

# New Vision

New Vision at Goodwill seeks to promote independence and equality for people who are blind and visually impaired. We educate, inform, and provide resources, so people with visual impairments can live their fullest lives.

## Services for People Who are Blind and Visually Impaired

### Assistive Technology Center

Personal electronic devices can enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. The center offers free instruction on how to use the latest technology and devices to connect to the world and increase independence. Individual instruction by the Center's certified instructor includes the use of:

- Tablets
- Computers
- Smart Phones
- Amazon Echo
- Google Home



New Vision hosts a variety of workshops for blind or visually impaired individuals as well as senior citizens.

### Amazon Echo Tips Podcast

Our 5 minute Echo Podcasts feature the latest tips for the Echo and updates on various features. To listen to the Podcast on your Amazon Echo say, "Alexa, play Echo Tips Podcast." Or you can say, "Alexa, play next episode" or "Alexa, skip."

Additionally, the Podcast website is screen-reader friendly using the following tips:

- Navigate the episodes via the title using heading number 2.
- Press the space bar or otherwise activate the link to start the episode.

### Dial-In News

New Vision offers a dial-in news service for people who are blind and visually impaired or have a print disability. Available 24/7, it provides local, national, and world news from over 400 publications.

Dial-In News is a collaboration with the National Federation of the Blind and Roanoke Times.

### Radio Reading Services

In partnership with WVTF Public Radio, New Vision provides special radios for individuals that are blind and visually impaired so they may tune to WVTF's Radio Reading sub-frequency. Broadcasting on a set schedule, this service provides listeners with a program mix of readings from local and national newspapers and magazines.

### Large Print Calendars

Each year New Vision provides thousands of large print calendars to Virginians who are blind and visually impaired. The calendars measure 22 inches by 17 inches and feature a large font and numbers.

Calendars for 2019 will be available in mid-December. A limited supply will be available and you may request a 2019 calendar in September 2018 by calling (540) 985.8900.



### Assistive Technology for the Elderly 2.0 Program (ATE 2.0)

Assistive technology allows the elderly to perform tasks and activities they may not be able to do otherwise.

ATE 2.0 provides free equipment and training to qualified individuals. Instruction includes the use of voice-activated virtual assistants such as Amazon Echo and Google Home.

We match virtual assistants with individuals to provide access to:

- Weather
- Audiobooks
- Music
- Caregiver communication
- And more

Also, we place virtual assistants at assisted living centers and other facilities that serve seniors.

### Service Hours for New Vision:

Monday – Thursday  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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