



**FISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY – MEETING NOTES
02/07/19, 5:30-7:30pm**

Keynote Speaker:

Kelly Hartman, President of Outside the Box & CEO of Insights Consulting shared information about Outside the Box and the findings from a 2018 needs assessment of the Fishers' disability community. She also provided an update on the plans to bring Outside the Box to Fishers.

Click [here](#) to view the presentation with information on the program.

2019 Fishers March Disability Awareness Month Events

Theme: Empowering Fishers: Ask How

Cecilia Coble and Stacey Oldham shared details on the events that have been planned for March 2019. Please mark your calendars to attend the following events:

Friday, March 1st – Kick-Off Event at Fishers City Hall Auditorium 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Keynote speakers: Noah Malone and Jordan Dickey – Fishers Paralympian Athletes

Event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 7th – Coffee Talk: Think Differently, Shifting the Perspective: An Interactive Conversation About Fear, Stigma and Assumptions presented by Kathy Bernhardt, Managing Director of Tangram Business Resourcing Conner Prairie 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Event is free and targeted to Fishers/Hamilton County Businesses. Registration required.

Friday, March 8th – Visual & Performing Arts Reception at Conner Prairie 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

A visual arts reception featuring the artwork of various individual artists with physical and intellectual disabilities and the organizations that provide services for those with special needs. The program includes a performance by Fishers Community Chorus, appetizer reception, and workshops. **The event is free and open to the public.**

Thursday, March 14th – Resource Fair for Life's Transitions at HSE High School, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Adult service providers from Hamilton County and beyond will provide information about resources/services with special needs of all ages. **Event is free and open to the public.**

Tuesday, March 19th – My Point of View Day/Breakfast with Mayor Fadness
The Fishers March Disability Awareness Committee encourages the disability community and key stakeholders to share their challenges and ideas from their points of view with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, City of Fishers staff, community leaders, and elected officials.
Please RSVP to Cecilia Coble if you are planning on attending. Event is free and registration is required.

Saturday, March 23rd – City of Fishers Adaptive Sports Showcase – Celebrating Athletes and Friendship – Fishers High School Gym Door #6 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Event is free and open to the public.

March 19th and March 20th
Best Buddies Night at the Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers
This is an event for Best Buddies within HSE Schools.

Tuesday, March 26th
Movie Showing of “Intelligent Lives” presented by the Ball State University Department of English Immersion Learning course called Disability Representation in Children’s & Young Adult Literature Fishers High School Auditorium 6:30 pm
Event is free and open to the public. Register through Eventbrite.

Hamilton East Public Library Events:

Register through the library’s website. Contact the library at 317-579-0307 for more info.

Thursday, February 21st; Thursday, February 28th; Thursday, March 7th; Thursday, March 14th

Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) Class

Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers Ignite Studio Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The library will host a free four-week class series for the community to learn American Sign Language (ASL). Janet Schwall, a certified Deaf Interpreter and teacher of ASL at Vincennes University, will teach the series of classes. Janet played the role of Lisa Beancounter on Dr. Wonder’s Workshop TV Show.

Thursday, March 21st

What Is Your Sign? – Understanding the Deaf Community and Culture

Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers 7:00 pm

ASL series class participants will have an opportunity to practice signing with others whom know ASL and with the Deaf community.

Dementia Friends Workshops

Hamilton East Public Library - Fishers

March 11th 10 am

March 26th 6 pm

Dementia Friends Indiana Workshop presented by CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions
Workshop attendees will become a Dementia Friend by attending an informational session to learn what is dementia; what it is like to live with the disease and some tips for communicating with people whom have dementia. The goal is to make the City of Fishers and the state of Indiana the 10th Dementia Friendly state in the U.S.

Memory Café in Collaboration with Dementia Friends

March Theme: Wedding Stories

Hamilton East Public Library - Fishers

March 28th 10:00 am

Contact the library at 317-579-0307 to register or to get more information.

Park on the east side of the building and use the side entrance.

The Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers will host the first of a series of 90-minute Memory Cafes on the last Thursday of every month, which provides individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia and their loved ones a safe place to get engaged. Each month will focus on a different theme. The March theme: “Wedding Stories” – Please bring a photo or story from your wedding, or just join for company and coffee. Registration required for those attending.

Dr. Theresa Treep Presentation: “Family Travel with Special Needs & Medically Complex Children”

Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers

March 18th 6:30 pm

Fishers resident, Dr. Theresa Treep, is a physician and a mother of a physically disabled son. Her son Danny was diagnosed with Dandy-Walker Syndrome as an infant. Dr. Treep travels extensively with Danny and her family around the state of Indiana, and the world. She shares her tips for caregivers on how to make traveling a smooth experience while traveling with a person with disabilities and medical needs.

Rethinking Children’s and Young Adult Literature: Disability Representation Matters!

Hamilton East Public Library - Fishers

March 23rd 11 am

Ball State University students in the Disability Representation in Children’s & Literature Immersive Learning Course at Ball State University will showcase their new website which will feature book talks, book trailers, book critiques, and free downloadable new series of stories that showcase positive and accurate disability representation in children’s and young adult literature.

Authors and those with disabilities will read age-appropriate books about disabilities to kids in the library and they will share their disability story.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools:

March 1st, 4th and 5th

Special Olympics Athlete, Andrew Peterson, presents “Respect, Ability and You” at various schools in the HSE district. Andrew is only the second Special Olympics runner to ever qualify for the Boston Marathon.

Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability Awards:

Life Without Limits Award
Cornerstone Employer Award
Emerging Employer Award

Empowering Fishers – Ask How

Stacey Oldham, Co-Chair of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability shared the theme of this year’s March Disability Awareness Month and outlined key messages that people can convey to others in the community. Help spread the word!

Stacey also thanked the Sponsors of March Disability Awareness Month.

To view the key messages and sponsors, click [here](#).

Announcements:

Michelle Steltz shared information about the newly formed Fishers-Geist Aktion Club, their first meeting and the 2019 Club officers.

Fishers 2019 Aktion Club Officers:
James Dailey – President
Caroline Dunklau – Vice President
Zachary Curtis – Secretary
Paul Palich – Treasurer

The next Aktion Club meeting will be on March 6th.

For information about joining the Aktion Club, please contact Dana Pottschmidt- Community Advisor at fishersgeistaktionclub@gmail.com.

InvestABLE Indiana 529A – Tax Credit

Deputy Mayor McGrath shared information on 529A asked the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability to support the addition of a tax credit to the Indiana ABLE Authority – INVestABLE program. Everyone in attendance was supportive of the bills and it was noted by Amy Corbin, Executive Director of Indiana ABLE Authority.

To view the tax credit letter, click [here](#).

Spark!Fishers 2019 – the City is looking for vendors for the festival this summer. We would love to see service providers!

Comedian Scott Long shared details about his upcoming comedy show. The show is scheduled for 8:00pm on March 15, 2019 at Crosspoint Church. Proceeds from the show will benefit Best Buddies of HSE Schools. Donations for silent auction items are welcomed.