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# *In Focus*

Spring 2014



*News from the BSBP Braille and  
Talking Book Library (BTBL)*

## Announcing Visions 2014

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Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (WLBD@AADL) and the Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) invite you

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

**10 AM - 3 PM**

**Washtenaw Community College**

**Morris Lawrence Building**

**4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

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- 11 AM** The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: **BARD & Beyond** • Don Olson discusses iOS mobile app
- 12 PM** **WLBD @ AADL – Celebrating Its 5th Anniversary** • Josie Parker, Director of the Ann Arbor District Library, presents service highlights
- 1 PM** **What's New In Assistive Technology? AT Guys** will focus on accessible mobile phones, tablets, and the latest computer software
- 2 PM** **The University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center** • Sherry H. Day, D.O., FAAO, and Ashley Howson, M.S., OTR/L, discuss the Center's vision clinic, low vision rehabilitation, and new technologies/implants at Kellogg

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# Technology Corner

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## BTBL Computer and Book Clubs

Computer and Book Clubs meet on the second Saturday of each month in the BTBL public service area on the ground floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, across from the elevators. Computer Club meets from 10:30 to 12:30 followed by Book Club at 1:30. If you cannot attend in person, you may join either club via the BTBL Online Meeting Room using this link:

<http://www.conference321.com/masteradmin/room.asp?id=rs417aa6694fed>

Users of the BTBL online room may enter any username they wish. To enter the room as a participant, please leave the password field blank. A software plug-in is required for full access to tcConference, the web conferencing software from Talking Communities. The entry page to the BTBL Online Meeting Room contains helpful information about the plug-in. A no-plug-in-required web interface also is available for Mac, Linux, and MS users who cannot install the software plug-in. Please note, however, that not all tcConference features are available through the web interface.

## Club Schedules

May 17: Internet Radio on the new Victor Stream,  
presented by Scott Norris

May 17: DB69145 **One Second After** by William Forstchen

June 14: Magic and Zoomtext: Compare and contrast the two leading  
screen magnifiers, presented by Kellie Blackwell, Adaptive  
Technology Trainer, Capitol Area Center for Independent  
Living

June 14: BR10851 DB35730 **Watership Down** by Richard Adams

Programs to be announced in future issues of InFocus for the following  
dates: July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11  
November 8, December 13

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# Local Recordings

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## BTBL Studio Recording on BARD

We are proud to announce that one of the first locally produced recordings to be accepted by NLS for inclusion on the BARD website is DBC 00005 – Detroit Electric Scheme by D.E. Johnson, narrated by Nicholas Colovos. Watch for more Michigan additions to BARD over time. The following are available through the mail only.

## Michigan Notable Books

- DBL8282 – ***In Stitches: a Memoir*** By Anthony Youn, narrated by Karen Glaser.
- DBL8294 – ***Pandora’s Locks: the Opening of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway*** by Jeff Alexander, narrated by Michael P. Donovan.
- DBL8308 – ***Eden’s Springs: a Novella*** by Laura Kasischke, narrated by Sonya Schryer Norris.
- DBL8353 – ***Nothing But a Smile*** by Steve Amick, narrated by Karen Glaser.
- DBL8378 – ***Fishtown: Leland Michigan’s Historic Fishery*** by Laurie Kay Sommers, narrated by Michael P. Donovan.
- DBL8380 – ***Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice*** by Jack Dempsey, narrated by Andy Andersen.

## Michigan-Interest Books

- DBL8322 - ***Great Lakes Passenger Ship Disasters*** by Wayne Louis Kadar, narrated by Marion Contompasis.
- DBL8351 – ***On This Day: African-American Life in Detroit*** by Ken Coleman, narrated by Jamila Jones.
- DBL8325 – ***A 1000-mile Walk on the Beach: One Woman’s Trek of the Perimeter of Lake Michigan*** by Loreen Niewenhuis, narrated by Lili Krezel.
- DBL8345 – ***A 1000-mile Great Lakes Walk: One Woman’s Trek Along the Shorelines of All Five Great Lakes*** by Loreen Niewenhuis, narrated by Lili Krezel.

# Around the State

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## Open Exhibition

**Child in a Strange Country: Helen Keller and the History of Education for the Blind and Visually Impaired.** May 2 through June 25, 2014 Downtown Ann Arbor District Library Lobby and 3rd Floor.

## Book Discussion Groups

**St. Clair County LBPH “Booktalkers Book Club”.** Call 800-272-8570 for a schedule. Held at United Way Carriage House in Port Huron.

**Traverse Area District Library & Talking Book Library, “Tuesdays At 2”.** Call 877-931-8558 for information

## Technology Training/Demonstrations

**Washtenaw LBPD, Tuesdays 1-6 p.m. and Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Call 888-460-0680 to schedule.

**Macomb LBPH, June 17th with Sharon Lotoczky.** Call 1-855-203-5274 to schedule an appointment.

## Support Groups

**Macomb LBPH Vision Network Group June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26 from 10 a.m. - noon.** Call 586-286-1580 for more information.

### Who should you call?

Most books are now being shipped to you from Lansing but that does not mean that your service is provided by Lansing. The good folks at the libraries listed on the opposite page are ready to take your calls no matter what your question or service need may be. Lansing cannot handle calls from all 10,000 Michigan residents who get talking books. Please, always call your designated service center which is based on your county of residence.

# Michigan Talking Book Libraries

Contact the library serving your county of residence for assistance with all of your services needs

## **Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Braille and Talking Book Library 1-800-992-9012**

Counties served: Alcona, Allegan, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmet, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Saint Joseph, Van Buren (and Wayne for Braille only)

## **Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled @ AADL 1-888-460-0680**

Counties served: Washtenaw

## **Great Lakes Talking Books 1-800-562-8985**

Counties served: Alger, Alpena, Baraga, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft

## **Oakland Talking Book Service @ RHPL 1-800-774-4542**

Counties served: Oakland

## **Genesee District Talking Book Center 1-810-732-1120**

Counties served: Genesee

## **Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 1-616-647-3988**

Counties served: Kent, Montcalm, Ionia

## **Grand Traverse Area Talking Book Library 1-877-931-8558**

Counties served: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

## **St. Clair County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 1-800-272-8570**

Counties served: Huron, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola

## **Muskegon Area District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**877-569-4801** (toll free from Ottawa County only) 231-737-6310 for all others.

Counties served: Muskegon, Ottawa

## **Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL 1-586-286-1580**

Counties served: Macomb

# Youth Programming

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**Stephanie Wambaugh**, Youth and Outreach Librarian  
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## New Youth Librarian at BTBL

Stephanie Wambaugh has joined the BTBL reader advisory staff with special emphasis on youth services and outreach. Stephanie earned her master's degree in library science from Wayne State University in 2013. She will be focusing on programming for youth and coordinating with schools across the state to meet the reading needs of those from preschool up to age 21.



Starting June 9th, reading earns you prizes! The Braille and Talking Book Library's 2nd annual youth summer reading program theme is Science: Fizz, Boom, Read, and you're invited to participate. For every 5 hours you read, your name will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing for gift cards up to \$50! We make it easy for you to join! Call to request braille or digital books, or download books directly from BARD. Have an iPad or iPhone? Get the free BARD App, and download books right to your mobile device for easy listening. Contact Stephanie to sign up.

## Children's Books by Michigan Authors

DBL8299 - ***The Michigan Reader for Boys and Girls*** by Kathy-jo Wargin,  
narrated by Sadie Pappas.

DBL8300 - ***Michigan*** by Capstone Press Geography Department,  
narrated by Marion Contompasis.

DBL8301 - ***Michigan: the Wolverine State*** by Rachel Barenblat,  
narrated by Marion Contompasis.

**Michigan Chillers Series:** by Johnathan Rand, narrated by Max King.

DBL8289 - ***Poltergeists of Petoskey***

DBL8334 - ***Calumet Copper Creatures***

DBL8335 - ***Bionic Bats of Bay City***

# Library of Michigan Foundation

By making a gift to the Library of Michigan Foundation, donors can help the BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) better serve thousands of Michigan residents statewide who are visually impaired or have other disabilities. Donors may also opt to provide for the Library of Michigan Foundation in their wills. By doing so, donors are able to make a larger gift than what might be possible during their lifetime, become eligible to receive tax benefits, and enjoy recognition and thanks now for their planned charitable contributions later. To make a gift of support, please send a check to the Library of Michigan Foundation, P.O. Box 30159, Lansing, MI 48909, or contact Carolyn Sparks at (517) 373-1297.

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**By Fax:** 517-373-5865  
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P.O. Box 30007  
Lansing, MI 48909

**By E-Mail:** [btbl@michigan.gov](mailto:btbl@michigan.gov)

**On the Web:** [www.michigan.gov/btbl](http://www.michigan.gov/btbl)

**Online Catalog:** [www.michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks](http://www.michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks)

**BARD:** <https://nlsbard.loc.gov> (to download digital books)

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