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Dear Listeners,

The Fairfax County Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) now only offers access through its website. More information is [**here**](#DIAL).

Also, thanks to Stan Gowin and Kathryn Hodgdon for forwarding David Goldfield’s Savy Seniors Tech Support Resources [**here**](#Savy).

I hope you find these items and the wide variety of other items below useful.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY DISABILITY INFORMATION AND ACCESS LINE (DIAL) CHANGED ACCESS TO ITS OPERATIONS JUNE 21**

The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) no longer offers help through phone, video, text, or chat. But don't worry! You can still visit the DIAL website at [**www.dial.acl.gov**](http://www.dial.acl.gov) to search for federally funded local disability programs and resources by entering your city and state, or ZIP code.

Learn more at [**DIAL | Home**](https://dial.acl.gov/home?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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**SAVY SENIORS TECH SUPPORT RESOURCES**

From: "David Goldfield via groups.io" and forwarded by Stan Gowin and Kathryn Hodgdon

Here are some places you can find the tech support you need to nourish the nerd within.

* **Public Library** – More and more libraries are offering free tech support and training programs. They may have regularly scheduled classes and even individualized help administered by qualified volunteers. Contact your local library today and inquire.
* **Apple** – The Apple Stores offer free personal set-up, numerous workshops scheduled daily, Genius Bar to help you solve issues or fix problems, and Accessibility Support 24/7 by phone at 877.204.3930 for people with visual, hearing, learning and physical impairments.
* [**YouTube.com**](http://youtube.com/) – Video tutorials are utilized by people of every age. Search your topic and find a variety of “how to” videos on the subject.  If the first video doesn’t suit you, another will immediately follow. Watch, pause, rewind, as needed. You’ll even find tech tutorials specifically for Seniors.
* **Microsoft** –**Microsoft’s Disability Answer Desk at 800.936.5900**provides free technical support to customers with vision or hearing impairments and other disabilities, on Microsoft products and accessibility features. This includes assistance with Windows, Office, Xbox, and adaptive accessories.
* **Senior Centers** – Senior centers are offering more in the way of technology support and training as well. Contact your local center and ask about their offerings. In this setting, you’ll be learning from and with your peers.
* **Senior Planet from AARP** – call hotline at 888-713-3495 for answers to troubleshoot tech related questions.  Learn about their free, online and in-person classes for older adults. Topics covered include computer basics, internet navigation, social media, using smartphones and tablets. They also offer classes on specific apps, online safety, and using technology to manage health and finances. [**SeniorPlanet.org**](http://seniorplanet.org/)
* [**HadleyHelps.org**](http://hadleyhelps.org/) offers an impressive series of video tutorials, for adults with vision loss, on Android, Apple, Computer Skills, Books & TV, Alexa and Zoom. If you have questions, reach out to Hadley by phone at 800-323-4238, or email [**info@HadleyHelps.org**](mailto:info@HadleyHelps.org).

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**DC LIBRARY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & BRAILLE CLASSES CONTINUING THROUGH SUMMER 2025**

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

Center for Accessibility, 2nd Floor

901 G Street, NW

**JAWS for Windows: Wednesdays**

June 4 - Aug 13 (no class July 2nd)

Keyboarding: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Intro: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In Clinic: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**VoiceOver for iOS: Thursdays**

June 5 - Aug 14 (no class July 3rd)

Siri with iPhone: 12 - 1:00 p.m.

Intro to VoiceOver: 1 - 2 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In and Apps: 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

**Talkback for Android: Fridays**

June 6 - Aug 15 (no class July 4th)

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Beginner Braille: Saturdays**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Whether you're brand new to classes, or picking up from April's lessons, join instructor Denise Hamilton every Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. through August 23.

This is a beginner level braille class that will take you through knowing all of the braille alphabet.

You will learn to work with a slate and stylus and how to use a Perkins brailler.

**To register please call 202-727-2142 or email**[**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov)**.**

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**POB STILL NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON LOW VISION SERVICES IN YOUR AREA**

The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) is conducting a survey to better understand your experiences and find ways to better serve our community. They ask that you take their survey at [**https://**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=19abd284c1&e=59825d4dc8)[**youreyes.org/low-vision-survey-2025/**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=a3f2a12aeb&e=59825d4dc8). The survey takes about five minutes and responses will remain anonymous unless you elect to share your name or contact information.  
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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.

**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

**Duel Reality**

Shakespeare: Harman Hall: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, July 19th at 2:00 pm

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**Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described Sunday July 20th at 7:00 pm and

Saturday, August 16th at 1:00 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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**Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp**

With special guests Birthday 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.

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**Lubber Run Summer Concert - Arlington Philharmonic**

Sunday, June 29th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St., Arlington

The Arlington Philharmonic, Arlington's only professional symphony orchestra, will perform popular classics and Broadway, film, and patriotic music. Pack a picnic and bring your kids and pets!

[**Visit the website for the Arlington Philharmonic.**](https://www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org/)

The [**Lubber Run Summer Concert Series**](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/Programs/Lubber-Run) features free performances from a variety of genres including big band, blues, soul and orchestral music as well as cabaret at the Lubber Run Amphitheater. Working in partnership with the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, they bring the very best of DC metro area arts to the heart of Arlington.

The series will run through August 1, 2025, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 11am (some Sunday exceptions).

Wondering about the weather and last-minute cancellations? Visit their [**Facebook page**](https://www.facebook.com/arts.arlington) for the most up-to-date information.

###

**Hadley Travel Talk Discussion Group - Road Trip Tips for a Smooth Journey**

Wednesday, July 2nd and the 1st Wednesday of Every Month at 5:00 pm

A road trip with vision loss involves some planning and preparation to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Join this discussion and share your great ideas for hitting the open road by car or bus.

Sign up to join at [**Travel Talk | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/travel-talk).

###

**Hadley Embracing Braille Discussion Group - Braille Games**

Thursday, July 3rd and the 1st Thursday of Every Month at 12:30 pm

Who says braille can’t be all fun and games? Join the discussion and explore games and activities, both store-bought and DIY, that help you sharpen your braille skills while keeping your competitive spirit alive.

Sign up to join at [**Embracing Braille | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/embracing-braille).

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***The Ride Ahead* Audio Described Film Screening and Discussion at the National Museum of American History**

Thursday, July 3rd from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

*The Ride Ahead* is a documentary by Emmy-Award winning father-son filmmaker duo Samuel and Dan Habib. *The Ride Ahead* follows Samuel Habib, a typical twenty-one-year-old, itching to move out, start a career, and find love. But no one tells you how to be an adult, let alone an adult with a disability.

Following the screening, Samuel and Dan will be joined by lawyer, scholar, activist, and community organizer Ly Xīnzhèn M. Zhǎngsūn Brown (they/them) for a post-film discussion with the audience.

Register at [**“The Ride Ahead” Film Screening and Discussion Tickets, Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ride-ahead-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-1394743026939?aff=trumba&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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**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:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2Fsession%3Fid=111172/1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/t_y6qZf28dErjnHdNmhrpo_pGEFQjpMrVaHRDykez4o=408). 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:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2F/1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/fPiVV6ZwCxe4v7n_8874L7tuQHp7vxY7y4YEYhGfwUo=408) in cooperation with the Board. [**Archived copies**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2Farchives%2F/1/01000197404be0cb-f5fda0d1-58d0-462d-a1c8-9ec9affd346b-000000/ud8krX83Rkeu4IKFaaa_HRsl5T7ZyYXDGIkYt2nKvxg=408) 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).

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| **Smithsonian Folklife Festival**  July 7th to 12th from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm  National Mall between 7th and 12th streets  The Festival is FREE to attend and is open from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily, with additional featured concerts and events on Thursday – Sunday evening.  A full [**schedule of events**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffestival.si.edu%2Fschedule/1/01010197ac8bf153-013c380c-b5ff-46f6-b4b8-64bfaa094240-000000/vFQlLFE01nE4AlT6A41pTG-9gXudkFPE0FWZ1PEV15Y=411)is available on the Smithsonian website.    During the Festival there will be audio described events, sighted guides on request, visual description tours, braille, and large-print materials. Learn more about [**accessibility information**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffestival.si.edu%2Faccessibility/1/01010197ac8bf153-013c380c-b5ff-46f6-b4b8-64bfaa094240-000000/sQzSP13hcj_jzCaL2pHk9jnN1REMSlwJranQtpErkgA=411) on the Smithsonian website.    This year's Festival theme, [***Youth and the Future of Culture***,](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffestival.si.edu%2F2025%2Fyouth-future-culture/1/01010197ac8bf153-013c380c-b5ff-46f6-b4b8-64bfaa094240-000000/vEyvlu0nVJ1_nDmz41QezEshWlH0qvBzT9B62YKuiSs=411) focuses on youth impact and engagement in areas such as art, traditional building trades, music, food, native language reclamation, lowrider culture, film and media making, spoken word, and storytelling. With such a diverse group of participants from across the US and internationally, there will be many opportunities to see how this generation interacts with culture and tradition and makes it their own. Visitors will have opportunities to learn and explore through hands-on demonstrations, collaborative events, demonstrations and discussion panels, and by being present in this unique space.    As part of the Emerging Media Makers program, the Festival will feature a screening of *The Ride Ahead* on Thursday, July 3rd from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. This documentary film has embedded audio description and follows Samuel as he explores what it means to be an independent adult through interviews with disabled adults and leaders including Judy Heumann, Bob Williams, Maysoon Zayid, and others. [**Advance registration for *The Ride Ahead* is required**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fthe-ride-ahead-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-1394743026939%3Faff=oddtdtcreator/1/01010197ac8bf153-013c380c-b5ff-46f6-b4b8-64bfaa094240-000000/Z3_3FNTglIwkKPy0WZoAo8S-hPGU1JXg-uekx7XhZ2g=411) at Register at [**“The Ride Ahead” Film Screening and Discussion Tickets, Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ride-ahead-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-1394743026939?aff=trumba&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).    Additional [**accessibility information**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffestival.si.edu%2Faccessibility/2/01010197ac8bf153-013c380c-b5ff-46f6-b4b8-64bfaa094240-000000/hm-fiDNUFVP6dlNpNG_go2EdRgAte1Zd6cJHnbGmr8g=411) and detailed service schedules can be found on the Smithsonian website.  Questions? Call 202-633-7488, or email [**folklife@si.edu**](mailto:folklife@si.edu). |

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**Hadley Writers' Circle Discussion Group - Keeping it Short**

Tuesday, July 8th and the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month at 2:00 pm

Bringing stories to life with fewer words—what makes a short story great?

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

###

**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**](mailto: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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**Hadley Book Nook Discussion Group - Summer Reads**

Thursday, July 10th and the 2nd Thursday of Every Month at 12:30 pm

What’s your beach read this summer? Whether it’s audio, braille, large print, or e-reader, we want to know what you’re reading and how you’re reading it.

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

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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.  
###

**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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**FFB CRB1 Program Project Award Webinar**

Saturday, July 12th at 11:00 am

The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) webinar will feature recent recipients of their Program Project Award and cover:

* CRB1-associated retinal disease features and management
* An overview of the recently funded Program Project Award focused on understanding CRB1-associated retinal disease

Speakers are Jeremy Kay**,** an Associate Professor of Neurobiology & Ophthalmology at Duke University and Oleg Alekseev, MD, PhD, an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Duke University**.**

Register at [**CRB1 Gene Webinar — Foundation Fighting Blindness**](https://www.fightingblindness.org/events/crb1-gene-webinar-4134?vcrmeid=9aBOdwoth06xGA5LYWZRQ&vcrmiid=i6L4Vi8sRUeDB-hq9uAE5Q).

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**Accessible Screening of *Blink***

Saturday, July 12 at 2:00 pm

MLK Library, Room 401-G (4th Floor)

901 G Street, NW

Rated: PG

Join an audio described screening of "Blink" that runs 1 hour, 27 minutes.

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**Hadley Resource Roundtable - Independent Living Devices: Outdoor Work and Play**

Tuesday, July 15th and the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month at 2:00 pm

Yard work and backyard games can still be fun and accessible with the help of a few simple adaptations and devices. Join the discussion to share the coolest and most helpful gadgets and gizmos that can make your summer activities easier and safer.

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

**Americans with Disabilities Act 35th Anniversary Celebration: "From Protest to Progress**

Thursday, July 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 am

[**Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center**](https://lj79tucab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015Qnn1WkOJ5hHHN-V-hPsYvEvZ-a4YiJhCw6JTXcSpnxE0CumNVBkT6oeTvkrU5fSm2o-6iMrOhVArqdQ-TqkhHAXeajXgGjLq6uiU0Vnq4j1BXM231VDqU9GM0GC5NQgYFSgyMGuuG5tzEsEpZn47JciZfZynG2XyFTfOspV7facHaa1HOTXhDCtaa5wBYJXe0sRydTTnMUs1C-cy6AW0FyAUqEO_zVe&c=-1r7nnohKWquML8t-QLFiz6-9pvFZ_mi2W9AS_A_haF0CCCbM5Opwg==&ch=eq-oNLT1LybxnQinimM__1MdwlVREBs25vDR5pdisIHbUURrAXhXFQ==), 7120 Contee Road, Laurel

Hosted by The Maryland Department of Disabilities

Event check-in begins at 9:00 am with refreshments and resources. The program, including the keynote speech from [**Attorney General Anthony Brown**](https://lj79tucab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015Qnn1WkOJ5hHHN-V-hPsYvEvZ-a4YiJhCw6JTXcSpnxE0CumNVBkT6oeTvkrU5fSKuvfqSWNko0VWEkHYKtZtmXWbi7EkJyTWZpjXprxJm-G5tnbITwOE2bV1awvykAtEVQpU04wuzHQMgQO_kcb2An1XOD6m9n3waRVmlaGnRo=&c=-1r7nnohKWquML8t-QLFiz6-9pvFZ_mi2W9AS_A_haF0CCCbM5Opwg==&ch=eq-oNLT1LybxnQinimM__1MdwlVREBs25vDR5pdisIHbUURrAXhXFQ==), begins at 10:00 am.

Registration for the event can be found at [**ADA 35th Anniversary Celebration • RSVPify**](https://ada35thanniversarymd.rsvpify.com/?securityToken=TRV8fMexX9bJQN2TcCmRhh5kQSPRYxT6)**.**

ASL interpreters will be onsite. To ensure they're providing equitable access, please place any additional accommodation requests no later than July 10, 2025. Submit any requests by email to Yesheva Kelly, Communications Manager, at [**Yesheva.Kelly@maryland.gov**](mailto:yesheva.kelly@maryland.gov) or call 410-767-3659. Onsite accommodations may include language translation, CART, large print materials, and more.

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**Accessible Board and Card Game Night**

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| Thursday, July 24th at 4:00 pm MLK Library, Center for Accessibility  901 G Street, NW, Room 205-H  Play 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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