Maryland State Library

LBPD
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 group and provides one-on-one technology training.

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Smart Phone Training

iPhones and Androids are made accessible to blind/low vision individuals through assistive technology like Siri and TalkBack. Learn about these great features.

eBraille Reader Training

Braille is more accessible than ever with Braille Notetakers, eReaders, and other devices. Connect with the library to learn about these devices and how to use them.

Smart Device Training

Smart devices 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 devices device manufacturers their accessible technology, TUG offers opportunities to learn about and experience the devices first hand.

About T.U.G.

Lead by Jerry Price, the library's Assistive Technology Education Program Coordinator, the Technology User Group (T.U.G.) 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

We have two ways to join T.U.G.

- In person meetings are held at the library in downtown Baltimore.

- Meetings are also held via teleconference or VOIP: Dial-in number (US): (319) 527-4994 or join the online meeting: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/mdlbpd

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Call Me" to the Dial-In number above and you will be called into the conference.

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

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WHAT IS THE TECHNOLOGY USER GROUP?

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

WHEN & WHERE DO THEY MEET?

T.U.G. group primarily meets at the library in downtown Baltimore on the 2nd Saturday of each month; however, this can change depending on holidays and weather. The meeting is also held via teleconference so that those unable to attend in person can still experience the presentations.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

All meetings are FREE and open to the public.

WHAT IF I MISS A MEETING?

All meetings are recorded and are available on our website. Meeting recordings can be reviewed over the Internet or downloaded to a listening device. To access recordings:

- Visit the library's website: www.lbph.maryland.gov
- Scroll down the left menu and click on "Technology User Group" on the left menu, and click
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page until you find the "TUG Archive"
- Click on any T.U.G. Archive recording link to listen in your browser

DO YOU OFFER ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING?

Jerry Price, our Assistive Technology Education Program Coordinator, does offer one-on-one training to library patrons. He provides training on: iPhone/iPads, Android phones/tablets, smart speakers, smart home tools, apps provided by the App Store/Play 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 - 1.800.832.4827
- Division of Rehabilitation Services - 1.888.554.0334
- Blind Industries and Services of Maryland - 1.888.322.4567
- Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind - 301.589.0894

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