

EBC Newsletter

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!Important Announcement!

With heavy hearts, we formally announce the closure of the Edith Bishel Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in August 2024. Due to ongoing factors, we are no longer able to keep our doors open. This will be our last newsletter.

We are honored to have served, for nearly 30 years, the blind and visually impaired of southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon. We have shared many days of joy and sorrow with those whose lives have been touched by vision loss. From the sorrow and grief of first learning about the loss to the joy of finding something that helped make their lives more independent and enjoyable. We thank you for the all those opportunities through the years.

We will be hosting a Closing drop-in event on August 9, 2024 at the Richland Round Table 1769 Leslie Road, 12 noon to 3 pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Please stop by and share your memories of years past. Any of our past board members, employees, volunteers, donors and clients are encouraged to attend and say good-bye.

Shanna Larter-
Executive
Administrator/
Editor–
Now Retired



We do not leave you without support or further help. I am including information regarding other resources in this final newsletter.

The information is on page 2.



List of resources:

Low Vision Evaluations -

Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon-Dr. Laura Winkel O.D. (over 15 years doing low vision rehab for the Edith Bishel Center) 509-736-0710

7131 W. Deschutes Ave. St# 101 Kennewick, WA 99336

Central Washington– Vision for Independence Center 509-452-8301

311 N. 4th St. Yakima, WA 98901

Vocational Rehab –

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind, Yakima, WA (dsb.wa.gov) 509-454-7626

Oregon Commission for the Blind 888-202-5463

Low Vision Occupational Therapy-

Tera Ingram and Laura Alley at the Kadlec Healthplex Richland, WA.

509-942-2660 ext. 5187. (Must have referral from P.C.P. or O.D.)

Social Support and Advocacy-

United Blind of the Tri-Cities-Frank Cuta, Chapter President, 509-967-2658

Yakima Valley Council of the Blind-Sally Mayo at 509-949-7034

United Blind of Walla Walla - Joleen Ferguson at 509-386-6479

In-Home Services -

Washington State Independent Living Program for each county 206-906-5500

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living Pendleton 541-276-1037

Orientation and Mobility Training-

Doug Trimble, WA State certified trainer 360-909-0833

(doug.trimble@hotmail.com)

National Library of Congress

Washington Talking Book and Braille Library 800-542-0866 (wtbbl.org)

Oregon Talking Book and Braille Library 800-452-0292 (oregon.gov/library)

Aids and Devices–

General aids and appliances:

LS& S Products (lssproducts.com) 800-468-4789

Maxi Aids (maxiaids.com) 800-522-6294

Independent Living Aids (independentliving.com) 800-537-2118

Distributors of Video Magnifiers and other devices:

Leading Edge Vision (leadingedgevision.com) 208-818-1553

Vision Matters (visionmatters.net) 253-264-3918

EBC Events

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| 6/7 Fri. | 9:30 am - 2:30 pm | Low Vision Clinic (already filled) |
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United Blind of the Tri-Cities-Everyone Welcome
 Contact Sherry Dubbin at 509-591-5714

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| 6/4 Tues. | Luncheon | 1 - 2:30 pm | Double Dragon 3107 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick |
| 6/8 Sat. | Chapter Meeting | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Crow's Nest 435 N. Clover Island Kennewick, WA |
| 6/11 Tues. | Card Group | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | Edith Bishel Center |
| 6/18 Tues. | Book Club | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | Edith Bishel Center |
| 6/25 Tue. | Technology | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | Edith Bishel Center |

Yakima Valley Council of the Blind-Everyone Welcome

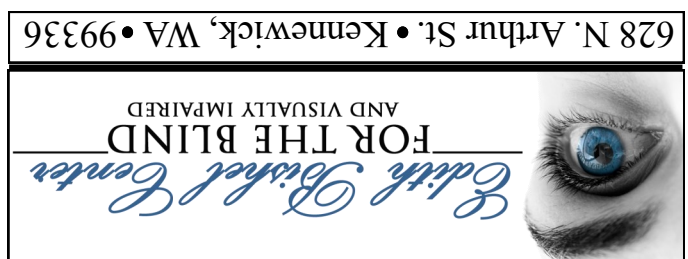
Email: yakimavalleycb@yahoo.com or contact Sally Mayo at 509-949-7034

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| Every Fri. | Bowling | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm | Nob Hill Bowling |
| 6/15 Sat. | Business Meeting | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Fraternal Order of Eagles 307 W. Chestnut Ave. |
| 6/28 Fri. | Social/Speakers | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Harman Center 101 N. 56th Ave. |

United Blind of Walla Walla - Everyone Welcome
 Contact Joleen Ferguson at 509-386-6479

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| 6/10 Mon. | Meeting | 2:00 pm | Walla Walla Presbyterian Church 325 S. 1st Ave. |
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the Blind**



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“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see”

- unknown author