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Dear Listeners,

We wish you a very happy and meaningful Labor Day weekend.

The Metropolitan Washington Ear is pleased to have collaborated with several others on *Order and Chaos,* a new tactile exhibit and reception. Full details are [**here**](#Order).

You may also want to check out the new National Coalition on Accessible Voting website [**here**](#NCVA). It’s especially timely with early voting in Virginia beginning next month. Helpful links from the Virginia Department of Elections are [**here**](#Vote).

Cheers,

Sylvia

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Here are the links to all the items below:

* [**Order and Chaos Exhibition and Reception**](#Order)
* [**The National Coalition on Accessible Voting (NCAV) Official Website Launched**](#NCVA)
* [**Early Voting for Virginia’s November 4th General Election Begins Next Month**](#Vote)
* [**Share Your AI Experience With AFB**](#AI)
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  + **[Beep Baseball All-Star Weekend](#Beep)**
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**ORDER AND CHAOS EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION**

3307 M St, NW, 2nd floor

Opening Reception with 12 local, respected artists on

**September 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

The exhibition runs through Saturday, September 27th on Saturdays from 2 to 5 pm and by appointment request to Elizabeth at [**ecasq@his.com**](mailto:ecasq@his.com).

This unique free exhibition in Georgetown is a tactile, inclusive exhibition where all audiences, including those with low vision or blindness, are welcome to experience art through the sense of touch, in a non-traditional gallery setting.

Visitors to the Opening Reception should register through Eventbrite at:

[**https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1603129576719?aff=oddtdtcreator**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1603129576719?aff=oddtdtcreator)

The exhibition is made possible through the collaboration of the Embassy of Portugal, the DC Office for Human Rights, EastBanc, **Metropolitan Washington Ear**, and [**Realces.pt**](http://realces.pt/).

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**THE NATIONAL COALITION ON ACCESSIBLE VOTING (NCVA) OFFICIAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

From ACB Website

The National Coalition on Accessible Voting (NCAV) is a coalition of disability advocacy groups working toward full access to accessible voting for people with disabilities.

To learn more about the work of NCAV, visit the link below.

[**www.ncavote.org**](http://www.ncavote.org/)**.**

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**EARLY VOTING FOR VIRGINIA’S NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION BEGINS NEXT MONTH**

Here are some helpful links from the Virginia Department of Elections ([**Virginia Voter Information – Citizen Portal**](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation)**).**

* [**Register to Vote**](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration)
* [**Check registration status**](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/status)
* [**Find your polling place**](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/polling)
* [**Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail**](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/absentee)

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**SHARE YOUR AI EXPERIENCE WITH AFB**

The American Foundation for the Blind is conducting a [**study on how people interact with AI**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/114025808/565703795/1832218784?sourceid=&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMy8xLzcyODI3IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjI2NGI3MzUzLThkODItZjAxMS1iNDg0LTYwNDViZGViNzQxMyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic3lsdmlhQHdhc2hlYXIub3JnIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=l58vlzbhS6sbczA31Jy7nB3EJs9lnicZ2FRs3o5yBxE=&emci=ccd8e029-027e-f011-b481-6045bda9d23e&emdi=264b7353-8d82-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=13729989). They want to hear from adults with and without disabilities, whether you are an experienced user or not. Your input will help them better understand how AI is being used across different communities.

To ensure the depth and accuracy of their findings, they are seeking:

* Adults age 18 and older
* People with or without disabilities

What to expect:

* [**Complete a short screening form**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/114025816/565703815/-1519879653?sourceid=&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMy8xLzcyODI3IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjI2NGI3MzUzLThkODItZjAxMS1iNDg0LTYwNDViZGViNzQxMyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic3lsdmlhQHdhc2hlYXIub3JnIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=l58vlzbhS6sbczA31Jy7nB3EJs9lnicZ2FRs3o5yBxE=&emci=ccd8e029-027e-f011-b481-6045bda9d23e&emdi=264b7353-8d82-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=13729989)
* If you qualify, you'll receive a survey link within 24 hours
* The online survey takes 10 to 45 minutes, depending on your AI use

You'll have a chance to win one of twenty $50 gift cards

To begin, go to: [**www.afb.org/AISurvey**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/114025822/565703866/1832218784?sourceid=&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMy8xLzcyODI3IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjI2NGI3MzUzLThkODItZjAxMS1iNDg0LTYwNDViZGViNzQxMyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic3lsdmlhQHdhc2hlYXIub3JnIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=l58vlzbhS6sbczA31Jy7nB3EJs9lnicZ2FRs3o5yBxE=&emci=ccd8e029-027e-f011-b481-6045bda9d23e&emdi=264b7353-8d82-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=13729989).

**Questions?** Email: [**asilverman@afb.org**](mailto:asilverman@afb.org). **The survey will close on September 30, 2025.**

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**NLS BARD 2.0 ISSUES**

NLS is aware that some patrons are experiencing login issues with BARD 2.0. Please be aware that they are actively working on resolving these issues.

NLS will distribute an Operations Alert when the authorization issue as it relates to the Remember Me flag has been remedied.

If libraries or patrons continue to have login problems, they should contact tech support at [**nlsdownload@loc.gov**](mailto:nlsdownload@loc.gov) for individual assistance.

For more information, please contact:  
Tamara Rorie  
Head, Patron Engagement Section  
[**tror@loc.gov**](mailto:tror@loc.gov) or [**nlspes@loc.gov**](mailto:nlspes@loc.gov)

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**FIRST EPISODE OF ACB OF VIRGINIA’S *VOICES OF VISION* AVAILABLE**

Episode 1 features **Roseann Ashby** focused on *All About ACB of Virginia* — sharing the mission, programs, and opportunities that the American Council of the Blind of Virginia (ACBVA) offers to empower our community.

Watch now on YouTube at [**https://youtu.be/GQPycNV9SlE**](https://youtu.be/GQPycNV9SlE).

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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 Inheritance Part One**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 pm

**Merry Wives**

Shakespeare: Harman Hall: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, September 27th at 2:00 pm

**The Inheritance Part Two**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 pm

**Damn Yankees**

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

Described Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 pm

**Red Pitch**

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

Described Wednesday, October 8th 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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| **Accessibility Lab Monthly Presentation**   |  | | --- | | Saturday, August 30th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm Virtual on Zoom  Speaker: Peter L. Stephan, Attorney Advisor, DC Office of Disability Rights (ODR)  In this role as Attorney Advisor, Mr. Stephan provides legal counsel on disability rights and ensures compliance with relevant laws and regulations.    Before joining ODR, Mr. Stephan served as a staff attorney at Disability Rights DC (DRDC) at University Legal Services. In this role, he advocated for the rights of individuals with disabilities in Washington, D.C.    Mr. Stephan's dedication to disability rights and his extensive legal experience underscore his commitment to advocating for individuals with disabilities in Washington, D.C.    The Accessibility Lab Speaker Series is a monthly event bringing together the disability, assistive technology, and accessibility communities to share information and network. These presentations will build a network of accessibility advocates, raise awareness of the issues of importance to the community, empower patrons with disabilities, promote inclusive practices and professional development, and inspire innovation.    The presentation will be virtual on Zoom.  Automatic captioning will be provided.   To request other reasonable accommodation, email DCPLaccess@dc.gov or call 202-727-2142.  Join the presentation at [**Launch Meeting - Zoom**](https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/87231565167?pwd=UDFmK8WT3WDpGLU15TDtFfBzQEYfRi.1#success).  ### |   **Music for Marimba**  Saturday, August 30th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm  [**Glencarlyn Library**](http://library.arlingtonva.us/locations/glencarlyn-branch-library)  300 South Kensington Street, Arlington  According to oral history, the story of the marimba began long ago on the African continent, when people made wooden bars to cross over holes in the ground. They realized that these bars made a sound when struck, so they attached gourds to the undersides of the bars, creating the first xylophone. Nowadays, the marimba is a familiar instrument seen and heard all over the world - in public school classrooms, on the concert stage, and even in movie soundtracks. Darren Lin is excited to present an afternoon performance encompassing the many types of music written for this wonderful instrument. The program will feature works from composers such as Andy Akiho, J.S. Bach, Ivan Trevino, and more!  **REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED: First-come, first-served seating. By registering, you will receive event updates.**  *Call Glencarlyn Library at 703-228-6548 for more information.*  ###  **All Access Book Club – *A Woman of No Importance***  Thursday, September 4th and the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. via free conference call.  [**A Woman of No Importance**](https://fcplcat.fairfaxcounty.gov/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.1&pos=5&cn=305499) by Sonia Purnell  To join the event:   * Call **703-324-1800**or toll-free number **1-877-862-8112** * At the prompt, enter the code **389887#**   For more information, contact Access Services Library at 703-324-8380 or email [**libas@fairfaxcounty.gov**](mailto:libas@fairfaxcounty.gov).  ###  **Reston VIP Meeting - "Exchange ideas, resources, and friendship with others conquering vision decline"**  Friday, September 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  Reston Regional Library, Teen Area  11925 Bowman Towns Drive, Reston  Ask any question.  Share your solutions.  Describe what makes you smile.  Or just listen to others talk about the wealth of resources and opportunities for people who may not be able to see as well as they used to see or as well as they might like to see.  Hosted by Sandy Neuzil – co-chair Reston VIP  A Low Vision Support Group for people who are Low Vision or Blind,  Friends and Family – ALL are Welcome!  ###  **Rosslyn Jazz Fest**  Saturday, September 6th from 1:00 to 7:00 pm  Gateway Park  1300 Langston Boulevard, Arlington  Experience Arlington, Virginia’s most popular **free** outdoor music festival! Join the Rosslyn Business Improvement District and Arlington Arts at the 33rd [**Rosslyn Jazz Fest**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025-tickets-1458630566289?aff=oddtdtcreator) for an afternoon of music, community, food trucks, yard games, and more. Read the full press release [**here**](https://www.rosslynva.org/press-release/rosslyn-bid-and-arlington-arts-announce-lineup-for-rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025)!  Register at [**Rosslyn Jazz Fest 2025 Tickets, Sat, Sep 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025-tickets-1458630566289?aff=oddtdtcreator).  ###  **Accessible Movie Screening: Gladiator 2**  Saturday, September 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm  Presented by the Center for Accessibility  [**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/14398383#branch)  901 G street, NW  *401-F Conference Room (20-46 Person Capacity)*  Presented with open audio description and open captions.  Please note this film is rated R.  Running time: 2 hours, 28 minutes.  For reasonable accommodations, please contact DCPLaccess@dc.gov or 202-727-2142  ###  **Fiddle and Guitar Duo: Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna**  Saturday, Sep 6th from 2:00 to 2:50 pm  National Gallery of Art East Building Mezzanine  4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  Hailed as “a top-notch fiddle-and-guitar duo” by *The New York Times*, Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna connect the dots between their experience as composers and improvisers and their deep admiration for traditional Irish music. They will perform music from their environmentally themed projects, *The Great Arc* and *The Coral Suite*.  ###  **Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Headline 2025 Silver Spring Jazz Festival**  Saturday, September 6th from 3:00 to 10:00 pm  Veterans Plaza in downtown Silver Spring  Mark your calendars for one of Montgomery County's biggest music events of the year, with the headliner taking the stage at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a full lineup of jazz performances, food vendors, a beer garden, and fun for all ages.  Read the press release at [**Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Headline Silver Spring Jazz Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6**](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=47389).  ###  **LBPD Live: Sabor y Tradición: Virtual Cooking with the Artesanas**  September 15th at 6:00 pm  Hosted by the Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD)  Get ready for a flavorful evening in the kitchen. Join [**Creative Alliance**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcreativealliance.org%2Fabout%2F%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000198a4408dda-40e526ef-7c72-456c-9cb6-391e91a1871e-000000/2xmLTCL8RYSFSgXtZaH4FEahHyDQQX1D8fXT1t9izWE=418)'s Artesanas for a live, interactive virtual cooking class from the Creativity Center community kitchen. In this hour-long, step-by-step session, you will learn how to make **tacos de pollo (chicken)** and **fresh salsa** in real time, cooking along with one of their talented Artesanas.  This special program marks the start of **Hispanic Heritage Month** (September 15 to October 15), which honors the cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities. While this is LBPD’s only live celebration this year, they invite you to continue exploring and learning through their curated Hispanic Heritage Month reading list, available on their website.  **Register Here:**  [**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/meeting/register/gJjhCSX6SBGlUvhbbfkMAQ**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FgJjhCSX6SBGlUvhbbfkMAQ%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000198a4408dda-40e526ef-7c72-456c-9cb6-391e91a1871e-000000/81eTnDUAP9NSBmdVbElvXW64AspSavPpGhGMBLviBb8=418).  If you need help registering or have questions, please reach out to:  [**Ashley Biggs**](mailto:ashley.biggs1@maryland.gov)  410-230-2430  ###  **Section 508 Best Practices Webinar: A Journey Through Global Accessibility Laws**  Tuesday, September 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm  Join the US Access Board as they explore the world of accessibility laws! They will travel across the globe to discover how different countries are promoting ICT accessibility through legislation. The itinerary includes stops in the United States, Canada, and Europe, where they will highlight Section 508, ADA Title II Web Accessibility, the Accessible Canada Act, and the European Accessibility Act.  For more details or to register, visit the [**Great Lakes ADA Center's webinar webpage**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fcioc-508%2Fsession%3Fid=111180/1/0100019884bb4571-1053e569-9752-4067-998e-f8a4cff7acf4-000000/fOdQnM1n0BY6gQiOusvDcWKRY1gDQpOsJnUQhdEoCA4=417).  Learn more at [**A Journey Through Global Accessibility Laws**](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/cioc-508/session?id=111180).  ###  **America InSight**  Thursday, September 18th at 5:30 pm  Join the Smithsonian American Art Museum for a docent-led virtual tour designed for participants who are blind or have low vision. Discover highlights from the collection through rich verbal descriptions that invoke a multisensory experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to email them at [**SAAMAccess@si.edu**](mailto:SAAMAccess@si.edu).virtual America InSight tour for visitors who are blind or have low vision at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery.  ###  **FFB Quarterly Vision Webinar - Focusing on** **Thyroid Eye Disease (TED)**  Saturday, September 20th at 12:00 pm  Location: [**Online**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM5kJ0p3uSBqBAikYDlVywGXK3-2F-2B-2FyqFmVKwtOi1PEASoLhv11wjdzTGPr0lT3u7t-2FhsM99DIOqZJ-2FRaDKQnuMdpREWniW5MIOsJ-2FWXovdK2OmdkF5VLzb8Ct2DG1IBjgzB0-2BM-2BQpBdBMYcxPpy6FVPAR1yLe6-2Fzl9WIkC-2BL5Kb71TC6HQzrTM-2BxNmrrNDWfM5Y-3DAbPb_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPv8LXdEdJU5yXEgXb5CVYB226kVK9YDjnedhMGokylZpMdB9j-2BBy-2Fp7mU-2BNFrZGW9HzvzsU4cYKH4uDqKBr3n6AZCb4yIPR3zgxicPiw7Pjz-2FzXZRD5fGLieZoggM7-2Fo7koVL1Qf1iaPmyJ-2FQAfsahc-2BMU00x6OjJbatMLjJutlixU8v7H1DQzYzrw6cDuUnofK-2FVtbSLtFVxx1YeWB3diA0S5DU-2B-2BYItsmXmvkl-2Fsq8-3D) via Zoom (Registration required at: [**Quarterly Vision Webinar – Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) — Foundation Fighting Blindness**](https://www.fightingblindness.org/events/quarterly-vision-webinar-thyroid-eye-disease-ted-4465?vcrmeid=u1BtPByE0qCyL2RRl5qA&vcrmiid=i6L4Vi8sRUeDB-hq9uAE5Q).)  This free webinar will feature a dynamic discussion moderated by Ben Shaberman and a panel of experts:   * **Dr. Sonalika Khachikian** (Endocrinologist) * **Dr. Maja Kostic** (Neuro-Ophthalmologist) * **David Brint** (Newly Diagnosed TED Patient)   What You’ll Learn:  The connection between thyroid conditions and eye health.   * How to recognize the signs and symptoms of TED. * The impact of TED on vision and quality of life. * Insights into diagnosis and treatment options.   For more information, please reach out to Bailey Bostelmanat [**BBostelman@FightingBlindness.org.**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess0712959091/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4671&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP)  ###  **TUG Meeting - iOS 26**  Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 to 11:00 am  The Technology User Group (TUG) will reveal the latest changes coming to the iPhone's operating system (iOS 26). Will these changes aid in accessibility or prove to be just hype?  Who should attend?   * All iPhone users * Individuals who are considering getting a smartphone.  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Call in Number:  1-301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 656 203 7293​#    One tap mobile [**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/01000198f1857b95-64915905-3bfd-453b-94ef-e00180b1af08-000000/QbxuUohC7nsHuzQWJ389Hc-GSJ5dVIoZBAkxpkmO18s=420) | | Webcast:  [**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fj%2F6562037293%3Fomn=94648805523%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000198f1857b95-64915905-3bfd-453b-94ef-e00180b1af08-000000/fTli9hM3Hr5gP2w26YgNZN1DHt3YjPhbI7MHqmcBadw=420) | |   ###  **Beep Baseball All-Star Weekend**  Forwarded by Sandy Neuzil and Sharon Payne  Friday, October 3rd from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and  Saturday, October 4th all day beginning at 8:00 am  George Mason University, between Field 3 and Field 4 4605 Rapidan River Road, Fairfax  George Mason University, in partnership with MindsEye Radio and the National Beep Baseball Association, will host a Learn to Play beep baseball clinic for the local community on Friday, followed by the All-Star Single Elimination Tournament on Saturday.  The tournament features four teams made up of top blind and visually impaired athletes from across the United States. All games will be live streamed with play-by-play commentary from MindsEye Radio. A link to the stream will be posted before the first game begins.  **Friday, October 3 – Learn to Play Clinic**  This free hands-on clinic welcomes participants who are new to the sport and those with experience. Instruction is provided by All-Star athletes and experienced coaches.  **Schedule:**   * Field setup: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Participant check-in: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. * Clinic and scrimmage: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.   **Saturday, October 4 – All-Star Tournament**  Four elite teams, each made up of ten players, will compete for the 2025 NBBA All-Star title. Players were selected throughout the summer of 2025 based on their performances at regional qualifying tournaments and at the Beep Baseball World Series in St. Louis. Coaches for each team were also chosen for their outstanding leadership and performance at these events.  **Schedule:**   * Field setup: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. * Fields open for pre-game warmups: 9:00 a.m. * Opening ceremonies: 10:35 a.m. (National Anthem, team introductions, welcome, first pitch) * Game 1: 11:05 a.m. – Team 1 vs. Team 4 * Game 2: 11:05 a.m. – Team 2 vs. Team 3 * Third place game: 3:00 p.m. * Championship game: 6:00 p.m.   **About Beep Baseball**  Beep baseball is an adaptive form of baseball for athletes who are blind or visually impaired. A beeping ball and buzzing bases provide audio cues that enable hitting, fielding, and running with speed and skill.  **Learn More About the Sport**  Learn more and register at the event website at: [**https://recreation.gmu.edu/adaptive-sports/beep-baseball/**](https://recreation.gmu.edu/adaptive-sports/beep-baseball/)  For more information on the rules, history, and community of beep baseball, visit the National Beep Baseball Association at: [**https://www.nbba.org**](https://www.nbba.org/)  ###   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |   **ACB of Virginia State Convention 2025 – "Together Again: Reconnect, Recharge, and Rise!"**  October 17th to 19th  Hilton Garden Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia  After too many Zooms and not enough hugs, ACB of Virginia is absolutely thrilled to announce their first in-person state convention since the pandemic!  **Registration $50 per person**:  View the **full agenda** here: [**acbva.org/convention-program-2025**](https://acbva.org/convention-program-2025/).  **Register** online at [**acbva.org/convention-2025**](https://www.acbva.org/convention-2025)  Register by **September 1st** to be entered into a drawing for a **$25 gift card**!  Have questions about registering or paying online? Reach out to Theresa Breeden – [**teeelynn68@**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess8343071094/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4174&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP)[**gmail.com**](http://gmail.com/)**.**  **Transportation Help**  Need a lift? ACBVA is coordinating carpool options and train station pick-up/drop-off. Contact [Roseann](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess8343071094/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4174&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP) at [**beachrose9@verizon.net**](mailto:beachrose9@verizon.net) to discuss.  **Financial Assistance**  They don't want cost to keep you from joining them. If you'd like to be considered for financial aid, contact Roseann at  [**beachrose9@verizon.net**](mailto:beachrose9@verizon.net)for a private conversation.  ###  **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. This year's theme, **Leading Together: Leveraging Change to Advance Our Vision,**  highlights the power of collective leadership in a time of rapid technological and societal transformation.  This year's keynote speaker is **Dr. Joshua Miele**, one of the most respected voices at the intersection of disability and technology. A MacArthur Fellow and accessibility leader at Amazon, Dr. Miele has spent over three decades merging his passion for science with a mission to build a more inclusive digital culture.  In March, he published his acclaimed memoir, *Connecting Dots: A Blind Life*, chronicling his personal and professional journey. At AFBLC, he'll share reflections from that journey and inspire attendees with the wisdom he's gained in his pursuit of a more accessible world.  Access the entire agenda at [**2025 AFBLC Agenda | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc/agenda?sourceid=1091814&emci=cf264fbc-2179-f011-b481-6045bdfe8e9c&emdi=ac7b87e4-f079-f011-b481-6045bdfe8e9c&ceid=13729989).  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).  Learn more at [**2025 AFB Leadership Conference | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc)**.**  ### |