

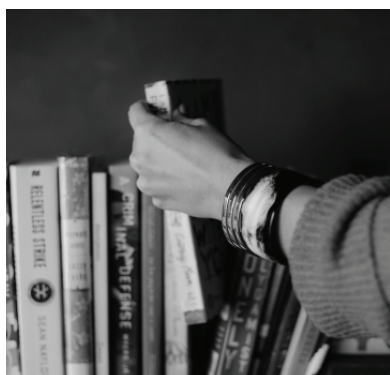
WINTER 2023

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OTBS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Are you looking for an opportunity to discuss great books and network with other Oakland Talking Book Service (OTBS) patrons? Consider joining one of our book discussion groups. If you have questions about our book discussion groups or want to receive one or more books, call 248-650-5681.



OTBS Book Friends

Mondays: February 6, March 6 & April 3, 1 p.m.

To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed.

February 6: *Left on Tenth* by Delia Ephron (DB107810)

March 6: *Solito* by Javier Zamora (DB110163)

April 3: *Measure* by Nikki Erlick (DB109475)



Phoney Friends Book Club

Wednesdays: February 8, March 8 & April 12, 1 p.m.

To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed.

February 8: *One Two Three* by Laurie Frankel (DB103857)

March 8: *I Must Say: My Life as a Humble Comedy Legend* by Martin Short (DB89451)

April 12: *Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams (DB104434)

Braille On Demand

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) offers a Braille-On-Demand program that allows Braille readers to request and keep one Braille book per month. These personal Braille book copies are yours to keep. There are over 16,000 eBraille titles currently available on BARD, and any can be printed on demand and sent to your home.

Order one Braille-On-Demand book per month by completing a short online form at: [surveymonkey.com/r/NLSbrailleondemand](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLSbrailleondemand). For assistance in ordering a book, call OTBS staff at 248-650-5681 or send an email to otbs@rhpl.org. After your request is processed, you will receive a hard copy of your chosen Braille book, bound with a soft cover and comb-binding, through the mail.

Please note that you may continue to request Braille books as usual, and that books belonging to the Braille and Talking Book Library must still be returned. Only Braille-On-Demand books may be kept. Call 248-650-5681 for more information.

Dial-In Discussion Club

Mondays: February 20, March 20 & April 17, 1 p.m.

Each month, we discuss various topics over the phone. To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed. For updated information about monthly topics, call 248-650-7150.



Newsline: Free Audio News Service

OTBS patrons and others who are blind, deafblind, have low vision, or are otherwise print disabled have access to NFB-Newsline. This audio news service provides access to over 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, news from cable television networks, TV listings, and more.

Content can be delivered via a mobile device, on the telephone, on an Amazon Alexa enabled device, on the website, via email, or on Victor Stream devices. For more information or to apply for this free service, visit nfbnewsline.org or call 866-504-7300.

CCTV Donations

OTBS accepts donations of CCTVs, desktop magnifying units that project magnified images of printed documents onto a video screen. If you, or someone you know, has a CCTV unit no longer being used, please consider donating it for someone who will benefit from its use. If you are interested in receiving a donated unit, call 248-650-5681 to be added to a waiting list.



BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Materials Updates and Improvements

BARD Mobile, the free application for smartphones and tablets, provides OTBS patrons with immediate access to our complete selection of talking books and magazines. Using this app, you may download up to 100 items in a 30-day period. You may keep the books you download on your device as long as you need.

In late 2022, significant improvements were made to the searching and downloading process. Search results are now more accurate and easier to navigate. Adding a book to the wish list and downloading it has been eliminated for those using Apple devices. These improvements will be implemented for other operating systems (Android), as well. You must update the BARD mobile app on your device to activate these changes.

The written descriptions of books will now come directly from the publisher, providing the user with more detailed information. If you don't have a BARD account or have struggled to use BARD in the past, we encourage you to try the app. If you would like more information or assistance, contact OTBS staff at 248-650-5681 or send an email to otbs@rhpl.org.

Contribute to the newsletter!

Do you have a book you would like to recommend or a topic you would like to see covered? Let us know! Call 248-650-5681 or send an email to otbs@rhpl.org.



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Fri. & Sat9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun1-6 p.m.