

Summer 2025 **OTBS Update**



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A new way to get OTBS News

We have a new call-in line to listen to this newsletter and hear about upcoming events! 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 and via email. Sign up by sending an email to otbs@rhpl.org

Save the date for the 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.

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.: May 5, June 2, July 7

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

May 5: *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal. DB113976

June 2: *Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery. DB82438

July 7: *The Mighty Red: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich. DB 124843

Third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.: May 21, June 18, July 16

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

May 21: *Iona Iverson's Rules For Commuting* by Clare Pooley. DB108652

June 18: *Chop, Fry, Watch, Learn: Fu Pei-Mei and the Making of Modern Chinese Food* by Michelle T. King. DB 124786

July 16: *Clear: A Novel* by Carys Davies. DB 120994

Walking Club

May 15, June 19, and July 17, 11am

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the Paint Creek while connecting with others in the blindness and low vision community. Bring your white cane if you have one but please know human guides will be available for support as well! On May 15, team members from Leader Dogs for the Blind will join us to help launch this new group!

RHPL's Makerspace

The Makerspace is can help OTBS patrons explore their creativity and create custom, functional items. The space is equipped with tools like 3D printers, a laser cutter, a smart cutter, and more. The 3D printers are a great resource to make accessible items and tactile images such as zipper pulls, remote holders, maps, and photos.

You can take a tour of the Makerspace or schedule an appointment with a specialist for one-on-one assistance. For more information about available equipment, visit rhpl.org/makerspace.

Scheduled Makerspace Tours (In Person)

Wednesday, May 28 or June 4, 6–8 p.m. Makerspace

Join Rebecca and Matt, our Makerspace specialist, to see the equipment that is available to you and get inspired to create. The Makerspace is located on the second floor of RHPL. Please call 248-650-7150 or visit calendar.rhpl.org to register.

Crafting: Tactile Collage (In Person)

Wednesday, July 2, 6-8 p.m. Makerspace

Spend some time with others while creating art with crumpled paper, felt, yarn, and other tactile materials. Supplies and materials will be provided for you to explore. A Perkins Braille will be available to add words to your designs. Call 248-650-7150 to register.

Get OTBS updates by email!

If you prefer to receive your newsletter by email and would like to receive periodic updates about OTBS news and programs in your inbox, send an email to otbs@rhpl.org.



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