

# **OLBPD DIMENSIONS NEWSLETTER**

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## **New OLBPD Online Catalog Address**

For those readers using the OLBPD online catalog, there is a new web address: <https://olbpd.klas.com>. Anyone using the old online catalog address will automatically be redirected to the new catalog site. However, the old online catalog site will eventually be turned off. Therefore, remember to save the new address to your web browser's bookmarks or favorites list for easy access.

The OLBPD online public access catalog (OPAC) allows readers who have a computer or mobile device with internet access to search OLBPD's collection of library materials. Patrons can also place requests, review their library account, search and download books from BARD, and more. Patrons will need a user name and password that can be used immediately to login to their account.

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## **Vision Resources Expo**

The State Library of Ohio will be hosting a Vision Resources Expo on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The State Library of Ohio is located at 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, and offers free parking for this free event. In cooperation with the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program, the expo is presented by the American Council of the Blind of Ohio, Goodwill Columbus, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and VOICEcorps.

The Vision Resources Expo will be a gathering of organizations wishing to share information about products, technology and other resources related to vision loss. The goal of the Vision Resources Expo is to provide support to those looking for information about navigating life with a visual impairment. For more information, please contact Ray O'Neal at Goodwill Columbus by phone at 614-583-0317 or by email at [ray.oneal@gwcols.com](mailto:ray.oneal@gwcols.com).

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## **Save the Date: Family Fun and Learning Day 2020**

OLBPD will host its annual Family Fun and Learning Day in Cleveland on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 featuring programs of interest to our readers, and updates about OLBPD service. Full details to follow in the next Dimensions newsletter!

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## **Reminder about the 2020 U.S. Census**

April 1st is Census Day. Census results play a large part in determining how government entities allocate hundreds of billions of dollars each year for services that communities rely on. But certain groups of people historically have been undercounted in the census. We want to make sure that people served by the National Library Service (NLS) and OLBDP are aware of and participate in the 2020 census. On March 12th, the Census Bureau mailed households an invitation to respond to the census. For the first time, households have three ways to respond: online, by calling a toll-free number or by mail. In mid-April, census workers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to collect information in person.

The Census Bureau created guides in dozens of languages to help people complete the census. Guides are also available in braille and large print. To find out more, go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) and type "Language Guides" into the search tool. And while the census questionnaire itself is not available in braille, people who are blind or visually impaired can take advantage of the online and phone-in options. Patrons can get a downloadable and printable Census Bureau fact sheet on accessibility at [www.census.gov/library/fact-sheets/2019/dec/2020-census-accessible.html](http://www.census.gov/library/fact-sheets/2019/dec/2020-census-accessible.html).

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## **NLS Braille e-Reader Update**

Prototypes of a refreshable braille display developed for NLS by HumanWare were delivered in January. Prototypes of a second model, developed by Zoomax, are expected for delivery to NLS by March. These prototypes will undergo a few months of in-house testing at NLS. NLS has selected network libraries in Iowa, Kentucky, Utah and New Jersey to begin testing the two e-Readers in June. Consumer organizations that represent the blind community will also take part in this six-month pilot.

The two e-Readers have twenty braille cells, and Bluetooth and Wi-Fi connectivity. They can also be used as braille screen readers. But to keep costs down, prototypes do not have notetaking functionality or some of the other bells and whistles included with other more expensive, commercial devices. If the pilot goes well, NLS hopes to begin distributing the braille e-Readers to network libraries throughout the country in 2021.

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## **OLBDP Adult Book Group**

OLBDP hosts a monthly book discussion for our adult readers. Patrons can participate in book discussions in-person at OLBDP, as well as remotely from their telephone or internet enabled device. For more information about our monthly book club, please contact OLBDP.

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## **Returning Damaged or Unused Materials**

As a reminder, damaged or unused reading equipment should be returned. Patrons needing a box to return damaged or unused equipment can contact the State Library of Ohio at 1-800-686-1531 or contact OLBDP. Patrons are advised not to throw away any library books, magazines, or equipment. For most items, damaged equipment and reading materials can be replaced by request.

When returning reading materials, OLBDP would like to remind patrons to please put the correct books and magazines in their matching containers. Also, please try and avoid leaving notes or placing other items inside the mailing containers or wrapping ribbons, string, tape, or yarn around containers and media. Mark an "X" next to the punch hole in the lower left corner of the mailing card for items needing our attention. Likewise, please do not write on any of the materials you receive including containers.

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## **Volunteer Narrators Needed**

OLBDP is auditioning volunteer narrators to read and record books and magazines of local interest for our readers. Volunteers will need their own audio recording equipment, as well as the ability to receive and send files electronically. Anyone interested or know anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer narrator can contact OLBDP for more information.

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## **Tech Help with Apple Devices: AppleVis**

AppleVis is a community-powered website for blind and low-vision users of Apple's range of products that include: Mac computers, iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Apple TV, and Apple Watch.

AppleVis strives to empower the community by offering multiple ways to access and share relevant and useful information. Furthermore, it seeks to encourage and support people in exploring the ways Apple products and applications offer opportunities to people with visual impairments toward their own personal enrichment, independence, and empowerment.

Popular topics include getting started with your first Mac, iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, or Apple Watch; VoiceOver help with BARD; as well as many other non-NLS topics like using Uber and Uber Eats, Instagram, Spotify, and many other applications, blogs, guides, and hardware and accessory reviews.

Visit the AppleVis website for more information: <https://applevis.com/>

Apple also offers a National Accessibility Hotline users can call to get assistance with their products by phone at 1-877-204-3930 or by visiting the Apple Accessibility Support web page at <https://support.apple.com/accessibility>.

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# The OLBDP Hot List

The OLBDP Hot List features titles that are currently in high-demand by our readers, and are available now for download through BARD or by request. Books in the Hot List may contain descriptions of sex, strong language, or violence.

1. "A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci – DB 97355 – Mystery
2. "Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich – DB 97352 – Mystery
3. "The Night Fire" by Michael Connelly – DB 97282 – Mystery
4. "Sins of the Fathers" by Judith A. Jance – DB 97359 – Mystery
5. "Child's Play" by Danielle Steel – DB 97123 – Family Fiction

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do I need to pay postage on items mailed back to OLBDP?**

**A: No.** OLBDP library equipment and materials are mailed as 'Free Matter for the Blind' and do not require stamps or paid postage. Simply write or apply a label with 'Free Matter for the Blind' where postage stamps are normally placed. This also includes mailed boxes and envelopes addressed to OLBDP.

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## Go Paperless!

Electronic versions of the OLBDP Dimensions newsletter are available from our website in audio, braille, and large print. Patrons can be added to our email list to receive notice when the next edition is available.



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