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# *In* *Focus*

*Spring 2020*

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

***702 W Kalamazoo St., P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909***



## **2020 Census: Be Counted!**

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Recently instructions were sent out to residents for completing the 2020 Census questionnaire online. By April 1, 2020, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Local communities depend on information from the Census Bureau to fund programs that promote the well-being of families and children as well as equal employment opportunities for you and your neighbors.

Ensuring an accurate count of Michiganders is important because roughly \$30 billion in federal funding for public safety, schools, housing, health care, and more, as well as one congressional seat, are at stake for Michigan.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency needs.
- Determining the number of seats Michigan has in the U.S. House of Representatives and Michigan's political representation at all levels of Government.

The census count will shape Michigan's social infrastructure for the next decade. If you need assistance completing the 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020. To fill out the 2020 Census online visit:

<https://my2020census.gov/>.

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# BTBL Calendar and News ---

## BTBL Club Info

Clubs meet in the BTBL lobby on the ground floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, across from the elevators. Computer and Book Club meet the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 and 1:30, respectively. Club dates are always subject to change, especially around the holidays. Please contact the library prior to the program to confirm the date and time.

If you cannot attend in person, you may join most of our clubs by dialing 1-888-278-0296 and entering the access code 5836578.

## *BTBL Calendar of Events:*

- April 11: **Technology Club** – Cyber Security presented by Greg Sprout
- April 11: **Book Club** – *The Great American Broadcast: A Celebration of Radio's Golden Age* by Leonard Maltin (DB46002)
- April 23: **Consumer Involvement Committee (CIC) Meeting** – This call is open to all patrons. We encourage your participation! Use the dial-in information listed above, and join us from 1-2 p.m.
- May 9: **Technology Club** – Podcasting Apps presented by Joe Todd
- May 9: **Book Club** – To Be Announced
- June 13: **Technology Club** – To Be Announced
- June 13: **Book Club** – To Be Announced
- June 28- August 9: **Youth Summer Reading Program** – The theme is *Imagine Your Story: Fairy Tales, Mythology, Fantasy!* As usual, our youth participants will receive a box-kit of supplies at the beginning of the program with instructions on how to complete challenges relating to the theme. To register and reserve a box-kit, please email Stephanie Wambaugh ([wambaughs@michigan.gov](mailto:wambaughs@michigan.gov)).

**Note: All programs are subject to change. Please call ahead to confirm.**

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## Changes to Your Service

We are now serving patrons with a great new system called Duplication on Demand (DoD). DoD will allow us to send you any book in our collection that you request right away. There's no waiting for other patrons to return a copy; books are always available!

DoD enables us to download several books onto a single cartridge. This means more reading with less hassle! You can also get a series put on one cartridge—in order—just let us know if there's one you would like.

DoD settings will be based on your current account, but these settings can be changed at your request. Here's what to expect when you start getting DoD cartridges:

- Each patron can have up to three cartridges checked out at once.
- Each cartridge will have several books on it (or books in series order, at your request.)
- Listen to each book on the cartridge in the order it was downloaded, or use Bookshelf Mode on your machine to skip through titles to choose your listening order (see following pages for instructions).
- Each cartridge will be labeled and brailled "MI Talking Books: Audio Books."
- The mailing container will have a folded book card (in print only) listing the titles that are on the cartridge.
- To return cartridges, place the cartridge in the plastic mailing container, then simply remove the book card from the mailing container and recycle it. Do NOT flip the card over and reinsert. The container already has BTBL's return address permanently printed on it. Simply place the container in the mail.
- The loan period for cartridges is 60 days, with an option to renew for another 60 days, so you will have plenty of time to read all of the books on the cartridge.
- Once a cartridge gets back to us, we will send you another one. It's very important to send cartridges back right away to prevent gaps in service.

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## Common Questions:

**When will my account be changed?** Some patrons have already been moved over to the new Download on Demand (DoD) system, and we are continuing to work diligently on this! We expect every patron to be on DoD by summer.

**Why did I receive letters in the mail with information about DoD, but I haven't noticed a change in service yet?** For mailing purposes, we had to send out the DoD welcome and instruction letters to everyone at the same time. However, not everyone is being switched to DoD at once. Everyone will be switched over to DoD within 2-3 months. Hold on to those letters for future reference.

**Why was this change necessary?** Most of the talking book libraries around the country are switching to this new service model. Downloading books on demand means less storage space is needed for physical book copies. It also means that patrons don't have to wait for other people to return copies of popular titles. Now we can instantly download anything in our collection. This means less wait time, less mail hassle, but the same great reading experience!

**Was the Braille collection affected by this change?** Unfortunately, yes. Changing circulation systems requires our braille collection to be barcoded and manually added back into the system. This process is time-consuming as we have over 11,000 braille titles in the collection. Please continue to be patient with us. If you need a braille book, please call us, and we work with you to get the braille books you want.

**Can I still get one book on a cartridge?** If you are not able to manage navigating multiple books on one cartridge, we will create a single title cartridge for you. We will only send 3 single-title cartridges and replace each one with another as they are returned due to limited supplies of cartridges.

**Why am I receiving a MI BTBL book over and over again?** All DoD cartridges are labeled as MI TALKING BOOKS. The titles on each cartridge are listed in print on the fold out mail card.

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## How to Access Multiple Books on a Cartridge

### Listening to Books in Order (Sequential Play)

1. When you reach the very end of the book, press the green, rectangular Play button:
2. The machine will then prompt you to, “Press the Play button again to go on to the next book.” Go ahead and press the play button again, and the machine will start playing the next book.



### Accessing Bookshelf Mode (Skipping over books, etc.)

1. Press and hold the green, rectangular Play button for about 3 seconds until the player beeps and says “Bookshelf” and announces the number of books on the cartridge.
2. Tap the Rewind or Fast Forward button, located on each side of the green, rectangular Play button, to select the next book. The book title will be announced. To advance to the next title, just press the Fast Forward button again, or tap Rewind again to go to the previous book. You will know you are at the last book on the cartridge when you hear a double beep.
3. Once you get to the title you want to read, press the green, rectangular Play button. The player will exit Bookshelf Mode and start playing the selected title.



[Note: The player will “remember” your current position in each book even if you move to other books. You can read part of one book, then read part of another book, then come back and continue with the first book, if you like.]

# BTBL Staff Picks

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**Caitlin Wolfe**, Librarian  
1-800-992-9012 or [wolfec@michigan.gov](mailto:wolfec@michigan.gov)

DB 62557 - *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan, read by Bob Moore. Author examines the industrial, organic, and hunter-gatherer stages of the modern human food chain, from field to table. Discusses the moral and psychological implications of supermarket shopping and fast-food consumption versus participating directly in obtaining meals from nature. Bestseller. 2006.

“This is a book with some meat on its bones. When so many people have an unhealthy relationship with food, or simply take it for granted, it’s interesting to get a behind-the-scenes look at how food ends up in the store and on your plate. Michael Pollan went on a hunt for truth—and it was fruitful.” – Caitlin, BTBL Librarian

DB36184 - *A Glove Shop in Vienna and Other Stories* by Eva Ibbotson. Nineteen stories, each with a touch of romance and with diverse locations such as Austria, Russia, and England. In the title story, a married man falls in love with the shop assistant. In "A Dark-Haired Daughter," a pregnant woman with three sons hopes for a daughter. And in "Osmandine," a young girl dispenses unusual medicinal prescriptions. 1984.

"The romantic nature of the stories is revealed to the reader like the enchantment of viewing another time and place through a frosted window. The irony and unexpected endings in this book provide satisfying experiences that I have revisited over the years." – Betsie, BTBL Librarian

DB74228 / BR20338 - *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Just before starting fifth grade, home-schooled ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme abnormalities, is told he will be attending a prep school. Nervous, he tries to convince his classmates that he is an ordinary kid just like them. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2012.

“Through changing points of view, the story of Auggie is sure to pull at your heartstrings. A lesson in humanity and kindness, this is a must read for all ages.” – Stephanie, BTBL Librarian

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DB 90188 - *Educated: a memoir* by Tara Westover. Memoir exploring the author's path from being raised in a fundamentalist, paranoid Mormon family where she was homeschooled to eventually working her way to graduate degrees at Cambridge and Harvard. Discusses hardships faced by the family, abuse at the hands of a sibling, and more. Some violence, strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

"Wow, this book really keeps you wondering what will happen next. I found myself making more time to listen, just so I could find out. In some ways it is appalling, and in other ways it is an amazing triumph of the human spirit. Though I am not generally a huge fan of memoirs, I would highly recommend giving this one a try. – Bridgid, BTBL Librarian

DB97331 – *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys. At the Castellana Hilton in 1957 Madrid, eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson connects with Ana Torres Morena—through photography and fate—as Daniel discovers the incredibly dark side of the city under Generalissimo Franco's rule. Commercial Audiobook. For Senior High and older readers. 2019.

"The historical details about the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War were both enlightening and horrifying, and I loved the vintage media/historical reports interspersed throughout the book. Per usual, this author made me love multiple characters by switching viewpoints throughout the novel." – Stephanie, BTBL Librarian

DB 56234 – *Oryx and Crake: a novel* by Margaret Atwood, read by Richard Davidson. In the near future, a lone human amidst genetically engineered creatures torments himself with memories of the devastation of the natural world. Calling himself "Snowman," he recalls the role of his best friend Crake and mourns the loss of their mutually beloved Oryx. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2003

"This is the first book in Margaret Atwood's MaddAddam trilogy. It's an imaginative and beautifully written dystopian view of the near future. If you enjoy it, book 2 is *The Year of the Flood*, DB 69893, and book 3 is *MaddAddam*, DB 77487." - Caitlin, BTBL Librarian

# Patron BINGO Picks

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Need even more reading recommendations? Here are some of our patron's favorite books read for the Winter Reading BINGO Challenge. Unfortunately, we weren't able to list all of the great suggestions here. Thank you so much to everyone that participated!

- *The Mountain Man* series by William W. Johnstone / Western (Frank H.)
- *A Dog Called Hope: A Wounded Warrior and The Service Dog Who Saved Him* by Jason Morgan / Biography, Animals and Nature (Doloris D.)
- *Unending Devotion* by Jody Hedlund / Historical Religious Fiction, Michigan Fiction (Virginia B.)
- *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed women loved by a flawless God* by Liz C. Higgs / Religion (Debra O.)
- *Kate's Journey; Triumph over Adversity: The story of a miracle* by Kate Adamson / Biography, Disabled (Carol B.)
- *Sisterchicks* series by Robin J Gunn / Religious Fiction (Bettie P.)
- *The Adventures of Onyx* series by Tyler Benson / Children's Stories, Animals and Nature, Michigan Fiction (Carrie C.)
- *Upstream: Selected essays* by Mary Oliver / Literature (Cheryl R.)
- *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A therapist, her therapist, and our lives revealed* by Lori Gottlieb / Self-help, Psychology (Dorothy W.)
- *Sawbones* by Melissa Lenhardt / Western, Historical Mystery (Juanita M.)
- *Rise to Greatness: Abraham Lincoln And America's Most Perilous Year* by David Von Drehle / U.S. History (Stella G.)
- *Before the Devil Breaks You: the Diviners* series by Libba Bray / Horror, Demons (Shirley W.)
- *Dog On It: A Chet and Bernie Mystery* by Spencer Quinn / Animal Mystery (Linda V.)
- *A Woman of No Importance: the untold story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WWII* by Sonia Purnell / Biography, War (Mary H.)

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# COVID-19 Alerts

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## How to Get News Updates on Your Phone Right Now

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You can use sources such as Twitter, Google Alerts and your favorite news sites to receive updates and notifications about where the corona virus is and what you can do to help keep yourself and your community safe. You can also sign up for text alerts to receive information about how many cases are in your area and what's closing down, like schools and churches.

**Apple Alerts** for iPhone or Apple Watch will send emergency, public safety and government alerts to your device. To turn on the notifications, go to Settings > Notifications, then scroll all the way to the bottom and toggle on Emergency Alerts and Public Safety Alerts.

To get started with **Google Alerts** go to Google Alerts and enter the topic you want to follow into the search box at the top. Change the settings to your preferences, like how often you want to see notifications, and then click Create Alert.

**Twitter** can send notification from corona virus sources. Go to your notifications settings and select Notifications > SMS > Crisis and Emergency Alerts. You can also get notification from Twitter accounts that are trusted sources such as the Associated Press, Reuters, BNO Newsroom, CNN and other domestic news organizations. To do so, follow the account, then tap the bell icon (located beside the Following button) and select All Tweets. Now you'll be notified when the account tweets something new.

Most **News Apps** have a newsletter you can sign up for (in-app and online) that sends the most pressing information to your inbox. After downloading the apps, they will ask your permission to send notifications and you can choose to receive alerts about breaking news only.

Depending on where you live, you may be able to sign up for text alerts from your city.

Don't forget to follow BTBL on Facebook @MichiganBTBL or on our website at [www.michigan.gov/btbl](http://www.michigan.gov/btbl) for important updates about our service.

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# Around the State

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The following programs may be offered only to patrons within the counties served for each library location. To find out if a program is available to you, refer to the library listings on page 14 or call the location in question to verify.

## Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled

343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 • 1- 866-732-1120

- **SAVE THE DATE!** VISIONS 2020: Technology & Services for the Blind, Visually Impaired & Physically Disabled. Wednesday, May 13, 11am-4pm. At Ann Arbor District Library: 343 South Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI. Free admission, convenient parking, product demonstrations, and sighted assistants.

## Oakland Talking Book Service @ Rochester Hills Public Library

500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 • 1-800-774-4542

- **Phoney Friends Book Group.** If you are looking for an opportunity to discuss great books and chat with other OTBS patrons, please consider joining the next Phoney Friends Book Group. Every month, the group will discuss books via conference call so you can participate from the comfort of your own home. The discussion takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
- **Book Friends.** You are invited to join this group of OTBS patrons for a stimulating discussion of some great books. The book discussions are held at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Pontiac on the 1st Monday of each month.
- **Cancelled Event.** Please note that the Low Vision Expo scheduled to take place at the OPC on April 22 has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule this event at a later date.

## Talking Book Library @ Traverse Area District Library

610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686 • 1-877-931-8558

- **Magnifier Exchange.** Do you have a clean, working magnifying device you no longer use? We are happy to accept donations of handheld magnifiers (at least 4x), digital CCTV readers, free-standing magnifiers etc. to pass along to other patrons who can use them, free of charge. Please call 231-932-8558 with questions or to coordinate a drop-off.
- **Book Discussion.** Join us at Tuesdays @ Two book discussion group the last Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the McGuire Community Room at Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Ave. Program is open to the public, and we encourage a mix of TBL and public library patrons.

- **Support Groups.** Check out our local low vision support groups which all meet monthly.
  - The Traverse City Visually Impaired Persons Group meets monthly, contact Melinda Hollands at 231-590-0986 or [mhollandstc@gmail.com](mailto:mhollandstc@gmail.com). This is a very active group that is interested in getting out and exploring pertinent topics and trends.
  - The Cadillac Area Low Vision Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Wexford County Council on Aging, 10-11 a.m. Contact Connie Payne at 231-779-0149.

**Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (St. Clair County)**  
 210 McMorran Blvd, Port Huron, MI 48060 • 1-800-272-8570

- **OrCam moving to new branches in April.** We have had a lot of learning take place and tons of excitement generated with the OrCam MyEye at the Algonac, Ira, Marine City, Marysville, and St. Clair branches. Now is when we switch it up so the other branches can have their turn! Starting in April we will now host the reader at Burtchville, Capac, G Lynn, Memphis, and Yale. Contact the LAMTB department at the Main Library to book a visit with your club or group or just pop in for a demo. OrCam increases independence for people who are blind, visually impaired, or have reading difficulties. They can read text, including books, menus, computer screens, and newspapers. For more information on the device, please visit [orcaml.com](http://orcaml.com). This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library**  
 12303 Pardee Rd, Taylor, Michigan 48180 • 1- 844-307-1621

- **Join us remotely.** Currently, programs are only being offered remotely due to COVID-19. Call in to our conference line at: 712-775-7031, access code: 965803.
- **Descriptive Audio Movies.** Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Drop in for screenings of popular movies featuring Audio Descriptive (AD) track.
- **Brown Bag Book Discussion.** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Bring your lunch and discuss titles selected specifically for audio listening.
- **Assistive Technology Drop-In.** Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Drop in for information or personalized help with popular technology in accessibility.
- **Visually Impaired People's (VIP) Support Group.** Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Learn new ways, and share your own, to make positive impacts in life. Family, friends, drivers, and caregivers are welcome.

## Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

3666 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48208 • 1-313-481-1702

- **Internet and Word Processing Training Using Assistive Technology.** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn to use computers and improve your skills using assistive technology. Keyboard instruction is also offered.
- **Braille Instruction.** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Learn to read and write Braille.
- **Descriptive DVD Day.** Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12 – 2 p.m. Visually impaired and blind persons can watch a movie that includes a narrative description of the screen action. Light refreshments served.
- **Nifty Knitters.** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 12 – 2 p.m. Learn to knit on a loom and enjoy knitting with others. Supplies are provided or bring your own.
- **Book Club.** Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. Two books are discussed at each meeting. Light refreshments served.

## Kent District Library Talking Book and Braille Center

3350 Michael Avenue S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509 • 1-616-784-2007

- **KDL's Summer Wonder reading program.** Our new revamped Summer Wonder program will engage people of all ages like never before. Read, write, participate in library programs, and even work on STEAM projects and experiments at home to earn prizes. Summer Wonder begins June 8, 2020.

## Muskegon Area District Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled

4845 Airline Road, Unit 5, Muskegon, MI 49444 • 1-877-569-4801

- **Descriptive Movies.** Join us for a movie showing on the last Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.
- **Support Groups.** Check out our local low vision support groups which all meet monthly.
  - Muskegon County: 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm located at United Way of the Lakeshore, 31 E. Clay
  - Ottawa County:
    - Grand Haven – 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 am located at Village at the Pines, 1450 S. Ferry St
    - Holland – 4th Monday at 9:30 am located at Village at Appledorn, 630 Hastings Ave
    - Zeeland – 4th Monday at 2 pm located at Royal Park Place, 500 Parkside Dr

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# BSBP Updates

## **Make Time for You, an article from BSBP Rehab Teacher, Janet McInnis**

Take a deep breath. Go on, inhale through your nose to a slow count of 4, 7, 10, it really does not matter, but inhale and then... slowly exhale, letting those beautiful shoulders of yours, those shoulders that have carried so much of the weight of the world on them, drop down, and release the heaviness and the angst that you forgot you were lugging around. Go ahead, do it again. I can wait.

It feels good doesn't it?

I thought 2020 was going to be a rough year simply because of the election and the bombardment of political ads, robocalls, and exposure to the overall polarization of views we were bound to be exposed to as our long chilly days give way to Spring and the promise of light and levity.

But, that light and levity and joy of the first smell of fresh cut grass, the sound of peeping frogs, the chance to wear a lighter weight coat for a while, seems to be minimized with our current reality of the Covid-19 virus. So much changed in such a short time. And while I thought the political emphasis on the news was going to get overwhelming, the round the clock focus on this pandemic is certain to rock our worlds enough that we need to be reminded to take some time throughout the day to take care of our own spirit. We really need to take time out to let our bodies and our souls know they still matter. It may sound flip, or silly, or trendy to say this, but we all deserve these bits of self-love and care.

So, pick a short goal or task before you get out of bed that will ultimately benefit you. Something as simple as deep breaths, every other hour, is one option.

Another option is to hydrate. Drink water. If you are not used to this, grab a glass and put 4 rubber bands around it. With each glass of water, you have finished, remove a rubber band until they are all gone. Work your way up to 6 or 8 rubber bands and glasses of water. As you drink the water, you will feel the rubber bands (or string, tape, etc.), and use that as a reminder to think back on a good memory.

Stretch your feet and curl your toes. Move your ankles around in circles if you can. Thank those bones for their 20 years of service, or their 58 years of service, or 90 years of work.

And, of course, listen to a good story.

Take care of yourselves. We all deserve to tell our bodies and souls that they have done magnificent things. Do not let the external chaos overtake you. Hang in there. You are so worth it!

# Michigan Talking Book Libraries

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## **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, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Saint Joseph, Van Buren

## **Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled @ AADL**

**1-734-327-4224** 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**

**1-866-732-1120** Counties served: Genesee

## **Kent District Library Talking Book and Braille Center**

**1-616-784-2007** Counties served: Ionia, Kent, Montcalm

## **Traverse Area District Library & Talking Book Library**

**1-877-931-8558** Counties served: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

## **Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (St. Clair County)**

**1-800-272-8570** Counties served: Huron, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola

## **Muskegon Area District Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled**

**1-231-737-6310, 1-877-569-4801 (Ottawa)** Counties served: Muskegon, Ottawa

## **Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL**

**1-586-286-1580** Counties served: Macomb

## **Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library**

**1-734-287-4840** Serving Wayne County

## **Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**1-313-481-1702** Serving cities of Detroit and Highland Park

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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 11027, Lansing, MI 48901, or contact Darlene at **517-335-1488**.

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## How to Reach the BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL)

**By Phone:** 1-800-992-9012 (toll-free)

**By Fax:** 1-800-726-7323 (toll-free)

**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:**  
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