

Events with a Focus on Accessibility & Inclusivity April/May 2025 in Metro North Area/Greater Boston
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Thursday 4/17 @ 7pm-Democracy is a Disability Issue (ages 18+)-

Museum of Science, Boston

The Museum of Science and Perkins School for the Blind team up for this program highlighting how end-to-end accessibility is crucial for civic engagement. In a true democracy, everyone can participate equally. Explore how end-to-end accessibility — of media, voting processes and more — is essential for full civic participation of people with disabilities.

How might — and should — systems enable:

- People with blindness / low vision to engage with political information from maps/data visualizations?
- People with auditory and / or language processing issues to participate in community forums, town halls, and meetings with policymakers, amid the lack of standardized, real-time, high-quality captioning?
- People with neurocognitive disabilities to discern mis/disinformation, in order to make informed civic decisions?

Visit mos.org/events/democracy-disability-issue for more information and registration (FREE).

Mon. 4/21: Boston Marathon Sensory-Friendly Viewing Zone-Mile 13.5 of the Boston Marathon!

Wellesley, MA (Near Wellesley Square MBTA Station)

A dedicated space for individuals who prefer a quieter, less crowded environment to experience the race. This inclusive area welcomes those with autism, disabilities, or sensory needs—because everyone deserves to enjoy the magic of MarathonMonday! To respect the people with sensory needs, sponsors ask that the Sensory-Friendly Viewing Zone: No loud cheering, no noisemakers (cowbells, horns, etc.), respect the calm atmosphere.

All behaviors and stims are welcome here. Visit bstnmar.org/sensoryfriendly for more information.

Wed. 4/23 7pm-8pm (Virtual) Neurodiversity: Ally guide

In this webinar presented by the Lark Center, explore what neurodiversity encompasses, define key vocabulary, and discuss strategies to be a supportive and accepting ally for all neurotypes.

Visit readingpl.libnet.info/events for more information and registration.

Wed. 4/30 11am-4pm Northeast Region Assistive Technology Fair-

Annual free event is a chance to learn about a range of assistive technology products from 30 vendors. Assistive technology enables people to live productive, meaningful, and dignified lives. AT can enhance an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, facilitate independent living, and contribute to a higher quality of life. Examples of AT on display will include medication management devices, communication devices or software, mobility aids, smart home technology, remote supports, adaptive gaming and recreation, and more.

Visit <https://ne-arc.org/event/northeast-region-assistive-technology-fair/> for more information and registration.

Fri. 5/2 9am-3pm Law Enforcement and Autism Co-Response Collaboration-

William James College, Newton

The Center for Crisis Response and Behavioral Health at William James College is pleased to partner with the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism to host our second annual Law Enforcement and Autism Co-Response Collaboration.

The program will feature presentations and breakout sessions. Themes and topics include advocacy, parent and first responder perspectives on autism safety needs, autism safety resources, and a collaborative discussion on resources and strategies to support individuals with Autism in different communities. The event welcomes law enforcement, first-responders, Co-Response clinicians, and Autism providers to attend. In addition to the panels and breakouts, there will be resources provided for attendees to take back to their agencies.

Coffee, pastries, and lunch will be served! FREE event. To register, scan the QR code.



Sensory Overload Documentary (available on HULU)-sponsored by Sensodyne Sensory Inclusive Initiative. Visit shorturl.at/VF1TG to check out the trailer, documentary is available on HULU for viewing. To learn more about Sensodyne's Inclusion Initiative, visit sensodyne.com/sensoryinclusioninitiative/.