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OTBS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Please join us for one of our monthly book discussion groups to talk about great books and network with other Oakland Talking Book Service patrons! Book groups meet over the phone and discussions usually run 60 to 90 minutes. To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin number or password is needed. If you have questions or would like to order a book, call 248-650-5681.

Note: there will be no meetings in July and August.



OTBS Book Friends

Mondays: April 5, May 3 & June 7, 1 p.m.

Until we can safely meet in-person, this group will meet via telephone. To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin number or password is needed.

April 5: *The Queen's Gambit* by Walter Tevis (DBC 17656)

May 3: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab (DB 100901)

June 7: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell (DB 100166)



Phoney Friends Book Club

Wednesdays: April 14, May 12 & June 9, 1 p.m.

If you prefer not to travel, join our virtual book group with only a phone call! To join the call, dial 888-916-5522. No pin or password is needed.

April 14: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline (DB 100662)

May 12: *Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma (DB 96188)

June 9: *Be Frank with Me* by Julia Claiborne Johnson (DB 84263)

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DIAL-IN TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Each quarter we will help you navigate a different kind of adaptive technology over the phone. Please register before the program by calling 248-650-5681 or sending an email to otbs@rhpl.org. Dial 888-916-5522 to join the program.



Amazon Alexa Q & A *Monday, April 19, 1 p.m.*

The Amazon Echo (a.k.a. “Alexa”) is an affordable and easy-to-use smart-speaker that can make life simpler --from setting a kitchen timer to playing your favorite music or turning a light on and off. If you would like to learn more about what Alexa can do for you, join us for an informal question and answer session.



Smartphone Apps *Monday, July 19, 1 p.m.*

There are many free and low-cost apps for people with visual impairments. Join us to learn about some of the most useful apps available, or tell us about your favorite!

Large Print Books & Audio-Described Videos by Mail

OTBS patrons can receive large print books and audio-described videos by mail. Rochester Hills Public Library owns thousands of fiction and nonfiction large print books.

Audio-described videos are DVDs that contain an additional audio track that describes the film's visual elements. The action, characters, locations, costumes, and sets are audibly described without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects. Note: only DVDs that contain an audio track designed to enhance the experience for those with visual impairments are eligible for mail service.

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

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

Sun1-6 p.m.