangrath

Forwarded by Theresa Breeden

Andrea Luangrath, Associate Professor of Marketing for the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa, is recruiting participants for an online study to understand how people browse social media content.

To be eligible, participants must satisfy each of the following three criteria to participate:

1. Be a member of the blind or low vision community
2. Use a screen reader for online content
3. Use an iOS device such as an iPhone or an iPad

The study will ask participants to respond to a brief survey about social media usage. Then, the study will ask participants to download a mobile application that is designed specifically for this research study to understand how people browse social media.

You may find some of the content to be accessible and other content to be rather inaccessible. We are studying what makes content more or less accessible. This study will track browsing information within the app during the duration of the study.

For participation, you will receive a $50 Amazon eGift card. There are a limited number of spots available to participate; we will be taking individuals on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate, click the following link.

[**https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_bvYqCc4u8J4o12m**](https://4eqo4f5ab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WsNz8WS1Iq3XsF06w_YDC5rqAU-D-oMA_QdQ5fl-a_rQQfiA05TkpD2cvN_uSLAPPS_FrjefYiemI6uil7UcA2skLP8V9yDbJk9GPzMWHUNmTYXs8N6rgVpkK9mK8lBYZc92JcvV9MK0F-kEA1VliKeTMv_BUpeNC0rI0nmnKsdJmG7xLnG6pclwJzEqMRoFDCy8OPjeopI=&c=6SWdHQxErJYrKv3MuReRO9ZdJE9HEbAVYEfnZ4dv3OT0hnt2wzYkvA==&ch=cig2GhtSN_leGBTOfmq8Q-STdatvRhmh9tMADjxAbyhIl6pDWXX6hg==)

You must be using your Apple device when you click the link to start the study.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Andrea Luangrath ([**andrea-luangrath@uiowa.edu**](mailto:andrea-luangrath@uiowa.edu)).

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**NEW eNewsletter HIGHLIGHTS BOOKS ON BARD**

From Theresa Breeden

The NLS Collections Division has launched a monthly eNewsletter called *Collections Connections,* which highlights works of diverse interest that can be downloaded from [**BARD.**](https://zs5mt6bab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001UUL6oR0WBsGAjbJ3pcC4T2dc6BFc5pO5qawYcJgTCux_tvW5DbXB0IiQpn96AVwBg0EzsOsjIOt3p6nd9VTCKsjilvsdf3s98HyO3fNCpIYW_ouhO4qt0Ryw_VtWOkyOoLK-4llwbSNelQikIXZg2xsBOteyEP5FQQLE3URXeWB7Dj4ynG5ENdo1OdDnJwuI&c=k_m8h5NL2SjIFuLBGv8luU7RVvyV36chnW2p6TVQhQHveV8QUIavuw==&ch=GrzOCqrMB6gRBs0Blu1d_OiK0tklxX5C1abd2Ig7Rgs1DIHnpoCYIQ==) A quarterly audio supplement offers readers deeper dives into the collections through interviews with librarians across the Library of Congress, guided audio tours of the historic Capitol Hill campus, and rich audio descriptions of special collections.

To start receiving the newsletter, send your email address to [**connections@loc.gov.**](mailto:connections@loc.gov)

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAUNCHES GRANT PROGRAM TO EXPAND HIGH-SPEED ACCESS FOR HARD-TO-REACH HOMES AND BUSINESSES**

Montgomery County residents with homes or businesses set far back from the road, making internet service costly to install, can now apply for a special grant to bring high-speed internet to their properties. The Maryland Home Stretch – Difficult to Serve Properties Program, also known as the Long Driveway Internet Program, helps cover internet installation costs for these homes and businesses to ensure better connectivity for all.

[**Read the Press Release**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww2.montgomerycountymd.gov%2Fmcgportalapps%2FPress_Detail.aspx%3FItem_ID=46624/2/010001954f24cebd-4a6e1298-e19a-4832-a269-7350578a9993-000000/jqtph_lcmkvowM5CLjNaihnjx49ncd3whQZ1m-B4esw=394)

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**FCC REMINDER ON ACCESSIBILITY RECORDKEEPING AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Due Date:  April 1, 2025

On March 3, 2025, the FCC released a Public Notice to remind service providers and equipment manufacturers to maintain records of their efforts to make their telecommunications services and equipment, advanced communications services and equipment, and Internet browsers built into mobile phones accessible to people with disabilities.

Consumers may use the RCCCI Registry to search for company contact information if they want to contact the company directly to resolve complaints regarding the company's services and equipment at [**http://apps.fcc.gov/rccci-search/search.action**](http://apps.fcc.gov/rccci-search/search.action).

Link to the Public Notice:

[**https://www.fcc.gov/document/annual-rccci-filings**](https://www.fcc.gov/document/annual-rccci-filings)

For additional filing instructions, visit: [**https://www.fcc.gov/rccci-filing-instructions**](https://www.fcc.gov/rccci-filing-instructions).  For specific questions about the Public Notice, contact Molly Burgdorf, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-2173 or [**Molly.Burgdorf@fcc.gov**](mailto:Molly.Burgdorf@fcc.gov).

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**MOUNT SINAI-LED RESEARCH TEAM IDENTIFIES UNDERLYING MECHANISMS OF AGE-RELATED DYSFUNCTION IN GLANDS CRUCIAL TO EYE FUNCTION**

Sarah E. Millar, Xuming Zhu, Mingang Xu, and their collaborators identified in mice a potential therapeutic target for dry eye disease. The researchers found markers for stem cell populations in the meibomian glands - tiny oil glands along the edges of the eyelids - and uncovered the hedgehog (Hh) cell-cell signaling pathway as a key regulator of meibomian gland stem cell proliferation and tissue regeneration. [**Mount Sinai news story**](https://www.mountsinai.org/about/newsroom/2025/mount-sinai-led-research-team-identifies-underlying-mechanisms-of-agerelated-dysfunction-in-glands-crucial-to-eye-function).

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**ARLINGTON SEEKS FEEDBACK ON DRAFT VISION AND GOALS FOR ITS TRANSPORTATION FUTURE**

After receiving public feedback, Arlington County has developed a [**draft Vision and Goals for Arlington's Transportation Future**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.arlingtonva.us%2FGovernment%2FProjects%2FPlans-Studies%2FTransportation-Plans-Studies%2FArlingtons-Transportation-Future%2FShare-Your-Feedback/1/010101956d4915e6-463f2bb8-a5d4-4795-b422-e56a6e3db6ec-000000/ZcBprlKqkUbNM3ntL_FGXvg5G7RZ8upsjk1IAjliKVc=395). Take a look and [**share your thoughts**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fform.jotform.com%2F250435482776060/1/010101956d4915e6-463f2bb8-a5d4-4795-b422-e56a6e3db6ec-000000/qetLBH1Bc_aMExKbtl71cZp1lbKoq_luZqZPqdx3eBQ=395) at [**Share Your Feedback – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government**](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-Studies/Arlingtons-Transportation-Future/Share-Your-Feedback)**.**

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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.

**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

**Bad Books**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

**Described Saturday, April 12th matinee**

**Fake It Until You Make It**

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

Described Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 pm

**Sleepova**

Olney Theatre Center – Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab 301-924-3400

March 26 – April 27

Described Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm

**Uncle Vanya**

Shakespeare: Harman Hall: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, April 19th matinee

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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)

###

**Reston VIP Support Group Meeting** - **Travel Tips on Metro and Beyond**

Friday, March 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm In-Person

Reston Regional Library

11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston

The speakers will be Stan Gowin, Sandy Neuzil, and Brigid Doherty

Is Spring in the air?  Do you want to get out and go?  Join this in-person meeting to learn a few travel tips.  Stan is a globe trotter who has travel experience in many cities. Sandy is a DMV Metro and Metro Access explorer.  Brigid is a Metro Travel Trainer who can teach you how to conquer riding MetroRail and MetroBus.

Attendees may ask questions about travel hurdles and contribute stories of meeting your travel goals.  We can all learn from each other.

VIP enquiries?  Contact:

Sandy Neuzil at 703-989-1821  [**sandy.neuzil@gmail.com**](mailto:sandy.neuzil@gmail.com)

Stan Gowin at 703-470-6633  [**sgowin@verizon.net**](mailto:sgowin@verizon.net)

Kathryn Hodgdon at 703-608-5817

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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)

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293

or

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

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**Free Resources Event for Federal Workers and Contractors**

Saturday, March 8th from 12:00 to 05:00 pm

Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street, Arlington, VA, 22206

Congressman Don Beyer, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, Arlington County and Fairfax County, invites you to attend a pop­up resource fair to access vital services.

Resources include unemployment assistance, mental health support, housing information, food aid, and information on federal workers’ rights.

###

**Audio Described Screening of "Wicked"**

Saturday, March 8th at 1:00 pm

MLK Library

901 G Street NW, Room 401-C (4th Floor)

Run time is 2 hours, 10 minutes with one 10-minute intermission.

To request other reasonable accommodation for this program, please contact [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov) or call 202-727-2142.

###

**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.

###

**iBUG Café** – **AirPods Pro 2**

Sunday, March 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Join Sree Roy and explore the latest upgrade to the AirPods Pro 2, including hearing test, using the AirPods Pro 2 as an assistive hearing device, and general use of the Bluetooth device.  
Join the Zoom meeting:  
[**https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09**](https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09)  
  
One tap mobile from a smartphone: +13462487799,,7428486329#,,,,\*369978# US  
  
Dial from a phone: +1 346 248 7799 US  
Meeting ID: 742 848 6329, Password: 369978

###

**MedStar Low Vision Support Group Virtual Meeting - Common Eye Challenges: Am I Ready for My Eye Exam and Focus Group Meeting on Eye Drops – Challenges with Taking Them**

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

Join Jessica Lee, M.D., Washington National Eye Center Ophthalmology Resident, to learn about common eye challenges like dry eye and cataracts, detecting eye emergencies, and what you need to know before your dilated eye exam.  
You can join via computer or phone or both—email Penny at

[**penelope.a.helfgott@medstar.net**](mailto:penelope.a.helfgott@medstar.net) to receive an electronic link to the program.

Co-sponsored with the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

If you have any questions, please call Penny Helfgott at 202-877-5329 and leave a message or call the POB at (301) 951-4444**.**

###

**Stargardt's Network - Experiencing Art and Culture (Virtual Event)**Tuesday, March 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
Share your favorite local art and cultural activities!  
Hosted by Prevention of Blindness Society.  
To register, call (301) 951-4444.

###

**Prince George’s County Federal Employee Career Transition & Resource Fair**

Wednesday, March 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Hotel at The University of Maryland

7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park

Prince George’s County, in partnership with Employ Prince George's and the State Department of Labor, announced the Federal Employee Career Transition & Resource Fair. This event is their way of providing you with essential tools, connections, and resources to help navigate your next career move.

[**register here**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fprince-georges-county-federal-employee-career-transition-resource-fair-tickets-1268931521339%3Faff=oddtdtcreator%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001956d0da18c-54af758e-900a-4748-b935-a0fe67682ba0-000000/1T8EZoHluPP8vsqpCEgN2SUdMH3e-ON3r96Yy4NODbU=395), ([**Prince George's County Federal Employee Career Transition & Resource Fair Tickets, Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prince-georges-county-federal-employee-career-transition-resource-fair-tickets-1268931521339?aff=oddtdtcreator&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)).

**Learn more** about all resources available to help support residents experiencing job loss at [**mypgc.us/FederalJobLoss**.](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.princegeorgescountymd.gov%2Fdepartments-offices%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2Fresources-federal-workers-facing-job-loss%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001956d0da18c-54af758e-900a-4748-b935-a0fe67682ba0-000000/pCu5Oeal_JR3oUlClcsBDYYAEO66D4-atzRQX8v4pUc=395)

###

**Low Vision Awareness Group at Ashby Ponds Meeting - "Accessible Pharmacy"**

Wednesday, March 12th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Ashby Ponds Retirement Community

Great Oak Theatre

44755 Audubon Square, Ashburn VA

Forwarded by Sandy Neuzil

A live presentation by Andy Burstein, Chief Executive Officer of Accessible Pharmacy Services

This is an excellent opportunity to listen to and speak in person with one of the founders of this mail order pharmacy whose mission is to provide personalized service to those with special needs such as vision issues and other challenges.

This meeting is open to the public with ample seating.  Bring your family and friends.

Questions:  Carol Katchmark  703-898-2837 or

e-mail:[**carolkatchmark@comcast.net**](mailto:carolkatchmark@comcast.net)

###

**Leisure World Lions Group - "I am Visually Impaired, Not Helpless!"**Wednesday, March 12th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm  
Leisure World Clubhouse II Edmondson Room  
3300 N Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD  
Join a conversation on how friends and family can be supportive without being overbearing. They will discuss sighted guiding, maintaining privacy, and self-advocacy.

To RSVP, call Larry at (908) 770-9111.  
###

**In Person Event: Peabody String Sinfonia @ LBPD!**

Wednesday, March 12th at 3:30 pm

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

415 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD

The Peabody String Sinfonia is a student-led, conductorless string orchestra with a mission to bring live music to people in the Baltimore community who often do not have access, including those going through cancer treatment, incarceration, homelessness, hospitalization, addiction, and hunger.

The programming for each performance is built with the audience in mind, evolving every semester. In a typical Sinfonia performance, works range from Tchaikovsky to Etta James to the Danish String Quartet.

**Event Information:**

**While registration is not required, it is recommended:**

[**https://marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Sinfona25**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.libcal.com%2Fcalendar%2FExternalCalendar%2FSinfona25%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0100019538ebbe50-678b98d6-7366-4221-864b-38148557f432-000000/xqMr5iZdbpQ-7DcbpvyXt9lMWYH24FzhEE_TWcPKt54=393)**.**

###

**2025 ACB Leadership Conference**

Friday, March 14th through Tuesday, March 18th

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington

The American Council of the Blind Leadership Conference will be a hybrid event. Full details are at [**2025 ACB Leadership Conference | American Council of the Blind**](https://www.acb.org/2025-acb-leadership-conference)**.**

###

**Tech Talk Tuesdays - iPad Accessibility Features (Virtual Event)**Tuesday, March 18th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
Join with Steven Kelley, Certified Assistive Technology Specialist, Hadley, to discuss Apple iPad accessibility features that are helpful for people with vision impairment.  
To register, call (301) 951-4444.

###

**Low Vision Town Hall (Virtual Event) - Traveling with Vision Impairment**Wednesday, March 19th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Join Stan Gowin, Co-Chair, Reston V.I.P. Group, as he shares his travel experiences navigating planes, trains, and ships with a mobility cane. Learn tips for overcoming travel challenges with vision impairment and discover how to make travel more accessible.

Call (301) 951-4444 to register.

###

**Friendship Heights Vision Resource Group** - **Exploring Innovative Smartphone Apps**Thursday March 20th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Friendship Heights Village Center

4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase

Join Sandy Neuzil**,** Low Vision Community Outreach for the Prevention of Blindness Society, for an insightful discussion on cutting-edge smartphone apps that blend human and artificial intelligence (AI) to provide valuable support for individuals with vision impairments.  
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.

To RSVP, call (301) 656-2797.  
###

**MWE – Blind Men’s Support Group – Are Your Affairs in Order?**

Thursday, March 27th at 2:00 pm

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.

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**America InSight: Verbal Description Art Tour**Wednesday, April 2nd from 11:00 am to 12:00 pmSmithsonian American Art Museum  
8th and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC

Join POB for an in-person docent-led tour for visitors who are blind or have low vision. Through rich verbal description and sensory experience, discover highlights from the Smithsonian's collection.  
To RSVP, call (301) 951-4444.  
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**Being the Light: Friends and Family Connection Event**  
Saturday, May 3rd   
Collington Life Care Community  
10450 Lottsford Road, Mitchellville

You, your friends, and your family are invited to join the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) for a luncheon panel discussion moderated by **Suleiman Alibhai, O.D.**, a low-vision specialist. Additional details and tickets will be available soon.  
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