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Dear Listeners,

Now that fall is officially here, so is a full line-up of events. We hope you enjoy them all.

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**PLANNED METRORAIL TRACK WORK**

Metro has transitioned to a new program of preventive maintenance and planned capital work. Overnight and weekend hours will be used for enhanced preventive maintenance including cable testing to prevent smoke and fire incidents, stray current testing, trackbed cleaning, switch maintenance, torqueing (tightening fasteners, joint nuts and bolts) to eliminate excessive strain on infrastructure, and track geometry work to ensure the correct rail alignment.

More information with schedules is at [**Planned Metrorail Track Work | WMATA**](https://www.wmata.com/service/track-work.cfm/).

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**NLS BRAILLE ON DEMAND PILOT PROJECT**

From the Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD)

The Braille on Demand pilot project provides patrons an opportunity to request, receive, and retain up to five hard copy braille books of their choice per month from braille titles that are currently available on BARD. Go to the [**Braille-on-Demand Request Form**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.surveymonkey.com%2Fr%2FNLSbrailleondemand%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000199295337a5-3a8be40b-42f4-48fd-bfbf-ec2c206c8f3c-000000/9JqA6jb2jDgBCHm93EAcFzPNx5uUElaTy3N-xdwyREo=421) to request a title online. If you would like to speak with someone or place your request over the phone, please call your local network library or contact NLS at 800-424-8567 or [**nlsref@loc.gov**](mailto:nlsref@loc.gov).

If the title does not appear in electronic format in braille on BARD, please contact your network library with your request to borrow a hard copy. After you fill out the online request form, NLS may contact you to review details before the order is completed.

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**ACCESSIBLE PAPER CURRENCY**

From the American Council of the Blind (ACB)

On September 15, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) submitted its required semi-annual status report to the court. This requirement follows the 2008 court ruling that will require the BEP to make paper currency accessible for people who are blind. The report explains that the BEP is on track to produce $10 bills with the raised tactile feature in 2026. ACB is excited and anxious to see this development in the next calendar year.

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**RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: AREA AGENCIES ON AGING**

From the POB Newsletter **Your Eyes Today**

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are public or private nonprofit agencies that offer support and services for all older persons, including those with vision impairment. These agencies are part of a nationwide network to ensure that older adults live with access to programs and services that meet their needs and preferences.  
  
An AAA connects older adults and their families to resources such as transportation, home-delivered meals, assistive technology, and vision rehabilitation services. They can also help with caregiver support, legal guidance, and social programs to reduce isolation.  
  
**Local Area Agencies on Aging:**  
Prince George's County, Maryland: **(301) 265-8450**  
Montgomery County, Maryland:**(240) 777-3000**  
Arlington, Virginia: **(703) 228-1700**  
Alexandria, Virginia:**(703) 746-5999**  
Fairfax, Virginia: **(703) 324-5411**  
Washington, DC: **(202) 724-5626**  
  
Call your local agency to learn more. To find your local Area Agency on Aging, visit [**http://eldercare.acl.gov**](http://eldercare.acl.gov)or call **(800) 677-1116**.

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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 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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| **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?  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)   |  | | --- | |  |   ###  **Together Toward Tomorrow - The ACB of Maryland State Convention**  Saturday September 27th from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm (Virtual)  Registration is free so come and join and have a great time. By Registering you can win a Door Prize and at the end of the day join their fabulous auction.  Register by emailing Jane Carona at 301-598-2131, 301-922-9224 or email [**jane.e.carona@gmail**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess3606192612/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4987&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP) with your name, phone, email, and address. After registering, you will receive a copy of the agenda, auction list and link.  ###  **7th Annual Janet Morrison Memorial Low Vision Mini-Symposium (Virtual Event)**  Saturday, September 27th from 8:30 to 11:30 am  Hear from experienced eye care professionals as they share updates in low vision care and rehabilitation:   * **Andrew Adelson, M.D.** - Ophthalmologist * **Suleiman Alibhai, O.D.**- Optometrist and Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist, Low Vision Services PLC * **John D. Shepherd, M.D.** - Ophthalmologist and Low Vision Specialist, Truhlsen Eye Institute at Nebraska Medicine and Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Nebraska Medical Center   POB’s **Low Vision Resource Center**will also demonstrate tools and services to support your daily life. This program is presented in partnership with the Washington National Eye Center.  Register at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SH8nzuRyRGusu6lQSnACbA#/registration).  If you need help, please call Tara Aziz at**(202) 234- 1010, ext. 233,**or email[**taziz@youreyes.org**](mailto:taziz@youreyes.org).  ###   |  | | --- | |  |   **Vienna/Falls Church VIP Meeting**  Monday, September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in-person  Thomas Jefferson Library, [**7415 Arlington, Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/7415+Arlington,+Blvd,+Falls+Church,+VA+22042?entry=gmail&source=g)  Hosted by: VIP co-Chairs Ann Koch and Rachel Schreiman  A “Meet & Greet,” to get acquainted and/or reacquainted with one another as friends and cohorts in this wonderful visually impaired community!    Please come ready to share and/or listen to others share several things:    1. ideas and positive input on strategies, tools and helpful tips on how you are navigating your vision loss    2. The challenges you experience so we can continue to support each other in our journey with vision impairment.    3. One idea for a speaker, special presentation or discussion you would like to see this program year, and they will try to schedule it!  ###  **NFB CENA Access Boutique Series: What's New in iOS 26**  Tuesday, September 30th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm  Apple’s iOS 26 introduces powerful new accessibility tools that expand nonvisual access and productivity. A key innovation is Braille Access mode, which turns an iPhone into full-featured Braille note taking device. Braille Access also enhances real-time interaction by displaying live captions on connected Braille displays.  There are numerous general improvements too. Join us as we take you through some of the highlights, so you can make the most of all the new capabilities your iPhone has to offer.  Register at [**Accessibility Boutique Registration | National Federation of the Blind**](https://nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/events/accessibility-boutique-reg).  ###  **That All May eRead - NLS eReader Searching: Tips and Tricks**  Tuesday, September 30th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  They will open the program with a brief presentation and demonstration and then they will answer your questions about the Zoomax and HumanWare Braille eReaders for the remainder of the hour.  To access the program, go to [**https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600222400?pwd=4laeaft2Upzed3CbsPRUKq8xGdTXMC.1**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600222400?pwd=4laeaft2Upzed3CbsPRUKq8xGdTXMC.1__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!ZH1vsOiDdPEMRO3UemG_hblZ4otZTp0zQ-O8-mEUmshiFZ3vTt5Z_iXV9LyAdbt00GHsMrNzjk7yCxuvCnfWSrA9GY3W$).  The Zoom.gov ID will not work with standard Zoom.us.  You can find recordings and transcripts of previous That All May *eRead* programs on the NLS website at [**www.loc.gov/nls/news-and-updates/that-all-may-eread**](https://www.loc.gov/nls/news-and-updates/that-all-may-eread/).  The complete Zoom information is located below.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Rorie, Tamara is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting. | | | [**Join Zoom Meeting**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/loc.zoomgov.com/j/1604021014?pwd=ngPoi54Do7qbRtRjNdIrCLOxFH2615.1__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!ZH1vsOiDdPEMRO3UemG_hblZ4otZTp0zQ-O8-mEUmshiFZ3vTt5Z_iXV9LyAdbt00GHsMrNzjk7yCxuvCnfWSvztD3A6$) | | | One tap mobile: | US: [**+16692545252,,1604021014#**](tel:+16692545252,,1604021014)**or**[**+16468287666,,1604021014#**](tel:+16468287666,,1604021014) | | Meeting URL: | [**https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1604021014?pwd=ngPoi54Do7qbRtRjNdIrCLOxFH2615.1**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/loc.zoomgov.com/j/1604021014?pwd=ngPoi54Do7qbRtRjNdIrCLOxFH2615.1__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!ZH1vsOiDdPEMRO3UemG_hblZ4otZTp0zQ-O8-mEUmshiFZ3vTt5Z_iXV9LyAdbt00GHsMrNzjk7yCxuvCnfWSvztD3A6$) | | Meeting ID: | 160 402 1014 | | Passcode: | 555132 | | **Join by Telephone** | | | For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location. | | | Dial: | +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) +1 415 449 4000 US (US Spanish Line) +1 551 285 1373 US (New Jersey) | | Meeting ID: | 160 402 1014 |   ###  **AFB Research Webinar**  Wednesday, October 1st at 12:00 pm  Many common tools for statistics and qualitative data analysis are difficult for blind and low-vision people to use, making it harder for blind and low-vision students to advance into research careers. However, there are tools and strategies that can be effective. Whether you are a student taking your first stats class or a blind or low-vision research professional, join the webinar to learn the latest tips and tricks for analyzing data, accessibly!  AFB researchers will be joined by Dr. Jonathan Godfrey, a renowned blind statistician and senior lecturer at Massey University, and Emily Romero, a blind doctoral student and qualitative expert at the University of Northern Colorado, who will share their advice and lived experiences.  [**Register today**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/115411142/570225070/1357521577?sourceid=&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMy8xLzcyODI3IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImIyNzQ0ZjE2LTA1OTQtZjAxMS1iNDg0LTYwNDViZGViNzQxMyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic3lsdmlhQHdhc2hlYXIub3JnIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=Xee3DBlYRP8PqQa8An6Di89pHBugPEceqhwR8LcIXb4=&emci=24f9645a-0d93-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&emdi=b2744f16-0594-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=13729989) at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6717579508053/WN_cU_z38jnQaKNE5YOIKkg5A?sourceid=&emci=24f9645a-0d93-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&emdi=b2744f16-0594-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=13729989#/registration) to learn how we can break down barriers in the social science research field!  ###  **Hadley’s Travel Talk Discussion Group - Winter Travel Escapes**  Wednesday, October 1st at 3:00 pm  Do you want to escape the cold or embrace it? Join to discuss winter travel adventures and get your plans made for your winter escape.  Sign up to join at [**Travel Talk | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/travel-talk).  ###  **Hadley’s Embracing Braille Discussion Group - Tricky Letters and Reversals**  Thursday, October 2nd at 10:30 am  Mixing up your ds and fs, or your is and es? Join the discussion as they explore ways to keep those tricky symbols straight.  Sign up to join at [**Embracing Braille | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/embracing-braille).  ###  **Zumba with Spirit Club**  Thursday, October 2nd from 2:00 to 3:00 pm  In-person, for those 10+  Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled  415 Park Avenue, Baltimore  Good news! The SPIRIT Club is teaming up with Maryland LBPD for an in-person adaptive Zumba. Zumba is a fitness program that incorporates cardio and Latin-inspired dance.  This adaptive Zumba class is designed for beginners, with more audio cues than visual cues, and it is modified to include breakdown steps for different rhythms and songs so participants can feel more comfortable dancing along. The rhythms covered include merengue, salsa, cumbia, reggaeton, and pop. The class will start with a warm-up and end with a cooldown song. Come for the dance, stay for the sweat, and leave with a smile. ¡Vamos a bailar!  Registration is required as space is limited. Please register by **Monday, September 29th.**  Register at[**Zumba with the Spirit Club [In-person]**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSef31fLZS-uOQrrZf7YJtxYcsq9s_zjqqAAGbpG6cNQzmoDpQ/viewform)  ###  **Reston Virtual VIP Meeting**  Friday, October 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  We have passed the fall equinox.  The days continue to get shorter as we head through fall toward winter.  Some birds will stay for the winter while some birds are moving south.  Come join guest speaker Cat Fribley, Executive Director of BirdAbility, who will coach everyone on the accessibility of enjoying birds, birding, and birdsong anytime anywhere with whatever level of vision you have. The presentation will cover Birdability's initiatives to enhance access and inclusivity for birders with disabilities and other health challenges. Cat Fribley will delve into the organization's mission, providing a detailed exploration of its efforts to make birding more accessible and inclusive, and how you have a role. This session will introduce the Blind Birder Bird-a-Thon, discuss tools and resources for birding by ear, and offer information about the power of birdsong for mental health.  [**https://www.birdability.org/**](https://www.birdability.org/)  ###  **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.   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/)  ###   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |   **Hadley’s Craft Circle Discussion Group - Creepy Crafts for Halloween**  Wednesday, October 8th at 3:00 pm  Swap favorite Halloween projects. Costumes are optional!  Sign up to join at [**Crafting Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/crafting-circle).  ###  **Hadley’s Book Nook Discussion Group - Fantastic Fall Reads**  Thursday, October 9th at 10:30 am  Whether you prefer dragons or distant planets, fall is the perfect time to cozy up to a book that’s out of this world. Bring your favorite reads in sci-fi and fantasy, and your favorite fall beverage, too.  Sign up to join at [**Book Nook | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/book-nook).  ###  **October TUG Meeting**  Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 to 11:00 am  **Virtual via Zoom**  The Technology User Group (TUG) will detail the latest changes in JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion. They will review what's new, what's helpful and what's on the horizon. They will also take a quick look at "Sharky," the virtual assistant built into Freedom Scientific products.  **Who should attend?**   * All JAWS and ZoomText users * Individuals who are considering getting a Windows computer * People who want to learn more about voice navigation on the computer and the web   **Joining info:**  [**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/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/a6wbj_UE_RwXS0DTaTyH7vbBGUTR06MuOCgCHDX7YwM=424)  Meeting ID: 656 203 7293  ---  One tap mobile  [**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/dT_tpalM9gPT-_nbC-kJQ2GIcziQ34lZC66C39Elb3k=424)  ###  **Hadley Writers’ Circle Discussion Group - Adding a Spooky Twist**  Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 pm  What chills the reader’s spine? Diabolical dialog? Sinister settings? Join us, if you dare, for tips on adding some frightful features to your fiction.  Sign up to join at [**Writers' Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/writers-circle).  ### |   **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.  ###  **Baltimore Clayworks**  Friday, October 17th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm  In-person  Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled  [**415 Park Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fshare.google%2FF1B0ws6eqzknYxrla%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/9QA6diyKdiGmgqPUjhYf2a0iWwKslky4CF-cXIjq0R4=424)  Baltimore Clayworks will host a tactile educational experience for library patrons, including instruction on hand-building coils and pinch pots. The experience will also include clay samples in various states for the participants to touch. An Instructor representing Baltimore Clayworks will teach up to 20 students, ages 8 to Adult, on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.  Register at [**LBPD Event: Baltimore Clayworks - LibCal - Maryland State Library Agency**](https://marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Clayworks25?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).  ###  **Workplace Tech that Works: Practical Tools, Rights, and Resources**  Wednesday, October 22nd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm  Virtual (link provided upon registration)  Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center  Technology doesn’t have to be expensive or complicated to make a big difference on the job. This webinar will showcase demos of practical, low-cost assistive technology that can support success in the workplace.  Bekah Nesbit, Assistive Technology Coordinator through Pennsylvania’s designated Assistive Technology Act Program, TechOWL, will share real-world examples of how these tools are being used in employment settings. You’ll also learn about assistive technology (AT) as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA— your rights, how to make a request, and where to go for support. We’ll wrap up with resources available in every state, including Assistive Technology Act Programs, where you can explore, borrow, and try tools before buying.  Register at [**Workplace Tech that Works: Practical Tools, Rights, and Resources**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/96zb7kd?source_id=5ad5e925-2616-4219-9d5c-d55f10d549f1&source_type=em&c=6_6uzReg47sCJ8fiX0oKkGUmEqHbDbL8BEyNl6Auo_zIQhRu2Ce8_Q==).  ###  **Friends of Maryland LBPD Annual Meeting**  October 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  In-person with online option  The keynote speaker will be John DeDakis, journalist and author of the Lark Chadwick Mystery series.  The Friends will also highlight their activities from the past year and recognize the volunteers at LBPD.  Lunch will be served.  All are welcome.  RSVP by phone at 410-230-2424 option 4 or email to [**reference.desk@maryland.go**v](mailto:reference.desk@maryland.gov) by October 17th.  ###  **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)**.**  ###  **AI and Accessibility Webinar**  Wednesday, November 19th at 1:00 pm  Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Disabilities  This training focuses on the role of Artificial Intelligence in digital accessibility. We'll explore both how AI can create more inclusive experiences through tools like automated captioning, and the potential pitfalls such as algorithmic bias and unreliable outputs. Participants will learn how to responsibly apply AI to enhance accessibility while avoiding the creation of new barriers.  Register at [**AI and Accessibility**](https://lj79tucab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k7ZfTV2k7PhYtuxAQw5SW_HYOkrOSJ_6kGqjadhArza1O_g79LNPAL0-Z5UFa096l5Ssp11qJK4Fos--UspJ6PGqTyMzjH3Aqkye3wWLKeE1F7tAGmg2QzvxZ1WudSdvpEL7mhdNnyJKejFnb2uHJg9WwmPS4OSQjfOVE0WCd2F0THJPjQZWwrglfEWZ8JT2Orci0WNDNX-YfF2cqwmk7A==&c=jvtdDYXJj4KxnujZUNhRdKZRLBZdpTviDNgONzj6xTY2X3wThvONEg==&ch=0sH-IR1in9V8euSO7F5Xk6qd0zZMylEGhLxyGG9Fc8zLGb0y6PKFdQ==) ([**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0kFUItQwRUegiskSluparg#/registration)).  ### |