Missouri Assistive Technology Workshops

Feb and March 2021

Braille Study Group

Saturdays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
We welcome learners at all levels! Bring your questions, get support for your learning goals and find out how to learn Braille for free from home.
https://nypl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlde2hqTkoG91r_zJaHFrQ8YuaIgNhzFEg

Intro to Zoom with Accessibility in Mind

Thursday February 4, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Come learn about using Zoom with a screen reader or other access technology. We'll go over tips for managing your camera and sound, navigating the mobile and desktop apps, using keyboard shortcuts, choosing a virtual background, and using important features like screen sharing and chat. We'll also share some tips for making any Zoom more accessible.
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Exploring Blogs and Articles with RSS Readers

Saturday February 13, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
An RSS reader is a mobile or desktop app that lets you subscribe to news media and blogs so that you can build your own continuously updated reading list, full of the topics and voices that interest you most. This workshop will introduce you to options for accessible RSS feed readers, and get you started with finding RSS feeds you want to follow.
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Online Shopping with Accessibility in Mind

Thursday February 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Learn about searching online for products, reading reviews, comparing prices, and getting visual descriptions of items. Find out where to check online for accessible home appliances, Braille supplies and accessible games. We'll also talk about subscription-based services and online grocery shopping.
https://nypl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcOmoqDgsGdIHKTO9fUbQeTHFlZ-Nl8pA

Build Your Own Remote Tech Workshop

Tuesday February 23, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Learn and share strategies for choosing topics, preparing an outline, publicizing your event, handling registration, moderating a remote event, and facilitating discussion among participants who have different backgrounds and interests. This workshop is open to anyone but we particularly recommend it for those who want to lead virtual events focused on tech and culture in communities of disability.
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Organizing and Finding Files in Windows 10

Tuesday March 2, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Come explore the Windows File Explorer! This workshop will prepare you to put files where you want them, organize important files into folders, rename and rearrange files, decide what program will open a particular kind of file, and search your entire computer or a specific location for exactly what you need. If you have trouble finding downloads or your Documents folder is getting way too cluttered, this workshop is for you!
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DIY Tactile Drawing

Saturday March 13, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
These days we no longer have easy access to embossers or microcapsule fusers. However, we don't always need them in order to make tactile graphics. In fact, there's a long history of DIY tactile graphic design—with students, designers, and teachers using collaging techniques to make one-of-a-kind designs. In this workshop, we will cover the history, basics, and best practices of Do-It-Yourself (DIY) tactile graphics. We'll use materials found in our homes to make our own works of art. Please come to the Zoom meeting prepared with a stylus or pencil, some paper, and a Sensational Blackboard or wooden cutting board. If you want to really bring the party, grab some scissors, glue, tactile junk from around the house (get creative!), puffy paint, or hot glue. It's going to get messy and fun!
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Book Discussion - What Can a Body Do: How We Meet the Built World

Thursday March 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
By Sara Hendrin, DB100228 or available at Bookshare.org.
Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR and LitHub
A fascinating and provocative new way of looking at the things we use and the spaces we inhabit, and a call to imagine a better-designed world for us all.
Furniture and tools, kitchens and campuses and city streets—nearly everything human beings make and use is assistive technology, meant to bridge the gap between body and world. Yet unless, or until, a misfit between our own body and the world is acute enough to be understood as disability, we may never stop to consider—or reconsider—the hidden assumptions on which our everyday environment is built.
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iOS and Android App Swap

Wednesday March 24, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Come share information about your all-time favorite apps and your newest discoveries. This is an interactive, open discussion for patrons and the Heiskell tech team to share knowledge and introduce one another to something new. You do not have to present an app to join, but we welcome you to present why you enjoy or use an app, along with any pros and cons, for about 3 minutes plus time for questions.
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