

# Summer 2026 OTBS Update



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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.

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

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

**May 4:** *The Winds from Further West* by Alexander McCall Smith  
DB132367

**June 1:** *The Kamogawa Food Detectives* by Hisashi Kashiwai  
DB126026

**July 6:** *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden DB114201

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

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

**May 20:** *Strong Roots* by Olia Hercules DB132075

**June 17:** *Unseen* by Molly Burke. DB 134008

**July 15:** *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi DB 131887

### **New Program! Where It's A.T.**

Each month Chad will host a discussion on Accessible Technology (A.T.) topics over the phone. If you have questions, call 248-650-5683.

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

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

**May 11:** NLS Players

**June 8:** Visual assistance apps (Be My Eyes and Seeing AI)

**July 13:** BARD

### **New Accessible Tech Trainer at OTBS!**

Join us in welcoming Chad, OTBS' new Accessible Technology Trainer. Chad is a certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist with experience teaching blind and visually impaired individuals how to use technology. If you need help using a personal or NLS device, you can contact Chad by phone at 248-650-5683 or email at [chad.cecchini@rhpl.org](mailto:chad.cecchini@rhpl.org).

## **Do you like your book selection?**

Make sure you're getting more of the books you like, and less of the books you want to skip. If you find yourself skipping books more than you're used to, call the librarians at OTBS to adjust your preferences. Share your favorite subjects, authors, and series, and we will work with you to get you more books you enjoy. Sometimes, it takes a few tries to make it perfect!

## **NLS Summer Reading: Unearth a Story**

From June 15 to August 15, 2026, NLS will host its annual Summer Reading Program (SRP26) for patrons nationwide. The theme this year is Unearth a Story. The NLS Summer Reading Program mixes reading with at-home activities and virtual author events. Fun for all ages and abilities!

For more details, visit: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/summer-reading/>

## **Top Five Audio Fiction BARD downloads in January and February**

*The Widow* by John Grisham DB133042

*Nash Falls* by David Baldacci DB133328

*The Proving Ground* by Michael Connelly DB133660

*Exit Strategy* by Lee Child, Andrew Child DB133326

*Gone Before Goodbye* by Reese Witherspoon, Harlan Coben  
DB133207



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