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Message from the Editor

Summer is here!

Hi everyone and thank you for joining us for another awesome Summer issue of SGO! We are so excited to have all of the special needs camps in the state of Ohio all in one place. We have searched high and low for all the camps and activities in Ohio. If you know of any we missed please let us know so we can include it next time. Have a GREAT Summer!

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“Believe you can and you’re half way there.”
 ~ Theodore Roosevelt

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Our Stories...

Life after the Loss

By Alethea Thomas

At 27, I was diagnosed with Stargardt Disease. This eye disease causes a slow deterioration of the macula. The macula is located in the center of the retina, which allows you to see clear and straight ahead. At the age of 40, my vision had deteriorated to 20/200 (legally blind) in both eyes.

I can't tell you the number of times I've said to the people in my life, "You know I can't see."

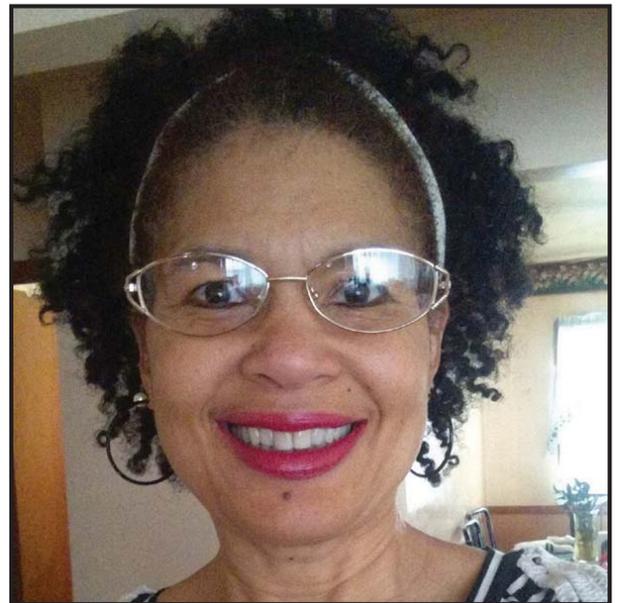
Since I continued to function as usual, no one truly understood what I meant by that statement. I've always felt like I was torn between two worlds, and now I was. Not enough sight for the sighted community and too much sight for the blind community.

The first, and most, important hurdle was my independence. With 20/200 vision there was no way I would pass the vision portion to renew my driver's license. Fortunately, there are 39 states that offer the bioptic driving program, and the state of Ohio happens to be one of them. You're put through a screening process

to see if you qualify for the program, but if you want to maintain some sort of independence, it's worth a shot. I will not lie and say it will be easy, but for 15 years it has made a big difference in my life.

The second hurdle, to overcome, was shopping on my own. If I'm being honest, it has taken me 15 years to be comfortable enough to pull out one of my magnifying glasses while shopping. Because I wear glasses, people assume I have 20/20 vision. I've often caught people looking at me, and instead of getting angry I just smile to myself. I'm proud of how far I've come with dealing with my vision loss in a public setting.

The third hurdle to overcome was reading and going to the movies. The Talking Book program through the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped solved the reading issue. For the movies that I know use subtext, I found out I



could request the use of a DVS (Descriptive Video Services). I purchased a pair of glasses called Max TV for watching TV at home.

I'm in the process of conquering other hurdles, such as writing/publishing my first novel, eating out and traveling alone. I did take a trip by myself a couple of years ago that didn't go as well as I had hoped, but I won't allow that experience to deter me from trying it again.

I'm not sure what the future holds for me, but I'm thankful for what I am able to still do now.



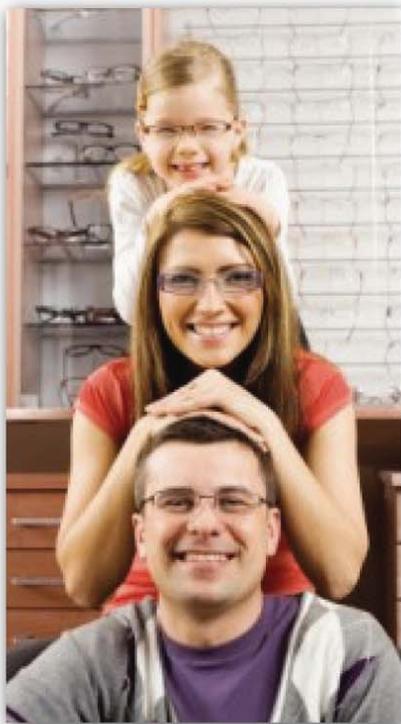
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Sometimes the only thing standing between people with disabilities and success is the systems that are meant to serve them. Disability Rights Ohio provides legal advocacy to help our clients overcome the barriers that keep them from making decisions about where, how and with whom they will live, learn, work and play.

In 2012, Alexis had a behavioral incident at school. The school removed her, even though the incident was related to her disability. DRO stepped in and represented Alexis in a due process hearing through the Ohio Department of Education. In these hearings, parents and students can challenge a school district's failure to provide special education services to a student with a disability and present evidence to an independent hearing officer. As part of this process, DRO also worked with Alexis' school district and parents to locate and bring in behavioral specialists to craft an effective behavior plan. This allowed her to return to school.

Because DRO represented her in due process, and with the help of the behavioral specialists we recommended to the school, Alexis has had no major behavioral issues in the last few years. She graduated

from high school and is now living in an independent apartment within her parents' home. She works part-time, attends school and actively participates in Special Olympics. She plans to purchase her own home in the next few years.

For more information about advocating for students, see the *Special Education* page in our *Resource Center* at www.disabilityrightsohio.org.





Ability Front

June 5, join fellow alumni for this HireOhio career fair at OSU's student union, Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor, 1739 N. High Street, Columbus. Meet recruiters from leading employers and network with area alumni. This event is available to alumni from OSU, Capital U., Miami U., Ohio U., Otterbein U, Wright State University. Franklin U. and more.

Register here: <https://www.osu.edu/alumni/activities-and-events/events/2016/hire-ohio-alumni-career-fair-june-16.html>

June 7, free webinar, Think College: Inclusive Higher Education for People with Intellectual Disability. The goal is to support the creation of authentic, inclusive college experiences that lead not only to academic and social growth for youth with ID, but also integrated competitive employment outcomes. Students with ID who go to college are 26% more likely to leave vocational rehabilitation services with a paid job and earn a 73% higher weekly income.

Web: blogtalkradio.com/wada-se/2017/06/07/episode-45-think-college-inclusive-higher-education

Real-time captioning here: <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/meeting.jnlp?sid=2009293&password=M.9ECFC897EA5C1FFEEEBCC2EF317308>

June 21-23 OSU Speech-Language-Hearing clinic will host a Specialized Intensive Aural Rehabilitation Conference for people with hearing loss and their communication partners. Enjoy a unique opportunity to experience the benefits of cooperative learning and assistive technology in a social environment with Ohio State clinicians and students. We will discuss communications strategies, psychological aspects of hearing loss, trial new technology and provide trial and practice working with various hearing devices in real world situations—all with the aim of maximizing hearing and communication. Please see the article from last year's program: <https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/news/addressing-hearing-loss-beyond-the-clinic>

Please contact Jodi Baxter, Au.D at baxter.216@osu.edu if you are interested in learning more.

June 25 Join us for a family-friendly game tournament and support VSA Ohio's mission to make the arts more accessible and inclusive June 25. This fund raiser is hosted by Tabletop Game Café, 4316 N. High Street, Clintonville is a neighborhood city within Columbus. Two tournament rounds of games are happening. 11a - 1p OR 1p - 3p.



Enjoy Tabletop's great atmosphere and a pop up art exhibit. Sign-up and ticket purchase here: [https://www.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/game-on-for-vsao-tickets-34104653938-?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing)

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Job posting websites geared toward job seekers with disabilities are one tool in a multi-tiered approach to disability-inclusive recruitment. They can help employers demonstrate proactive, targeted disability recruitment efforts. Explore EARN's list of job boards targeted to people with disabilities here: <http://www.askearn.org/topics/recruitment-hiring/finding-candidates-with-disabilities/posting-jobs/>

National Federation of the Blind is soliciting proposals for presenters at the Nov. 6 to 8 three, national training conference in Baltimore for education and rehabilitation professionals who work with blind transition-aged students or adults. More information, including proposal details and event registration here: <https://nfb.org/dare-be-remarkable-call-presentations>



ACB-Ohio Upcoming Events and Opportunities

by Katie Frederick

Summer means many things to us; the end of another school year, long hot days enjoying the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. This summer, why not join in on some fun events and opportunities in ACB-Ohio!

If you're a student, summer is a perfect time to fill out and submit an ACB-Ohio scholarship application for financial assistance during the 2017-2018 academic year. Scholarship amounts range from \$2,000 to \$2,500, and are available for undergraduate and graduate students in diverse fields of study. A person does not need to be a member of the American Council of the Blind of Ohio to apply, and we encourage and welcome applicants of past years to resubmit materials for consideration. The deadline for application packets is August 1, 2017. Information about scholarship qualifications and application materials is available on our website at www.acbohio.org/scholarships, by calling the ACB-Ohio office (800) 835-2226, or sending an email to acbo.scholarships@gmail.com. The scholarship committee looks forward to receiving your application, and good luck!

If spending time outdoors hiking, boating, swimming, bike riding or socializing by a campfire sounds like your idea of summer fun, plan to attend the 2017 ACB-Ohio Summer Sports Retreat.

The event will take place August 18-20 at Jody's Place in Hockingport, Ohio. The cost is \$75 if you are a participant who is blind or visually impaired and \$25 if you are attending as a sighted guide for the weekend. We hope you'll consider joining us for a fun-filled relaxed weekend on the Ohio River this summer. For more information call the ACB-Ohio office or email acboassist@gmail.com.

As summer winds down, take some time to think about who you know in your community; maybe a teacher who's gone above and beyond, perhaps your local chapter has received some worthy media coverage, or someone you know in the blindness community has worked tirelessly to improve life for people who are blind or visually impaired. Nominations are being accepted until September 8 for the 2017 ACB-Ohio awards. Nomination letters may be sent via email to acbo.awards@gmail.com or via postal mail to the ACB-Ohio office at 3805 North High, Street Suite 305, Columbus, OH 43214.

A fall event that it's never too early to plan on attending is the 2017 ACB-Ohio and ACB-Indiana joint conference and convention. This is our second and final year at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio October 20-22. Some program highlights this year include: sessions on self-driving vehicles and ride-sharing apps Friday afternoon, enjoying the

waterpark and resort features of the hotel Friday evening, or socializing with friends in the hospitality room, learning about assistive and mainstream technology Saturday, meeting our 2017 scholarship winners during lunch, and wrapping up the day by hearing from a talking book narrator and enjoying the festivities of the evening auction. This year, we are working on arranging transportation to Sandusky. However, we need to know if there is interest before ACB-Ohio invests to secure transportation. Would having a ride to and from the conference impact your decision to attend? Please contact the ACB-Ohio office with your thoughts on this matter. Room rates at Kalahari are \$109 plus tax for guests arriving Thursday, October 19 and \$139 plus tax for guests who check-in October 20. To make reservations, call (877) 525-2427 and mention the American Council of the Blind of Ohio. The sooner you make your reservations, the closer your room will be to the convention center of the hotel. After September 15, rooms may be available at our group rate, but are not guaranteed.

I hope this article has given you some food for thought and you'll consider applying for a scholarship, attending the summer sports retreat, nominating a worthy individual for an award, coming to the convention in the Fall, or better yet, all of the above.



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- Gardening
- Science
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Who can attend?

Any child age 7 -19 who is blind or has low vision that interferes with their living, learning and social interaction is welcome to attend OUB Camps.



Why Send Your Child To Camp?

**Gwen Botting, Executive Director,
Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind**

Parents can be overwhelmed with all of the summer opportunities for their child with visual disabilities. How do you know camp will help your child grow and become more confident and successful?

First, remember that you know your child best. Is your child ready for summer camp? If you are hesitant, is it you that isn't ready, or your child? Are you being over-protective? Try to see your child for who they are, and not your attachment or your fear.

Second, about safety. Camps should be 1) licensed by the state, 2) required to do thorough background checks on all their employees and volunteers, 3) pass state inspections on their site, medical procedures, kitchen and waterfront, 4) must have certified personnel for medical care, waterfront areas, rope courses, and food service. Camp directors are hawks about safety – all the time!

If your child has multiple disabilities, or if you want to send your child with a visual disability to a camp for kids without disabilities, you have to do your homework. You need to talk with the camp director openly,

and most are happy to do so to make sure their camp is a good fit for your child.

What will my child gain from going to camp? Here are the BIG THREE:

- All kids benefit from being outside and away from their electronics. Real experience with nature fosters a sense of well-being and contentment.

- All kids, but especially those with visual disabilities, need each other. Most of our children who are blind or low vision have very few, if any, peers in their schools or even in their county. Camp is the place where life-long friendships are made and cemented.

- All kids, but especially our kids, need to get away from adults who are constantly watching them. Camp, where they are watched by camp counselors who are not that much older than they are, is an opportunity to explore, be themselves, and learn about how to become a successful, independent person. Having responsibility for keeping track of their own clothes, tooth-



brush, showering on their own, being on time for camp activities, and more can be new but positive, life-changing experiences.

My son, who is totally blind, is now 23 years old and a college graduate. He attributes much of his success – including a semester in Scotland on his own when he was 20 – to attending camp and learning that he can take care of himself. He also had good teachers and parents who encouraged him to take opportunities to travel – to Space Camp, on a service learning trip to Costa Rica, and with his school debate team – and encouraged his sense of independence. Sometimes it was more than a little scary for us left at home, but the fear pales in comparison to the pride in seeing our son thrive and being on his own.



VIBE NIGHT AT CANAL PARK



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VIBE Scholarship Fund Application

VIBE (Visual Impaired and Blind Education) Scholarship Application is available on a first-come, first-served basis to students who are visually impaired or blind and live in Northeast Ohio area. The age for a student to take advantage of VIBE Scholarship must be between the ages of 3-22 years old. VIBE offers up to \$1,000.00 per student per year. Students that are 13 years or older must be willing to volunteer for a SGO/VIBE event or local Lions Club event at least twice out of that calendar year. For more information please call 419-870-2797 or email Adrienne@sightedguideohio.org

Recipient Information

Student Information

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Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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School District: _____ Contact Person: _____

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Teacher Name: _____ Principal Name _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Start Date: _____ End date: _____



Complete application and mail to: Sighted Guide Ohio, VIBE Scholarship, P.O. Box 33, Rossford, OH 43460



Please answer the following questions

1. Please describe product(s) needed? _____

2. Is your local school district willing to help with the cost?

YES___ How Much___ NO___

3. How long is the product needed for? _____

4. How will the product help your child's educational needed for school? _____

5. Have you tried to reach out to your local Sight Center for assistance?

YES___ NO___

6. Are you familiar with Lions Club International, have you reached out to them for assistance?

YES___ NO___ If no, would you be interested in more info? YES___ NO___

7. What other organizations have you requested or received monies from? _____

8. Do you need further help with support and/or IEP meetings for you student?

YES___ NO___

9. Do you know of any other families that are visually impaired or blind in need of services or resources?

YES___ NO___

10. Is your family a local resident of Northwest Ohio? _____

11. Would you be willing to volunteer?

YES___ NO___

12. How did you hear about VIBE? _____

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Open House

We extend an invitation to all interested families to see our camp and get a feel for our programs on this special day. Activities will be provided for children and tours and informational sessions provided for parents and others. A lunch is included. Pre-registration is necessary.

The Open House is on July 2, 2017 from 12:00 noon through 3:00 p.m.

Level 1, July 9-15, 2017

This session is for the visually impaired child that has never been away from home and also returning campers. It is a one week long introduction to camping. The focus will be to give basic introduction to camp activities, independence with daily living skills, mobility around camp and living with a cabin group. Campers will have exposure to the same camp activities with more flexibility to meet the needs of newer campers. If you think your child would enjoy a camp experience, but he/she needs occasional assistance, this may be the camp for your child.

Level 2, July 23-29, 2017

Our camp for lifers is our traditional camp session. This session is one week long. Campers will have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills with an increasing challenge and independence. We encourage campers that would like to attend this session to also attend our Level 1 session. This provided them with more time to become comfortable with camp in order to be able to demonstrate more independence and challenge themselves more within the program.

Leadership Development

Leadership Development is a special session that focuses on leadership skills and responsibilities in the camp environment. Participants gain knowledge of how to be an effective leader and team member. The program runs over two summers. The first summer being more of an introduction and the second summer provided more hands on opportunity to demonstrate and develop skills. You must have been a camper at Bear Lake Camp and be 15-16 years of age.

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(Pictured bottom right)



Back Row: Awat R., Caiden H., teachers/coaches Dan Kelley and Robin Finley, Autum R., and Aujanee B. **Front Row:** Jana A., and Philip S.



Adaptive Sports Expo!!!

Participate in featured assistive technology for outdoor sports for all people with physical disabilities, visually impaired, and developmental disabilities including autism.

Friday, June 9, 2017 (12:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

or

Saturday, June 10, 2017 (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)



Event Highlights:

- Cycling
- Kayak simulation
- Boccia Ball
- Running Chairs
- Snow ski simulation
- Fishing
- Equestrian simulation
- Adaptive equipment exhibits
- Climbing wall - Saturday Only
- Wheels to Wheels - Adaptive race car
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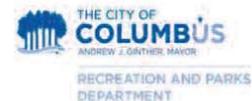
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Scholarship and other Contest opportunities for the Visually Impaired and Blind listed by due date

National Federation of the Blind announces the **2017 NFB Youth Slam**, a weeklong learning opportunity for student's grades 9 through 12 in a wide-variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. One hundred blind and low vision students from across the country will be selected to attend this weeklong adventure at Towson University (Maryland) next July 23 to 29. Applications due May 7. For more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, see: <http://blindscience.org/nfb-youth-slam>. For additional questions, call (410) 659-9314, extension 2418, or email STEM@nfb.org

Entries Due August 10, 2017: **The International Tactile-Illustrated Book Prize**, a competition to encourage quality and quantity of tactile books for children with visual impairments. Visit this link for rules and entry forms and to see last year's winners www.aph.org/tactus-international-tactile-books-competition/Submit your tactile book appropriate for children age 3 to 12 to the American Printing House for the Blind. Questions? Contact Rob Guillen, rguillen@aph.org

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We Can Hear You Just Fine book, published in November of 2016 Clarifications from the Kentucky School for the Blind

**A groundbreaking anthology of memoirs and oral histories
by seven authors from the Kentucky School for the Blind.**

In this spirit of bridging communities and amplifying unheard voices, the Louisville story program formally partnered with the Kentucky School for the Blind for a year and a half long writing project that has culminated in "We Can Hear You Just Fine: Clarifications from the Kentucky School for the Blind."

Through the 2015-16 academic year, LSP led a college-level, creative non-fiction workshop for seven student authors at KSB.

The workshop included reviewing great literature, discussing the elements of craft in the writing of memoir and essay, instruction in the value of oral history interviews in community building and in-depth, professional editorial support from LSP Deputy Director Joe Manning.

The authors wrote multiple drafts and revisions of their chapters, working into the summer months to sculpt chapters of pow-



Image: Introducing Project Authors Matthew Caudill, Haley Hall, Shane Lowe, Madelyn Loyd, Selena Tirey, Kianna Waller and Cherish Willis.

erful, relatable, personal narrative and engaging oral history. The result is a ground-breaking anthology of nonfiction, the first such collection authored by blind and V.I. teens ever published.

The book is now available nationwide and has been published in Braille and large-print by the American Printing House.

Electronic Braille files and an audio book are forthcoming.

Braille and large print editions of *We Can Hear You Just Fine: Clarifications from the Kentucky School for the Blind* can be ordered through the American Printing House for the Blind, and regular print editions are available from Louisville's storyprogram.org.



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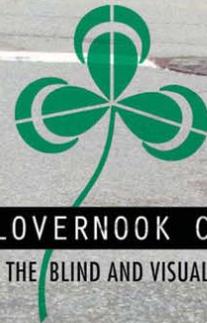
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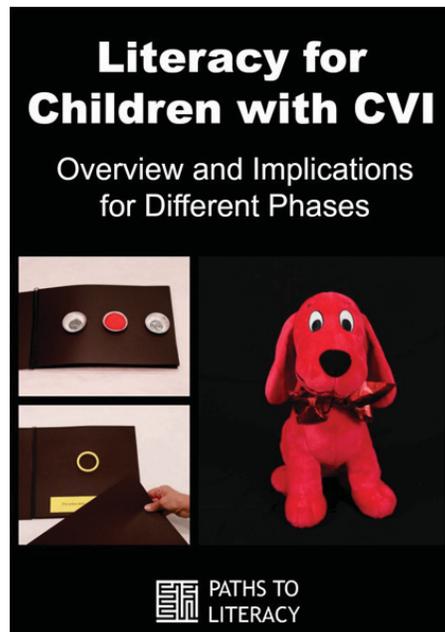
Literacy for Children with CVI

By Charlotte Cushman

Are you a parent or an educator of a child with CVI (cortical visual impairment)? You may know that CVI is now the most common cause of visual impairment in children in the developed world. While there have been significant strides in intervention, there is still confusion about how to introduce books and other educational materials.

A new section on Literacy and CVI has recently been added to Paths to Literacy: <http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/topic/cvi/overview> You will find an overview and implications for the 3 phases of CVI, as well as guidelines for modifying books for children in Phases I, II, and III. Find out how to create your own book, with 8 new examples for young children.

Paths to Literacy is a collaboration between Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Perkins School for the Blind focusing on all aspects of literacy for children with visual impairments. We invite you to register on the site to find out about new ideas!





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TOURS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Self-Guided Museum Visits

Mon. - Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; Sat. 10am – 3pm. Small groups do not need reservations. Enjoy our award-winning, hands-on museum at your own pace.

Guided Tours

Individuals /small groups (9 or fewer) may take a guided walking tour of the factory and museum.

Mon. – Thurs. (and every other Friday) at 10am and 2pm. Reservations are not needed unless the group has a special need or focus. Visitors may want to plan to spend additional time in the museum on their own after the guided tour.

View the QR code to see a video of APH →



Guided Tours for larger groups (10 to 60) are offered Monday through Saturday. 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Make reservations at least one week in advance.
Contact Rob Guillen, 502-899-2242 or rquillen@aph.org to schedule a group tour.

Choose from:

- **Factory / Museum Tour: Mon.-Thurs. and every other Friday.** Adults and children, grade four, or higher, see the production of braille publications, the recording of audio books, a demonstration of educational materials designed for visually impaired people, and visit the Museum.
- **Guided Museum Tour: Mon. - Sat.** Adults or children who prefer to concentrate on the historical and educational museum experience may take a guided tour of the Museum, where they will enjoy an in-depth look at the exhibits and interactive displays.
- **Focus on Braille Tour: Mon. - Thurs.** Students in grades one, two, and three may take the Guided Museum Tour or may choose a tour that includes a visit to the factory to see braille book production along with the museum visit.
- **Scout Badge Program:** Certain scout badge requirements may be met through regular tours or by taking part in museum programs designed especially for Scouts.
- **Custom Visits:** We can design a tour to fit the focus of your particular group.

Other Programs

- ❖ **Scout leaders, teachers, and other educators** may borrow a **Braille Kit** for local classroom use. The kit can be used prior to or after an on-site visit, or may be used on its own. Students can learn about Louis Braille and the braille system and try some braille writing devices. The kit is recommended for grades 3 and above. It includes tools and materials for writing braille, books about Louis Braille, video tapes that show the production of braille materials and audio books. **Contact Katie Carpenter, 502-899-2213, kcarpenter@aph.org to schedule the Braille Kit.**
- ❖ **Staff specialists are available to speak at your meetings** on subjects which include: *How APH Works for the Nation; What to Do When You Meet a Blind Person; APH as a Resource* .
Contact Becky Snider, 502-899-2357, rsnider@aph.org to schedule a speaker.

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MUSEUM PROGRAMS 2017

Events are free and take place at 1839 Frankfort Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

Space is limited, so registration is required for most events.

Call 502-899-2213 or send email to kcarpenter@aph.org to register*

See individual descriptions for registration deadlines.

Kids' Day

June 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Make reservations by noon, June 9

Join us for games and activities that help kids learn about individual differences – in this case, people who are blind or have low vision. Since each of us is different from one another, this discussion will allow for questions and answers to become more aware of what it means to be blind. Being more familiar encourages young people to be at ease with someone who happens to be blind in their classroom. Especially for kids ages 6-12, parents, and other adults.

Braille for the Sighted

June 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Make reservations by noon, June 16

July 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Make reservations by noon, July 14

Learn about Louis Braille's tactile alphabet and practice writing on a braille slate and a braillewriter. Advanced students will learn more about braille contractions and whole word signs, as well as gain a better understanding of the code for music and math. Participants may attend one session, or both! Best for adults and children age 6 and up.

Bards and Storytellers: Mac & Bob

July 29, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. *Make reservations by noon, July 28

Come celebrate the traditions of entertainers with vision loss, featuring the work of Mac (Lester McFarland) and Bob (Robert Gardner), who were among the first to make a living recording and performing what is now known as "country music." They met while studying music at the Kentucky School for the Blind. In the 1930s and 40s, Bob and Mac regularly appeared on the legendary WLS Barn Dance. Several songs from their repertoire will be performed by Louisville musicians Tom and Kathy Arnold. Best for adults and older children.

Bards and Storytellers

August 26, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. *Make reservations by noon, July 28

Join us for an afternoon's entertainment at Bards & Storytellers, our popular arts, folklore, and performance series. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the personal events and forces shaping each performer's career. Past guests include fiddler Michael Cleveland, deaf-blind storyteller Jag Einhorn, and singer Terri Gibbs. Best for adults and older children.

Pokémon Go: Check out the Poké stop and two gyms on the APH front lawn. Enjoy!

Visit the website, www.aph.org/museum, for more information; join us on Twitter and Facebook.

Email rsnider@aph.org or call 899-2357 to be put on the list to receive program updates.



ADA Day at the Toledo Zoo, Monday, July 24th, 2017. Celebrate the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the Zoo is from 10am to 3pm

4-H Camp/ Special needs Camp is July 7-9th a state-wide 4-H camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio for multiple handicapped youth and their caregivers. If you would like more information about attending or supporting Special Needs Camp at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, please contact Michelle Stumbo, Camp Program Director, at 740-992-6696 or Stumbo.5@osu.edu.

VIBE (Visual Impairment and Blind Education) Night with the Akron Rubberducks at Canal Field. The event is **Monday, August 21** at 7:05 pm and will have a scholarship for a student/child in need of vi/b resources and/or services
Tickets are available. For more information please call Scott at 330-396-0425

Sight Savers America Vision Assistive Technology Delivery & Training Clinic benefitting children from The Ohio State School for the Blind. July 7, 2017 at The Idea Foundry in Columbus. See page 4 for details.

Upcoming events for Lions Bear Lake Camp Lapeer, Michigan
www.bearlakecamp.org

Sat Jun 03 @ 8:00AM - 05:00PM
Oakland University



Sun Jun 04 @ 8:00AM - 05:00PM
Oakland University

Thu Jun 08 @12:00AM
Lapeer ISD

Fri Jun 09 @12:00AM
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Sat Jun 10 @12:00AM
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Sat Jun 17 @12:00AM
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Sun Jun 18 @12:00AM
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Mon Jun 19 @12:00AM
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Upcoming Events



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2017 Camp Schedule!

Cookin' and Servin' Camp (ages 10-19)- June 18-23
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Elementary Camp (ages 7-12)- July 5-9
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Adventure Trip 2017 (ages 12-19)- July 13-21
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Thursday, July 27, 2017
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Friday, July 28, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Open to educators and eye care professionals



Upcoming Events

Events are subject to
change. Call ahead to
confirm.



Events for SOCIL Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living

For more information visit
www.socilfairfieldhocking.org

Friday, Jun 09, 2017 Adaptive Sports EXPO

When: Friday, June 9th &
10th (12:00pm to 3:00pm) or
Saturday, June 11th (10:00am
to 3:00pm)

Where: TAASC Adventure
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Tuesday, Jun 13, 2017 Alzheimer's Support Group

Time: 2:00 pm

2nd Wednesday of every
Month

For more information visit
www.socilfairfieldhocking.org or
call Sharon Waldo – 740-689-
1494.

Location: SOCIL's Lancaster
Office, 418 South Broad

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2017 Parkinson's Support Group

Time: 1:00 pm

3rd Wednesday of every
Month

Visit www.socilfairfieldhocking.org
for more information.

Location: SOCIL's Lancaster
Office, 418 South Broad

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2017 Understanding the Millennial Brain - 2 day training

Time: 9:00am – 3:30 pm

Location: Fairfield County
Educational Service Center
951 Liberty Center Drive, Lan-
caster, Ohio

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On June 21 & 22nd, Julie
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tant, will be sharing "Strategies
for Success for Youth with and
without Disabilities"

Thursday, Jun 22, 2017 Understanding the Millennial Brain - 2 day training

Time: 9:00am – 3:30 pm

Location: Fairfield County
Educational Service Center 951
Liberty Center Dr., Lancaster, OH

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Beachwood: Preston's H.O.P.E.
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Cambridge: Cambridge City Park –
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GameTime playground includes
swings, slides, coil-spring rides, climb-
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ture of a rubberized coating.

Circleville: Mary Virginia Crites Han-
nan Community Park – A Bound-
less™ Playground is located off Rt.
188 on Pontius Road.

The City of Ravenna: Ravenna
Community Playground – Located in
Chestnut Hills Park, on North Chest-
nut Street in Ravenna.

Colerain Township: Clippard Park
Boundless™ Playground — 10243
Dewhill Road.

Columbus: Carriage Place Park –
4900 Sawmill Road.

Dayton: W.S. McIntosh Memorial
Park—W Riverview Ave Located a
half-mile from a historic Wright Broth-
ers site.

Euclid: Playground of Possibilities –
located at Bexley Park.

Mason: Thomas P Quinn Park – 880
Tradewinds Drive. This neighborhood
park features a handicap accessible
playground along with tennis, basketball.

Newark: Newark Rotary Accessible
Playground—located on Sharon Val-
ley Road just north of the OSUN/
COTC campus.

Powell: Liberty Township Bound-
less™ Playground – 2507 Home Rd.

Stow: Stow Outdoor Accessible Rec-
reation Playground — located at Sil-
ver Springs Park, 5027 Stow Road.

Warren: The Valley's Inclusive Play-
ground – located within Perkins Park,
391 Mahoning Ave.

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Sara's Garden 620 W Leggett St, Wau-
seon, OH 43567

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