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Dear Listeners,

Of special note this week is additional information about changes to the Metropolitan Washington transportation systems. Read about changes to all Metrobus routes and schedules [**here**](#Metro). Specific information for Arlington Transit is [**here**](#ART) and Montgomery County Ride On Bus service changes are [**here**](#Ride).

This being summer, of course, there are lots of free concerts included in this week’s calendar section. If I’ve missed any, please let me know.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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	+ **[The 2025 American Council of the Blind Hybrid Conference and Convention](#ACB)**
	+ [**The Fairfax County All Access Book Club**](#Access)
	+ [**POB READS Book Club (Virtual Event)**](#POB)
	+ [**Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses Demonstration**](#Ray)
	+ **[2025 American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference](#AFB)**

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**ALL METROBUS ROUTES AND SCHEDULES WILL CHANGE JUNE 29TH**

Better Bus is Metro’s initiative to improve regional bus service. On June 29, 2025, Metro will launch its **new bus network**. This is the first major overhaul in 50 years!

They used your input to finalize the network, and Metro's Board of Directors approved it.

For more information, including resources to learn more about your new routes and stops, go to [**Metro's New Bus Network Is Coming June 29 | WMATA**](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/)**.** ([**En Español**](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/es/index.cfm)**)**

[**Montgomery County Ride On**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/rideonroutes.html) and [**Prince George's County TheBus**](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/thebus-new-routes-2025) are also changing service on June 29 and June 30, respectively. For more details and information, go to their [**FAQ section**](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/frequently-asked-questions.cfm#faq13).

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**ARLINGTON TRANSIT CHANGES**

**Starting July 6, 2025, Arlington Transit** (ART) will be making minor adjustments to Routes 43, 52, and 72. For changes, including new timetables and schedules go to [**Service Changes on ART Routes 43, 52, and 72 Effective July 6, 2025**](https://www.arlingtontransit.com/about/art-news/service-changes-on-art-routes-43-52-and-72-effective-july-6-2025/).

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY RIDE ON BUS SERVICE CHANGES**

Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is preparing to launch a major transformation of the MCDOT Ride On bus system through the [**Ride On Reimagined Service and Implementation Plan**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A%252F%252Fwww.montgomerycountymd.gov%252FDOT-Transit%252FResources%252FFiles%252Freimagined%252FService-Implementation-Plan-Final.pdf/1/01000196f4527b2a-5409e7c2-3452-463d-8ccf-21918fcd1def-000000/hrVftA9sSRAJjVMXYJEp6MAlBEi7JhDJejsdEBBxtT4%3D406/1/010001976bcf1f70-9a53ee89-1c0f-45e6-a8a2-adb1d68c3227-000000/Tdol_bhuIPKcHKn1fat1-xxZqhw1S3DM9PuGCiMYavI%3D409). This plan marks the most comprehensive update in Ride On's history and is a result of years of planning, community input and coordination with our regional partners. Ride On's usual May service change has been moved to Sunday, June 29 to ensure a seamless rollout and better alignment with the implementation of WMATA's Better Bus Network, also launching on June 29. The new transportation network will introduce streamlined connections to Metro, as well as route and timing adjustments based on public feedback and travel patterns.

[**Read the Press Release**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx%3FItem_ID%3D47105/2/010001976bcf1f70-9a53ee89-1c0f-45e6-a8a2-adb1d68c3227-000000/UNk4zwS3LkCpbYxb8xjq4GdS_gxtWNby3144oc_mzX4%3D409)

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**RESEARCH NEWS**

From the FFB June News Updates

**Retinal Research Community Urges Johnson & Johnson to Seek Regulatory Approval for its XLRP Gene Therapy**

The Foundation, along with the investigators participating in the Phase 3 LUMEOS clinical trial for the X-linked retinitis pigmentosa (XLRP) gene therapy bota-vec, strongly urge J&J to file a biologics license agreement (BLA) for bota-vec with the FDA as well as regulators in other regions. [**[Read the full story]**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM6DSh0m5ejVFlHKa2RQzxkeZTWw2VIRNaxKWPJeip156DOwXNbN6zXiC8yrFoy6u8wjIE4m9VcwtOXww1kP0IR-2FPyMFbNNm-2BCbYxsyLD05AvhkQEQT2ICKvcySe0XaVC-2BHaJuZcBHq45-2BZRZaBphG9kwOJ-2BqW2M3-2FhU-2FMhf3RDKAONMMMOvGntaCRYAvI0qe2EnBrTKFwVF2g5WoRLrzNFEIQlWMJ-2FGsAsSbAclM0FE1jOnh41NrNcIbgO-2FTltJhX0-3DCaRc_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPZcSXlGbWWxeFNJq3Qzicf4pkdQTWiYzpP2HrG2XwN0IO6FbQSuETGcE40UaWxoHL3q9mgfiWjC-2BMHVnUqIpwZUlnRFoJYiB0CWe6q6SiWUfqQDPE-2FSz54q5PfKYd1MjTiK4BkswEYsZgitHXYRPomrWEsj5G0dtY8y4z0SMT3L07jG3Z-2B-2F2WHubjdhHhKkRvXpWX9HBEK4F-2BZZxdLWr1vEdbZGww2F-2F-2F1miNVi7doIE-3D)

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**ARVO 2025 Highlight: PYC Reports Encouraging Phase ½ Clinical Trial Results for its RNA Therapy Targeting RP )PRPF31 Mutations**

PYC reported promising results from two Phase 1/2 clinical trials in the US and Australia for VP-001, its emerging RNA therapy for people with retinitis pigmentosa 11 (RP11) caused by mutations in the gene *PRPF31*. The company is planning to launch a Phase 2/3 clinical trial of VP-001 in late 2025. [**[Read the full story]**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM6DSh0m5ejVFlHKa2RQzxkebwgG4BpOdAQvZmUn3f-2F-2FKDcAXs-2Bn9VLfyVHcZMiJbkhojKk2AKpwPIFlZAFblZ93YVPhMAZhburGHSyrwvJG5c-2F4KxKcAHubNdqofT2OyXYIzfAexgVwmFfOczlZIYPwIiuerfscwU7BeEoQPjlB3RiYX9HRtvQsiAgreRsKdI3-2FL-2FiH-2B3MWIHnnuRPZ9HFeaMDXI98g-2BObEZX-2Fvrk2Xw4c0-2FA4CnswbhoX6rXFqQDUv8yBfgtSQSf3HMeFXMM-2ByKhuHT0T2TJn3XmslwhYVXg-3D-3Dj84r_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPZcSXlGbWWxeFNJq3Qzicf4pkdQTWiYzpP2HrG2XwN0IO6FbQSuETGcE40UaWxoHL3q9mgfiWjC-2BMHVnUqIpwZUlnRFoJYiB0CWe6q6SiWUftWAb58QqGPKbo-2F-2FfLGzvl-2BsIVA6D1r01knAXzAnLwHRERqYu5c2EUzivV4GuBJGZcFSZQGJGdpFlM5Zspz4HWBLuN2I70tnCqC6hHofKk-2F3nyl3WxZ6pfovzzVYivG5s-3D)

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**ARVO 2025 Highlight: Beacom Reports Encouraging Results for Second Eyes Dosed in Clinical Trial for XLRP Gene Therapy**

Beacon Therapeutics, has reported vision improvements for patients receiving AGTC-501, the company's X-linked retinitis pigmentosa (XLRP) gene therapy, in the Phase 2 DAWN clinical trial. In DAWN, 15 male patients, who received AGTC-501 in one eye in a previous trial, had their second eyes dosed. [**[Read the full story]**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM6DSh0m5ejVFlHKa2RQzxkebwgG4BpOdAQvZmUn3f-2F-2FKMKZa9QyhobP5gy-2FB8Eyl3Ecp-2FHhWEtPPUGulJOv9lA3ZAysGPw62OM9BTfwmi2pon-2FNEOaKssZZlcrtR1p6H-2BuKg12j4PkxlqndPJsSU3qZ0D4scfO-2Fu2vEuLjmdMq909qjLI9VGp6pZqRBJdAYAGl97wm1FOrci-2FcXfUEUbKk6XLFcgQUCLZGWpTpB0tNtspHjdCW7pHos-2B5DxCeHPCN8bMXnEDBS7k-2FYRAzCzrYbKkm0a_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPZcSXlGbWWxeFNJq3Qzicf4pkdQTWiYzpP2HrG2XwN0IO6FbQSuETGcE40UaWxoHL3q9mgfiWjC-2BMHVnUqIpwZUlnRFoJYiB0CWe6q6SiWUe4XRFFdlnm1Zg9OUYxh5QAa899qCvleisYHxuSwFdKJjezVBOvk-2BDy-2B6dytn-2FUwSESjCOrnPCFEn6CnIRHlmutnJKOPm0BoYwZ6r23GS6oSTiqkzFcbw7Sn6cpjlPRXVQ-3D)

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**FFB Eye on the Cure Podcast 87: Dr. Philip Beales**

Dr. Philip Beales, a co-founder of Axovia Therapeutics, talks to host Ben Shaberman about Bardet Biedl syndrome, ciliopathies, and his company's emerging gene therapy for Bardet Biedl syndrome type 1 (BBS1), which is moving toward a clinical trial.[**[Listen to the full podcast]**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM6A3tHalgluMwbbEELewW0CdjsDoVwhPIOG6E87Q5y-2Bqm2uTia8Kri3-2BlPouUk6rSNPoHlmx4t6jxPUBphPkOe6fXterH-2BP4R-2F1qSxSbeKLlfKpmT0rQ7xK5VfyC1Gdhk0StSaoH8IjcP-2FkBHiXYCMDgG4mm8v27gmUyLFlr0RXPwtWNnke-2BGfNRq-2B0K-2Bj-2FRqw-3D9XG3_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPZcSXlGbWWxeFNJq3Qzicf4pkdQTWiYzpP2HrG2XwN0IO6FbQSuETGcE40UaWxoHL3q9mgfiWjC-2BMHVnUqIpwZUlnRFoJYiB0CWe6q6SiWUcOCxISD28Uj2OvPx96CtycQ2b168-2BQ9SqJ2THKgt3o6LcQ2jw87sRTRVKQ69GFpzfJblA4JalXbGKEUpi-2FIuwD8UJ69zi9kMbuyEEjqsAC8F3hDZHJA45ZD6fLYPUXR8w-3D)

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**FFB Eye on the Cure Podcast 86: Lenore Krusenstiern, MD, PhD**

Dr. Dr. Lenore von Krusenstiern talks about Bluerock's clinical trial for a photoreceptor replacement therapy for people with inherited retinal conditions such as retinitis pigmentosa and cone-rod dystrophy.[**[Listen to the full podcast]**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM6A3tHalgluMwbbEELewW0CdjsDoVwhPIOG6E87Q5y-2Bqm2uTia8Kri3-2BlPouUk6rSMvh-2FvIIzLQNgoTFlVICkM68ASecI36LYjXFOv-2FaDtXetySwSpziyvVI4L4o1UVMqvWSZMR5rUgTYXhEwYTtgwXGcL9Gkx4DFoeMR5lP6-2Bh6HDMQAFPSg3GRLFC2w6VaHBu7dbWtG15iQUSUkczORDI3aU5_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPZcSXlGbWWxeFNJq3Qzicf4pkdQTWiYzpP2HrG2XwN0IO6FbQSuETGcE40UaWxoHL3q9mgfiWjC-2BMHVnUqIpwZUlnRFoJYiB0CWe6q6SiWUf6olIso1Nxs9Gx4QxQo4OlBLN31-2FnLW22xxDkz-2BP-2BTeTW6x-2FP87Ae2JX0Kddp51TcbazCe2fmns-2F7KVTcfSVfMhIiP0KHzGEH3Fd-2FDUwD0N23j6-2FkdbR2St99nRdITMpI-3D)

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**RESOURCES FOR WORKERS IMPACTED BY RECENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS**

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) offers a variety of resources to help you find and advance in your career, including [**workshops**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/events?=undefined&t=Workforce+and+Job+Seekers&a=adult&r=thismonth) to h**elp you with your job search and prepare for interviews,**[**free online classes**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/events?=undefined&t=Computer+and+Technology+Skills&a=adult&r=thismonth) through their Udemy and LinkedIn platforms, [**public computers or laptops**](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/computers.html) and [**wireless printing**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/wireless-printing.html) services. You can also earn an accredited online [**high school diploma**](https://montgomery.careeronlinehs.org/)to prepare for today’s workforce if you’re seeking a second chance to finish high school. They’re here to support you on your career journey at [**Job Seekers - Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) - Montgomery County, Maryland**](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/for-you/job-seekers.html).

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**EBOOK CLINIC**

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria

Learn about library eBooks and eAudiobooks, as well as how to access them on your compatible device.  Call 703-971-0010

for an appointment during library open hours; please bring your charged device and associated password(s).

**Related LibGuide:**[**eBooks, eAudio, eMags &amp; Streaming: Tech Help by Fairfax County Public Library (Admin)**](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/c.php?g=756428)

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**SPIRIT CLUB SUMMER FITNESS (VIRTUAL)**

**Fitness for All!**

Good News! The SPIRIT Club is teaming up with Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD) again this summer.

SPIRIT Club believes exercise is not only essential to living a happy and healthy life, but it is also a human right. Therefore, fitness should be made accessible to you, regardless of your circumstances. Whether you're experienced with exercise or a total beginner, comfortable in gyms or don't feel like they are the right fit for you, able to participate in typical fitness programs or face limited opportunities due to a disability, the SPIRIT Club is the place where you can successfully work toward your fitness goals. Learn more by visiting their website at: [**https://www.spirit-club.com/**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.spirit-club.com/%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010001976b0abf60-ef0600fd-68e5-4cb1-bef2-e60f1fe07b3c-000000/7DpuSP4KRhVfCRX8KsJG-qhWgt0tZ71q8OS1xzYXZBU%3D409).

Spirit Club is offering limited time access to its virtual fitness classes for LBPD patrons. Explore their extensive on-demand library of curated workouts, including yoga, Zumba, boxing, meditation, and cardio. Enjoy this variety of fitness options by selecting the classes that interest you.

If you are interested in receiving a limited time Spirit Club membership now, please complete the registration form by June 20th. Please note, there is a limited number of memberships and all classes are virtual. Upon registration, details on how to access the platform and the duration of your membership will be provided through email.

Why delay any longer? Get ready to break a sweat!

[**Spirit Club Registration Form**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8VWlFG1peEL8l5Rfw7_2p0lGVVP_cG7vSCltIiA3XOg2rtA/viewform%3Fusp%3Dheader%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010001976b0abf60-ef0600fd-68e5-4cb1-bef2-e60f1fe07b3c-000000/HedLkIXvD7X-z7zgBJIo67lgaRzd2PtRt5CKe6FiHWQ%3D409)

Don't want the individual membership, but would be interested in exercising with fellow LBPD patrons? Join their virtual Watch Party workouts later this summer (August and September) and get your sweat on! They will choose the classes—all you need to do is click the link and enjoy the fun. Details of classes will be posted later in the summer.

###

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY OFFERS FREE DRIVE-UP CAT AND DOG VACCINATION**

Sunday, June 22nd

Pre-registration is required

The Department of the Environment (DoE) Animal Services Division (ASD), in partnership with the Prince George’s County Health Department, is sponsoring a FREE Drive-Up Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinic on Sunday, June 22, at the Prince George’s County Animal Services and Adoption Facility, located at 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD. The FREE vaccination clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until supplies last, and it will proceed rain or shine.

The Drive-Up Cat and Dog Vaccination Clinic will provide free rabies vaccinations and micro-chipping for Prince George’s County residents.Free pet licenses will also be offered. **Proof of residency is required**.

Here are a few **key** guidelines to have your pet serviced at the clinic:

* Pets will be vaccinated in the car when possible.
* All cats must be in a carrier, and dogs must be on a leash and under control, should they need to leave the vehicle for their vaccinations.
* Pets must be at least four (4) months old to receive a rabies vaccine.  Rabies vaccines are good for one (1) year unless a prior rabies certificate is provided at the time of service.
* Be prepared to stay in your vehicle for an extended period.
* **ONLY** pre-registered customers will be serviced.

To pre-register or for more information, visit [**www.princegeorgespets4us.com**](http://www.princegeorgespets4us.com/).

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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.

**Ain’t Too Proud – The Life and Times of the Temptations**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described, Saturday, June 21st at 2:00 pm and

Sunday, June 22nd at 7:30 pm

**Duel Reality**

Shakespeare: Harman Hall: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, July 19th at 2:00 pm

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**A Wrinkle In Time**

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

Described Saturday, July 5th at 2:00 pm

**Kim’s Convenience**

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

Described Wednesday, July 9th at 7:30 pm

**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**

Olney Theatre Center – Roberts Mainstage 301-924-3400

Described Wednesday, July 23rd at 7:30 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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**Resume Writing for Federal Employees in Transition (Virtual)**

Friday, June 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Are you a current federal worker considering a transition to the private sector? Make sure you're prepared with a shorter, private sector resume!

Facilitated by internationally-recognized Resume Guru, [**Kathryn Troutman**,](https://resume-place.com/about/kathryn-troutman/) Founder & President of [**Resume Place, Inc**](https://resume-place.com/). and author of the #1 federal resume book in America, the workshop will provide step by step guidance on transitioning your current federal resume to a shorter (two-page) private industry resume targeted to your next private sector job. Kathryn’s 90-minute workshop will cover how to select the correct resume format, what to include/not include, how to feature strong, quantifiable accomplishments, and reinforce the skills and qualifications that are relevant to your target job.

Registration is required at [**Events - Montgomery County Public Libraries**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/events?a=Adult%2COlder+Adults&r=thismonth)**.** The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants one day before the event.

**Questions about this program? Call: 240.620.3160**

Looking for resources to help with your job search or career? Take a look at these resources using your library card. Don't have a card right now?  No worries! Find out how to [**Get a Library Card**](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/card.html).

**Job Seekers Resources Guide -**[**https://mcpl.link/job-seekers-guide**](https://mcpl.link/job-seekers-guide)

**LinkedIn Learning -**[**https://mcpl.link/LinkedIn-Learning**](https://mcpl.link/LinkedIn-Learning)

**Brainfuse JobNow -**[**https://mcpl.link/brainfuse-jobnow**](https://mcpl.link/brainfuse-jobnow)

**Udemy-**[**https://mcpl.link/udemy**](https://mcpl.link/udemy)

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**Go-Go on the Rooftop**

Sunday, June 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13857849#branch)

901 G Street, NW

This June, in honor of Black Music Month, the Go-Go Archives are inviting you to a FREE concert each Sunday in June with a line-up that features both current **and** future legends of D.C.'s official music. This Sunday features **Northeast Groovers, Obsession Band, and Major League Band.**

Meet some of D.C.’s incredible small business owners at the Pop-Up Vendor Mall in front of MLK Library.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed on the rooftop only. DMV Resident? Sign up for a DC Public Library Card to attend! Visiting the District? Just show your ID at the entrance.

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**Mental Health Support Drop-In Hours**

Tuesday, June 24th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

[**Anacostia Neighborhood Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13952916#branch)

1800 Marion Barry Avenue, SE

Study Room 4 (2 Person Max Capacity)

The library has a licensed clinical social worker (LICSW) available to support all library patrons and help them connect with community resources.

If you are going through something, their Mental Health Specialist is available to support you. The library mental health specialist is a licensed clinical social worker (LICSW) here to listen to library patrons about what they are going through - and to help them connect with community resources. You don’t have to sign up, just drop in during office hours for a one-on-one session. What you share will be confidential. For more information, contact Leta Davis at 202-823-0047.

All library patrons 18 and over are welcome.

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**NFB CENA Virtual Access Boutique Series: Advocating for Accessibility Refresh**

Tuesday, June 24th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Whether in school, the workplace, or everyday life, we often encounter products or services which are not accessible. While lawsuits get most of the attention, many products and services are made accessible through the efforts of their users. This session will cover:

* What information you need and how to gather it
* Getting through to the right department or person at a company
* How to compile a detailed issue report
* What you can try when a company doesn’t respond
* The [**National Federation of the Blind inaccessibility tracker form**](https://lj79tucab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001zMSuiIZYqKM6nkaeoiI7Y1UImexR53v_955Sxi80m4qH7wpu3bjzTpLlLxjjwyj6zudxuxXmefRRZ9NwFnOnLYeBuOX5bizvD5Jz7APnOEyA1vLBcAQOBH__iVo3HWAQ_8wsvjdo2yXbtR0Jl2vs_Ctl0d_rapG79z1OuHO6L2pBkn3UP0HQQF5WM_im67QfmWQOzBAqCABKWHQhXxIuKu2aR10I8aqh-qmmxxbRDt6mhiBF5QlxNBh9wIACSGwygYsQT-xSx2M=&c=Ci_8Z4ofkQwSM1o5XAWQqbPOX3OK55lggkcD96NnFk2NK-RqLxvLnw==&ch=3ZkOMq_tqnN4jmfVIxewaBnfi7vugZyXu8pO3-bkB-9Gg6bu-URlDw==)where you can share your experiences.

Register at [**Accessibility Boutique Registration | National Federation of the Blind**](https://nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/events/accessibility-boutique-reg).

###

**Hadley Tech It Out Discussion - Is a Smart Watch Right for You?**

Tuesday, June 24th at 2:00 pm

Thinking about getting a smart watch? Or maybe you’ve got one and aren’t sure you’re making the most of it. Join to chat about what they can do, how accessible they really are, and what to keep in mind before diving in.

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

###

**Karaoke Night**

Wednesday, June 25th from 4:00 to 7:00pm

[**Benning (Dorothy I. Height) Neighborhood Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13249172#branch)

700 Pennsylvania Ave SE

Meeting Room 1 (25-100 Person Capacity)

Come perform your favorite tunes every last Wednesday of the month from 4-7.

###

**Hadley What's Cooking? - Not Your Same Old Sandwich**

Wednesday, June 25th at 5:00 pm

Skip the usual "bread and meat" sandwich—try wraps, quesadillas, pitas, or go breadless. Sandwich making is great for practicing skills like spreading, slicing, and peeling. Share favorite recipes and tips!

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

###

**Performance Lab: Chamber Music at Noon**

Thursday, June 26th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/12234428#branch)

Auditorium

901 G Street, NW

Join the 22nd season of chamber music at DCPL, every first Thursday (plus this bonus date) from November-July!

The program for this concert will be announced soon.

This concert is brought to you as a collaboration between DC Public Library and the Chamber Music Division of Levine Music.

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**Accessible Board and Card Game Night**

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| Thursday, June 26th 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!    |

###

**Jazz in the Garden: Plena Libre Afro-Latin Fusion**

Friday, June 27th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

7th St and Constitution Ave NW
[**Join the lottery**](https://tickets.nga.gov/events/0196162b-0ae0-c4aa-6635-657d8b1df84a)

Celebrate the soul of Puerto Rico with four-time GRAMMY-nominated Plena Libre. Firmly rooted in Puerto Rican plena and bomba styles, these musical superstars fuse well-loved traditions with modern Afro-Caribbean influences. Their hard-hitting horns, master hand drummers, and soaring three-part vocal harmonies have captivated audiences for over 30 years.

**Registration is required for all ages 2 and above.**

There is 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, June 16, 10:00 a.m.
* Lottery closes: Friday, June 20, noon
* Results announced: Monday, June 23, 10:00 a.m.

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**Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp**

WIth special guests Bithday Girl and Light Beams

Friday, June 27th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

[**Lamont Plaza**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13805936#branch)

3210 Mt Pleasant St NW

Join the Friends of the Mt. Pleasant Library and Secret Planet productions for 3 free sets on Lamont Plaza! They've got avant-garde folk, dance-punk, and alt-rock. And, of course, your favorite librarians will be there to tell you all about the reopening of the Mt. Pleasant branch and to sign you up for your library cards.

[**ORCHESTRE TOUT PUISSANT MARCEL DUCHAMP**](https://otpmd.ch/about/) is a perpetually evolving ‘orchestra’, loosely modelled on the great 20th-century African groups like Tout Puissant Orchestre Poly-Rythmo de Cotonou and tipping its hat to revolutionary French artist Marcel Duchamp.

In case of rain, they will be moving indoors to their homies Haydee's at 3102 Mt. Pleasant St.

###

**U.S. Access Board Webinar: From Standards to Support: Understanding the Access Board's Role in Accessibility**

Thursday, July 3rd from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Have you previously attended U.S. Access Board webinars or reached out with questions and training about accessibility? You might be surprised to learn that some questions may be outside the scope of the U.S. Access Board's Office of Information and Technical Services (OTIS). Join this informative to explore the U.S. Access Board's crucial role in creating, training, and enforcing accessibility standards for everything from buildings and public spaces to transportation and information and communication technology. Plus, they will explain areas in which other federal agencies lead and enforce specific accessibility standards. Don't miss out on this opportunity to understand the full landscape of accessibility!

For more information or to register, visit the [**Great Lakes ADA Center's webinar webpage**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session%3Fid%3D111172/1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/t_y6qZf28dErjnHdNmhrpo_pGEFQjpMrVaHRDykez4o%3D408). All webinars include video remote interpreting (VRI) and real-time captioning. Questions can be submitted in advance of the session or can be posed during the live webinar. Webinar attendees can earn continuing education credits. The webinar series is hosted by the [**ADA National Network**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao//1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/fPiVV6ZwCxe4v7n_8874L7tuQHp7vxY7y4YEYhGfwUo%3D408) in cooperation with the Board. [**Archived copies**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http%3A//www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/archives//1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/ud8krX83Rkeu4IKFaaa_HRsl5T7ZyYXDGIkYt2nKvxg%3D408) of previous Board webinars are available on the site.

More information is at [**From Standards to Support: Understanding the Access Board’s Role in Accessibility**](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session?id=111172).

###

**The 2025 American Council of the Blind Hybrid Conference and Convention**

July 4th through July 11th

Hyatt Regency Hotel

300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas, Texas

ACB will be holding a hybrid conference and convention offering virtual only sessions, in-person only sessions, and virtual and in-person sessions together.

Browse Conference and Convention Sessions at [**Convention Home Page 2025**](https://acbconvention.org/?p=108).

###

**The Fairfax County All Access Book Club**

Thursday, July 10th at 11:00 am

This session will cover books you loved, books you hated, and anticipated reads!

To join the event:

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

The All Access Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. via free conference call. For more information, contact Access Services Library at 703-324-8380 or email **libas@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

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**POB READS Book Club (Virtual Event)**

Friday, July 11th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join a discussion about Nicked by M.T. Anderson, a novel about a relic heist based on true events in which a cloistered monk and a relic hunter went on a job to steal the bones of a saint. Summer’s a great time to unwind with a good book!
To register, call (301) 951-4444 or visit[**pobreads.org**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=d32d49457b&e=06a2d7e0de)**.**

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**Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses Demonstration**

Friday, July 11th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library
5005 Duke Street, Alexandria

Join a dynamic demonstration of Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses. Discover how this innovative technology can assist with reading signs, navigating spaces, shopping, and more. Come and see how smart glasses are enhancing everyday independence!
To RSVP, call (301) 951-4444.
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**2025 American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference** (AFBLC),

November 12th to 14th

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia,

Registration is open for this year’s conference, **Leading Together: Leveraging Change to Advance Our Vision**.

Learn more at [**2025 AFB Leadership Conference | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc)**.** The registration page is at [**Personal Information - American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference 2025**](https://web.cvent.com/event/652243c3-9ee8-4834-8728-dfb8daa07ba4/regProcessStep1?RefId=Default%20Registration)**.**

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