

# DICAPTA'S NEWSLETTER

Monthly Accessibility News - January 2024



## CURRENT EVENTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND MORE BELOW



### Dicapta Celebrates Braille Day 2024

Every year on January 4th, we celebrate World Braille Day in honor of the achievements and contributions of Louis Braille, inventor of this wonderful writing system. **The date coincides with the birth of this pioneer, on January 4th, 1809.**

**Braille is perhaps one of the most important creations in the field of disability**, which has helped countless blind people to better interact with their environment, enjoy media, and communicate their ideas.

To commemorate this date, we invite you to [learn some of the basics of Braille](#), [donate to some of the organizations that promote Braille Literacy](#), or even look around your local environment consciously to spot all the different places **where Braille is being used to enhance accessibility**.



### POV Wins Two IDA Awards For Series Programming

**POV, the annual non-fiction series that delivers some of the best independent films every year on PBS, won two awards at the prestigious IDA Documentary Awards.** These awards "seek to represent excellence in the documentary field from around the world by emerging and established documentarians" according to their own webpage.

POV won in two important categories: **POV Season 36 won the award for "Best Curated Series" while POV Shorts Season 6 received the "Best Short-Form Series" award.** With these, POV has now received a total of 7 IDA Documentary Awards.

For Dicapta its rewarding to create audio description for POV's season 36, taking into account the diversity of their content and the topics they address. **Among some of the non-fiction films in season 36, we would like to highlight "Fire Through Dry Grass" and "unseen" movies that provide a perspective from the point of view of people with disabilities.** The director of "Fire Through Dry Grass" is Andres "Jay" Molina, a disability rights activist, originally from the Dominican Republic, and "unseen" features an undocumented immigrant with visual disabilities as the main character.

POV and POV Shorts programs are available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including PBS.org and the PBS Video app, available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO.

Funding for POV's accessibility elements is provided by the United States's Department of Education, under project H327C210001 "Improved Access to Video for Students with Sensory Impairments through emerging technology - EnhAccess".

### New Accessibility Releases

Here you will find all the New accessibility versions



### Stay Up To Date With Our Accessible Releases!

**We are thrilled to introduce a new feature on Dicapta's website – the "New Accessibility Releases" section.** As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity, this dedicated space is designed to inform you about the latest films and series for which we have created accessibility features.

In the "New Accessibility Releases" section, you'll find detailed information about each piece of content, including the title, the type of accessibility features available (such as captions, audio description, and American Sign Language interpretation), and where these films and series can be watched. **We've made sure to indicate the program's language, whether English or Spanish, making it easier for users to find content that suits their preferences.**

Moreover, we are excited to announce that this section will be updated monthly with new releases, ensuring that you stay in the loop about the latest and most accessible content available. **Each listing includes a brief synopsis to provide a sneak peek into the storyline. Stay tuned for regular updates as we expand our "New Accessibility Releases" catalog.**

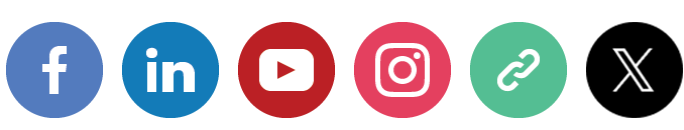


### Alma's Way Wins Two Imagen Awards!

**The children's show Alma's Way had a triumphant success at the Imagen Awards. This heartwarming series has clinched two prestigious awards:** the accolade for Best Youth Programming and the esteemed recognition of Summer Rose Castillo as the Best Voice-Over Actor.

[The Imagen Awards](#) seek to foster and promote the involvement of Latino talent, leaders, and perspectives across the spectrum of creative endeavors within entertainment media. They were established by the Imagen Foundation in 1985 to recognize and celebrate outstanding content that showcases the diversity and richness of the Latino community. The awards cover various categories such as Best Picture, Best Actor/Actress, Best Television Series, and more.

**We are very proud that the work of the Dicapta-Timeline Digital team in the casting process, language and musical adaptation, dubbing direction, and accessibility**, with the guidance of the fabulous Fred Rogers' team, gave life to this family of characters that reflect the richness of our Latin heritage.



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