

# OUR DONORS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE

## SAVE THE DATE!

Friends of Braille Institute Rancho Mirage presents:



### Diane Schuur

Visually-Impaired Grammy Award Winning Vocalist & Pianist

Annual Fundraising Luncheon  
Saturday, February 4, 2017  
Thunderbird Country Club, Rancho Mirage

For information, call (760) 459-6113.

## Include Thousands of People in Your Will

By including Braille Institute in your will or trust, you'll help brighten the lives of the thousands of children and adults served by Braille Institute each year.

Please designate your bequest to "Braille Institute of America, Inc., a California Nonprofit Corporation with principal offices currently located at 741 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029-3594." Tax Identification Number: 95-1641426

For more information on planning a gift for Braille Institute, please call our Philanthropy Department at 1-800-BRAILLE (272-4553), Ext. 1256

## Friends of Braille Institute Rancho Mirage

Become a Friend of Braille Institute! In just the past year alone, we raised over \$30,000 to introduce a renovated kitchen for our Kitchen Confidence Program.

Be a donor! Apply for Board Membership!  
Join our Fundraiser Committee!  
Contact Rita Skwara: (951) 267-3054

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At Braille Institute, our staff and volunteers are committed to providing a broad range of free services to people of all ages who are experiencing vision loss. Through our individual and small group programs, students and patrons learn new ways to do the things they love.

- Learn the techniques that **help with everyday tasks** through Daily Living Skills classes
- **Celebrate life** and explore personal passions through our Arts & Healthy Living program
- Learn how to **navigate neighborhoods or the world** through one-on-one sessions with Orientation & Mobility Specialists
- **Access audio or braille books, magazines and periodicals** through our award-winning Library
- Schedule free one-on-one appointments with our **Low Vision Consultants**

Whatever your age or stage of vision loss, Braille Institute has programs and services that can help.

To get more information about supporting our programs or becoming a volunteer, visit [BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage](http://BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage) or call (760) 321-1111.

Open  
for full  
class schedule!



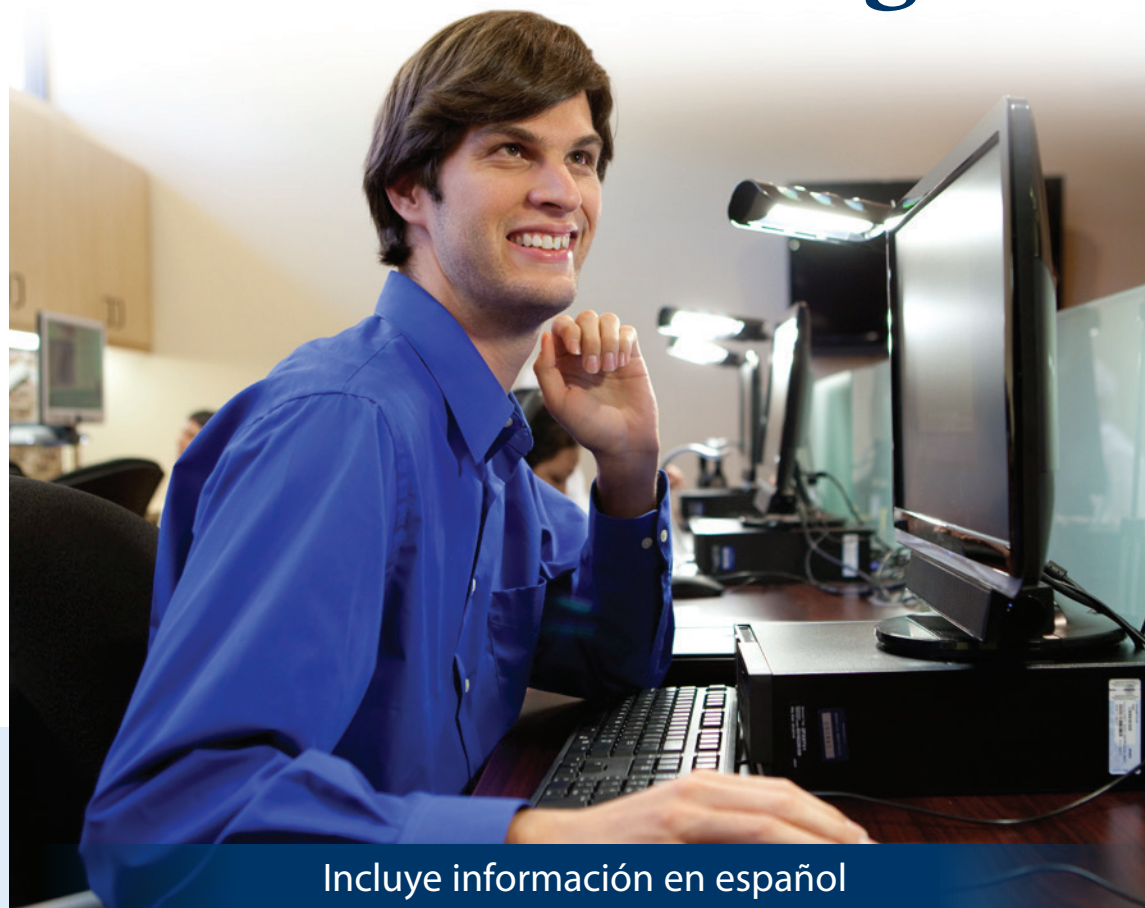
FREE  
Programs,  
Classes,  
& Events

JOIN OUR CONVERSATION!  
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## Rancho Mirage | Winter 2017 Session January 3 - April 7

Providing a broad range of free services for people of all ages throughout Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties

# VISIONS OF learning



Incluye información en español

## LIVE WELL WITH LOW VISION

All Braille Institute programs and services are **FREE**, thanks to the generous support of our donors and volunteers.



## TRANSPORTATION

### BRAILLE BUS PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

- Tuesdays:** Yucca Valley (Stater Brothers)  
Desert Hot Springs (Vons)  
Redlands (Vons on N. Orange Street)  
Yucaipa (Stater Brothers)  
Calimesa (Stater Brothers)
- Wednesdays:** Moreno Valley (McDonald's, 23831 Sunnymead Blvd.)  
Banning/Beaumont (Pass Hospital)
- Thursdays:** Hemet (Camelot and Brookdale)

### TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES:

- Riverside Transit Agency (800) 795-7887
- Coachella Valley Sun Dial (760) 343-4231
- City of Beaumont Pass Transit Dial-a-Ride (951) 922-3252
- Banning Dial-a-Ride (951) 922-3252
- Reach Out Morongo for Yucca Valley/29 Palms (760) 369-8671

If you are scheduled to be on our bus, you must call one day in advance if you will not be attending classes the next day. Call (760) 202-6117.

Outreach Services funded by The William & Margaret Fern Holmes Family Foundation

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Braille Institute Library Services can bring the joy of reading back to those who have a visual handicap, all free through the Library of Congress' National Library Service.

- Register to receive:
- A free, easy-to-use talking book machine
  - Access to thousands of free book titles - from bestsellers to the classics



We also offer instruction on our BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) service that allows access to almost 50,000 audio books and magazines from your home computer, smart phone, tablet, or e-reader.



For more information about Braille Institute Rancho Mirage classes and services, visit [BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage](http://BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage).

**Winter Session Begins**  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

**Winter Session Ends**  
Friday, April 7, 2017

**Holidays (no classes)**  
Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, February 20 - President's Day

70-251 Ramon Road  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270  
(760) 321-1111  
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## OUTREACH SERVICES IN YOUR AREA



In order to serve residents from Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties - including those who cannot get to our Center in Rancho Mirage - we "take the show on the road" with our Outreach Program.

### WE OFFER:

- Presentations on Braille Institute services
- Educational seminars
- Skills & Technology classes
- One-on-one consultations
- Collaborative partnerships

All services are available free of charge at locations throughout our service area. For more information, please contact Felice Chiapperini at (760) 202-6113.



# BRaille INSTITUTE MONDAY PROGRAMS

## NOW OFFERING CLASSES IN RIVERSIDE:

Thanks to the generosity of the Janet Goeske Center, we are able to bring Braille Institute services to you!

**WHEN:** Mondays from 10 to 11:30am

**WHAT:** Courses and Seminars on topics such as Daily Living Skills, Technology, and More!

**WHERE:** Janet Goeske Center  
5257 Sierra St. Riverside, CA

For more information, call (760) 202-6104.



the Latest  
DISCOVER TECHNOLOGY AT... **BRaille INSTITUTE**



A Technology Center at Braille Institute

### FREE HANDS ON DEMONSTRATIONS & TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CLASSES

on the latest mainstream and adaptive devices and assistive technology for people with no and low vision.



#### NEW THIS TERM:

2 Smart Perkins | Brailers | Smart Beetle | New Typing Software | BLAZE

### SIGN UP FOR CLASSES OR INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION!

#### Funded in part by:

Bighorn Golf Club Charities | The Community Foundation  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
The Irene W. & Guy L. Anderson Children's Foundation



(760) 202-6107  
BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage



# FREE SEMINAR SERIES

Winter 2017 Session  
January - April

All seminars at Braille Institute are FREE and presented by medical experts and Braille Institute instructors.



#### TOPICS FOR WINTER 2017 INCLUDE:

Macular Degeneration Update

Glaucoma Update

Understanding Vision Loss

VoiceOver for Your iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch

Using Technology, such as Uber, to Safely Travel

Family, caregivers, friends and professionals are encouraged to attend.

Register online for upcoming events at  
[BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage](http://BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage)  
or call (760) 459-6334.

## LUNES LATINOS

Algo nuevo en 2017 para la comunidad latina.

Ofrecemos clases especiales en español todos los lunes a partir del 9 de enero 2017. Algunas de las clases que ofrecemos durante el año son:

- Historia (Tradiciones)
- Crochet (tejer)
- Ejercicio
- Coro y música tradicional
- Preparación para hablar al publico
- Cocinando con sabor

¡Todas las clases son gratuitas!  
Llame hoy para más información:  
(760) 321-1111



# WINTER 2017 SCHEDULE of CLASSES

Our Winter session is January 3 - April, 7, 2017.  
For more detailed information on the following, please visit  
[BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage](http://BrailleInstitute.org/RanchoMirage) or call (760) 321-1111.

## MONDAY

### DAILY LIVING SKILLS:

Computers  
Cooking\*\*  
Keyboarding  
Habilidades para la Vida\*  
Conciencia Sensorial\*  
Understanding and Using the Rights You Have

### ARTS & HEALTHY LIVING:

Explorar la Cocción de Varios Estados Mexicanos\*  
Horticulture\*\*  
The Road to Character

*I want to tell people how empowering it feels for me to come here and be taught everything I need to know to be independent and have a fulfilling life"*

- Antonio S.  
Braille Institute Student

## TUESDAY

### DAILY LIVING SKILLS:

Braille  
La Comunicación Efectiva\*  
Cooking  
Computers  
Keyboarding  
Life Skills  
Peer Support Group: Tips & Tricks  
Sensory Awareness

### ARTS & HEALTHY LIVING:

Adult Coloring  
Art  
Beginning Piano  
Crochet (Tejer)\*  
Current Events  
El Inglés Como Segunda Lengua\*  
Exercise\*\*  
Explorar la Cocción de Varios Estados Mexicanos\*  
Gentle Yoga  
Guitar  
Knitting & Basketry  
Learn How to Tell Your Story  
What's Up Doc?  
Woodworking\*\*  
You Be The Judge

## WEDNESDAY

### DAILY LIVING SKILLS:

Computers  
Cooking\*\*  
Keyboarding  
Life Skills  
Sensory Awareness

### ARTS & HEALTHY LIVING:

Preguntar al Medico\*  
Art  
Current Events  
Exercise/Balance  
Games For Your Mind  
Intermediate Piano  
Maintaining Emotional Health Through Blogging  
Science 102 With Mr. Wizard  
Singing Just for Fun  
Tai Chi  
Woodworking\*\*

\*Indica una clase que se ofrece en español

\*\*Indica una clase que se ofrece en Inglés y español

## THURSDAY

### DAILY LIVING SKILLS:

Braille  
Computers  
Cooking  
Keyboarding  
Life Skills  
Living With Vision Loss  
Sensory Awareness

### ARTS & HEALTHY LIVING:

Adult Coloring  
Art  
Current Events  
Digital Photography  
Exercise/Balance\*\*  
Explorar la Música Mexicana\*  
Knitting & Basketry  
Line Dancing  
More Fun With Music  
Tai Chi  
Your Story Through Memories

# REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current Braille Institute participant?  Yes  No

Are you new to Braille Institute?  Yes  No

Do you use a wheelchair or have trouble walking?  Yes  No

Do you use a white cane?  Yes  No

Date of onset of vision problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Diagnosis:  Macular Degeneration  Diabetic Retinopathy

Retinitis Pigmentosa  Glaucoma

Congenital  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Vision Status:  Legally Blind  Totally Blind  Not Legally Blind

Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Education Level \_\_\_\_\_

I am a ...  Caregiver  Family Member  Professional  
(Limited to Life Skills classes or seminar participants only)

Program Choices:  
Day \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Class \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is required for attendance in any program. To register you may fax this form to (760) 321-9715, visit our center in person Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm or mail to us directly at:

**Braille Institute**  
70-251 Ramon Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-5203  
For information call (760) 321-1111.

**VOLUNTEERS**  
Make a Difference!



Volunteers have donated more than 137,000 hours of service to help keep our programs free. To volunteer, please call: Caryn Gates (760) 202-6108