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.

On-Demand News Service

New Vision offers an on-demand 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 500 publications.

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

Radio Reading Services

New Vision partners with WVTF to provide special radios for people who are blind and visually impaired or have a print disability. Listeners tune to a sub-frequency to hear 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.

A limited supply of the calendars are available, and they sell out quickly each year. Like Goodwill Valleys on Facebook to be the first to know when they are available.