

News to Know

February is Low Vision Awareness Month

Did you know?

- **Low vision and blindness are the leading causes of disability within the United States. (Source: CDC)**
- **More than 161 million people globally are visually impaired.**

Awareness tips:

- **People who have low vision can live independent and fulfilling lives with assistance from low vision aids and devices. These devices and training can be found at your local Community Low Vision Center. Link: www.communitylowvision.org**
- **For people with low vision, using color contrast makes finding things easier, such as using a cutting board that is black on one side and white on the other.**
- **People who are blind or low vision can enjoy movies and television with descriptive audio. If you would like to learn more about descriptive audio, ask your local Community Low Vision Center.**

An ever-increasing amount of people are at risk of developing a visual impairment as populations grow and demographic shifts move towards the predominance of older age groups. Protect and maximize your vision by seeing a doctor regularly. Take advantage

of the Community Low Vision Center associates and experts in Winston-Salem, Asheville, and Little Rock. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact the Community Low Vision Center.

COVID Information



More than 529 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been given in the United States from December 14, 2020, through January 18, 2022. Read more about vaccines and safety [HERE](#)

Free at-home COVID-19 tests are now available. All households are eligible for 4 tests. Click [HERE](#) to order or call 1-800-232-0233

Programs and Services

See What S.E.E. is Doing!

S.E.E. After School Winston-Salem kids-built snowmen with marshmallows and pretzel sticks for a winter snack. Our S.E.E. instructors use fun crafts like this to building independent living skills!



Awareness = Braille + Chocolate

(Winston-Salem ONLY) Send a message in Braille and large print attached to a piece of chocolate for \$2 to promote Braille awareness on Valentine's Day. Submit your note (no more than 2 typed lines) to Anastasia Powell at apowell@ifbsolutions.org or Kim Flanagan at kflanagan@ifbsolutions.org by February 7. It could be an "I love you" to that special someone or a "thank you".

All money is due to Anastasia or Kim by February 7. Chocolates with messages will be given out on Monday, February 14. All the money will go to the Student Enrichment Experience (S.E.E.) Program for the kids. We ♥ Braille!

Adult Support Group Meetings:

- **Tuesday, February 1 VIPS Club meeting from 12:00-1:00 in TADS Room.**
- **Wednesday, February 2 RP support group meeting from 12:00-12:45 in TADS Room.**
- **Thursday, February 3 Sight Adjustment support group meeting from 12:00-12:45 in TADS Room.**

Community Low Vision Center

CLVC Item of the Week:

Dominoes with raised dots-double nine

Standard, 55-piece set, made of heavy-duty white plastic. Tactile for easy identification of pieces.

February item of the month:

Tactile Puzzle Cube- Modified for the Blind

The classic puzzle with a tactile twist! This blind-accessible version of the best-selling ultimate brain-teasing puzzle has been enhanced with tactile markings on all sides.

Interested in purchasing these products? Call your local CLVC

www.communitylowvision.org

If you are interested in purchasing Low Vision Equipment through our Loan Program (3rd Party), please contact a Low Vision Coordinator for assistance.

Insider Corner

Want a Movie in Your Mind?

These days many are well versed in listening to audio books. The convenience of reading while doing other things helps the time fly. If your someone who wants to add more action to the existing story style, Graphic Audio may be the solution. From westerns, historical fiction, mysteries, science fiction, to horror, these movies in your mind presents a full cast of actors, narration, sound effects and

cinematic music. With over 180 series, numerous titles, podcast, and short stories, there will be something you'll enjoy.

Visit: GraphicAudio.net or listen to samples on their [YouTube page](#):

If you'd like to share information in the Insider Corner, contact Faith Harding at:

FHarding@ifbsolutions.org. Have an awesome week!

Community Connections



Congratulations to Layla Hildenbrand, winner of the youth division of the SLNCABALS Summer Reading Program 2021.

One of our S.E.E. kids from the Ashville area was recognized in the January 2022 issue of [Tarheel Talk](#) – the quarterly newsletter of the

State Library of North Carolina Accessible Books and Library Services (SLNCABALS - formerly the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped). She read 203 books – the most out of all the youth that entered - by downloading them from BARD – Books and Audio Reading Downloads from online. Layla has participated in S.E.E. activities in Ashville, Charlotte, and Virtually with Winston-Salem. Way to go, Layla! Keep on reading.

Opportunities

We are HeRe for you!

Our goal here at IFB Solutions is for each of our employees to thrive both inside and outside of work! Do you realize how many resources and opportunities are available within our own company and even in the community? Our Community Low Vision Center has great tools to help you excel. We also have support groups, where you can connect with other employees to lean on, we even have career and personal development opportunities to help you become more independent in which ever areas you would like to advance in, all within walking distance from you! Take advantage of the tools that are available by requesting a meeting with Haleigh Yarboro, our Certified HR Transition Representative.

Job Announcements

Optical Customer Service Support Agent I **Education and work experience:**

- **High School Diploma or GED equivalent**

- Bilingual English and Spanish a plus but not required.
- 3 to 6 months minimum of general customer service experience required.

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Anti-Reflection Technician I (Day Shift)

Education and work experience:

- High School diploma or GED equivalent
- 1 years of Optical lab experience

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

Anti-Reflection Technician I (Night Shift)

Education and work experience:

- High School diploma or GED equivalent
- 1 years of Optical lab experience

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

Please contact Brent Burkholder at X5611 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Join Zoom Meeting (Adult Support Groups)

<https://ifbsolutions.zoom.us/j/99498078576?pwd=ODJzK0sxcXZrME9yN25YRTdiNXBSQT09>

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