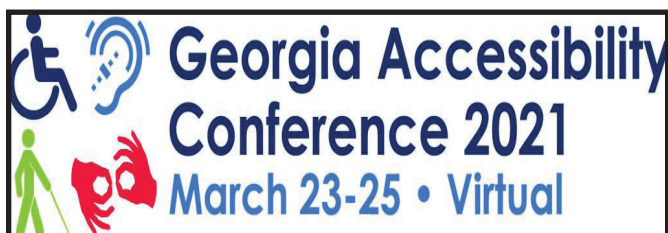


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Looking Back: GAC Success!



GLASS is proud to sponsor and facilitate a biannual conference on accessibility, the Georgia Accessibility Conference (GAC). This event is made available to Georgia librarians and library staff. This year we welcomed presenters from across the country who shared insights and discussed initiatives that have worked in their public libraries. Participants also heard from GLASS staff as they provided GLASS updates and helped Georgia's librarians be better prepared to promote GLASS in their branches. In addition to the information sessions, participants enjoyed a fun-filled session, Cooking With Cecily, hosted by Cecily Nipper. This session featured delicious recipes for flavored popcorn and icebox pie, and host Cecily shared tips for cooking with low vision. The event was very well-received, and participants were

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able to get new ideas, ask questions and earn continuing education credits during this year's virtual event.

Spotlight: CVI!

CVI, Center for the Visually Impaired, is a service provider for Georgia's blind and visually impaired community whose mission is to empower people impacted by vision loss to live with independence and dignity. There, people of all ages who are experiencing vision loss can receive support and training to facilitate living an enjoyable, independent life.

CVI's Children and Youth program provides early intervention services, including functional vision assessments and specialized classes. Additionally, participants receive support for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families with a goal of helping children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential.

School-age children enjoy small group classes in cooking, household skills, braille, orientation and mobility, assistive technology and more.

Spotlight on CVI: Continued

Students can also gain mentors and participate in social and recreational events on weekends.

CVI optometrists who specialize in low vision, work with patients ages 5 and up in the Florence Maxwell Low Vision Clinic to evaluate their vision and set goals. Clients are also able to meet with an occupational therapist who also specializes in low vision and gain new skills in areas such as cooking and cleaning, orientation and mobility, technology and more. CVI also has an onsite store called the VisAbility Store offering products designed to help people who are visually impaired make the most of their vision and continue to do the things they enjoy.

For information on how you can apply for services or refer someone else who needs CVI's services, visit cviga.org or give us a call at 404-875-9011.

Spotlight: Project Independence!

Project Independence is a Georgia vision program for adults age 55 or over.

If you, or someone you know, is at least 55 years of age or over and experiencing vision loss or a combined vision and hearing loss, Project Independence can help.

This vision program is administered by the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and contracts with service providers located throughout Georgia. The service endeavors to help its clients remain independent and continue enjoying the activities that they like.

Among the program's offerings are training on safe travel skills, peer support groups, low vision evaluations and assistive aids/devices to help with daily living e.g., talking watches and various household and kitchen aids.

After receiving services, one client was able to travel indoors and outdoors and was able to use the cane without depending on family and friends to get her to her destinations. With the proper training, her confidence improved. And with the technology and communication skills she learned, she was able to connect with friends and family. Her participation in the peer support groups reassured her that she was not alone and she was not afraid to let her lack of vision slow her down anymore. This is just one of many success stories!

For more information on Project Independence visit: <https://gvs.georgia.gov/project-independence> or call 844-367-4872 or 404-780-6649.

“Outreach On-Call” Virtual Information Session

Here is the schedule for May 2021:

5/5 Audible vs BARD,

5/12 Inside GLASS,

5/19 Accessing foreign language material,

5/26 BARD Express

There are no calls for June. Patrons will be emailed if there are updates.



Books About Finance

Note: Talking books begin with DB. Braille titles begin with BR.

The financial diet: a total beginner's guide to getting good with money (DB 90396), By Chelsea Fagan, Available in Bookshare

Blogger presents personal finance advice specifically targeted to young adults. Discusses the ways money affects various parts of life, including career and relationships, credit, investing, retirement savings, and more. Includes tips on ways to save money, such as learning how to do simple home repairs. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

Get a financial life: personal finance in your twenties and thirties (DB 88668), By Beth Kobliner, Available in Bookshare

Journalist presents guide to managing personal finances for younger adults. Topics include analyzing the state of your finances, debt, banking, investing, retirement, real estate, insurance, taxes, and military benefits. 2017.

Get Good With Money, By Tiffany Aliche, Available in Bookshare

A ten-step plan for finding peace, safety, and harmony with your money—no matter how big or small your goals and no matter how rocky the market might be—by the inspiring and savvy *Budgetnista*. 2021

A kid's guide to earning money: money matters: a kid's guide to money (DB71149) By Tamara Orr

Offers practical advice for finding a job appropriate for your interests and skills, from walking dogs to washing cars. Discusses pros (earning extra money) and cons (having less free time), estimating your available work time, understanding youth labor laws, and asking your parents' permission. For grades 4-7. 2009.

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