DISABILITY NEWS

- “Access+Ability,” a new exhibit now on display at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum highlights some of the better developments in accessible design from the past decade. The New York Times featured it in their Weekend Arts section this past Friday and published photos of several examples from the exhibit. See “How Design for One Turns Into Design for All.”

- “From Richard III to Captain Ahab: what literature reveals about how we treat disabilities,” The Guardian: “Dominant ideas about disability don’t necessarily reflect the reality of lives and capabilities, but fit the political agendas of particular times and places. We can find in literature endless examples of the prejudices that surround disability, but we can also encounter the complexity of the world of people with disabilities and the rich and vibrant histories they make.”

On that theme of representation in media, also check out “The Oscars Love Movies About Disability, Not Disabled Actors” on the website Film School Rejects.

- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Promoting Healthy Aging for Individuals with Long-Term Physical Disabilities has published a new factsheet, Tips for Healthy Eating & Healthy Aging. The factsheet includes tips for making healthy changes to one’s diet, information on healthy eating habits, things to remember before making dietary changes, and additional resources. More factsheets from the Aging Well with a Physical Disability series are available from the project website.

- NIDILRR has issued a new Request for Information (RFI), seeking input on the incidence of opioid use disorder among people with disabilities. This information will help NIDILRR determine what research might be needed to inform interventions and/or policies to mitigate the effects of opioid use disorder on people with disabilities. Topics of particular interest include opioid use among common subgroups of people with disabilities and their secondary conditions, and/or the effectiveness of existing or adapted treatment strategies for opioid use disorder among people with disabilities. Comments should be submitted via email to sarah.ruiz@acl.hhs.gov. All comments must be submitted by February 20th to be assured consideration.

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