

# Fall 2025 OTBS Update



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## Dial-In Discussion Club

Each month we will gather to discuss various topics over the phone. This group meets on the third Monday of each month. Dial 888-916-5522 to join the program. No pin or password is necessary. For updated information about monthly topics, call 248-650-7150.

**September 22, 1 p.m.:** Chef Debra Erickson from The Blind Kitchen will join us to discuss adaptive tools, helpful strategies, and cooking knowledge for blind and vision-impaired people who want to cook safely, confidently, and independently.

**October 20, 1 p.m.:** Laurie Craig, a psychologist for 30 years, who specialized in helping people facing visual disabilities will discuss with the group ways to stay positive and go over a few mindfulness techniques.

## **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.

### **First Monday of each month at 1 p.m.:**

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

**August 4:** *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman. DB124180

**September 1:** *We'll Prescribe You a Cat* by Syou Ishida. DB124064

**October 6:** *Daughters of Shandong* by Eve J. Chung. DB121340

### **Third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.:**

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

**August 20:** *Live like a Guide Dog* by Michael Hingson and Keri Wyatt Kent. DB126534

**September 17:** BYO Book Club—Come prepared to talk about a book that you loved or what you're currently reading.

**October 15:** *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman. DB125324

## **The RHPL Makerspace offers 3D Printed Assistive Devices!**

Request a free custom 3D printed assistive device one a month from the RHPL Makerspace. For more details, visit [otbs.rhpl.org](http://otbs.rhpl.org) or email [otbs@rhpl.org](mailto:otbs@rhpl.org)

## **Low Vision Fair at Leader Dogs for the Blind!**

**Wednesday, September 24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

### **Leader Dogs Campus**

Join us at this free event to learn more about services available to people in Michigan who are blind, visually impaired, or have low vision. Meet with representatives from a variety of agencies and organizations serving seniors and those with low vision. Hosted in partnership with Leader Dogs for the Blind.

### **New catalog for searching and ordering books**

Starting mid August there will be a new catalog for the Braille and Talking Books Library of Michigan that will allow talking books users to more easily search and order books. Look for the link on [otbs.rhpl.org](http://otbs.rhpl.org)

### **BARD 2.0 Website**

Everyone who uses BARD should have access to the updated website for BARD—the NLS calls it BARD 2.0. It has been redesigned with a sleeker feel, better search functions, including the ability to search your wishlist, and other useful features. Please contact OTBS if you need assistance with the new site or if you are interested in downloading talking books on your own device.

### **Ways to find Information about OTBS**

Call (248) 650-5680 to hear an audio version of this newsletter, upcoming events, and find out about available new books. For some, this may be the easiest way to stay informed about OTBS.

In addition to the printed newsletter and the call in line, the newsletter is available at [otbs.rhpl.org](http://otbs.rhpl.org) and via email. Sign up by sending an email to [otbs@rhpl.org](mailto:otbs@rhpl.org)



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## **Hours:**

**Monday–Thursday**

**9 a.m.–9 p.m.**

**Friday–Saturday**

**9 a.m.–6 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**1–6 p.m.**

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