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# MARCH 2015 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

## March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Disability Awareness Month Display at the Library**

Monroe County Public Library will have a continuing display during March highlighting disability awareness month and the resources, services, and programs available at the library. The display is located on the first floor of the Main Library. For further information, contact Chris Jackson at [cjackson@mcpl.info](mailto:cjackson@mcpl.info) or 812-349-3050.

## March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Art Exhibit**

During the month of March, Down Syndrome Family Connection is partnering with beCAUSE Gallery to host an art exhibit of works painted by local individuals with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The gallery is located at 333 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Suite #206. For further information or questions, contact Brianne at [Brianne@becausebloomington.com](mailto:Brianne@becausebloomington.com)

## March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Stone Belt Art Exhibit**

Visit the Bloomington City Hall atrium during the month of March for an exhibit celebrating Disability Awareness Month! Works by Stone Belt artists from Bloomington, Bedford, and Columbus will be featured. For more information, contact Jana Surigao at [jsurigao@stonebelt.org](mailto:jsurigao@stonebelt.org). Please also visit [stonebelt.org](http://stonebelt.org).

## March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Celebrities with Disabilities Display: Highlighting the Invisible Disability**

This exhibit will be featured in the First Floor C Hallway of Ivy Tech's Connie and Steve Ferguson Academic Building. More information will be available on the home page of Ivy Tech's website: [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu).

## March TBA

### **Documentary Screening: "CinemAbility"**

This dynamic documentary takes a detailed look at the evolution of "disability" in entertainment by going behind the scenes to interview filmmakers, studio executives, film historians, and celebrities, and by utilizing vivid clips from Hollywood's most beloved motion pictures and television programs to focus attention on the powerful impact that entertainment and the media can have on society. Date, time, and location are TBA. More information will be available on the home page of Ivy Tech's home page: [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu).

## Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **"Way to Go" Travel Training**

Bloomington Transit hosts free travel training sessions for individuals and groups. The purpose is to teach people of all abilities to navigate the city bus system. Sessions are held each month. This March 3<sup>rd</sup> class will begin at 1 p.m. Additional classes can be arranged. Interested persons

or groups must RSVP. For more information and to RSVP, contact Eli McCormick, Customer Service Manager, at [mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com](mailto:mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com) or 812-336-7433.

### Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Accessibility Online Webinar: "Ask the U.S. Access Board"**

In its annual "Open Questions and Answers" webinar, the US Access Board will provide answers to your questions about either the 2010 ADA Standards or the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard. Participants are requested to submit questions in advance. Accessibility specialists will answer questions submitted in advance during the first half of the session, leaving time in the second half to answer questions from the live session. The webinar will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The webinar is free, but you must first register online by going to [www.accessibilityonline.org](http://www.accessibilityonline.org). For more information, contact Matt Norris at [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.

### Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Talent Show**

LIFEDesigns is hosting a Talent Show at 7 p.m. at the Bloomington Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. LIFEDesigns, Kiwanis Aktion Club, and Best Buddies Indiana University are partnering for this event. There will be light refreshments provided, and the event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact: Stephanie Shelton at [sshelton@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:sshelton@lifedesignsinc.org) or 812-332-9615.

### Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Stone Belt Opening Reception for Art Exhibit**

There will be an opening reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall atrium for an art exhibit celebrating Disability Awareness Month! Works by Stone Belt artists from Bloomington, Bedford, and Columbus will be featured. For more information please visit [stonebelt.org](http://stonebelt.org), or contact Jana Surigao at [jsurigao@stonebelt.org](mailto:jsurigao@stonebelt.org). Please also visit [stonebelt.org](http://stonebelt.org).

### March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Proper Language Poster Campaign**

This campaign will take place in the Connie and Steve Ferguson Academic Building at Ivy Tech. More information will be available on Ivy Tech's home page: [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu).

### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM)**

The Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM) exists to involve community voices in an effort to improve access in mobility throughout Monroe County for all, regardless of ability. MCCAM meets bimonthly, the second Wednesday of the month, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 1905 North Range Road. Information regarding meeting schedules, transportation, events, trainings, and announcements is available on MCCAM's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccam.org](http://www.facebook.com/mccam.org). For more information, email [mccam1234@gmail.com](mailto:mccam1234@gmail.com).

### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Mock Interview Day**

Mock Interview Day is a chance for individuals with disabilities to practice interviewing skills with a community employer. The Job Developers Council will be hosting this event from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Ivy Tech. The Job Development Council, a part of the Community Transition Council and Diversity Works, consists of representatives from Bloomington North and South High Schools, Community Transitions Program, LifeDesigns, Stone Belt, Centerstone, and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. If interested in participating, contact Brandi Hamilton at [bhamilton@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:bhamilton@lifedesignsinc.org).

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Autism Friendly Movie**

Come to Monroe County Public Library for a special movie showing. Stand up, dance, shout, or sing along at a film showing for everyone, especially individuals living with autism. The lights will be turned slightly up and the sound will be turned slightly down. Relax and enjoy the movie with family and friends without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed by noise or movement. Drop in! The movie takes place at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium, first floor.

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The American Council of the Blind Meeting**

The bimonthly meeting of Bloomington's chapter of The American Council of the Blind (ACB), Heartland Association of ACB, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library. These meetings occur on the third Monday of every other month. They exist to offer support, education, and connections for people who are blind or vision impaired. For more information, contact the Heartland Association of ACB via Google voicemail: 812-269-6531 or email Barbara Salisbury at [barbara.salisbury@att.net](mailto:barbara.salisbury@att.net).

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**ADA Audio Conference: Topic to be announced**

While the topic and speaker are yet to be determined, please join us for a local hosting of the ADA Audio Conference. This 90-minute session will cover an issue related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The moderator will leave time to take questions from the audience. This audio conference is free and will be held at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Norris at [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**ADA Legal Webinar: "What the ADA Is and Isn't"**

In this webinar, attorney Aaron McCullough will provide a discussion and update on thresholds and boundaries of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He will give an overview who and what is covered under the ADA, and what thresholds or boundaries exist along with updated case information on issues including: religious organizations, private clubs, geographic borders, and more. The webinar is free, but you must register at [www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/ADALegal](http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/ADALegal). For more information, contact Matt Norris at [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sensory Storytime**

Come to Monroe County Public Library for an interactive and educational storytime for all preschoolers (ages 3–6), but designed especially for children with sensory integration issues. Stories, songs, and activities are combined to stimulate all the senses and promote learning. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the Library's other storytimes, or is just more comfortable in a small, interactive setting, this program of stories, songs, and activities may be just right for your child. The session will take place from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Program Room, first floor. Please register by calling 812-349-3100; online at [mcpl.info/calendar](http://mcpl.info/calendar); or in-person at any reference desk.

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Accessible IT Webinar: "Speech Recognition Software"**

In this free webinar from the Great Lakes ADA Center, find out about speech recognition software and the people who use and benefit from speech recognition. It will cover what is available on different platforms such as Windows, Mac, and mobile platforms. Sample demonstration of speech recognition will be provided as well as a review of designing websites for use with speech recognition. The webinar is free, but you must register at [www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology](http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology). For more information, contact Matt Norris at [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6508.

## March 24-26<sup>th</sup>

### **Disability Support Services Education Table**

The Education Table will be available on three days in the First Floor Rotunda of Ivy Tech's Connie and Steve Ferguson Academic Building. The dates are Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 p.m.; and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 p.m. More information will be available on Ivy Tech's home page: [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu).

## Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

### **"Way to Go" Travel Training**

Bloomington Transit hosts free travel training sessions for individuals and groups. The purpose is to teach people of all abilities to navigate the city bus system. Sessions are held each month. This March 24<sup>th</sup> class will begin at 9 a.m. Additional classes can be arranged. Interested persons or groups must RSVP. For more information and to RSVP, contact Eli McCormick, Customer Service Manager, at [mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com](mailto:mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com) or 812-336-7433.

## March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Invisible Disabilities Educational Workshops**

These workshops will be held in Room C132 (across from Bloomingfoods) in Ivy Tech's Connie and Steve Ferguson Academic Building. The Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> workshop will be held from 9-9:30 a.m. and the Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> workshop will be held from 12-12:30 p.m. More information will be available on Ivy Tech's home page: [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu).

## Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Business Recognition Awards**

Diversity Works of South Central Indiana, a Steering Committee that includes Stone Belt, LifeDesigns, Centerstone, WorkOne, and Vocational Rehabilitation, presents this event to honor organizations in Bloomington that have made outstanding contributions employing people with developmental disabilities in the past year. The goal of the Committee is to increase employment of people with disabilities in south central Indiana by increasing awareness about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities, and by linking employers to resources. The awards ceremony will be held in Bloomington downtown's Fountain Square Ballroom from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

Interested citizens are invited to be an integral part of the local transportation planning process. The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to foster and develop citizen awareness of transportation policy and planning. At their monthly meetings, the CAC reviews transportation projects and policies, and makes recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This month's meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the McCloskey Room, Suite 135 at City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street. To participate or for more information, contact Anna Dragovich at [dragovia@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:dragovia@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3423. Visit their website: <http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo>.

## March 27<sup>th</sup>

### **IU Special Education Research Seminar**

Indiana University's Special Education Department will host a Research Seminar on "*Alternate Assessments and Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities: Essential Challenges for Our Field.*" Speaker will be Dr. Harold L. Kleinert, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute - University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of Kentucky. The seminar will occur at 9 a.m. at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Conference Room B. For further information, contact Dr. Erna Alant at [ealant@indiana.edu](mailto:ealant@indiana.edu).

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**World Down Syndrome Day**

Down Syndrome Family Connection will be hosting a family pot-luck meal to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Details will be available soon on our website: [www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](http://www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org).

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) will be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the McCloskey Conference Room (#135). The meeting is open to all who are interested in making Bloomington a more accessible city. For more information, contact Lucy Schaich at [cca@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:cca@bloomington.in.gov).

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**“The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia”**

Pinnacle School and Learning Services is hosting a screening of “The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia” at the Monroe County Public Library at 5:30 p.m. followed by discussion at 6:30 p.m. Directed by James Redford, the film “provides personal and uplifting accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts, and iconic leaders...the film not only clears up the misconceptions about the condition, but also paints a picture of hope for all who struggle with it. Shining a spotlight on the latest scientific and psychological research...illustrates that while the condition is an obstacle, it also carries some unique advantages, and ultimately can be overcome.” For further information about this event, Pinnacle School, or dyslexia services, contact Taylor Wittmer at [twittmer@pinnacleschool.org](mailto:twittmer@pinnacleschool.org) or 812-339-8141.