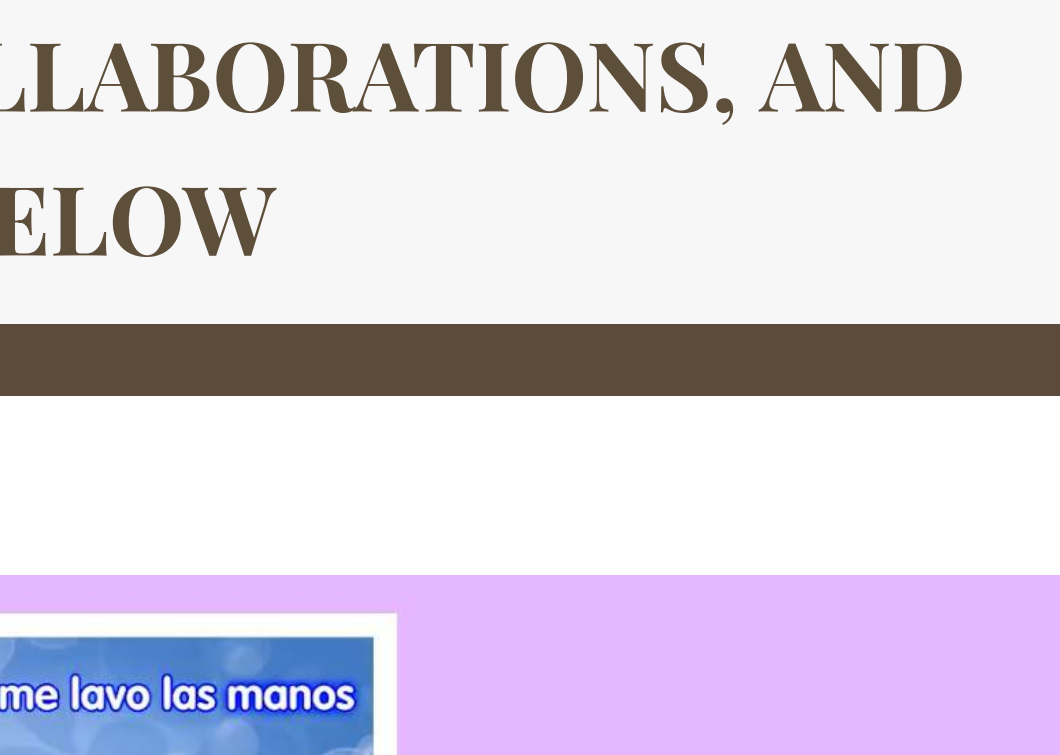
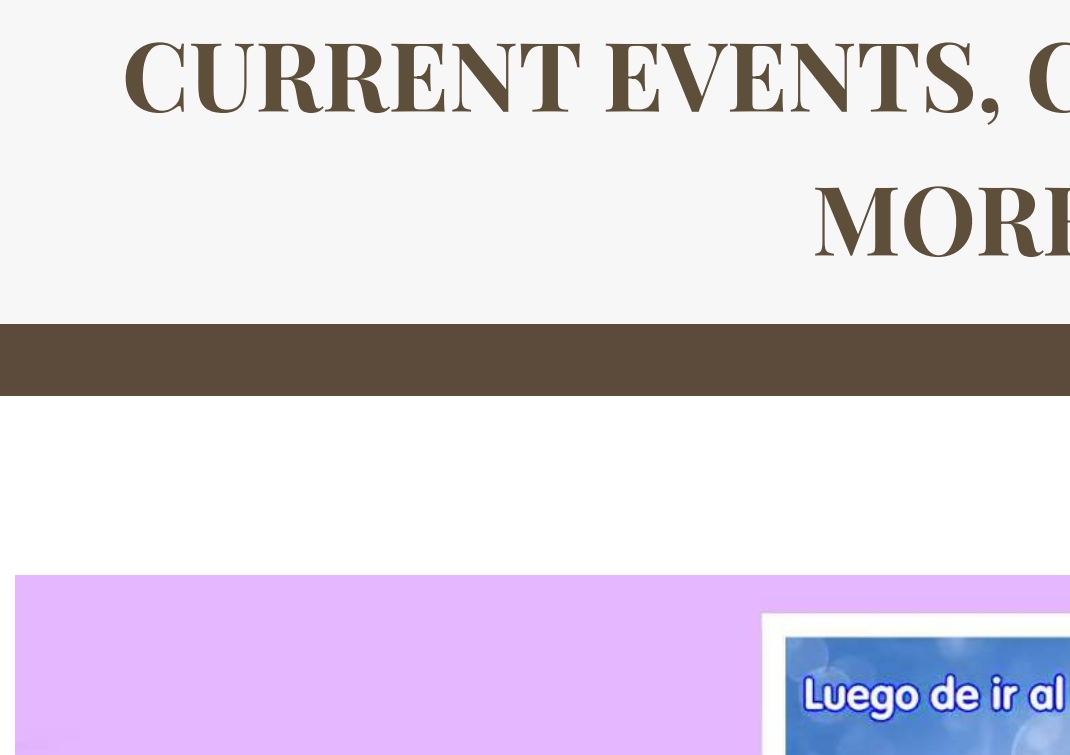
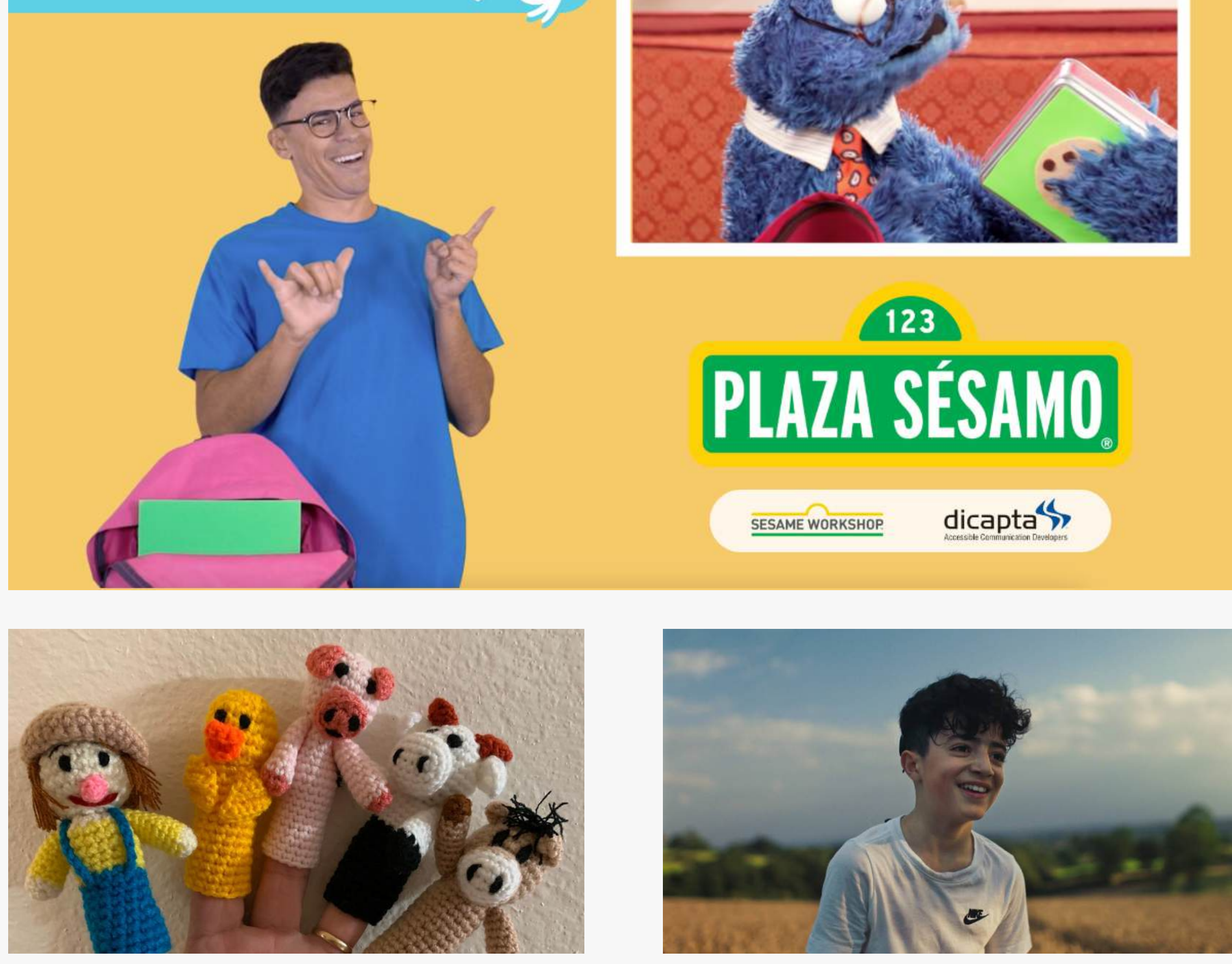
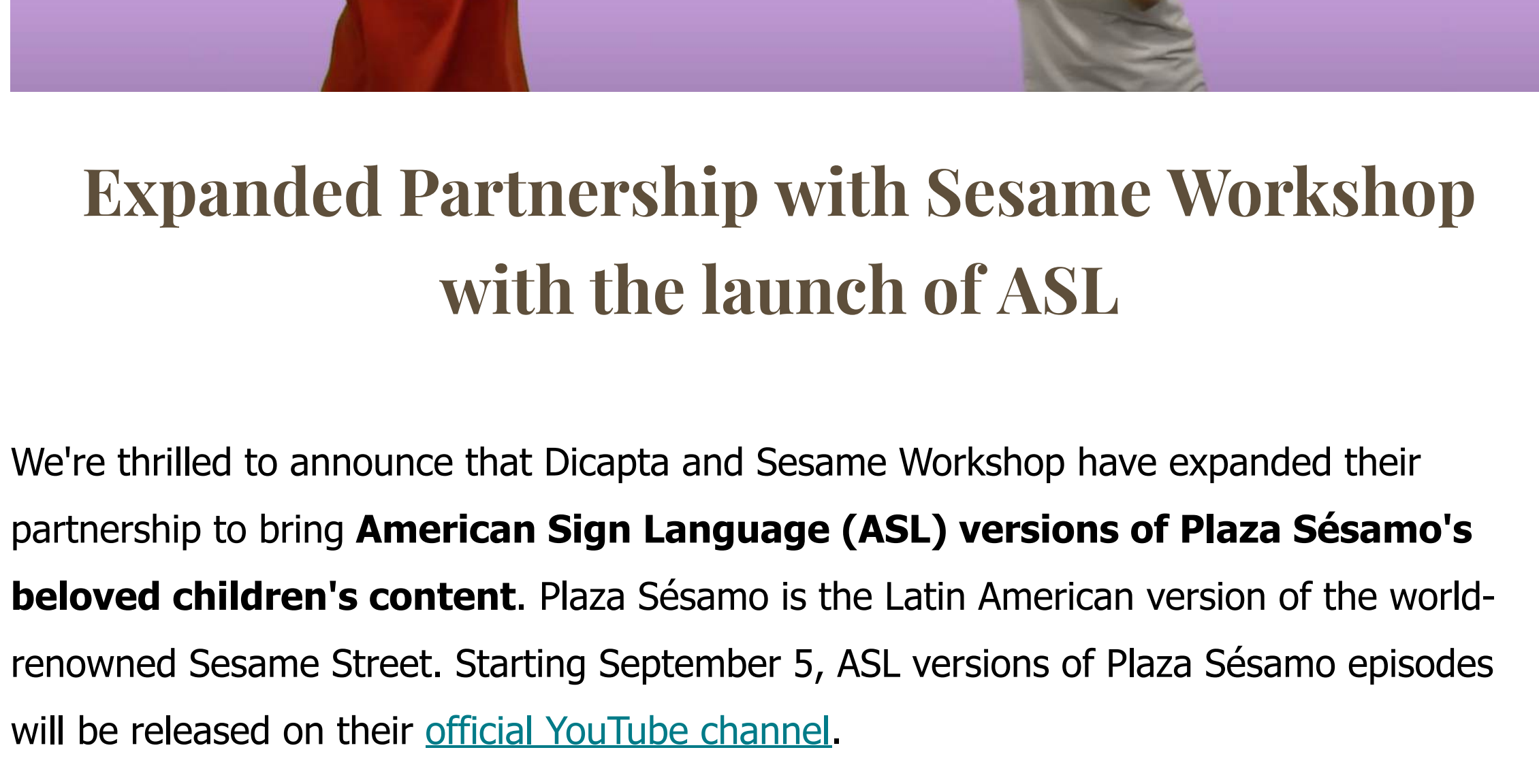


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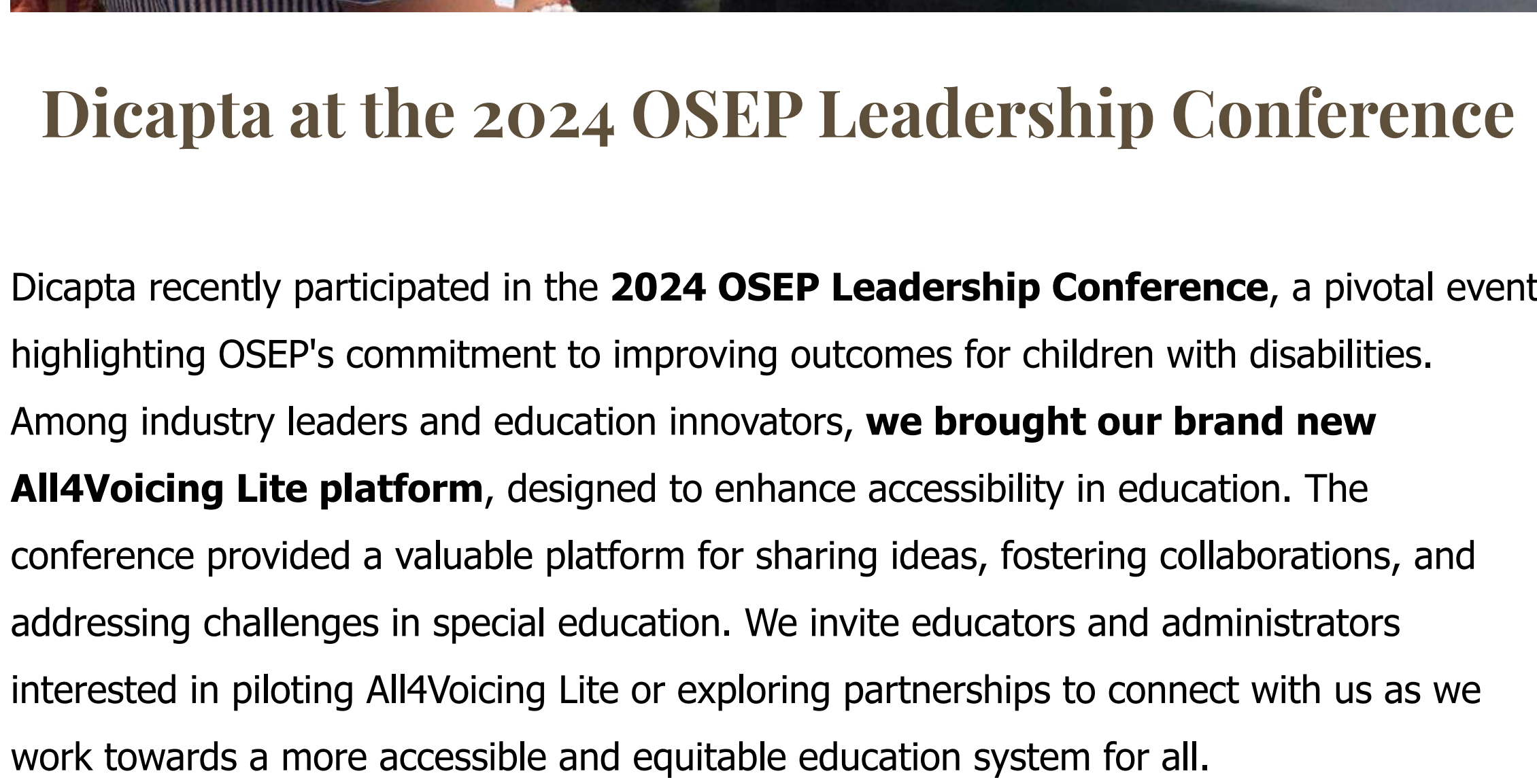
## CURRENT EVENTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND MORE BELOW



## Expanded Partnership with Sesame Workshop with the launch of ASL

We're thrilled to announce that Dicapta and Sesame Workshop have expanded their partnership to bring **American Sign Language (ASL) versions of Plaza Sésamo's beloved children's content**. Plaza Sésamo is the Latin American version of the world-renowned Sesame Street. Starting September 5, ASL versions of Plaza Sésamo episodes will be released on their [official YouTube channel](#).

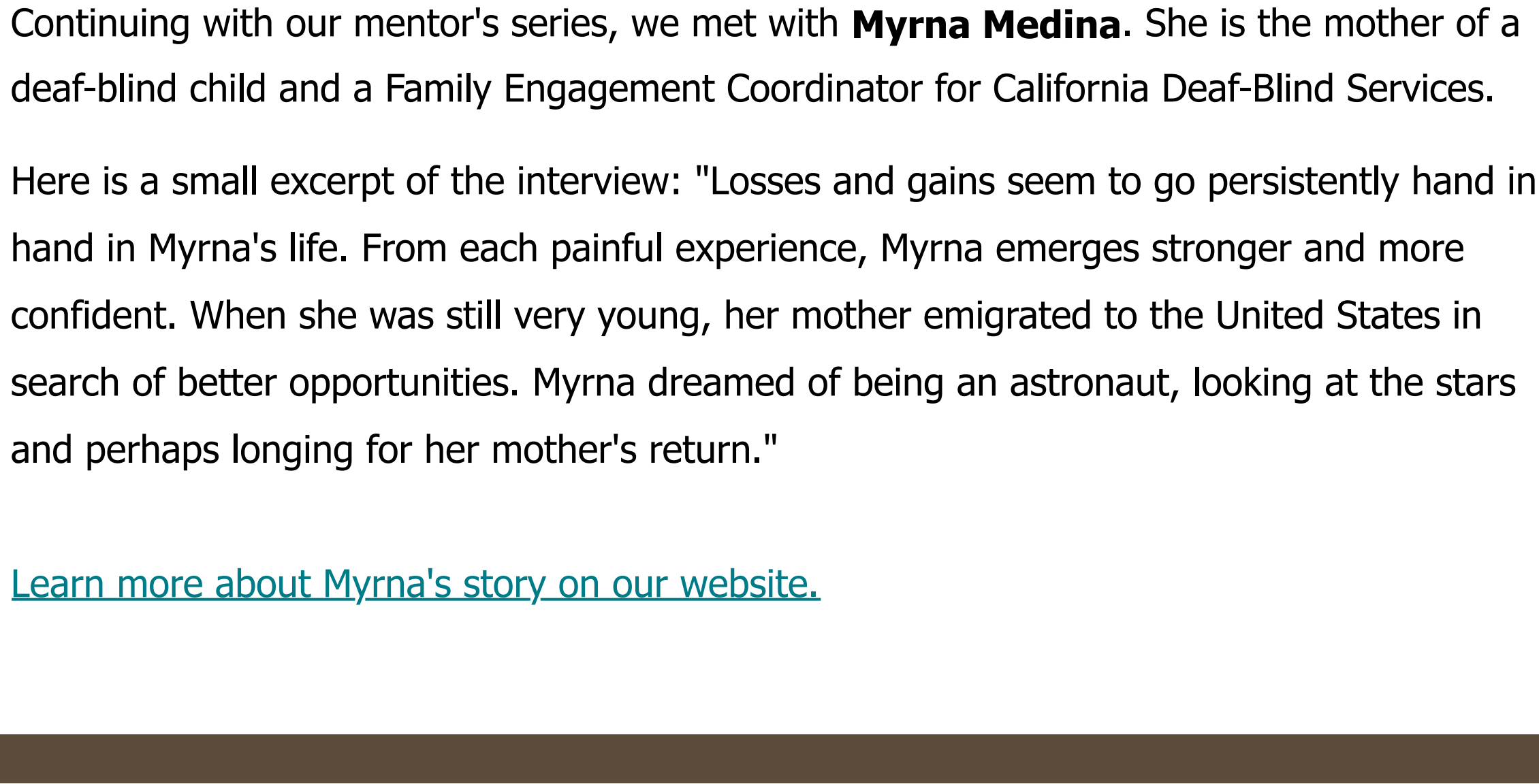
This collaboration, supported and funded by the [U.S. Office of Special Education Programs-OSEP](#), aims to allow U.S. Hispanic children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families to enjoy the educational and entertaining content of Plaza Sésamo while practicing and improving their ASL skills. [Read the press release on our website](#) and stay tuned for these new versions.



## Dicapta at the 2024 OSEP Leadership Conference

Dicapta recently participated in the **2024 OSEP Leadership Conference**, a pivotal event highlighting OSEP's commitment to improving outcomes for children with disabilities. Among industry leaders and education innovators, **we brought our brand new All4Voicing Lite platform**, designed to enhance accessibility in education. The conference provided a valuable platform for sharing ideas, fostering collaborations, and addressing challenges in special education. We invite educators and administrators interested in piloting All4Voicing Lite or exploring partnerships to connect with us as we work towards a more accessible and equitable education system for all.

[View our full OSEP highlight here.](#)

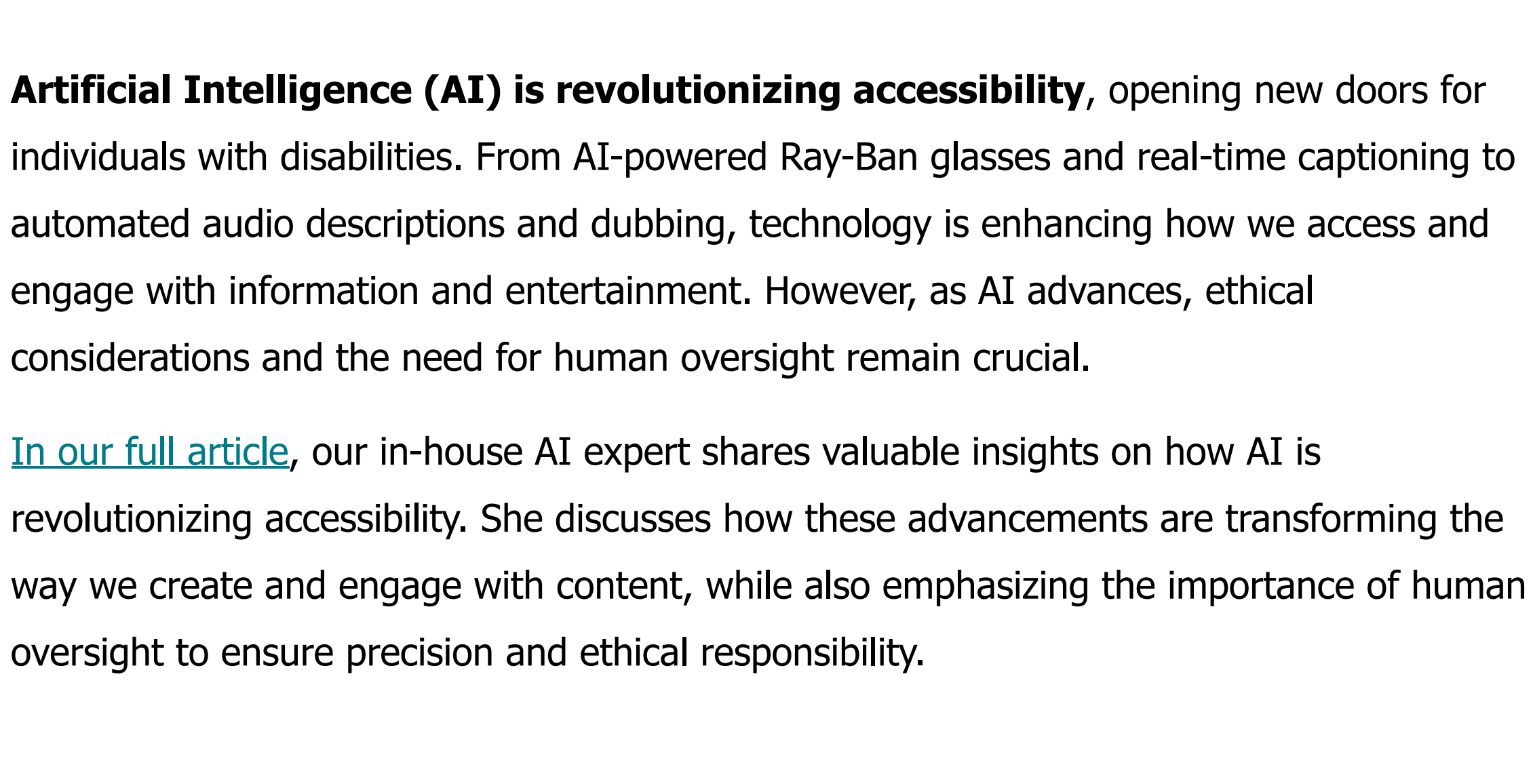


## Mentor's Corner: Myrna Medina

Continuing with our mentor's series, we met with **Myrna Medina**. She is the mother of a deaf-blind child and a Family Engagement Coordinator for California Deaf-Blind Services.

Here is a small excerpt of the interview: "Losses and gains seem to go persistently hand in hand in Myrna's life. From each painful experience, Myrna emerges stronger and more confident. When she was still very young, her mother emigrated to the United States in search of better opportunities. Myrna dreamed of being an astronaut, looking at the stars and perhaps longing for her mother's return."

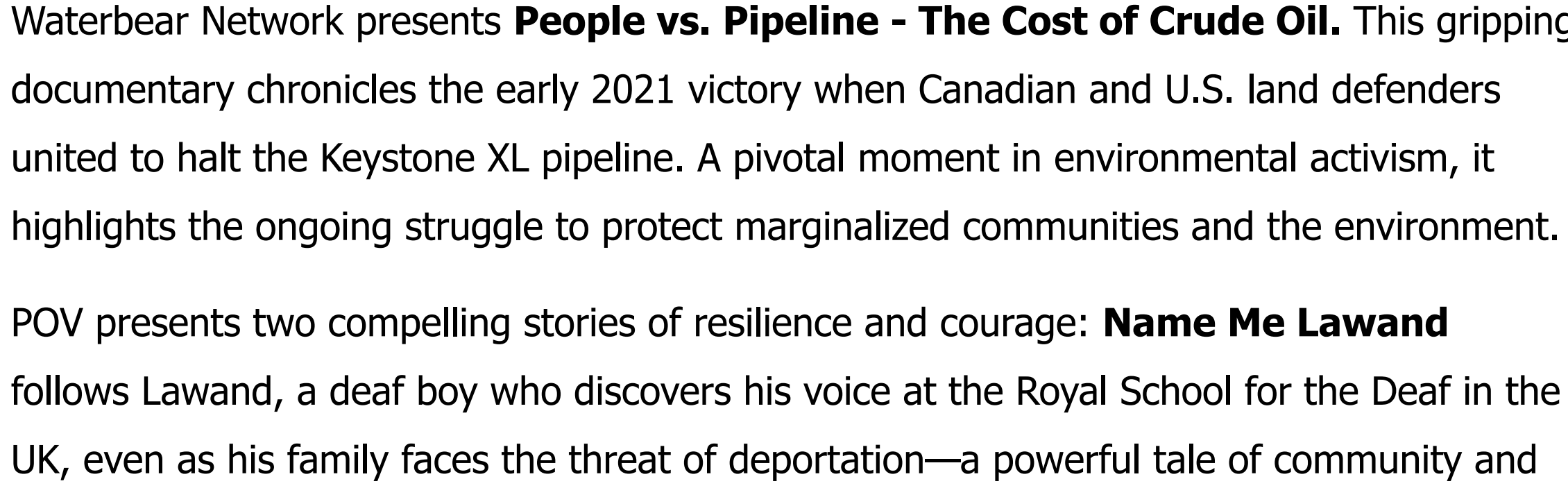
[Learn more about Myrna's story on our website.](#)



## Ushering in a New Era of Accessibility with AI

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing accessibility**, opening new doors for individuals with disabilities. From AI-powered Ray-Ban glasses and real-time captioning to automated audio descriptions and dubbing, technology is enhancing how we access and engage with information and entertainment. However, as AI advances, ethical considerations and the need for human oversight remain crucial.

[In our full article](#), our in-house AI expert shares valuable insights on how AI is revolutionizing accessibility. She discusses how these advancements are transforming the way we create and engage with content, while also emphasizing the importance of human oversight to ensure precision and ethical responsibility.



## Don't Miss Our New Accessible Releases for this Month!

We're excited to share this month's new releases, **all featuring accessible options!** Dive into these powerful films and series, designed for everyone to enjoy.

Waterbear Network presents **People vs. Pipeline - The Cost of Crude Oil**. This gripping documentary chronicles the early 2021 victory when Canadian and U.S. land defenders united to halt the Keystone XL pipeline. A pivotal moment in environmental activism, it highlights the ongoing struggle to protect marginalized communities and the environment.

POV presents two compelling stories of resilience and courage: **Name Me Lawand** follows Lawand, a deaf boy who discovers his voice at the Royal School for the Deaf in the UK, even as his family faces the threat of deportation—a powerful tale of community and determination. **Who's Afraid of Nathan Law?** delves into the life of Nathan Law, Hong Kong's youngest elected lawmaker and most renowned dissident, as he bravely confronts escalating authoritarian rule in his fight for freedom.

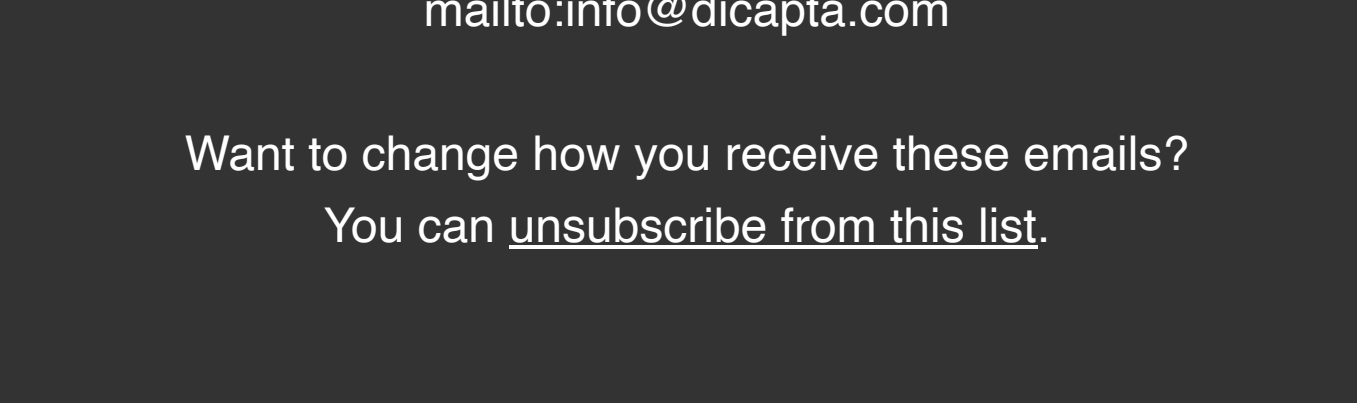
For our Spanish-speaking viewers, Canal 22 Internacional presents two enriching programs: **En lo Profundo de México** that highlights the detailed restoration of Mexico's cultural treasures, from ancient mummies to historical sculptures. Meanwhile, **Dichosa Palabra** features Germán Ortega, Eduardo Casar, Pablo Boullosa, and Laura García as they delve into language, literature, and philosophy in this cherished, long-running series.

For our youngest viewers, Fred Rogers Productions offers new episodes of the second seasons of two of their delightful series: **Donkey Hodie** brings Donkey and friends back with new adventures that teach problem-solving, teamwork, and courage in fun, imaginative ways. **Alma's Way** follows Alma and her friends as they navigate everyday challenges with heart and curiosity, learning important lessons about family, friendship, and empathy.

**The accessibility of these titles is made possible thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Education under project #H327C210001. [For the full list of releases, visit our website.](#)**

## Important Dates

- [National Deaf Awareness Month](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), September 15 to October 15
- [NextGen Accessibility Summit](#), TDForAccess, Inc. September 17 - **Don't miss the virtual panel "Navigating Accessibility Together: A Model for Success." at 11:55 AM.**
- International Day of Sign Languages, September 23



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