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Discussion Points

1. Technology awareness – Blind and visually impaired citizens adapting to constant changes in technology products and services. The Adaptive Services Division (ASD) of the DC Public Library has provided outstanding services in regards to teaching blind and visually impaired citizens how to utilize assistive technology products to perform on devices such as personal computers. Also, navigation of devices such as the iPhone and iPad, have been taught to blind and visually impaired citizens.
2. Blind Teen Program - Is a comprehensive life and social skills program for blind and visually impaired teens. Each Tuesday, blind teens are taught skills to help prepare them for life after high school. Since volunteering in the program, I have noticed a change in the children's attitude and behavior. The children are focused and they continuously express their goals and dreams of being successful in the world.
3. Employment and Job Readiness - Preparing blind and visually impaired citizens for employment. Workshops addressing interviewing techniques, resume building, and job searching skills have been provided to blind and visually impaired citizens. As a patron of the library, I have personally benefited from these workshops. I was unable to locate anyone to assist me with my resume or job search. I participated in the workshops that the ASD provided and I was able to obtain employment with the Federal Government.