



WIRED FOR SOUND

The newsletter of the Hearing Loss Association of America, Albuquerque Chapter

Movie Theatres - Accessible Options In Albuquerque

*UNM Center for Development & Disability
(Excerpts for your information)*

Accessibility in this context refers to ease of access using a wheelchair, free use of accessibility devices (see descriptions at end of document), the availability of sensory friendly showings, etc. Not all theaters offer all options.

Accessibility Device Descriptions:

- The **CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System** shows captions on a small display screen attached to an adjustable arm that fits into the theatre seat cup holder.
- **Closed Caption Glasses** have captions projected onto the lenses for viewing while watching the movie.
- **Headsets with volume control** allow for individual volume control.
- **Neckloop receivers** allow people with hearing aids or cochlear implants to receive the sound directly from the sound source and to adjust the volume as needed.
- **Open Captioning** shows have captions directly on the movie screen for all viewers to see.
- **Sensory friendly showings** may include low lighting and a low volume in the theatre during the film.

In the Metro Area:

AMC CLASSIC Albuquerque 12
3810 Las Estancias Way SW
Albuquerque, NM 87121
505-544-2360



Website: www.amctheatres.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, and Descriptive Audio Headsets.

CENTURY 14 DOWNTOWN

100 Central Ave. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-243-9555

email: 447@cinemark.com

Website: www.cinemark.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, and Descriptive Audio Headsets.

ICON CINEMA

13120-A Central Ave SE
in Four Hills Shopping Center
Albuquerque, NM 87123
505-814-7469, 505-299-0172 (Manager)

Website: albuquerque.iconcinemas.com

(All tickets come with reserved seating)

Accessibility Devices Offered: Descriptive Audio Headsets and Closed Caption glasses

PREMIERE CINEMA 14 - RIO RANCHO

1000 Premiere Parkway (Southern & Unser)
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
505-994-3300 (Hotline), 505-994-8307 (Manager)

Website: www.pccmovies.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Descriptive Audio Headsets and CaptiView Cup holder CC System.

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18 Mar Meeting 10:00 AM To Noon—**Hybrid****Grief: Dealing With Hearing Loss**

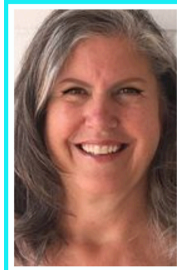
Many who've lost their hearing feel profound grief for lost connections. Their world feels smaller. If you resonate with this, please attend this program. Our speakers this month are Gloria Pelletier and Chelle Wyatt.

Gloria is a Licensed Clinical Social worker and a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor. She is a trained therapist and advocate with over 30 years experience. From an early age, she had untreated and unrecognized hearing loss. It runs in her family of origin. When her hearing dropped so much that communication was not viable, it created much turmoil that she began her search for communication. With little or no support for the hard of hearing (HOH), she began her own research.

Now she is sharing what she learned and how to achieve independence with hearing loss. She is currently working closely with vocational rehabilitation to find equipment and technology that allows her to continue to communicate with clients. The goal is to train anyone interacting with the HOH on strategies to treat HOH.

Chelle has worn hearing aids for over 30 years. For the first 17 years, everyone thought that hearing aids fixed her hearing loss, herself included—a common misconception. Hearing devices are great, but you must also learn to be proactive with hearing loss, find your tribe for support, and know the accommodations available to fill in the gap.

As a volunteer for the SayWhatClub and HLAA-SLC for 13 years, she learned new skills in various roles (SWC convention co-chair, Walk4Hearing co-chair, steering committee member, president, treasurer, and more). In the last year and a half, she helped found Hearing Loss LIVE!, which shares how-to podcasts, blog posts, and vlogs.

Gloria Pelletier**Chelle Wyatt**

With hybrid meetings started, the HLAA ABQ Chapter could use some help (for example, with hospitality), as well as some new blood. You already know our dedication to providing the best information, advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. You can ease your way into volunteering and learn how this works. Just email or see one of the board members (listed on the left) at our next meeting. You may also use the chapter email: HLAAbq@gmail.com.

CENTURY RIO 24 PLEX AND XD

4901 Pan American Freeway NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109 505-343-9000

email: 419@cinemark.com

Website: www.cinemark.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, Neckloop receivers, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System.

CINEMARK MOVIES 8

4591 San Mateo Blvd NE ... 87109

505-888-4773

email: 014@cinemark.com

Website: www.cinemark.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, and Descriptive Audio Headsets, Neckloop Receivers.

MOVIES WEST (Dollar Movies)

9201 Coors Blvd NW

505-898-4864

email: 178@cinemark.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, and Descriptive Audio Headsets, Neckloop Receivers.

REGAL WINROCK STADIUM 16 IMAX & RPX

2100 Louisiana Blvd NE ... 87110

505-881-2211, or 844,462-7342

Website: www.regmovies.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, Closed Caption Glasses and Descriptive Audio Headsets.

UNITED ARTISTS COTTONWOOD 16

10000 Coors Bypass NW

Albuquerque, NM 87114

On the East corner of Cottonwood Mall

505-897-5919 (Box Office) or 844-462-7342

Website: www.regalmovies.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Descriptive Audio Headsets, CaptiView Cup holder (CC) System, and Closed Caption Glasses.

FLIX BREWHOUSE

3236 La Orilla Road NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

505-445-8500

Website: www.flixbrewhouse.com

Accessibility Devices Offered: Headsets with volume control, Closed Captioning Cup Holder System, and Descriptive Audio Headsets.

Questions?

CDD Information Network: 1-800-552-8195 or 505-272-8549. <https://goto.unm.edu/x8gmt>

Loop People; Loop Places

Ginevra Ralph

Looping Countertops & Reception Desks

As the discussion of “personal empowerment” ramps up around the country encouraging people with hearing loss to take more control and, frankly, be a bit more demanding, about the quality of their hearing life, there are more and more tools being developed to respond to this demand. Such tools include microphones that



you can hand to someone that connect directly with your hearing aid/CI, and speech-to-text apps on your phone. They are really important to know

about and use as you are able. Some are proprietary to certain hearing device brands; some take more tech savvy to operate. And of course the great universal tool that you can have in your toolkit is your telecoil!

We asked the leader of a Chicago HLAA chapter to go test a donated portable loop placed at a Shedd Aquarium ticket counter. She had never heard of the idea of looping a small space, such as a ticket booth, or hotel reception counter, or a med-

ical office check-in desk. It worked perfectly for her, in spite of the Plexiglas and masks. Yes, she had a personal mic she could hand to the employee, but they were leery of unsanitized devices at the time, and it would work individually—only for her. A looped counter space lets everyone with a telecoil check in at the airport, the restaurant, the hotel, or the doctor's office effortlessly. Start with your hearing specialist's office—is it looped? Talk about good customer service!

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How To Advocate

In Dr. Norm Dawson's talk in February, he mentioned times he self-advocated. Here is an example of advocating on behalf of the HoH community as a whole. His letter below is assertive, but respectful. It's direct, to the point, and succinct (doesn't waste the reader's time). It requests a clear, specific action and gives reasons why the requested action is beneficial.

Dear Representative Cates:

A bill mandating that captions always be turned on in TVs in public places like bars, restaurants, waiting rooms etc. has been introduced in the NM House of Representatives by Rep. Cynthia Borrego of Albuquerque and has been referred to the House Health and Human Services Committee. John Hooper, President of the Santa Fe chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America was the person instrumental in getting Rep. Borrego to write and introduce the bill. Such legislation has been a

goal of the Committee for Communication Access in NM.

The bill mirrors the provisions of the captioning ordinances passed in recent years in Albuquerque and Santa Fe and is referred to as HB282.

Similar laws are on the books in Washington state and many cities such as San Francisco to benefit the hard of hearing and the deaf when visiting those facilities.

I am requesting that you support and vote on this bill on behalf of the hard-of-hearing and persons who are deaf in New Mexico. It is also beneficial for those who speak English as a second language.

Respectfully,
Dr. Norm Dawson
Corrales, NM 87048

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