

Fall 2024

Look Again

OTBS

Low Vision Expo

Wednesday, September 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Campus, Rochester Hills

The Oakland Talking Book Service at Rochester Hills Public Library is partnering with Leader Dogs for the Blind to present a Low Vision Expo at the Leader Dog campus in Rochester Hills. This free event will include four speakers on topics related to low vision. Representatives from a variety of agencies and organizations serving seniors and those with low vision will also be available to provide information for expo attendees. The Leader Dog campus is located at 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307. For more information, call OTBS at 248-650-5681.

New SMART Bus Route

In April, SMART added the new Route 492, serving Auburn Hills, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Troy, Clawson, Royal Oak, and Ferndale. The route includes stops at Oakland University, the Village of Rochester Hills, and stops in the downtown Rochester area. Patrons wanting to visit the Rochester Hills Public Library will be able to stop on University Drive west of Main Street and walk a short distance to the library. For more information about the route and ADA service, visit smartbus.org or call SMART at 866-962-5155.

Save the Date - Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 9, 12-2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Mark your calendars—OTBS will be hosting its annual Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 9. Join us from 12 p.m.–2 p.m. in Rochester Hills Public Library's Multipurpose Room for friendship and food. Please RSVP to 248-650-5681 by Monday, November 25. Registration is required.

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: August 5, September 9, October 7, 1 p.m.

*Please note that we will meet on the second Monday of September due to the Labor Day holiday.

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

August 5: *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston (DB118733)

September 9: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah (DB118896)

October 7: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon (DB117781)

Phoney Friends Book Club



Wednesdays: August 21, September 18, October 16, 1 p.m.

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

August 21: *Weyward* by Emilia Hart (DB113239)

September 18: *The Many Lives of Mama Love* by Lara Love Hardin (DB120534)

October 16: *A Council of Dolls* by Mona Susan Power (DB116774)

Dial-in Discussion Club

This group meets on the third Monday of the month to discuss topics of interest related to low vision and more. Dial 888-916-5522 to join the program. No pin or password is needed. For updated information about monthly topics, call 248-650-7150. This group will not meet in August.

September 16, 2024, 1 p.m.: Anne Ridering, Henry Ford Center for Vision Rehabilitation and Research

October 21, 2024, 1 p.m.: Belinda Aiello - Untangling Medicare

Patron Spotlight



Meet OTBS patrons Deb Battani and Gloria Beren, shown here smiling and holding their talking book machines. This mother and daughter duo loves listening to the same books and talking about them. Deb says that losing her vision has been hard, but talking books allow her to feel normal and live as she wants. Gloria has loved reading since she was a child and learned about OTBS from her daughter. She says she took to it like a duck to water and loves that the service is reliable and quick and offers so many choices. Both Gloria

and Deb are avid readers and say that their lives have been forever changed for the better because of talking books. Deb's favorite book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni (DBC00304) and Gloria's favorite is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver (DB110786). Happy reading Deb and Gloria!



Oakland Talking Book Service @ RHPL

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Hours:

Mon.-Thurs9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Fri. & Sat9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun1-6 p.m.

Closed on Sundays from
Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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