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American Council of the Blind Offers Quick Check for Audio Described Titles

ALEXANDRIA, VA – September 15, 2020 – The search for films or videos with audio description is now easier than ever—the American Council of the Blind and its Audio Description Project has made a new search function available where a title or part of a title can be entered, resulting in matches in a Master Audio Description (AD) List.

This search may be initiated on the main website page (www.acb.org/adp), the Master AD List (www.acb.org/adp/masterad.html) or on its own page (www.acb.org/adp/findavideo.html).

Audio description provides a verbal version of key visual events added to audio tracks of video and film; the added descriptions occur during pauses in dialogue or between critical sound elements. Audio description is designed to aid in the fuller appreciation of a movie or TV series by a person who is blind or has low vision. People with other disabilities such as autism also benefit, as do individuals with attention deficit disorder and others—even sighted people who are in another room.

The American Council of the Blind’s Audio Description Project tracks all media titles available with audio description (AD) tracks for people who are blind or have low vision or who otherwise find this additional audio track helpful. While titles are tracked by media – Current Cinema, DVDs, Television Series, and six major media streaming services – the “Master AD List” consolidates all titles into one listing identifying where you can find the title with AD. Currently there are over 4,300 titles on the list.

Sample output:

>>> Found 2 titles searching for 'neighborhood':

• A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: DVD, ITUNES, SPECTRUM-ACCESS
• The Neighborhood [Series]: CBS

Additional information about the ACB’s Audio Description Project is available at: www.acb.org/adp.

About the American Council of the Blind

The American Council of the Blind is a national grassroots consumer organization representing Americans who are blind and visually impaired. With 70 affiliates, ACB strives to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and to improve quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people. Learn more by visiting www.acb.org.