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# Sparc Newsletter

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Hello readers and welcome to the very first SPARC newsletter, our goal with this monthly newsletter is to provide our participants with all the information they need for any upcoming events in the most concise way possible. We hope you enjoy the first edition and look forward to the coming months!

- On May 16th we hosted the Arc Panel which discussed *Navigating The Maze*, a deep-dive into the various resources that are available to the provider of a child with disabilities, to those who attended we hope you gained some useful information! For those who were unable to attend, a video of the panel can be found upon opening the website in the top right or clicking [right here](#). After this successful event we have scheduled another for September 18th of next year (date subject to change).
- New applications for the Special Olympics are **required** for anyone interested in participating, due to COVID precautions the old applications have become outdated. The new applications are dated 2020 on the bottom and are eight pages long as opposed to the previous six pages. If you have not filled out a new application please do so as soon as possible; as completed applications are required for athletes and volunteers to participate in any activities.

Now that all the important reminders are out of the way; let's talk about some fun upcoming events for, and by, the disabled community you can expect in the coming months!

- This month's **Spotlighted Event** is *Ignatius' Club*! Ignatius Ehlinger has organized a bi-monthly event starting on Saturday, August 6th of 2022. Ignatius' Club will be a family friendly movie club hosted at Royal Cinema on Main St. in Front Royal. Local businesses are being asked to sponsor the event,

future screenings will be the first Saturday of every month. Screening details to be announced.

## Upcoming Events

Fall 2022: Special Olympics Kickball (dates tba)

\*July, 16, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m:  
Honey tasting @ Samuels Public Library

October, 22, 2022: Escape Room Party @  
Samuels Public Library (details tba)

**Did You Know? The Arc is currently assisting at least 7 families through advocacy efforts.**

One of those beneficiaries of the Arcs efforts is Morgan Miller who, thanks to Winnie Ehlinger's eight years of work, received an accessible van to transport her motorized wheelchair. Thanks to this, Morgan is able to access areas of the community she previously could not; granting her the freedom she deserves.

That's it! Thank you all so much for reading, we look forward to seeing you for our upcoming events!

***“When everyone else says you can't, determination says, YES YOU CAN.” —***

***Robert M. Hensel***

\*Signup for the honey tasting event can be found on the Samuels Public Library website or simply follow the link on the SPARC website