

E-NEWS FROM HLAA-WA

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HLAA Advocacy - Seattle Public Library

This week, Cheri Perazzoli, Director of Advocacy for HLAA-WA, met with Seattle Public Library staff concerning future plans for hearing loss accommodation at libraries. The main library, downtown, has an infrared (IR) system in its large auditorium and offers a portable FM system for loan to branch libraries for use in their meeting rooms. The Library is considering how to approach additional hearing accommodations in all of their facilities.

Cheri Perazzoli (right) met with Cleo Brooks (left), ADA Coordinator for Seattle Public Library. Shown here, they are discussing the library's signage, which Cheri rated as very good.



In the News

Some articles about hearing loss that appeared in the news recently:

- Cochlear Implant comes to Kitsap - Helping People Hear Again: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/story/life/2017/11/16/helping-people-hear-again/860675001/>.
- Ask about Telecoils for Hearing Aids: <https://www.abqjournal.com/1096173/ask-about-telecoils-for-hearing-aids.html>
- Know Your Rights during Holiday Travel: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/holiday-travel>
- The Dangerous Link between Smoking and Hearing Loss: <https://www.healthyhearing.com/report/50940-Smoking-and-hearing-loss>
- Neurofeedback shows promise in treating tinnitus: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/11/171127091127.htm>
- People with hearing loss need better technology to overcome background noise, report reveals: <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20171117/People-with-hearing-loss-need-better-technology-to-overcome-background-noise-report-reveals.aspx>
- FDA approves remote programming feature for Nucleus Cochlear Implant System via telemedicine: <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20171120/FDA-approves-remote-programming-feature-for-Nucleus-Cochlear-Implant-System-via-telemedicine.aspx>.
- Research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center is yielding results in identifying ways to block certain antibiotics and chemotherapy drugs from damaging inner ear hair cells: http://www.fredhutch.org/en/news/spotlight/2017/11/hb_simon_jmedchem.html.

FCC Ruling - Next Generation Broadcast TV

This information was forwarded by the Washington State Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH).

On November 16, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission authorized television broadcasters to use the "Next Generation" broadcast television (Next Gen TV) transmission standard, also called "ATSC 3.0" or "3.0." In the Report and Order, the Commission requires that broadcasters, when transmitting using ATSC 3.0, abide by the current public interest obligations that apply to television broadcasts, including accessibility obligations such as providing closed captions, televised emergency information, and the specified number of hours of video description. In the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission seeks comment on criteria for local simulcasting waivers, temporary use of vacant channels, and the significantly viewed status of Next Gen TV stations.

News Release:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-347803A1.docx

PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-347803A1.pdf

Text: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-347803A1.txt

Order and FNPRM:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-158A1.docx

PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-158A1.pdf

Text: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-158A1.txt

For more information, contact Evan Baranoff, Evan.Baranoff@fcc.gov, of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-7142, or Matthew Hussey, Matthew.Hussey@fcc.gov, of the Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-3619. For those using videophones and fluent in American Sign Language, you may call the ASL Consumer Support Line at 844-432-2275.

Give Feedback to Help Design Tech and Tools for People with Hearing Loss

With just a 15-minute survey, you can help design the tools and services that you use every day. Kantar Added Value has designed a survey to help companies build a working knowledge of how to improve technology and communications services delivered to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and to other differently-abled individuals. HLAA is asking that we offer our opinions. Although not an HLAA-sponsored survey, HLAA has agreed to promote it to our members. Take the survey here:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/help-design-tech-and-tools-survey>.

The Washington State Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) has an e-news and asks that if you would like to be included on their mailing list for that e-news, you contact them at ODHH@dshs.wa.gov.

Cochlear Community Event

Saturday, December 2

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Burlington Public Library

820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington, WA 98233

(Detailed directions below)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

HEARING LOSS, DEMENTIA, and HEALTH

How are these connected?

Pamela Spencer, MA, CCC-A, FAAA, AUD-C

Taking care of our hearing loss and our health is very important in reducing the onset of dementia.

What are some things you can do?



Pam Spencer graduated from Western Washington University in 1994. She supervised at the WWU Hearing Clinic and has provided diagnostic testing services in otolaryngology, hospitals, and private practice audiology settings. Pam opened her practice in 2006 to spend more time with people. She specializes in rehabilitating hearing loss through the use of communication strategies, hearing instruments, and assistive listening devices.

Pam was diagnosed with a progressive hearing loss when she was in first grade. She is dedicated to assisting people in dealing with the difficulties and the impact of hearing loss in their daily lives, always providing the very best in hearing care.

After a break, we'll "share and tell."

- Bert will share his recent experience that we should all be aware of in scheduling and undergoing a post-implant MRI.
- Plus with the holidays around the corner, you can impart your knowledge of tips or experiences with how you manage in different noisy environments.
- Cochlear staff will lead the discussion so come prepared to share some tips others might find beneficial.
- Group discussions and questions are welcomed and encouraged.

Accommodations! We provide sound amplification and open-captioning. Our meeting room and the library counter are looped so prepare to turn on your telecoils. refreshment, too!

For more information, contact Bert Lederer, bertlederer@msn.com

Directions to Burlington Public Library

HEADING NORTH

1. I-5 N to WA-20 E/Avon Cutoff in Burlington. Take exit 230 from I-5 N
2. Turn right onto WA-20 E/Avon Cutoff Continue to follow WA-20 E 0.2 mi
4. Turn left onto S Burlington Blvd 0.3 mi
5. Take the 3rd right onto E Fairhaven Ave 0.5 mi
6. Turn right onto S Anacortes St 285 ft
7. Take the 1st left onto E Washington Ave
8. Destination will be on the right

HEADING SOUTH

1. Take exit 231 from I-5 S
2. At the first traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto WA-11
3. At the second traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto N Burlington Blvd 0.2 mi
4. At the third traffic circle, continue straight to stay on N Burlington Blvd 0.4 mi
5. Turn left onto E Fairhaven Ave 0.5 mi
6. Turn right onto S Anacortes St 285 ft
7. Take the 1st left onto E Washington Ave
8. Destination will be on the right 253 ft

Our meeting room is on the left after you enter the main doors.

Affordable Care Act - Exchange Enrollment Two More Weeks



Enrollment for 2018 for coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) starts November 1 and ends December 15. The executive branch of the federal government has reduced by 90% the funds for advertising when people can enroll. Please help by getting the word out and ensuring that people who need access to ACA through the Health Care Exchange can get it. For more information about coverage in Washington State, go to the HealthPlanFinder [here](#).

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Seattle Members - Notice

Seattle HLAA Meetings regularly held at the
ALJOY THORNTON PLACE CONFERENCE ROOM
on the second Tuesday of each month in the evening
ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For ongoing information on local activities, please sign up for this twice monthly E-news from HLAA-WA. You will find ongoing hearing accessible events in our area and updates on local HLAA meetings. See the notice below to sign up.

Please subscribe to our mailing list at http://eepurl.com/b3_Ko9. We continue to need your support.

Please join HLAA, give gift memberships for the Holiday season, attend the open captioned and looped events and consider volunteering locally to help keep our HLAA activities available for all people who live with and deal with hearing loss.

Our Mission: HLAA's Washington State Association (HLAA-WA) is an affiliate of the national organization, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). We open the world of communication to people with hearing loss, providing information, education, support and advocacy.

For questions or comments, contact SeattleHLA@gmail.com.

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America or Renew Your Membership

Help support HLAA in Washington State by becoming a member of the national organization. Your membership dues support programs and include HLAA's bi-monthly award-winning "Hearing Loss Magazine." Join our national affiliate, Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Washington State
Community of People with Disabilities
**36th Annual Disabilities
Legislative Reception**



Wednesday, January 17, 2018

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**State Capitol - Legislative Building
Columbia Room**

Hosted by:

- The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council,
- The Arc of Washington State,
- The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment,
- Washington State Rehab Council Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
- State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, Self Advocates in Leadership and
- Washington State Independent Living Council

For more information, contact:

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www.WASILC.org

December Hearing Accessible Events

- For updated information about **Seattle Town Hall**, see their web site [here](#). Town Hall Seattle is currently undergoing a remodeling and events are scheduled at other venues throughout the city. We're tracking down hearing access details, but no info is yet available. Please feel free to send a note of inquiry voicing your support for the loop at Town Hall and ask what kind of hearing accommodations have been put in place for the neighborhood presentations.
- All **Seattle Repertory Theatre** performances are looped. Captioned performances are offered at the first Thursday show of each production in the Bagley Wright and Leo K. Theatres. Get ticket information [here](#).
- **A Contemporary Theater (ACT)** in Seattle now offers closed captions for Mainstage performances with the Figaro MobiTxt closed captioning system. All ACT Theater "Xmas Carol" plays will be captioned. Get more information [here](#).
- See the Loop Washington [website](#) for more hearing accessible events.

through Dec 31 Disney's "Newsies," Village Theatre Issaquah, looped.

Dec 1 Artist Talk with Juan Alonso-Rodriguez Friday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Dec 2 Cochlear Community Event, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington, WA 98233, amplification, captioning, looped.

Dec 4 Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Grown Ups, 12:05 – 12:55pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium. This week's story is "The Businessmen," by Michael Zuroy. IR

Dec 5 John Freeman and Natalie Diaz, poetry reading and discussion of inequality and invisibility, 7:00 – 8:15pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Dec 15 Someday We'll All Be Free: Patrisse Cullors and Luis Rodriguez, 6:30 - 9:00 pm. An interactive community program with insights into community organizing and criminal justice. Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Dec 18 Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Grown Ups, 12:05 – 12:55pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium. This week's story is "Bless This House," by Christianna Brand. IR

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Jan 8 Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Grown Ups, 12:05 – 12:55pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium. This week's story is "Mailman" by Jonathan Stone. IR

Jan 22 Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Grown Ups, 12:05 – 12:55pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium. This week's story is "Full Moon," by Mischa Bach. IR

* Local HLAA-WA Meetings share information, education, and support for people who live with or deal with hearing loss and all those who wish to better understand hearing loss. Visitors are always welcome to attend.



* "Looped" refers to the availability of a hearing loop. When the symbol at left is shown at a venue or event, you may turn your hearing aid to "T-coil" to use the loop.

Please contact HLAA-WA for more information on any of these subjects.

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