**NFB of Arizona**

**Phoenix Chapter**

**2024 BEAM Month Upcoming Calendar of Events**

# Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

## Event: NFB Newsline and Arizona Talking Book Library Presentation (Free)

Location: Saguaro Library Branch, 2808 N. 46th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008; (602) 262-4636

Description: Free Informational Presentation about NFB Newsline and the Arizona Talking Book Library reading services for blind, low vision, and print disabled consumers

**This free event includes:**

* Introduction to and brief history of the NFB and the Arizona Talking Book Library
* Basic description of reading services and demonstration in the use of devices
* Opportunity to begin the application process to sign up for NFB Newsline and the Arizona Talking Book Library services
* Access to the information tables set up by the organizations sponsoring this event, with free pamphlets to share with family members and friends, that may benefit from these free reading services
* Independent reading options for you or someone you know, to achieve or recapture literacy

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# Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM (Arizona Time)

## Event: NFB Presidential Release #542 (Live)

Location: [Zoom meeting ID 947 5821 8808](https://nfb-org.zoom.us/j/94758218808#success)
One tap mobile:  +13017158592,,94758218808#

Description: **Upcoming Live Release**

The National Federation of the Blind Presidential Release #542 will be held on Tuesday, October 15, at 8:30 p.m. eastern.  Closed captions and Spanish interpretations will be available.

## Recorded Presidential Release #542, October 2024

* [Presidential Release #542, October 2024 (Audio for Chapters)](https://nfb.org/sites/nfb.org/files/08-2024/presidential_release_october_2024_chapter_version_final.mp3)
* [Presidential Release #542, October 2024 (Chapter Transcript)](https://nfb.org/resources/publications-and-media/presidential-releases/transcripts/presidential-release-542-october)

# Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Time: 1:45 PM (Mayor Rreading Proclamation at 2:15; Meeting begins at 2:30 PM)

Event: City of Phoenix Mayor’s White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation Presentation just prior to the City Council Meeting

Location: City of Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85003

Description: This City of Phoenix City Council Meeting is open to the public. We will be showing up as a chapter for BEAM month so our city can know who we are. Also, the Mayor will present a White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation just prior to the start of the meeting at 2:15. She will acknowledge the rights of blind pedestrians to freely, safely, and independently travel the public streets with the mobility method of choice without the restrictions or penalties afforded the general public. Local National Federation of the Blind members may have the opportunity to speak, during the Public Comments Agenda item. Please make sure to arrive by 1:30 if you want to sign up to speak in person. You can also sing up to speak online and that link will be sent out. For more information, please contact Jordan Moon at, nfbphoenixchapter@gmail.com.

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| Invest in Dignity. Maximize Your Impact.The National Federation of the Blind celebrates dignity, freedom, and independence on White Cane Awareness Day each October 15. This year, your contributions to our mission to advance the lives of blind people will be doubled, thanks to a [matching gift opportunity from HumanWare and anonymous donors](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=36041&qid=10436912).[**Give today and double your investment**](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=36042&qid=10436912)**!**The Long White Cane—An Essential Tool of Freedom for the BlindThe long white cane helps blind people navigate confidently and independently through their communities. Independent travel, be it across the street or across the globe, is one ingredient in a life of dignity and equality for blind people. Gary shared:“I was reluctant to be introduced to the white cane because I thought it would make me look blind, but of course I am blind. It took a long time for my family and me to understand the independence that came through being able to travel when and where I want and mostly without the assistance of anyone. It is amazing that something as simple as a stick can be so liberating.”Thank you to HumanWare and anonymous donors for providing matching gifts up to $100,000, and thank you for your support. Because of people like you, we’re able to advance the lives of blind people with dignity, respect, and independence.Three Ways to Give and Double Your Dollars:* Give online at [nfb.org/donate](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=36042&qid=10436912)
* Mail a check to National Federation of the Blind, 200 East Wells Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
* Contribute by phone using a credit card by calling 410-659-9314, extension 2430

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