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Free InSIGHTful Expo - March 6th

Many people worry about vision changes due to accident, illness, or eye disease. Those who have experienced vision changes or have Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma or other vision challenges will find it helpful to attend the <u>free</u> **InSIGHTful Expo** on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00 to 2:00 at the downtown library. Visitors to the Expo will learn about an amazing array of tools and services available through face to face conversation with exhibitors, and while listening to speakers.

Three speaker sessions are planned:

10:30 - Dan Weirich, GW Micro, topic: Technology, Progress and Productivity.

11:30 - Dr. Gohar Salam, VitreoRetinal Consultants of Fort Wayne, topic: Current research and treatments.

12:30 – Rich Poncin and Kimberly Howe, topic: Guide Dogs and Puppy Raising.

"We're hoping that people who are experiencing vision changes or are at risk of vision changes, along with their family and friends will attend the Expo and take advantage of this convenient and accessible setting to learn more," said the library's NEIRRS Manager, Lisa Bordner. "Northeast Indiana has many social opportunities, transportation aides and services, information about developing research, and so many tools and services to make day-to-day life easier. People just need to know what's available."

Several nonprofit agencies joined together to plan the Expo, including: The League for the Blind and Disabled, Lakota Chapter of the American Council of the Blind, Fort Wayne Chapter of the Workers for the Blind, Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service, and Northeast Indiana Lions Clubs. Their goal is to help people who have vision challenges experience more independence and confidence. The free **Insightful Expo**, is Saturday, March 6th, from 10:00 to 2:00 at the downtown library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Parking is free with library card.