

Winter 2026

OTBS Update



at Rochester Hills
Public Library

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Changes to this Newsletter

New in this issue, events are listed in chronological order for easier planning.

Upcoming Events

All events are held over the phone at 1 p.m. unless otherwise mentioned. Dial 888-916-5522 to join. No pin or password is necessary.

November 2: Monday Book Club

Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke. DB137558

November 9: Where it's A.T.

Assistive Technologies for Emergencies. Introduction to assistive technology that can help during power outages, severe weather warnings, and other adverse events.

November 16: Dial in Discussion

Charlotte Krause from Oakland Transit will discuss public transportation options in Oakland County. For more info about Oakland Transit, visit: oaklandcountymi.gov/community/oakland-transit or email Charlotte at krauseca@OaklandCountyMI.gov

November 18: Wednesday Book Club

Kin by Tayari Jones. DB135763

December 7: In Person, Annual Luncheon, 1 p.m.

Due to construction in the library, the luncheon will be held in Conference Room A on the second floor of Rochester Hills Public Library. Staff members will be waiting near the entrance to help you navigate to the room. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Rebecca by November 9 at 248-650-5681.

December 14: Where it's A.T.: Caring for Your Tech

Introduction on ways to keep your smartphone, tablet, and computer running smoothly that can help you save time, money, and frustration.

December 16: Wednesday Book Club

French Kitchen by Kristy Cambron. DB132156

December 21: Dial in Discussion

Alyssa Otis from Leader Dogs for the Blind will to discuss the services available from the organization.

January 4: Monday Book Club

Whistler by Ann Patchett. DB138513

January 11: Where it's A.T.: Accessible Free Streaming

Introduction to accessibility features of free video streaming services on your TV, computer, smartphone, and tablet including built-in screen readers and audio description.

January 18: Dial in Discussion

Erin Koch will join us to discuss the Business Enterprise Program through Michigan's Bureau of Services for Blind Persons.

January 20: Wednesday Book Club

The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali. DB122888

BARD web player nears release

NLS has developed a web player that can stream BARD books directly on the BARD website. This new online player features all the standard controls, including volume and speed controls, book navigation and a sleep timer. Over the summer, the web player was demonstrated to the network, and beta testing has begun with a limited number of patron volunteers. If all goes well, NLS hopes to introduce the new player to all users by the end of the year.

Thank you from the Low Vision Expo at Leader Dogs

OTBS would like to extend a big thank you to the speakers and vendors who participated in the Low Vision Expo and to Leader Dogs for the Blind for their collaboration and support to share this event with the community. Thanks to our patrons who joined us for a wonderful event. It was great to spend time making connections and learning with you. If you attended the Expo, we would love to hear from you!



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