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Dear Listeners,

While reviewing the items in this week’s Update, I was struck by the enormous advances in technology since the early days of electronic communication, especially with regard to accessibility features. Examples include:

* [***Be My Eyes* Adds Shortcuts for Siri**](#Siri)
* [**Windows Screen Reader Primer Virtual Launch Webinar**](#Windows)
* [**NFB CENA Access Boutique Series: Indoor Navigation Software Boutique**](#NFB)
* [**Hadley Tech It Out Discussion Group - Tech for Tracking Your Health**](#Tech)

I Hope you enjoy all of them and more.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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* [**Assistive Tech App Now Available for Free at the Renwick Gallery**](#Renwick)
* [**Washington Blind Hockey Club Featured on WUSA**](#Hockey)
* [**Man Adjusts to Life After Surviving a Bear Attack That Blinded Him**](#Bear)
* [**A Case Goes Before The Supreme Court**](#Court)
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	+ [**Hadley What's Cooking? Discussion Group - Cooking from Scratch vs. Prepared Ingredients**](#Cook)
	+ [**The Fairfax County All Access Book Club – Dial A for Aunties**](#Aunt)

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***BE MY EYES* ADDS SHORTCUTS FOR SIRI**

From the Maryland Library for Blind and Print Disabled Newsletter

*Be My Eyes* is an app that connects blind and low vision users who need assistance with volunteers and service companies providing real-time virtual support.  Using live video and artificial intelligence (AI), *Be My Eyes* users can receive descriptions to add context to items "seen" with an outward-facing camera, as well as product support and guidance to assist with everyday tasks.

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**ASSISTIVE TECH APP NOW AVAILABLE FOR FREE AT THE RENWICK GALLERY**

Visitors to the Renwick Gallery with low vision can now download the free ReBokeh app on an iOS device using the museum's free Wi-Fi. With this app, visually impaired visitors can enjoy the museum's collection of contemporary American craft at Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW. The app also helps anyone who needs visual assistance in the galleries. You can use your camera to change settings like brightness, color, and zoom. This program is brought to you by Access Smithsonian. Lear more at [**Visit Renwick | Smithsonian American Art Museum**](https://americanart.si.edu/visit/renwick?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#:~:text=the%20Renwick%20Gallery%3F-,Is%20there%20assistance%20for%20visual%20impairment%20at%20the%20Renwick%20Gallery%3F,-Visitors%20to%20the).

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**WASHINGTON BLIND HOCKEY CLUB FEATURED ON WUSA**

Thanks to Paul D’Addario for sending the link below to a story that aired last week on Channel 9, WUSA.  The hockey arena is located in Arlington, VA.

[**https://www.wusa9.com/article/life/people/the-heart-of-it/washington-blind-hockey-club-skaters-freedom-on-ice/65-61e65dae-04a4-47ab-93be-aeeb5b827a69**](https://www.wusa9.com/article/life/people/the-heart-of-it/washington-blind-hockey-club-skaters-freedom-on-ice/65-61e65dae-04a4-47ab-93be-aeeb5b827a69)

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**MAN ADJUSTS TO LIFE AFTER SURVIVING A BEAR ATTACK THAT BLINDED HIM**

And thanks again to Paul D’Addario for the link below to a short story aired on NPR on April 25th.

[**https://www.npr.org/2025/04/25/nx-s1-5374972/man-adjusts-to-life-after-surviving-a-bear-attack-that-blinded-him**](https://www.npr.org/2025/04/25/nx-s1-5374972/man-adjusts-to-life-after-surviving-a-bear-attack-that-blinded-him).

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**A CASE GOES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT**

From The American Council of the Blind (ACB)

On Tuesday, April 29, the U.S. Supreme Court [was scheduled to] hear oral arguments in the LabCorp v. Davis case. ACB has been intimately involved with this case from the beginning. The case was brought to ensure that LabCorp provide accessible check-in systems for blind and low vision customers. The company, and other phlebotomy laboratory companies like it, have in recent years eliminated receptionists and now require patients to sign in on inaccessible tablets.

The appeal addresses a complex legal issue related to certification of class actions. The final decision could impact how other civil rights and ADA cases are brought in the future.

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**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND (AFB) CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Are you interested in sharing your expertise with leaders in the field of blindness and low vision at AFB’s 2025 Leadership Conference (AFBLC)? Join AFB on November 12-14, 2025, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia.

Learn more at [**Call for Speakers and Presentations | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc/call-speakers).

Submit your proposal at [**2025 AFB Leadership Conference: Call for Speakers and Presentations**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2tIRpKBmd3nDIFNqLb0yCvbX8vOn4ma-O-kHmvXnx1jdfCQ/viewform).

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**COLLECTIONS CONNECTIONSFREE NEWSLETTER**

From the Maryland Library for Blind and Print Disabled Newsletter

With hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books and magazines available from NLS, it's hard to know where to start when searching.*Collections Connections*, a free email newsletter from the NLS Collection Development staff, can help. Each month it highlights fiction and nonfiction titles focused on a timely theme. To sign up, send your name and email address to the Collection Connections team at **connections@loc.gov**. You can unsubscribe yourself from the list at any time.

###

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITIES**

Consider becoming a member of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (FA-DSB). FA-DSB is made up of 15 volunteers appointed by elected officials of Fairfax County, City of Falls Church, and the City of Fairfax to represent and advocate for people with physical and sensory disabilities.

Community members wishing to serve should be knowledgeable about the constituency represented, have visibility into the needs and supports available in the communities for which they are appointed, and be able to work with staff to help vision and reimagine how the service delivery system – directly and in partnership with other organizations – supports county residents.

Learn more at

[**Family Services Boards, Authorities, Commissions | Family Services**](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/boards-authorities-commissions?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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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.

**Fake It Until You Make It**

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

Described **Friday, May 2nd at 8:00 pm**

**Kimberly Akimbo**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described Saturday, May 24th at 2:00 pm and Sunday, May 25th at 7:30 pm

**We Are Gathered**

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

Described Saturday, May 31st 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**](http://www.youreyes.org/replays)

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**POB READS Virtual Book Club - The Formula: How Rogues, Geniuses, and Speed Freaks Reengineered F1 into the World's Fastest-Growing Sport by Joshua Robinson**

Friday, May 2nd from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Summer's a great time to unwind with a good book!
Join POB READS—a laid-back book club for people with vision impairment. Read, relax, and connect! POB READS meets virtually at 11 a.m. on the first Friday of every other month. All selected books are available for free through the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, also known as the Talking Books Program. The group is led by a trained accessibility librarian.
To register, call **(301) 951-4444** or visit [**pobreads.org**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=d32d49457b&e=59825d4dc8).

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**Being the Light: Friends and Family Connection Event**
**Keynote: When and How to Ask for Support from Family and Friends** Saturday, May 3rd from 12:00 to 2:30 pm
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.

This POB special luncheon event will give your friends and family a unique opportunity to learn about low vision and its challenges. Ample free parking on-site.

Vendors will showcase their valuable resources, tools, and technologies, including the Prevention of Blindness Society Low Vision Resource Center and VOMA Technologies & Training (list subject to change).

**Tickets: $22 per person**
To purchase tickets, visit[**beingthelightpob.org**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=1ed36ead1e&e=59825d4dc8)or contact **Tara Aziz at (202) 234-1010, ext. 233,** or email**taziz@youreyes.org**

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**Virginia Job Fair for Federal Workers and Contractors**

Saturday, May 3rd from 12:00 to 03:00 pm

Geroge Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria,

[**View Map**](https://maps.google.com/?q=Geroge%20Washington%20Middle%20School%201005%20Mt%20Vernon%20Ave.,%20Alexandria,%20VA%20%20%2022301)

Congressman Don Beyer, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, Arlington County and Fairfax County, invites all federal workers and interested jobseekers to attend [**a networking and hiring fair**](https://workinffxnova.com/event/resource-fair-for-federal-workers-and-contractors/). Meet and network with 50 hiring companies and find your next career.

No Registration Required

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**Jessica Fichot Band with Annie Zhou: New Spring 新春**

Sunday, May 4th from 3:00 to 4:15 pm

National Gallery of Art West Building, West Garden Court

6th Street and Constitution Avenue

Registration Required at [**Jessica Fichot Band with Annie Zhou: New Spring 新春 — National Gallery of Art**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/01959627-a4f4-d66b-b70c-82623b0eed1d)

Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter Jessica Fichot is accompanied by her accordion, toy piano, and fiery band in the program *New Spring* **新春**. The program features jazzy Mandarin classics from Old Shanghai and her own multilingual songs that hail the joy of new beginnings.

Singing in French, Mandarin, English, and Spanish, Fichot draws from her multi-ethnic French, Chinese, and American heritage, as well as her youth in Paris, to create a fusion of French chanson, Shanghai jazz, gypsy swing, and international folk.  The concert includes Mandopop, upbeat call-and-response songs, and Fichot’s catchy originals. Joining her onstage is clarinetist Mitch Marcus, guitarist Vincent Islas, bassist Michael Papillo, and special guest Annie Zhou on guzheng (Chinese zither), a performer and composer known for her acclaimed performances and award-winning original music.

###

**Windows Screen Reader Primer Virtual Launch Webinar**

Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm

Join the Carroll Center for the Blind for the virtual launch of the fourth edition of *The Windows Screen Reader Primer*, a free digital book written by David Kingsbury, Assistive Technology Instructor at The Carroll Center for the Blind.

*The Windows Screen Reader Primer*is meant to help JAWS, NVDA, and Windows Narrator users work more effectively with the most important PC applications—like Microsoft Office, email clients, and web browsers. OneDrive, and Google Drive for Desktop, the three most popular cloud-based file-sharing programs, are also covered.

The book is intended for both beginners and intermediate users. While all the basics are covered, those already possessing a fair amount of experience using screen reader programs in the Windows environment will find useful tools and techniques to further enhance their skills.

During the webinar, you'll hear from David Kingsbury about what's new in the fourth edition and have the opportunity to ask your questions live. The book will be available for free download in Word and ePub formats after the webinar.

You will receive a Zoom link once you've registered at [**David's Book Launch Webinar Registration**](https://carroll.org/davids-book-launch-webinar-registration/?bbeml=tp-MUUse5ZSIEidSn7H3nSXkA.jmAztVk8S3U6xwS2UvpFqDw.rH-j_E6lRXkeAZO0nABTnyw.lHe3CTBlNiUa654zjlDpmvg).

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**ACB Cooking with The Blind Kitchen**
Wednesday, May 7th at 1:00 pm

Chef Debra will be discussing Principles of Seasoning with the ACB group. Here are ways you can join:
Ways to join:
[**Listen on ACB Media 5**](https://theblindkitchen.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=96db097b4e6eda54cc0ffb211&id=33c12cb9e8&e=ea48b302bf)
Say to your Amazon device, "ask ACB Media to play 5."
[**Join in Clubhouse**](https://theblindkitchen.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=96db097b4e6eda54cc0ffb211&id=169584bfc3&e=ea48b302bf)
Join the call:
[**The Dwelling Place**](https://theblindkitchen.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=96db097b4e6eda54cc0ffb211&id=72433d6d4c&e=ea48b302bf)
One tap mobile: +13126266799,,84302300091#
Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 843 0230 0091
Passcode: 3614
###

**Hadley Book Nook - “The Maid” by Nita Prose**

Thursday, May 8th at 12:30 pm

Love to curl up with a good book? Join fellow Hadley book lovers as they cozy up in the Book Nook. The Maid is a quirky mystery about a dedicated hotel maid, Molly Gray, who finds joy in perfection but struggles with social skills. When she discovers a guest's body, a series of comical mishaps make her the prime suspect, jeopardizing both her job and the hotel's reputation.

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

###

**NLS Corner - Many Faces of BARD Online Discussion:**

**New Features in BARD Express**

Thursday, May 8th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

This program was rescheduled due to its cancelation in April. The program will begin with a presentation and demonstration, after which they will entertain questions about the presentation or anything else relating to BARD.

NLS will record this program.

Join via Zoom at [**Launch Meeting - Zoom**](https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1610978001?pwd=lE8nGNTa84TD8v5HnXzmZlSWaFDlX4.1.#success).

For more information, please contact:

Tamara Rorie Head, Patron Engagement Section **tror@loc.gov** or **nlspes@loc.gov**.

###

**TUG Meeting: Resources for Tech News, Live Assistance**

Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 to 11:00 am

The Technology User Group (TUG) will highlight resources for technology news and information and where to find live, human assistance.  They will focus on all aspects of tech: getting assistance for the newly blind, technical assistance for products, resources for finding assistive technology tools, as well as examples of what assistive technology products can do and updates on what's happening in the world of assistive technology.  In addition, TUG turns 18!  Come and learn the history of the group and hear about some of their milestones along the way.

Who should attend?

* Assistive technology enthusiasts.
* Caregivers and service providers for the blind in Maryland.
* Individuals with print disabilities.
* Newly blind patrons.

Call in Number:

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293​#

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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/1/0100019658b94d44-54461b87-c344-4dd7-b603-fdb7db8172fc-000000/eSW02-kgj2O8CKRhWSUcCCW7lKJGjWyLdKQWMPzT-m4%3D401)

###

**ACBVA's May Virtual Meeting - Discover Remarkable Blind Individuals from the Past**
Monday, May 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what life was like for blind individuals living in the U.S. more than 90 years ago? Join us for a special presentation by Peggy Chong, also known as *The Blind History Lady*, at the ACB of Virginia's May program meeting.

Peggy has uncovered a rich collection of stories while researching the

Harmon Foundation Award records housed at the Library of Congress since 1932. Through her discoveries, she brings to light the inspiring lives of blind Americans from decades past.

Come hear about figures like Dan Mahoney—a man who successfully hid his blindness for nearly 10 years—and many others whose stories of resilience and achievement will leave you inspired.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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

**Meeting ID:** 864 8124 4260
**Passcode:** 111222

**One-Tap Mobile:**+13017158592,,86481244260#,,,,\*111222# US (Washington, DC)

**Dial-In Option:**+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington, DC)

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**The Washington National Eye Center At MedStar Washington Hospital Center Low Vision Support Group Virtual Meeting: Open Mic Session—It’s Healthy Vision Month-Are You Making the Most of Your Ophthalmology Appointments?**

Tuesday, May 13th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Gwen Jeong, MD Ophthalmology Resident VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING: You can join via computer or phone or both—email Penny at **penelope.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 number below. Co-sponsored with the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

For further information, please call 202-234-1010.

Note that THIS IS THE LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

###

**Hadley Writers’ Circle – Writing Prompts**

Tuesday, May 13th at 2:00 pm

Stuck? Writer’s block? A prompt can pull you out of the weeds and spark your creativity. Join the discussion group to learn how different types of prompts can inspire us to get into the flow. Writers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in discussion of all genres of writing, including journaling, storytelling, memoirs, and much more.

Sign up to join at [**Writers' Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/writers-circle)**.**

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**Stargardt's Network - What is Your Story? (Virtual Event)**
Tuesday, May 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Join to share and learn from each other's stories and experiences  - let's connect and grow together! **To register, call (301) 951-4444.** Hosted by Prevention of Blindness Society.

###

**Hadley Crafting Circle - Springtime Projects**

Wednesday, May 14th at 5:00 pm

May is a time for blossoms and birdhouses, planting and prepping. What crafts and decorative items do you like to create or build to brighten up the home and garden for spring?

Sign up to join at [**Crafting Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/crafting-circle).

###

**FFB Mental Health Webinar**

Saturday, May 17th at 12:00 Noon

Join the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) quarterly vision webinar focused on mental health, coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Month this May. Navigating vision loss can deeply affect mental health, but finding tailored resources is often difficult, so they're here to support you.

They will cover:

* The emotional impact of vision loss
* Coping strategies and resilience
* Mental health resources
* Building community support

This is a valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and find support.

**Registration Page:**

[[**Quarterly Vision Webinar-Mental Health**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM5kJ0p3uSBqBAikYDlVywGXK3-2F-2B-2FyqFmVKwtOi1PEASoMtAnWy1TyED4KCtIPSKnJQ5QJdeqc54wnSli0ktZz2xobtu3-2FnbTxkATSjIWM8K5Jmzafh6onvozStnaQpJWxJn-2B7Y9ZgWIhI0kxT1G-2FV2trh01oTEC8TPY3IyLyxT5CPpoTpuXkqNDpC3ALq0NnxU-3DE2Jq_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPopBbkowQ2JxxZVrvxYo-2FOLkgeNNESkQ4z9uHwY9XcqziyBD3BQ0zP7BNrLAV-2B5ZisD9UhcYe4xKsBHigzevJ657-2FOpKuNtxjsradsuMDXf8-2BXApFZg-2BNCn-2BZsbYSYUK746Qxp-2FO63JT4Q1B8A9YNMzHUDoBaJzOkEtQglYEdiWlTaLDkC3R4KWBjrETbXIX-2F4O2j3j71fizQrCztRJMGPJdTY1J8ptt8Hv7jPEN43z4-3D)]

For more information, please reach out to Bailey Bostelman at**BBostelman@FightingBlindness.org.**

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**FFB DC Metro Vision Walk**

Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 am

Yards Park Washington, D.C.

Join your VisionWalk community! Together, we step closer to fighting blinding diseases.

For more information, contact Lauren Meltzer at 443-539-8547 or **LMeltzer@FightingBlindness.org**

###

**Hadley Resource Roundtable - Tools for Reading and Writing After Vision Loss**

Tuesday, May 20th at 2:00 pm

A vision change can make reading and writing more challenging. Join this Hadley discussion group and share tips and ideas to help you continue to read and write with vision loss.

Sign up to join at [**Resource Roundtable | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/resource-roundtable).

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**FCC Older Americans Month Webinar**

Thursday, May 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

In recognition of Older Americans Month, the Federal Communications Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) will host a webinar highlighting how staying connected can empower Older Americans to flip the script on aging.

Each year during the month of May, the Administration for Community Living announces the theme for Older Americans Month. The theme for 2025 is **“Flip the Script on Aging”** which focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.

During the webinar, attendees will be provided with information about:

* Connectivity as a tool to prevent social isolation
* Telehealth resources

To register, use this link:  [**https://fccgov.webex.com/weblink/register/re2fefa77ba52760fc1d3e250bfa99245**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__fccgov.webex.com_weblink_register_re2fefa77ba52760fc1d3e250bfa99245&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=DmvsvO94LTTX-Yqr4e8BJq9kq8pUA8ZrNrYQLwHRakg&m=GB5YWquOPpM5kIxQEBH0Zwa-MUS8Ujmi0AbJCuPeYsNBq5wNuhVNkHKL_zes33Eu&s=2GlbMJqGZz_2t2UKhgcd95IlrICScBr_BzyOs5qDwvY&e=)**.**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The presentation slide deck will be shared with attendees after the webinar.

ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided.  Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requesters of such accommodations may contact the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at **fcc504@fcc.gov** or (202) 418-0530. Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and how the requester can be contacted. Requests should be made as early as possible.

Questions about the webinar or to schedule a meeting to discuss how to collaborate with the FCC on providing information to your community can be emailed to **outreach@fcc.gov**.

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**Accessible Board and Card Game Night**

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| Thursday, May 22nd at 4:00 pmMLK Library Center for Accessibility901 G Street, NW, Room 205-HPlay accessible Scrabble, Monopoly, Bingo, Uno, and more! Boards and cards are tactile and include braille and large print labeling. All are welcome!    |

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**Jazz In The Garden: Lao Tizer Band**

Friday, May 23rd from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

7th Street and Constitution Ave., NW

Jazz R&B fusion

Kick off the season with the Lao Tizer Band, an Oasis Jazz Award nominee for Jazz Group of the Year.

Registration Required at [**Jazz in the Garden**](https://www.nga.gov/calendar/concerts/jazz-in-the-garden.html) beginning May 12rh at 10:00 am.

They have a free lottery system so that anyone interested in attending Jazz in the Garden has an equal chance to participate.

**Lottery Dates**

*Lottery opens: Monday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.
Lottery closes: Friday, May 16, noon
Results announced: Monday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.*

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**NFB CENA Access Boutique Series: Indoor Navigation Software Boutique**

Tuesday, May 27th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The indoor Navigation technology field has expanded greatly in recent years. With the advancement of beacon, laser mapping, and smart phone technology, finding your way around a large and complex indoor space like an airport or office building as a blind person has become much easier. They will cover:

* Smart phone applications
* The future of indoor navigation

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).

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**Hadley Tech It Out Discussion Group - Tech for Tracking Your Health**

Tuesday, May 27th at 2:00 pm

Join as they discuss talking products and smartphone apps that can help you access important information about your health.

Sign up to join at [**Tech It Out | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/tech-it-out).

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**Hadley What's Cooking? Discussion Group - Cooking from Scratch vs. Prepared Ingredients**

Wednesday, May 28th at 5:00 pm

Do you prefer to cook with fresh ingredients or prepared? Join the chat and share experiences, tips, favorite recipes.

Sign up to join at [**What's Cooking? | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/whats-cooking).

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**The Fairfax County All Access Book Club – Dial A For Aunties**

Thursday, June 5th at 11:00 am

For June, they are reading [**Dial A for Aunties**](https://fcplcat.fairfaxcounty.gov/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.1&pos=3&cn=466895)  by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Join to share your love of books with others in the county! To join the discussion:

* Call 703-324-1800 or 1-877-862-8112 (toll-free)
* Enter the code 389887# when prompted

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

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