

IPVI INSIGHTS

Connecting & Supporting Families Whose Children are Visually Impaired, Including Those with Additional Disabilities

**July
2015**



“LITERACY THROUGH EXPERIENCE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO”

Registration closes on Friday, July 10, 2015

Please be advised that IPVI’s Membership Outing will be held at the Brookfield Zoo, (enter in the south entrance) 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield, IL 60513, on **July 18, 2015**. There are so many activities and animals to see so arrive early. IPVI has created a special T-Shirt for this event, (\$10/ea.) which will gain you free access to the Zoo, parking, lunch, the Dolphin Show, and the Hamill Family play Zoo. The luncheon includes Pizza and Drinks together with a guest speaker.

AGENDA Rain or Shine!

9:30 a.m.	Discovery Center Parking Lot opens – arrive early!
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Register at the Discovery Center and pick up T-Shirts and Dolphin Show/Hamill Family Play Zoo tickets
10:00 a.m.	Zoo Opens
10 a.m. – Noon	Visit various animals or partake in any of the Zoo Activities
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Return to Discovery Center – Family Photos
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Guest Speaker, Lunch at the Discovery Center (Remember immediately after lunch, the Group Photo is to be taken. Please stay until then.)
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Seven Seas Dolphin Show
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Enjoy the Zoo!

Festival of Flight -- FREE EVENT

Location: West of Tropic World

A 30-minute engaging, interactive show offered daily that features a variety of birds from around the world demonstrating free-flight natural behavior. The shows, which are **free** and located west of Tropic World, also feature audience participation.



Our Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker at the Brookfield Zoo this year will be Lyle Stauder. Lyle is a founding 1986 board member of IPVI. Lyle owns his own successful business, Breaktime Vending, and is married to Anna. They have two grown sons, Anthony and Richard.

Lyle is legally blind and was born with Aniridia, the same condition his mom had. His two sons are also affected with it. This gives Lyle a unique insight into the world of low vision. He will talk about how his family managed with a mom with low vision as well as how Anna and he have dealt with his and his sons' low vision issues. Both of the sons have gone to college, are working and have lived independently. The Stauders are definitely a success story to be heard. We look forward to seeing you at our Brookfield Zoo Outing.

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Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

TO: ALL IPVI Members (EVEN THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE ZOO OUTING, PLEASE READ: DUES ARE \$15/YEARLY. PLEASE REMIT IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID LATELY. WE ALSO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!)

Note, we no longer US mail our newsletter. You can view it by the fifth of each month at our website: IPVI.org
 If you do not have a computer and would like a copy mailed to you, please fill out and return this section of the form.

RETURN ALL FORMS TO: MARY ZABELSKI, P. O. Box 316634, CHICAGO, IL 60631 (773-882-1331) ZOO ONLY

My dues are enclosed. Yes or No. Circle One. Also, I need a hard copy mailed to me at:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

WILLING TO VOLUNTEER?: YES OR NO? (CIRCLE ONE) PHONE # _____

IPVI'S 2015 BROOKFIELD ZOO – MEMBERS ONLY OUTING Saturday July 18th Registration and Payment Form

Attendance is restricted to currently paid members of IPVI** (check your address). All attendees must pre-register, purchase a 2015 Zoo T-Shirt and show current identification at the Discovery Center when signing in. Attendees agree by submitting this form to a Release of Liability & Use of Photographs by IPVI for this event.

Indicate T-Shirt Size per attendee:

Choices are: INFANT -- YOUTH small/medium/large -- ADULT small/medium/large, XLG, XXLG or XXXLG

FAMILY NAME: _____ IPVI Current Membership _____ y / n

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home #:(_____) _____ - _____ Cell #:(_____) _____ - _____

1) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

2) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

3) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

4) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

5) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

6) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

7) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

8) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

9) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Membership Dues (\$15.00.year) _____ \$

Total Number of Zoo Admission T-Shirts @\$10/person _____ \$

Donation to IPVI for (IPVI Scholarship) or (Zoo Costs) _____ \$

TOTAL MONEY (INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM) PAYABLE TO IPVI _____ \$

** IPVI IS FUNDED THROUGH MEMBER DUES, ACTIVITY/EVENT PARTICIPATION FEES, AND PRIVATE/PUBLIC DONATIONS. IPVI benefits are available to anyone who needs and applies for membership, regardless of their ability to pay. IPVI is an all-volunteer organization. We sincerely welcome your participation, support and ideas. We primarily focus on supporting families challenged by visual impairments but welcome anyone with other disabilities as well.

Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

**Para: Todos los Miembros de IPVI (Incluyendo los que no participant en este evento favor de leer):
CUOTA ANUAL \$15. FAVOR DE CUBRIR LA CUOTA SI NO LA HA REALIZADO.**

NECESITAMOS MAS VOLUNTARIOS!

Nota, ya no madamos las cartas via correo. Ahora las puede ver el 5 de cada mes en la pagina de internet: **IPVI.org**
Si no tiene acceso a una computadora y quiere una copia por correo favor llenar esta forma y mandarla a la siguiente direccion:

REGRESAR FORMAS A: MARY ZABELSKI, P.O. Box 316634, CHICAGO, IL 60631 (773-882-1331)
ZOO ONLY

Mi cuota esta incluida, Si o No. Marque una. Tambien necesito una copia original por correo a:

Nombre: _____

Direccion: _____

Ciudad, Estado, Codigo Postal: _____

QUIERO SER VOLUNTARIO?: SI O NO? (MARQUE UNA) TELEFONO# _____

IPVI'S 2015 ZOOLOGICO DE BROOKFIELD – SOLO MIEMBROS
Sabado 18 de Julio Registracion y Forma de Pago

La participacion está restringida a miembros que estan al corriente con los pagos de IPVI ** (Confirme su direccion). Todos los asistentes deben pre-inscribirse, comprar una camiseta del Zoologico del 2015 y mostrar una identificación vigente en el Discovery Center al firmar. Los asistentes estan de acuerdo y consentimiento a enviar este formulario a la Liberación de Responsabilidad y Uso de Fotografias por IPVI para este evento.

Indique talla de playas para los que atenderan:

Opciones son: BEBES – NINOS paquena/mediana/grande -- ADULTO paquena/mediana/grande, XG, XXG o XXXG

NOMBRE DE FAMILIA: _____ IPVI Miembro activo _____ si/no

Direccion: _____ Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Codigo Postal: _____

Email: _____ Casa #: (____) _____ - _____ Celular #: (____) _____ - _____

- 1) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____
- 2) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____
- 3) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____
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- 9) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

Cuota de Membresia (\$15.00. por año) \$ _____

Total de playeras para admission al Zoologico @ \$10/persona \$ _____

Donacion al IPVI para (IPVI Beca Escolar) o (Costo del Zoologico) \$ _____

CANTIDAD TOTAL (INCLUYENDO CON ESTA FORMA) PAGABLE A IPVI \$ _____

** IPVI SE FINANCIA MEDIANTE LAS CUOTAS DE MIEMBROS, CUOTAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN EN ACTIVIDADES Y EVENTOS, DONACIONES PRIVADAS Y PÚBLICAS. IPVI beneficios están disponibles para cualquier persona que necesita y aplica por membresia independientemente de su capacidad de pago. IPVI es una organización de voluntarios. Damos la bienvenida sinceramente a tu participación, apoyo e ideas. Nos centramos principalmente en apoyar a las familias con impedimentos visuales asi como a cualquier otras discapacidades.

“LITERACY THROUGH EXPERIENCE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO”

Ultimo dia para Registracion es 10 de Julio de 2015

Tenga en cuenta que la Membresía de IPVI se llevará a cabo en el Zoológico de Brookfield, (entrar por la Entrada Sur) 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield, IL 60513, el 18 de Julio de 2015. Llegue temprano, hay tantas actividades que hacer y animales que ver. IPVI ha creado una camiseta especial para este evento,(\$10c/u) Esta camiseta le da entrada gratis al Zoológico, estacionamiento, almuerzo, Show de delfines, y Hamill Family Play Zoo. El almuerzo incluye Pizza y bebidas junto a un orador invitado.

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m Estacionamiento abre (Discovery Center Parking Lot) Llegue temprano!
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m Registrarse en el (Discovery Center) para recoger las camisetas y boletos para el Show de Delfines y Hamill Family Play Zoo
- 10:00 a.m Zoológico abre las puertas
- 10:00 – 12:00 p.m Visita los animals y participa en cualquiera de las actividades del Zoologico
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m Regresa al Discovery Center para fotos con la familia
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m Conferencia con el orador invitado y almuerzo en el Discovery Center (recuerda inmediatamente después del almuerzo la foto del grupo sera tomada. (Por favor, quedece hasta entonces)
- 2:00 – 3:30 p.m Show de Delfines
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m Puede disfrutar del zoológico!

Festival of Flight (Festival de Vuelo)-- EVENTO GRATIS

Locacion: Oeste de Tropic World

Participa en el show interactivo que se ofrece diariamente con una gran variedad de aves de todo el mundo demostrando el comportamiento natural de vuelo libre. Los espectáculos son gratis y estan situados al oeste de Tropic World, con la participación del público.

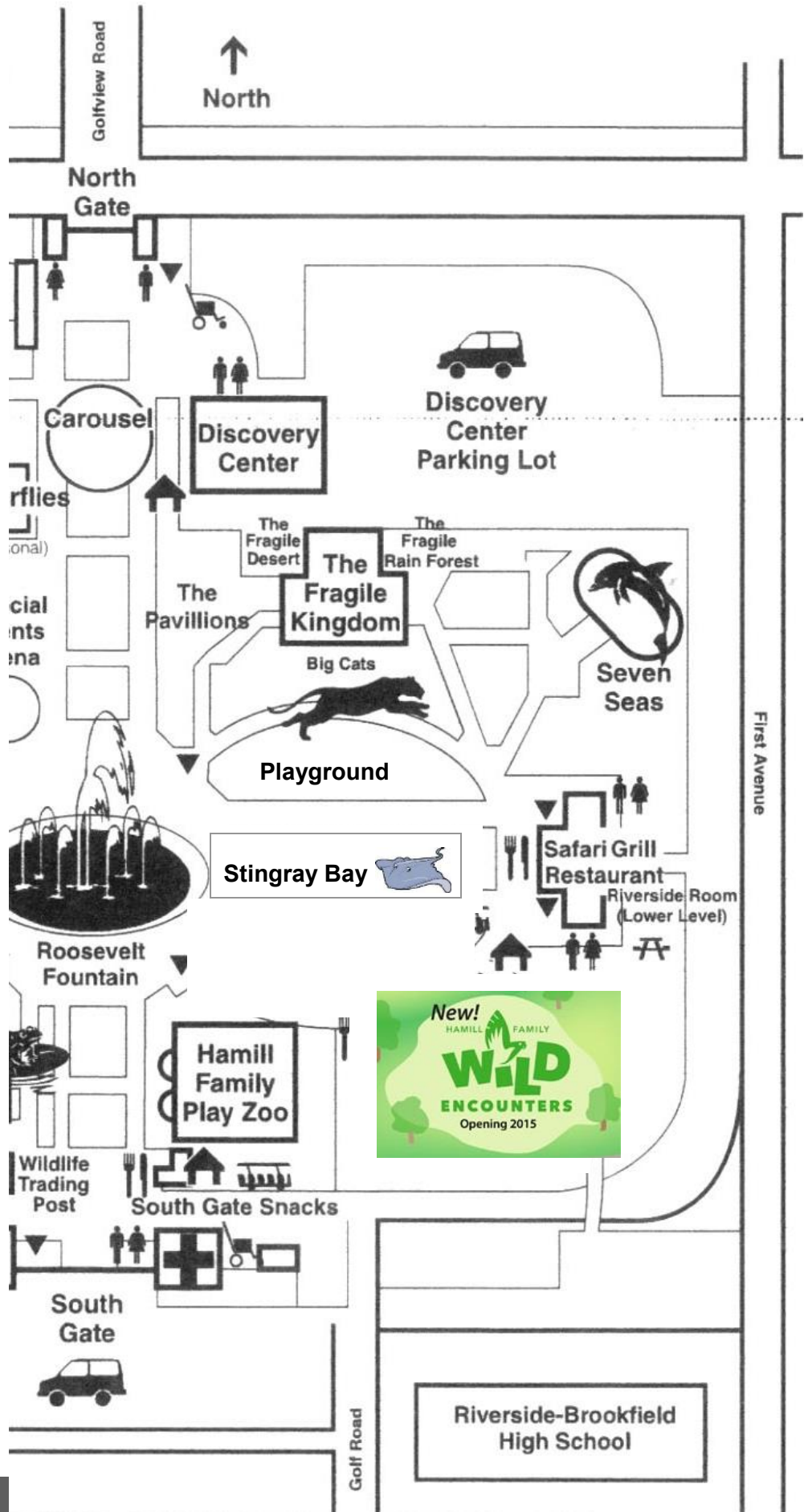






We are gathering in the Discovery Center. We are to park in the Discovery Center Parking Lot. We need to enter at the SOUTH Entrance, not the main entrance. To get to the South Entrance, take 1st Avenue to Ridgewood Road (the first traffic light south of 31st street). Go west on Ridgewood to Golf Road. Turn right on Golf Road to the South Entrance Parking Booth (See map).

At the South Entrance Parking booth, say that you are with IPVI and you will not have to pay for parking. After the south parking booth, stay to the right and tell the next gate guard that you are with IPVI and they will let you on to the road leading to the Discovery Center parking lot. Come to the Discovery Center to check in and get your shirts and Zoo map. See you all there!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lyle Stauder, President

Well, it's July and we're looking forward to many activities this month. Please join us for the NAPVI Conference in Chicago at the Marriot UIC Hotel July 10th through 12th. For more information, go to NAPVI.org.

Also, we're hoping to see most of you at the Members Only Outing at Brookfield Zoo on July 18th starting at 9:30 a.m. Don't forget to send in your forms, t-shirt payments, member dues, and/or donations to Mary Zabelski A.S.A.P., please to:

P. O. Box 316634, CHICAGO, IL 60631

In closing, I came across this poem again and thought it would be a good thing to share with all of you parents. Have a great summer.

"As I Grow"

By: Helene Rothschild

As I grow, please...Understand that I am growing up and changing very fast. It must be difficult to keep pace, but please try.

As I grow, please...Listen to me and give me brief, clear answers to my questions. Then I will keep sharing my thoughts and feelings.

As I grow, please...Reward me for telling the truth, then I am not frightened into lying.

As I grow, please...Tell me when you make mistakes and what you learned from them. Then I can accept that I am O.K, even when I blunder.

As I grow, please...Pay attention to me and spend time with me. Then I can believe that I am important and worthwhile.

As I grow, please... Do the things that you want me to do. Then I have a good, positive role model.

As I grow, please...Trust and respect me. Even though I am smaller than you, I have feelings and needs, just like you.

As I grow, please... Compliment and appreciate me. Then I will feel good and I will want to continue to please you.

As I grow, please...Help me explore my unique interest, talents, and potential. In order for me to be happy, I need to be me and not you or someone you want me to be.

As I grow, please...Be an individual and create your own happiness. Then you can teach me the same and I can live a happy, successful and fulfilling life.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME!

MS. VIC'S VOLLEYS
Victoria Juskie, IPVI Treasurer

MS. VIC VOLLEYS

VOLLEY I

Since our last publication, the following families, individuals, and/or organizations became members:

No new members have joined this month.

VOLLEY II

There are a lot of families whose lives have been altered by vision loss. Of those families, many of them may have children who suffer from other afflictions as well. Welcome to our elite group -- the 1% of the 1%. We are the families who others talk about. They may say, "Oh, that's the blind kid's house." Didn't they get the memo? They're supposed to use "person first" language. They should say, "The house of the kid who is blind." (Oh, I know my friend who hates when I use the word "kid" instead of "child" is cringing right now. Sorry, Erika.) Anyway, I digress.

In my world when I grew up a half-century ago, the words I heard all too often were "Oh, they have the kid that's a 'reeeee-tard.'" (sic) I can't tell you how many physical scrabbles those words caused. You see, where I come from *them's fightin' words*. The next thing you'd hear would be "No one calls my brother that!" resonating down the block as my glasses flew off and the scrap was on. To this day I cringe when I hear someone say, "What are you, a retard?" I even called out someone at a party for yelling that. I was appalled when he said it four times to someone. I then asked him to stop saying that because my brother has a learning disability, and that's such a hateful word. I was later told that in this instance since he wasn't calling a person with a

disability a retard, that I should have let that go. Sometimes I am too sensitive, so we'll call that one a draw.

Anyway, the purpose of this diatribe is to let you all remember that words hurt. On the other hand though, one of the things we of the 1% of the 1% need to learn to do is become a little more "thick skinned," meaning that we can't let every reference to blind, crippled, disabled, etc. get to us. People who have never encountered a person with blindness/low vision or other learning disability up close and personal really have a hard time knowing the right thing to say. Sometimes we just have to educate them in a way that isn't scolding. Most people appreciate that. Also, if you open up the conversation that you know there's a difference in vision but not in being a person with feelings, most breathe a sigh of relief that you've made it a more comfortable topic.

So my tip of the day is to relax. Take a deep breath and exhale. We of the elite 1% of the 1% work very hard just to maintain pace. There is a lot more to think about and do when your child is so dependent due to a disability. However, letting go of the small stuff will help keep you trudging forward. All we can do is take it one day at a time and let the stupid stuff slide. Save your energy for what's really important, like hugging those children; playing games with them; letting them know they can be anyone they want to be when they grow up; and loving your significant other who is by your side on this roller coaster we call "Life." You will get through these challenges. Hang in there, and remember, if it ever gets too tough, you can call IPVI if you need a shoulder.

VOLLEY III

Happy Birthday, America! Thank you for being the greatest country in the world. Happy 60th Birthday, Jimmy Maack, the best big brother any girl could ever have. Love you,

bro, and I'd still start a scrap if anyone ever tries to hurt your feelings.



Turn Summer Daze into Learning Days!



How to Make the Most of Summer

Studies have shown that all students are likely to lose some of their learning gains during the summer. For the average student, this loss amounts to at least a month's worth of learning. Parents can help keep their kids sharp in the summer. But how?

In summer, time seems to stretch out, giving us a chance to have some fun with our kids. It's also a great time for all kinds of learning! Parents can help their kids keep learning alive. But how? The key to avoiding summer learning loss is to continue learning through the summer. The key to learning through the summer is to make learning FUN!

Here are some suggestions based on studies that have discovered powerful ways for children to hold on to what they have learned during the school year and to even gain more skills and knowledge during the summer. These research findings can help point the way:

- The number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains.
- Children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer are likely to gain more in reading skills than children who don't.
- Children read more when they see other people reading. Parents can be models by letting their children see them reading for pleasure.

Seize the moment

When your children express an interest, encourage them to talk about it and to explore it further. Follow their passions. Find out what amuses, excites, and inspires them. Pick activities around their interests. Summer outings may present opportunities for your child to learn about history, biography, and nature. Seize those teachable moments to encourage your child to listen, read, take a picture, add to a postcard collection—even to write in a journal! Check your local department of parks and recreation for upcoming events.

Talk and listen

Every summer day brings opportunities to talk with and listen to your children. In fact, did you know that just talking and listening are important to children's success in life? Listening is really a child's first experience with language and the beginning of literacy. Talk about everything. Use big words even when children are very young. Encourage your child to talk by listening.

Read! Read! Read!

Instead of losing reading skills, children who read during the summer actually gain skills. Reading aloud to young children is the most important way to get them started on the road to being a successful reader. Read to and with your child as often as possible. Read in the language of the home or whatever language you are comfortable using. Keep books, magazines, and newspapers in the home and be a reading role model. Visit your local library often. Take books home. Perhaps join a summertime reading program or attend storytime sessions. Libraries also rent movies and CDs. A child who is a reluctant reader might be more interested in reading a book once he has seen the movie. Comic books are also a great way to get kids to read and build their vocabulary. With access to the Web, libraries can give older kids a great way to pursue an interest.

Encourage math and science

Talk about math and science during everyday activities. Cooking, gardening, sewing, using a calculator, playing board games, estimating distances and amounts, and recognizing patterns in design and music are all great ways to strengthen math and science skills. Keep events on a fam-

ily-size calendar to help reinforce learning about time and scheduling.

Encourage writing

People who read more write better. The more people write, the better they get at writing. Find ways to build writing into everyday activities. You might encourage our child to:

- Keep a summer scrapbook. Fill it with postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Your child can write the captions and read them as you look over the book.
- Help write a grocery list.
- Start a journal. It can be about what happened during the day or week, or about a topic your child is interested in and finding out about.

Be a positive role model

Let your child see you enjoy reading and learning. Your joy of learning is catching! Keep learning alive during the summer so that your children will return to school refreshed, energized, and ready to start the new school year.

Studies have found that kids gain reading skills when they read any format they want, including comic books and teen romances. In fact, these reading gains were even better than those gained from direct reading instruction.

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MAKING SENSE

Netflix Audio-Described Programming:

There has been a substantial amount of talk lately concerning Netflix and audio-described movies and TV shows. Here are a couple of things to be aware of if you are interested in learning more. Netflix is adding more titles to their inventory, but the audio description is

from a variety of sources and not always the extremely high quality you may have experienced at movie theaters. Also, in order to browse the available titles, you must be a Netflix subscriber. At this writing, there are approximately 39 titles available.

Leadership Camp for Young Adults: The Chicago Park District is offering a leadership camp for individuals, ages 16 to 22, with vision

loss. Camp activities include swimming, crafts, beep baseball and a trip to the beach. Camp meets at Davis Square Park, 4430 S Marshfield, from August 10 to 14, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Fee for the entire week is \$11. To learn more, call Christina Moy at 312-747-6107 of

christina.moy@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Reprinted from MAKING SENSE, June 2015, Second Sense, Beyond vision loss, 65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1010, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-236-8569, www.second-sense.org.



The STAR NET Region VI Workshop Catalog from July, 2015 through December, 2015 is now available on our website at www.swcccase.org/starnet.

You may register for our workshops/webinars on-line. Please go to the workshop/webinar page and click the "Register on-line" link and complete the registration form. If you prefer, you may still download the registration form in the catalog on Page 20 and either e-mail or fax the completed form to our office as has been our procedure in the past.

The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) is no longer included in our catalog but has been moved to a separate link located in the workshop section of our website.

If you have any questions please contact our office at starnet@swcccase.org or at 708-342-5370.

Register soon!

Thank You!

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6020 West 151st Street
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

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IPVI's Matthew Benedict Juskie Scholarship Fund

For students who are blind or visually impaired

Any individual intending to continue his/her education at a college, university or trade school and is interested in being considered for the MBSJF, must meet the following criteria: Illinois resident, blind or visually impaired, undergraduate or graduate student, and an IPVI member.

The candidate's application is processed free of charge. The student must mail or fax a written request to receive a copy of the application from IPVI. Then the student must complete the MBSJF Application Form, provide 3 completed Reference Forms, submit medical records or a letter from the vision specialist confirming the condition, and mail them to IPVI. The applicant may attach a 1-page resume of clubs, offices held, or any other pertinent information concerning his/her activity record.

The IPVI Board of Directors will review all scholarship applications and select the winners. IPVI reserves the right to announce such awards in its newsletters and marketing materials.

The MBSJF is funded completely from tax-deductible donations from individuals, companies and corporations who support IPVI's goals. Any individuals or groups wishing to donate to this fund, please forward your tax-deductible donations to IPVI. Thank you for your continued support of IPVI.



To request a scholarship application, please contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator, Vicki Juskie at: 815-464-6162 or vajuskie@aol.com



*Your favorite
House Walk is
coming.*

**Please save the date for our 29th Annual House Walk:
September 9, 2015**

The houses will be spectacular. The gardens will be in late bloom. And the cause continues to be meaningful, supporting programs that benefit children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

We hope you plan to attend, volunteer, or both!

Registration/Ticket pick-up:

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

North Shore Congregation Israel (1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe, IL)

Event Time:

10:00 am-3:00 pm with **last entry** into homes at 2:45 pm

Tickets purchased in advance: \$65

Tickets purchased at the door: \$85

For more information, contact Lighthouse Coordinator:

Melissa Wittenberg

847.510.2060

Melissa.Wittenberg@chicagolighthouse.org



Lunches are \$15 each

Lunch options provided by LYFE
Kitchen – Love Your Food Everyday
**All lunches include dessert & bottled
water.**

Sharing A Vision Conference

Join Us!

Crowne Plaza Springfield, IL
September 28-30, 2015

Sharing A Vision brings together thousands of Illinois' early childhood educators, administrators, policy makers, advocates, families and many more. This three day, information packed event will connect you with experts who will provide new ideas and best practices to help you reach your goals.

<http://sharingavision.org/index.html>



Request for Presenter

The Sharing A Vision (SAV) Presenter Committee is excited to accept proposals for presentations for the 14th Biennial Conference. Proposals are due January 31, 2015.

<http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/presenters.html>

Exhibitor and Sponsorship Activities

Connect and grow your business by registering as an exhibitor and learn about sponsorship opportunities.

<http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/exhibitors.html>



Art Gallery Submissions

Showcase artwork from children (birth to eight) attending your program in the Creative Expressions Gallery.

<http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/gallery.html>



Showcasing Sessions

Showing Sessions are an effective forum for the exchange of information and research, and to present innovative ideas.

<http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/showcasing.html>



Hotel Accommodations: <http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/hotel.html>

Tips for the First Time Conference Attendees: <http://sharingavision.org/tips.html>

Jeanette McCollum Nominations: <http://sharingavision.org/conf/2015/mccollum.html>

Contact Info: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/6925927>

STAR NET | 6020 West 151st Street | Oak Forest | IL | 60452

Summer Challenge to END BLINDNESS

Throughout our [2015 Summer Challenge](#), an anonymous donor will match your gift dollar-for-dollar to fund more cutting-edge research. **That means your impact on vision-saving work will be doubled!**

The Foundation invests only in those researchers whose work shows great promise. Researchers like Dr. Shannon Boye.

Dr. Boye is a gene therapist and mother of two who empathizes with parents desperate to save their children's eyesight.

As part of our Summer Challenge Researcher Spotlight, you can read more about the treatments Dr. Boye is currently working on.

Dr. Boye is helping develop a gene therapy for Leber congenital amaurosis caused by a defect in the GUCY2D gene. Gene therapy, the practice of replacing a mutated gene that causes the disease with a healthy gene, is increasingly being used to treat patients in clinical trials.

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One aspect of Dr. Boye's work would represent a "paradigm shift" by providing patients with a gene-delivery system that's gentler, and less invasive, than those currently used in human studies.

Today, your gift through our Summer Challenge Campaign will be doubled to increase the promise that gene therapy holds and, ultimately, the funds available to researchers like Dr. Boye.

Beyond hope for a cure, we are ending blindness. Thank you for joining us.



Sincerely,



William T. Schmidt
Chief Executive Officer

www.fightblindness.org



Join The FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

TELL CONGRESS: PROTECT VISION RESEARCH



This is an exciting time for vision research, with recent breakthroughs giving hope to millions of people facing vision loss.

With that in mind, now is the time to accelerate funding for vision research, both in the private AND public sectors.

Unfortunately, funding for the National Eye Institute at the National Institutes of Health has not kept pace with the demand for retinal research. In fact, it's been scaled back in recent years.

**Tell Your Senators
Make Sight-Saving
Research a Priority**

If allowed to continue, this situation could have a devastating effect on the health and economic vitality of the nation, as well as negatively impact current and future researchers.

But as part of our Summer Challenge to End Blindness, it is easier than ever to tell Congress that sight-saving research needs to be a priority.

I ask that you take one minute to add your name in support of additional funding for research advancements. You can use the sample message we started for you and simply hit SEND, or you can edit the message to add your personal story and thoughts.

Please, email your members of Congress today.

A cure is in sight, but not unless the research continues. We can't do it alone.

Thank you,



Stephen Rose, Ph.D.
Chief Research Officer

P.S. Our list of the top research advancements of 2014 is impressive, but imagine where we can go from here. Tell Congress today: **We need to continue funding sight-saving research!**

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Family Resource Center on Disabilities

12th Annual Disability Pride Parade!

WHAT:

Join Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) for a day of solidarity, awareness and celebration of disability pride.

WHEN:

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Parade: 11:00am-12:30pm

Post Parade Festivities: 12:30pm

WHERE:

We will meet at the staging area at 401 S. Plymouth Court at 10:15 a.m. Post parade festivities will begin 12:30 p.m. at Daley Plaza at Washington and Dearborn.

REGISTER:

www.frcd.org/dpp2015/

Registration is free, but we ask that you register to march with FRCD.

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There is much to celebrate at this year's Disability Pride Parade. The Americans with Disabilities Act turns 25. The former (retired) senator of Iowa, Senator Thomas Harkin (D), who has been an advocate and a champion of disability rights throughout his service as senator is this year's Disability Pride Parade's Grand Marshall.

The overall mission of the Disability Pride Parade is to change the way people think about and define "Disability." Now is the time to promote the belief in society that Disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride. March with Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) at this year's 12th Annual Disability Pride Parade on Saturday, July 18.



Disability Pride Parade

Contact FRCD at 312-939-3513 or email paula.wills@frcd.org or contact George Terzakis at 312-852-3900 Or gterzakis@gmail.com

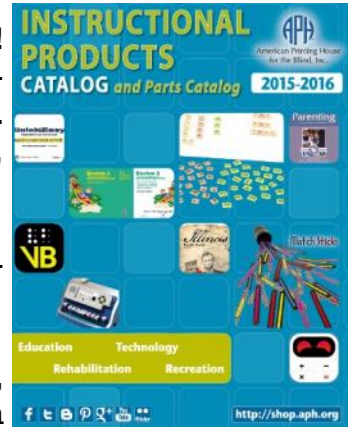
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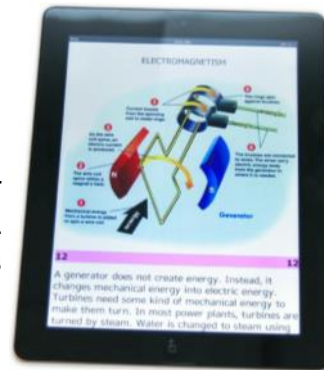
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| ▶ 7/18 | IPVI Zoo Outing | Brookfield |
| ▶ 7/18 | 12th Annual Disability Pride Parade! | Chicag |
| ▶ 9/9 | TCL 29th Annual House Walk | Glencoe |
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