

Saturday, June 18, 2011
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Mid-Manhattan Library
455 Fifth Avenue (corner E. 40th St.), N.Y., NY 10016



The New York Public Library, in collaboration with Lighthouse International, the Xavier Society for the Blind, and VISIONS Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, presents a day of resources and information for people with low vision and blindness.

- 10:05 a.m.-10:35 a.m.** PARENTING A CHILD WITH A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
Crista Earl, Director of Web Operations for the American Federation for the Blind, will share how AFB's online resources for parents can help them create a network of resources, information, and support.
- 10:40 a.m.-11:15 a.m.** ALL ABOUT THE AGING EYE
Rebecca Marinoff, O.D., SUNY/Optometry. Learn about the common changes to the eye as we get older, and conditions such as macular degeneration, cataracts, and diabetes. Find out what you need to know to make the most of your vision throughout life.
- 11:20 a.m.-11:55 a.m.** FINDING A PATH FOR YOUR LIFE
Deborah Kendrick, award-winning journalist, author, and advocate will speak about her own journey as a blind woman to becoming a journalist. She will give profiles of some people she has interviewed and written about in her columns and will bring us up to date with information about the education and employment of blind people today.

12 noon-2:00 p.m.

LUNCH AND EXHIBITS/INFORMATION TABLES

All attendees are invited to move to the 6th floor conference rooms for lunch with vendors and representatives of organizations providing services and support groups in the NYC area. Also, demonstration of downloading from BARD and other assistive technology. We will provide a lunch for Resource Day attendees; please r.s.v.p. by June 13 to reserve a lunch (e-mail, bcahalan@nypl.org, or call 212-340-0918).

2:10 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING GLAUCOMA: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Anna-Maria Demetriades, M.D., an ophthalmologist from Weill Cornell Eye Associates, will speak on the medical pathology and advances in treatment of glaucoma, a common and often treatable cause of vision loss which affects 3 million people in the U.S.

2:50 p.m.-3:25 p.m.

SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES

Courtney Gross, Counselor at the Staten Island Center for Independent Living. Ms. Gross, who has had vision and is now blind, will lead a discussion of her experience. Meet her seeing-eye dog, Amelia, and find out proper etiquette when you meet someone who is blind.

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

ART BEYOND SIGHT: ARTISTS DISCUSS MAKING ART WITH VISION LOSS

Fotis Flevotomos, a Greek artist whose art is on display at Mid-Manhattan Library from June 11-June 23, along with local artists Sandra Padernacht and Dana Simon, will speak about creating works of art with low vision.



"Scarf and Book," ink and watercolor on paper, by Fotis Flevotomos