City of Bloomington
Council for Community Accessibility

Bloomington Observes Disability Awareness & Accessibility Awareness Months!

Calendar of Events During March and April 2013

March 2013

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March 1: Stone Belt Art Gallery First Friday Open House
This open house will give the public an opportunity to explore the gallery's collection from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 W. Ninth St. Light refreshments will be available. The featured performance art, "Blizzard," will start at 7:30 p.m.

March 2: People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) Volunteer Training
A training session will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. for volunteers who want to help children and adults with disabilities learn to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons as well as helping groom, saddle, train and care for horses and helping with barn chores. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. No horse experience is necessary. A commitment of three to four hours per week is requested. PALS is located at 680 W. That Rd. For more information please contact Taryn Lyman at 360.1342 or at taryn@palstherapy.org.

March 4: "Only God Could Hear Me" Film Screening
"Only God Could Hear Me" is a documentary about three adults with severe communication disabilities. The documentary will be shown at 7 p.m. at the IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7th St. Chris Klein, who stars in the film and who accesses his communication device using his toe, will answer questions. The event is sponsored by SHOUT, the AAC-in Action Group, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, and others. For more information, please contact Beth Ahmad at bea.cons@prentrom.com.

March 5: AAC-In-Action Presents Chris Klein
The AAC-in-Action Collaborative Project at the IU School of Education will present Chris Klein, who will speak about the use of augmentative and alternative communication devices. Born with cerebral palsy, Klein uses augmentative communication to interact with the world. A graduate of Hope College who has studied at Western Theological Seminary, he formed the organization BeCOME AAC: Building Connections with Others through Mentoring and Education about AAC. He is president of the U.S. chapter of the International Society for AAC. The event will take place from 8:30-11:30am in the Dogwood Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. To attend, RSVP to Aimee Polk, aimpolk@indiana.edu.

March 5: Disability Awareness Resource Fair
Indiana University's Office of Diversity Services will host an interactive Disabilities Awareness Fair from noon to 3 p.m. at the Wells Library, 1320 E. 10th St. The Fair will exploring disabilities and what resources are available at IU and in the community. For more information, please contact Rajaan Edwards at edwardrj@indiana.edu or at 855.7578.

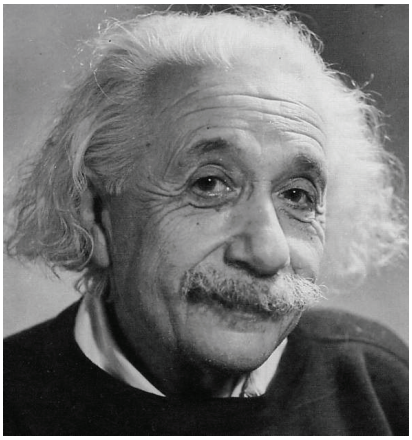
March 5: "Luckey" Film Screening
This documentary chronicles the life of Tom Luckey, who created the Luckey Climber after a fall from a second story window in 2005 left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. In spite of the accident, he continued to live a full and creative life that included designing more Luckey Climbers with the help of his son Spencer. The film will be shown from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the YES Cinema, 328 Jackson St., in Columbus, Ind. The event is free and open to the public. Donations accepted will benefit the Arts Council's annual VSA Indiana Festival.

March 7: "Ask the U.S. Access Board" Webinar
The U.S. Access Board will provide answers to questions about the 2010 ADA Standards and Architectural Barriers Act's accessibility standards. Participants are asked to submit questions in advance. The event is free and will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Participants must register at http://www.accessibilityonline.org. For more information please contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or at 855.6508.

March 11: "The WHO Age-Friendly Community Movement: Planning for All Ages and Abilities in Portland, Oregon" Chat with Alan DeLaTorre
A researcher and instructor at Portland State University, DeLaTorre is project manager for Portland's Age-Friendly Cities project. The chat is co-sponsored by the City of Bloomington Commission on Aging and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. The chat will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St. Lunch will be served and pre-registration is required by March 7. For more information or to register, please contact Phil Stafford at staffor@indiana.edu or at 855.2163.

March 13: Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM)
MCCAM attempts to improve access to public transportation for people with disabilities in Monroe County. This special meeting of MCCAM will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 E. 10th St. Regular meetings are every second Wednesday of most months. For more information please email mccaccess@live.comand or visit MCCAM's Facebook page.

March 14: Parent Connections for Independence
Parent Connections for Independence is a support group for parents of adults with disabilities. This special meeting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the College Mall food court, upper level. Regular meetings are every second Thursday of each month. Meetings alternate between monthly presentations and parent discussion groups throughout the year. For more information please contact Vonnie Peischl at vpeischl@indiana.edu or Suzie Rimstidt at sicilmonroe@msn.com.



Albert Einstein had a learning disability and did not speak until the age of three.

March 18: American Council of the Blind monthly Meeting
Bloomington's chapter of The American Council of the Blind (ACB), Heartland Association of ACB, meets every third Monday of each month. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 100 State Road 46. For more information, please contact the Heartland Association of ACB at 269.6531 or Barbara Salisbury at barbara.salisbury@att.net.

March 19: "Throwing the Switch: Empowering Advocates to Make the Most of Current Trends in Disability and Technology Policy"
This audio conference sponsored by the ADA National Network will familiarize attendees with the latest developments in technology policy as they affect people with disabilities. Attendees can expect practical advice on how people with disabilities can make use of complaints and other processes to advocate and ensure accessibility. The conference will be streamed publicly from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 3853 E. 10th St., building L. For more information, please contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or at 855.6508.

March 20: "Reasonable Accommodations in Employment: A General Update with Emphasis on Leave and Reassignment"
This webinar sponsored by the ADA National Network will feature attorney Brian East discussing the rights of persons with disabilities to reasonable accommodation in employment and a general update on new or notable cases, including claims of the defense of "undue hardship." The webinar free and will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants must register online. For more information please contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or at 855.6508.

March 20: 2013 Employer Recognition Ceremony
Diversity Works of Bloomington, a partnership of Work One and Vocational Rehabilitation, will highlight ten local businesses for their employment of persons with disabilities. The ceremony will run from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fountain Square Ballroom.

March 20 - 21: Building Leadership Series Workshops
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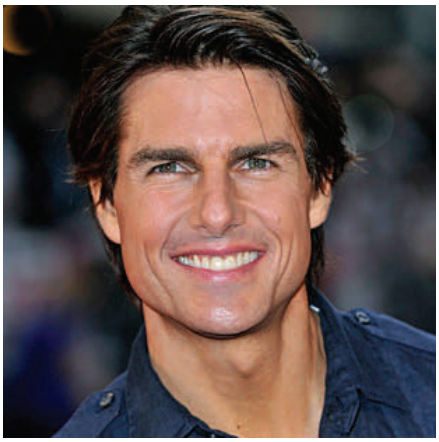

Tom Cruise, an American actor, is severely dyslexic.

please contact Jennie Todd at 855.6508 or at jeptod@indiana.edu.

March 21: "Accessibility Testing in Enterprises Big and Small"
This webinar sponsored by the ADA National Network will look at accessible website testing and review tools, including automated tools for large enterprises and small free tools for small non-profits with few pages. The webinar is free and will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants must register online. For more information please contact Matt Norris at adainfo@indiana.edu or at 855.6508.

March 21: "Way to Go" Travel Training
Bloomington Transit will host free individual and group travel training sessions about navigating the city bus system. Sessions are held each month and additional classes can be arranged. The training sessions will take place at 10 a.m. at the Bloomington Transit facility located at 130 W. Grimes Lane. For more information or to RSVP please contact Eli McCormick at mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com.

March 22 - March 28: "Community Connections" resource fair
This year's theme emphasizes access, engagement, and relationships, the vital links of a connected, livable community. Appropriate housing, supportive and accessible community services, and physical and environmental features allowing everyone to live independently are illustrated. Materials are sponsored by Duke Energy and resources are provided by Ivy Tech-Bloomington students, faculty, and staff. The event is free and will take place at the second floor rotunda of Ivy Tech-Bloomington, 200 Daniels Way. For more information please contact Sue Gauck at sgauck@ivytech.edu or at 330.6046.

March 22 - April 7: "Next To Normal" Performance
"Next to Normal" is the story of a suburban mom's struggle with bipolar disorder and her family's efforts to keep it together. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and three Tony Awards, including Best Score, "Next to Normal" is about honestly coming to terms with the past and bravely facing the future. The musical is directed by Cardinal Artistic Director Randy White, with musical direction by Dan Lodge-Rigal and featuring a powerhouse cast of

Heather Whitestone was the first deaf winner of the Miss America Competition.

Bloomington, New York and Chicago actors. The musical will open at Ivy Tech's John Waldron Arts Center, 122 S. Walnut St. For more information, including show times, please visit www.cardinalstage.org/plays.

March 23: Bloomington AIDS Walk
The funds raised at the South Central Community AIDS Action Group's 9th annual Bloomington AIDS Walk will provide nutritional supplements, transportation, and case management services so that patients can be linked to medical care and housing. Volunteers are needed for setup, registration assistance, route monitoring and tear down. The minimum volunteer age is 18 years old, or 12 years old with an adult. The event will take place at the Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park (formerly Third Street Park). For more information please contact Meredith Short at 353.3273 or at mshort4@iuhealth.org.

April 1: CCA Accessibility Screening Committee Meeting
This meeting is open to all who are interested in making Bloomington more accessible. The meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at City Hall's Hooker Conference Room, 401 N. Morton St. For more information, please contact Craig Brenner at brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

April 2: Be More Awards Celebration
The Be More Awards is our community's way of honoring and applauding the outstanding but often unrecognized efforts of our community volunteers. Ten awards will be presented during a celebration honoring all of the nominees, and a $500 check will be presented to each recipient's volunteer organization. The Be More Awards celebration will take place at 7 p.m. at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 East Kirkwood Ave. For more information, please contact Bet Savich or Lucy Schaich at 349-3433 or at volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

April 3: Monroe/Owen Community Transition Council Resource Fair
The Monroe/Owen County Transition Council collaborates with schools, families, agencies and businesses in assisting youth as they prepare today for their lives tomorrow. The event will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Ivy Tech-Bloomington, 200 Daniels Way.

April 5: Stone Belt Art Gallery Artist Exhibition
Visit the Stone Belt Art Gallery for an artist exhibition and reception featuring artwork by Stone Belt's client artist Justin Phillips and other Stone Belt client artists. The Art Gallery is an extension of Stone Belt's Lifelong Learning Arts program. The exhibition will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 W. Ninth St. For more information please contact Jana Lashbrook at jlashbrook@stonebelt.org.

April 6: 2013 Hoosier Half Marathon
This is the eighth running of the Hoosier Half Marathon and 5K (formerly the IU Mini Marathon), presented by the Indiana Running Company. This year the marathon will support Stone Belt and two other community nonprofit organizations. Registrants can sign up to be a part of the "Stone Belt Team" and a portion of the registration fee will be donated to Stone Belt. For more information please visit www.hoosierhalf.com.

Stevie Wonder is an American musician who has been blind from infancy.

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April 13: Barbershop Health Fair
The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Black Males is partnering with the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males to offer health screenings from 9 a.m. to noon at Hoosier Barber Shop, 2534 E. 10th St, and at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, 275 N. Jordan Ave. Health professionals from IU Health Bloomington Hospital and others will be announced. Blood pressure, cholesterol and other tests will be offered free.

April 13: 5th Annual Celebrating Abilities Resource Fair
Down Syndrome Family Connection will be presenting this year's Celebrating Abilities Resource Fair. Silly Safaris will be the featured animal presenter this year. A complimentary lunch will also be provided by Olive Garden. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ellettsville Christian Church, 731 Independence St., in Ellettsville, Ind. For more information, please contact Cyndi Johnson at info@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org or at 720.9603.

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April 16 - May 21: Art Abilities - Dramatic Arts
Stone Belt will offer dramatic arts instruction for elementary school students will disabilities. Instruction will be provided by a master's level drama therapist who has directed and produced four original theater productions with adults and children with disabilities. A snack will also be included. The six-week program is $120; Medicaid waiver funding is also accepted. The program will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Stone Belt, 2815 E. 10th St. For more information please contact Susan Russ at sruss@stonebelt.org or at 332.2168.

April 24: Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to foster and develop citizen awareness of transportation policy and planning. At monthly meetings, the CAC reviews transportation projects and policies and makes recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the McCloskey Room at City Hall. For more information, please contact Anna Dragovich at dragovia@bloomington.in.gov or at 349.3423 or visit http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo.

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April 25: Autism Workshops
Stone Belt and Ivy Tech-Columbus will present an all-day learning event, including a Hands in Autism Workshop in the morning and a DSM-V Seminar in the afternoon, as part of the Columbus Learning Series. Presenters are staff of the Hands in Autism Interdisciplinary and Training Resource Center. The workshop will include general information on autism spectrum disorders, available supports, rights and regulations, etc. The workshop is open to the public and includes lunch. The event will take place from 9 to 3 p.m. at the Columbus Learning Center, 4555 Central Ave., in Columbus, Ind. For more information please contact Maureen Gahan at mgahan@stonebelt.org.

Carrie Fisher, an American actress, has bipolar disorder.

April 29: City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility Monthly Meeting
The monthly meeting of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is open to all who are interested in making Bloomington a more accessible city. The meeting will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the McCloskey Room at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St. For more information, please contact Craig Brenner at brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

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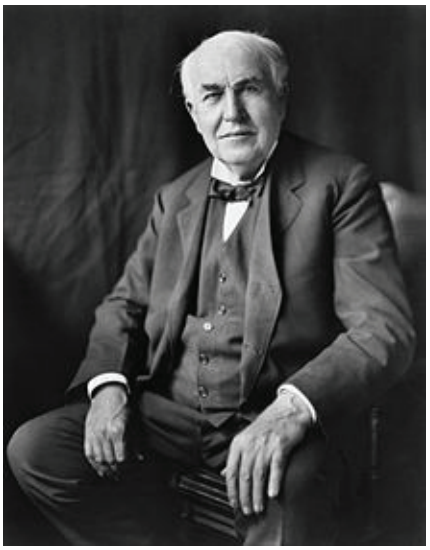
F. Scott Fitzgerald, an American writer best known for his book, *The Great Gatsby*, had a learning disability.



Thomas Edison, an American inventor, lost almost all of his hearing by the age of twelve.

Michael Phelps, an American swimmer and the most decorated Olympian of all time, has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

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