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BULLETIN BOARD

Notes and Notices from Colorado Parents of Blind Children (CO-POBC)



Dear Reader:

Please contact us if you have an announcement you would like to tack up on our bulletin board, or if you would like to add a friend or family member to the e-mail list. Direct all communications to: copobc.newsletter@gmail.com, attention Julie Hunter, editor.



DINOSAUR ENCOUNTER!

Here's a message from Brent Batron, youth services coordinator at the Colorado Center for the Blind, about the exciting plan for the March *FAST* Saturday activity. (*FAST* stands for Fun Activities and Skills Training. It is held on the second Saturday of the month and offers free activities for blind/visually impaired kids.)

"Join the Colorado Center for the Blind at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on March 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as we take a prehistoric journey with Catherine Sartin, a PHD candidate in Paleontology from Johns Hopkins University. She will walk us through prehistoric times as we put our hands on dozens of species that lived millions of years ago.

You will get real perspective on how big (or little) you are in comparison to the creatures that lived with and before the dinosaurs. We will spend time in the lab with her as well as get an in-depth tour of the museum as we investigate this amazing time period! Bring a sack lunch. Museum admission is free but you must RSVP to Brent by March 11th. Brent can be reached at 303-778-1130 ext. 222. or at bbatron@cocenter.org"



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...

CHANCE TO WIN PRINT/BRAILLE BOOK

[Beulah Reimer Legacy](#), (BRL) is celebrating Dr. Seuss's contribution to children's literature. Those who place a book order before March 2 from the BRL website will be

placed into a drawing for a free print/Braille Dr. Seuss book of the winner's choice. Hurry...the drawing will be held Tuesday, March 3.



TACTILE ILLUSTRATIONS

Colorado's own tactile artist Ann Cunningham recently worked with the National Braille Press on the release of the print/Braille version of *Bat Loves the Night* by Nicola Davies. This charming book includes a tactile image of the loveable bat which was created by Ann. If you have ever wondered how tactile pictures are made, Ann describes the process on her new [Sensational Information Blog](#). The book is available for \$8.99 from the [NBP Bookstore](#).



FROZEN

National Braille Press brings Disney's popular icy adventure to life with this Read-Along Storybook and CD in contracted Braille. Follow along with Anna's race to save the kingdom in this book and CD set, featuring thrilling sound effects, word-for-word narration, and original movie voices! For ages 3 to 9. \$6.99.

Go to [National Braille Press](#) to order.



START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER!

It may be snowing outside, but it's time to start planning a great summer for your kids! The NFB/CCB lineup of summer learning camps for school age kids is AWESOME. Sign up today for:

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PROGRAM:

[BELL: A Summer Braille Camp for Kids](#)

BELL is a one-week Braille enrichment camp for kids ages 4-12. Both beginners and more accomplished Braille readers will gain confidence in reading and writing while engaged in games, crafts and exciting outdoor activities.

BELL CAMP COLORADO SPRINGS: July 13-17
(Location to be announced)

BELL CAMP METRO DENVER: July 13-17: Rocky Mountain MS Center, 8845 Wagner St., Westminster.

For more information contact program coordinator Michelle Chacon:
rascal.angel2@gmail.com

Ready to apply? Applications for BELL are available on the NFB website: nfb.org/bell-summer-program-form

COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND SUMMER PROGRAMS --

CONFIDENCE CAMP: Elementary age. June 8-26. Five days each week. Fun activities and outdoor experiences designed to further the skills of everyday living.

INITIATION TO INDEPENDENCE CAMP: Middle School age. June 10-July 1: Three week residential program that will focus on Braille, cane travel, technology, challenge recreation and daily living skills.

EARN AND LEARN: High School age. June 6 – August 1 (Residential*)

SUMMER FOR SUCCESS: College Prep. June 5-July 31 (Residential*)

*Eight week residential programs focusing on Braille, cane travel, technology, challenge recreation and daily living skills. High School students will have a part time job experience. College prep students will have classes relating to success in college. Students in both programs will attend the National Convention of the National Federation of the Blind in Orlando, Florida in July.

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more information.



FUTURE REFLECTIONS: IMPORTANT NOTICE!

This message comes from the editor of *Future Reflections*, magazine for parents and educators of blind/visually impaired children.

"The Winter 2015 issue of *Future Reflections* is about to go to the printer. It's full of articles you won't want to miss: a detailed explanation of human guide technique, a piece about transition from pediatrics to adult medical services for young adults with chronic health conditions, information about a new company producing 3D printed models, three book reviews, and much more. The subscription information is being completely updated so even if you have been receiving the publication you must re-subscribe. You can subscribe or re-subscribe by emailing nfbpublications@nfb.org or you can re-subscribe by phone at 410-659-9314 ext. 2344. Please indicate whether you wish to receive the print or audio (USB drive) version of the magazine. Re-subscribe today and stay on board!"



QUEST FOR STORIES FROM THE EDITOR OF FUTURE REFLECTIONS

"The Spring 2015 issue of *Future Reflections* will be a special issue about extracurricular activities. I am looking for articles about kids and teens who are involved in sports, both adaptive and mainstream; clubs; Scouts; church groups; theater; dance; or hobbies...from ceramics to raising goats, from designing games to building birdhouses to rock climbing. Has your child run into snags about getting to participate fully? How did you troubleshoot attitudinal barriers? How have these activities helped your child build friendships and develop skills? If you or your child or teen would like to write an article, that would be great! Please share your ideas with Debbie Stein.
Dkent5817@att.net."



CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Arvada Center for the Arts will offer two audio described performances of the children's theater production of Charlottes Web on Tuesday April 7 at ten a.m. and twelve noon. Tickets cost \$8.00.

Arvada Center for the Arts
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
Arvada, CO 80033
720-898-7240



MARCH CALENDAR

****SUNDAY, March 8 (Also on March 15, 22 & 29)

Goalball for Kids

3:00-4:30 p.m.
Colorado Center for the Blind
2233 W. Sheppard Ave.
Littleton, CO 80120

****SATURDAY, MARCH 14

FAST Saturday

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

FAST Saturday (Fun Activities and Skills Training) Hands on visit to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. See article on page 1. (You must sign up for this by March 11.)

*****SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CO-POBC Get-Together

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

In conjunction with Goalball for Kids, the parents will gather to visit and talk about future plans for the group.