

# DICAPTA'S NEWSLETTER

Monthly Accessibility News - October 2023



## CURRENT EVENTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND MORE BELOW



### Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15th to October 15th, is a significant time to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of the Hispanic community in the United States. During this month, the cultural richness, history, and legacy of Hispanics across the country are highlighted. **It is essential to remember that accessibility plays a crucial role in celebrating this diverse heritage.** Ensuring that events, resources, and programs related to Hispanic heritage are accessible to all, regardless of their abilities or needs, is essential to promote inclusion and equality. As a pioneer of Spanish Language accessibility, Dicapta is at the forefront of this task.



### Dicapta Partners with Sesame Workshop to Enhance Accessibility in Children's Programming

In a groundbreaking collaboration, **Dicapta has joined forces with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind the beloved children's television program Sesame Street.** The partnership aims to make Spanish-language versions of Sesame's shows more inclusive and accessible to a wider audience by incorporating audio descriptions (AD) and closed captions (CC) into several of their series.

The first set of Sesame's content with accessibility features has already been published on its YouTube channels, and the fantastic news is that families [can enjoy the AD directly on YouTube!](#) When visiting the videos, go to the settings gear on YouTube's bottom menu, select the audio track, and click on the second audio channel. [Visit our blog to learn more about where to find Sesame's videos audio description](#) and for a Spanish version of this article.

Under this collaboration, Dicapta will provide AD and CC services to multiple Sesame Workshop productions, **ensuring that children with visual or hearing disabilities can fully engage with Sesame Street's magic and its diverse characters.** Additionally, in a significant step toward inclusivity, three of Sesame Workshop's shows – "The Feelings Garden," "My Grown Up Song," and "I Notice, I Feel, I Can't" – will go a step further by featuring American Sign Language (ASL).

The U.S. Department of Education is funding all the accessibility features provided to Sesame's content under the project EnhAccess, TV Access grant H327C210001. **Be on the lookout for more of Sesame's content with accessibility**



### Another Successful Advisory Group Meeting!

Early last month, Dicapta held its annual meeting with the Advisory Group of the EnhAccess project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education (grant H327C210001). **Our focus during this meeting was to share the exciting progress of the project, strengthen our connections with our valued advisors and content partners, and discuss how we can bring our work to the next level.** We brainstormed innovative ideas and action plans to further the EnhAccess mission of making audiovisual content more accessible for students with sensory disabilities.

Dicapta's work in this project is instrumental in broadening the learning opportunities of children with sensory disabilities, particularly those who primarily communicate in Spanish. **Our advisory committee is a fundamental motivator for our ongoing development of methods to continue the project.**

We truly enjoyed countless enriching conversations, the birth of fresh ideas, and many colorful and memorable moments. [Enjoy some of these highlights that capture the spirit of our time together.](#)



### Get Ready for Superfest 2023!

**This year's Superfest Disability Film Festival will blend in-person experiences in San Francisco and Berkeley, as well as virtual components on Eventive.** Hosted by Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability at San Francisco State, Superfest is the longest-running disability film festival in the world. For more than 30 years, it has celebrated cinema that portrays disability through a diverse, complex, unabashed, and engaging lens.

Superfest is a fully accessible Festival. **This year, Dicapta will provide accessibility elements (audio description and captions) for several of the films shown during the Festival,** including Invisible World, Me If I Were a Woman, The Beauty of Being Deaf, and much more!

Films will be available on demand throughout the weekend (October 19-22), allowing you to watch them at your convenience. The Festival will also host live virtual discussions for attendees to engage and share their reactions to the films.

For the in-person screenings, here are the details:

- Saturday, October 21, Freight and Salvage, 2020 Addison St, Berkeley, CA, from 12-2 pm PT
- Sunday, October 22, Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin St, San Francisco, CA, from 1-3:30 pm PT

Check [the entire line-up](#) to see which ones you would like to watch and mark your calendar.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 3rd** - National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- **October 10th** - World Sight Day.
- **October 13th** - White Cane Awareness Day.
- **October 19th - October 22nd** - Superfest Film Festival.
- **October 29th** - Watch Party Para Ti. 6 p.m. ET. Visit [Latinos4Access](#) for more information.



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