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Staff Spotlight: Arlene Freeman

The other half of our amazing SWGLAS team is the Outreach Coordinator, Arlene Freeman, who has been with the library system for about 12 years. You may also have seen Arlene at the front Circulation Desk in the main library.

Favorite part of her job: Arlene stated that her favorite part of her job is helping people.
Likes to Read: Romance
Favorite Food: Pasta! She also enjoys cooking.
Favorite Books as a Child: Dr. Seuss. She also enjoyed reading them to her children when they were little.

Next time you visit the Decatur County - Gilbert H. Gragg Library, stop in to the SWGLAS office and say hello to Arlene!

For any questions about the services offered through SWGLAS, please contact us at 229-248-2680.
Organizations Serving People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

American Council of the Blind (ACB)
2200 Wilson Blvd.
Ste. 650
Arlington, VA 22201-3354
(202) 467-5081
1-800-424-8666 toll-free
(703) 465-5085 fax
www.acb.org
Facebook, Twitter

Principal publication: *Braille Forum* (10 issues/year; braille, audiocassette, CD-ROM, large print, podcast, and e-mail)


American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)
2 Penn Plz.
Ste. 1102
New York, NY 10121
1-800-232-5463 toll-free
(212) 502-7600 fax
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Principal publications: *AccessWorld* (bimonthly; online) and *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness* (monthly)

Maintains a database of career information searchable by job titles, occupational categories, or interest areas at www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/for-job-seekers/12. In partnership with the Canadian Institute for the Blind, offers MentorMatch, www.afb.org/careerconnect/connect.aspx, an online service that pairs people searching for a career with a mentor who is blind or visually impaired and working in the desired field of employment.
Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)
125 N. West St.
3rd Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314
(202) 371-8880
(202) 371-8258 fax
bva@bva.org
www.bva.org
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Principal publication: BVA Bulletin (bimonthly; print, audiocassette, and online)

Serves veterans who became blind or visually impaired during or after their military service. Assists veterans in obtaining benefits, rehabilitation training, and employment. Offers scholarships to spouses and dependent children.

Lions Center for the Blind
2115 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 450-1580
(510) 654-3603 fax
www.lbcenter.org
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Provides one-on-one instruction in braille for all levels, from basic literacy to advanced codes for math and science. Supports blind job seekers in developing skills and career direction to achieve meaningful employment.

National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
1310 Braddock Pl.
Alexandria, VA. 22314-1691
(703) 310-0500
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