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Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

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The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD) hosts an assistive technology user group and provides one-on-one technology training.

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Smart Device Training

iPhones and iOS devices are made accessible to blind/low vision individuals through assistive technology, such as Siri. Learn about these great features.



eBraille Reader Training

Braille is more accessible than ever with the National Library Service's eReader. Connect with the library to learn about this device and how to use it.



Smart Speaker Training

Smart speakers, like Amazon Echo and Google Home, make accessing books, music, and information easy. Learn how to use these devices in your home!



And More ...

As more manufacturers introduce accessible technology into their devices, the Technology User Group (TUG) offers opportunities to learn about the devices and how they can benefit you.

Patrons must provide their own devices; the library does not provide materials for training.

About TUG

Led by Jerry Price, the library's Assistive Technology Education Program Coordinator, the Technology User Group (TUG) meets monthly to discuss the latest news in assistive technology, from using existing devices in new ways to hot new apps that make navigating easy. When possible, the group's members share the skills they've learned with other attendees.

How To Join

Meetings are held via Zoom:

- <https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523>

Meeting ID: 656 203 7293

Call In:

Telephone number: (301) 715-8592

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TECHNOLOGY USER GROUP

WHAT IS THE TECHNOLOGY USER GROUP?

The Technology User Group (TUG) is a group of like-minded individuals who meet monthly to share, discuss, and present on assistive technology.

WHEN & WHERE DO THEY MEET?

The meeting is held via Zoom on the 2nd Saturday of each month (though this may change if there is a scheduling conflict). <https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523>

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WHAT DOES IT COST?

All meetings are FREE and open to the public. You do not need to be an LBPD patron to attend. All are welcome!

WHAT IF I MISS A MEETING?

All meetings are recorded and are available on our website at <https://msla.maryland.gov/Pages/Technology-User-Group.aspx>.

Meetings are also available as downloadable podcasts, which may be accessed at <https://open.spotify.com/show/4b1bV4eAiuBFvPfi1NRVWR>.

DO YOU OFFER ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING?

Jerry Price, our Assistive Technology Education Program Coordinator, and his group of trainers offer one-on-one training to library patrons. Training is available on: iPhones/iPads, smart speakers, smart home tools, apps provided by the App Store, JAWS, Windows Narrator, Zoom Text, and more. Training is provided by appointment only and is offered in-person and over the phone. To schedule an appointment, please contact the library. (The library does not provide training devices.)

WHERE ELSE CAN I LEARN ABOUT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Maryland Technology Assistance Program
<https://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap>; 1.800.832.4827

Division of Rehabilitation Services
<https://dors.maryland.gov>; 410.554.9442

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland
<https://bism.org/>; 1.888.322.4567

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
<https://www.clb.org/>; 1.202.454.6400