

# Winter 2023/2024 Look Again

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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: November 6, December 4, January 8, 1 p.m.**

To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed. Please note that the January call will take place on the 2nd Monday due to the New Year's holiday.

**November 6:** *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann (DB113965)

**December 4:** *Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber (DB110519)

**January 8:** *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb (DB114928)



## Phoney Friends Book Club

**Wednesdays: November 15, January 17, 1 p.m.**

To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed. Please note that there will be no meeting in December.

**November 15:** *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal (DB113976)

**January 17:** *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea (DB114929)

## **Dial-In Discussion Club**

**Mondays: November 20, January 15, 1 p.m.**

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. There will be no meeting in December.

**November 20, 2023, 1 p.m.**

Tips and tricks for living with visual impairment. Have you learned some helpful strategies for managing daily living with vision loss? Bring your ideas to share with the group.

**January 15, 2024, 1 p.m.**

Topic TBD

## **OTBS Holiday Luncheon - Date Change**

We will be hosting our annual OTBS Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 8. Join us from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Rochester Hills Public Library's Multipurpose Room for friendship and food. Please RSVP to 258-650-5681 by Monday, November 20.

## **Update from Leader Dogs For the Blind**

In addition to their on-campus Orientation and Mobility training sessions, Leader Dogs for the Blind has added an in-home O&M training program. All Leader Dog programs are provided free of charge. If you would like more information about Orientation and Mobility training or Guide Dog programs, contact the client services team at [clientservices@leaderdog.org](mailto:clientservices@leaderdog.org) or 888-777-5332.

## Staff Book Recommendations

*The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton (DB111364)

Born in the middle of a storm that has devastating consequences for her family, Wanda grows up in a Florida that is falling apart due to dramatic changes in the weather patterns. A force of nature herself, Wanda must learn to survive in an evolving society. This book is a sad, but hopeful imagining of what we might face in the future as a consequence of climate change. Wanda is an unforgettably strong character and the descriptions of nature and its power are haunting and beautiful. — Alice, Librarian

*Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano (DB102226)

Finlay Donovan is a recently divorced, struggling author whose life appears to be falling apart. During a meeting with her agent in a Panera, a woman at the next table overhears and misinterprets their conversation and leaves Finlay a note asking her to murder her husband. After a botched information-gathering encounter with the target and with the help of her former nanny, Finlay's life becomes stranger by the day. This is a light, fun mystery where the reader must suspend belief and reality. Others in the series include *Finlay Donovan Knocks 'em Dead* (DB106920) and *Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun* (DB112209). — Mary, Librarian

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