

## DICAPTA'S NEWSLETTER

Monthly Accessibility News – June 2024



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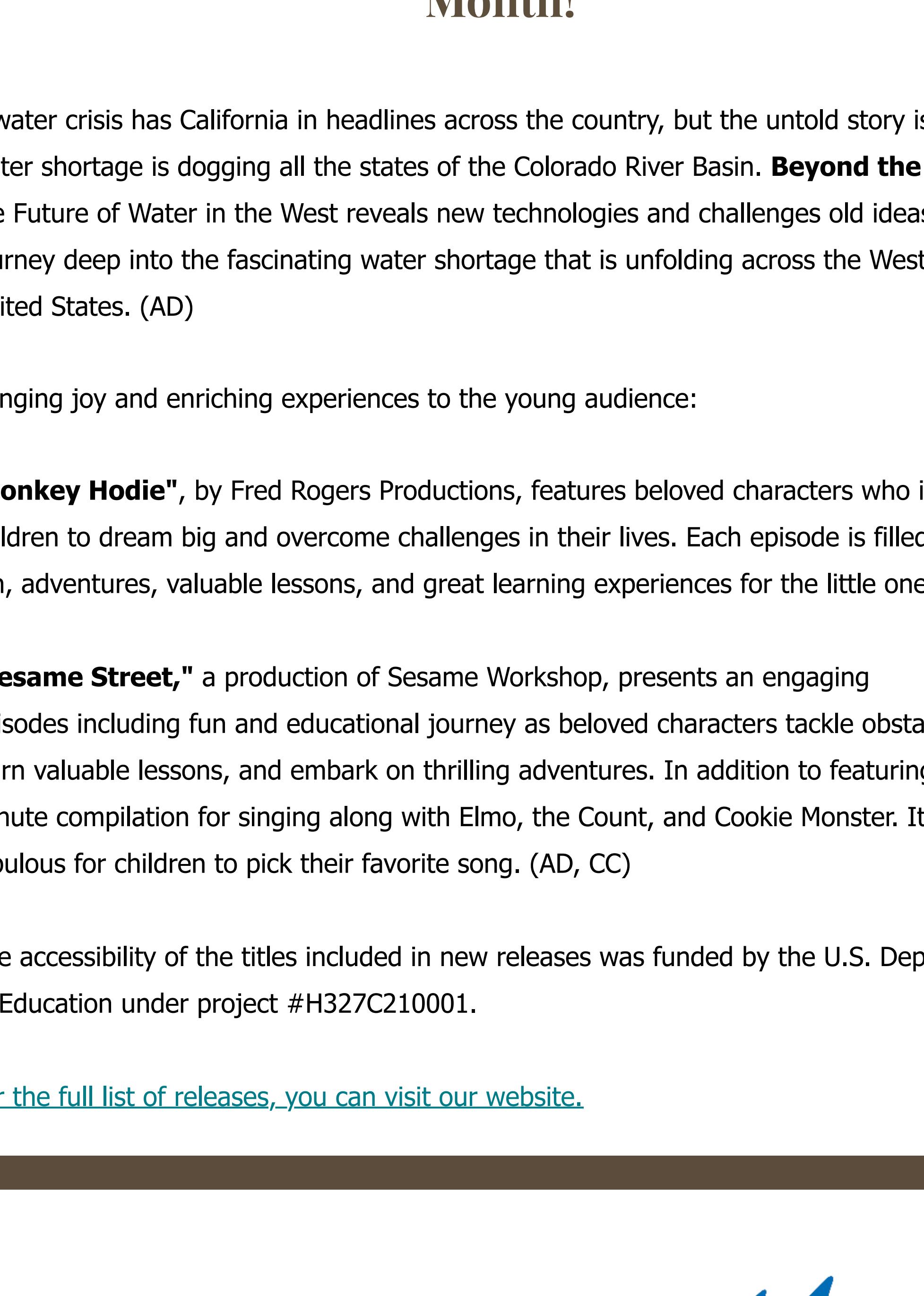
#### Celebrating DeafBlind Awareness Week: Embracing Inclusivity and Accessibility

**DeafBlind Awareness Week** will be observed from June 25 to July 1. Marked annually during the last week of June, this week honors the birthday of leading humanitarian Helen Keller on June 27. Deafblind herself, Keller's work significantly impacted the lives of DeafBlind individuals. Deafblindness refers to a combination of visual and auditory impairments and is much more common than many realize, over 15 million people worldwide are estimated to be living with severe Deafblindness.

DeafBlind Awareness Week is not only a time to commemorate Keller's accomplishments but also an opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for a more DeafBlind-accessible world. Interested on how to make your world more accessible? Here are some tips you could start implementing today:

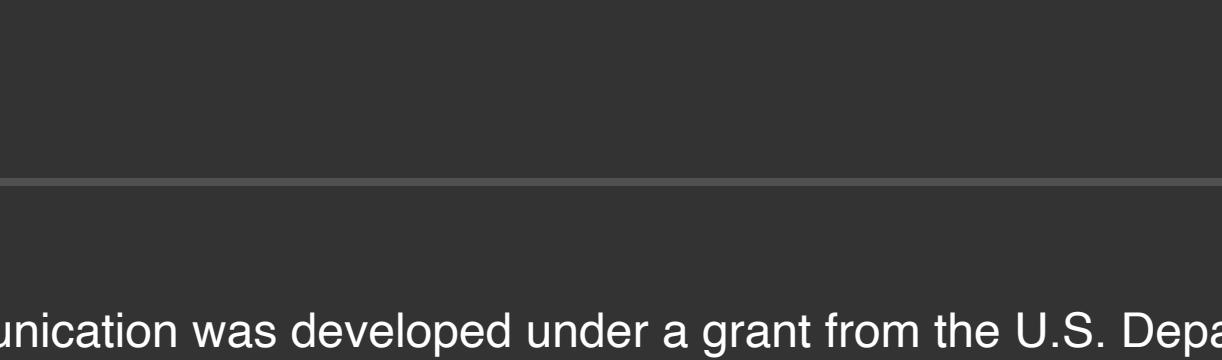
- Consider using clear and simple language in your messaging and implement **multiple formats** like Braille, large print, and audio.
- **Ensure your website's accessible** for folks with screen readers and other assistive technologies. Not sure where to start? You can start by checking your own website with [WAVE](#) for Web Content Accessibility Guideline (WCAG) errors and more!
- Educate your peers to better understand and support other individuals through dedicated efforts including sensitivity trainings. **Accessibility efforts could easily be integrated into your team's DE&I initiatives.**

If you have any questions, never hesitate to reach out to our team for insights!



#### Expert Insights Series

Dive into Maria Victoria Diaz, PhD's latest thought piece, "[Voices of Inclusion: My Love Affair with AI](#)," where she explores the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in enhancing accessibility. AI is revolutionizing communication and educational tools and can be used for underserved communities, while maintaining ethical standards and practices for its responsible use. Discover the balance between innovation and responsibility in harnessing AI to foster a more inclusive society.



Audio Description Off On

#### WaterBear Launches New Audio Description Library for Inclusive Viewing

Dive into a world of inclusive content on WaterBear! Explore their full range of films now available with accessibility features. Visit their [Audio Description \(AD\) Library](#).

Just like us, WaterBear believes everyone deserves to enjoy their films. That's why they offer an **inclusive viewing experience with Audio description tracks** for those with vision impairments.

To access audio descriptive tracks, simply download the **All4Access app** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once synchronized, choose your preferred accessibility feature, and enjoy your accessible program!

The audio description (AD) for WaterBear content was created by Dicapta with support of the United States Department of Education under the TV Access project #H327C210001.

We value WaterBear's commitment to accessibility and inclusive entertainment, and we are thrilled to work with them and contribute to making entertainment accessible for all!



#### Don't Miss Our New Accessible Releases for this Month!

A water crisis has California in headlines across the country, but the untold story is that a water shortage is dogging all the states of the Colorado River Basin. **Beyond the Mirage: the Future of Water in the West** reveals new technologies and challenges old ideas. Take a journey deep into the fascinating water shortage that is unfolding across the Western United States. (AD)

Bringing joy and enriching experiences to the young audience:

"**Donkey Hodie**", by Fred Rogers Productions, features beloved characters who inspire children to dream big and overcome challenges in their lives. Each episode is filled with fun, adventures, valuable lessons, and great learning experiences for the little ones. (AD)

"**Sesame Street**," a production of Sesame Workshop, presents an engaging episodes including fun and educational journey as beloved characters tackle obstacles, learn valuable lessons, and embark on thrilling adventures. In addition to featuring a 45-minute compilation for singing along with Elmo, the Count, and Cookie Monster. It's fabulous for children to pick their favorite song. (AD, CC)

The accessibility of the titles included in new releases was funded by the U.S. Department of Education under project #H327C210001.

For the full list of releases, you can visit our website.

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