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## WLBPD @ AADL STANDARDS REVIEW REPORT

The WLBPD @ AADL recently received our first biennial site visit regarding standards of service as recommended by the American Library Association for subregional libraries.

WLBPD @ AADL was found to meet or exceed all standards and was commended by the Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL), the Regional Library for WLBPD @ AADL, particularly for conducting comprehensive reviews of patron accounts; staff management and training; and our lineup of programs and trainings of interest to WLBPD patrons.

The final report of this site visit from the BTBL is now available in large print and Braille formats at the Downtown Library 2nd floor reference desk. It will soon be available for download and in audio formats at [wlbpd.aadl.org](http://wlbpd.aadl.org)

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## ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI READS 2011: "WHAT MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING?"

The Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads program is a community initiative to promote reading and civic dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing a common book.

The theme for the 2011 Read is "What Makes Life Worth Living?" and the official selection is:

"Life is So Good," by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman, an inspirational autobiography on the life of Dawson, a slave's grandson who learned to read at age 98. Mr. Dawson passed away in 2001 at the age of 103.

A selection team composed of community members, educators, students and librarians from the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas chose the book from a group of three titles, all of which centered on the subject of "What Makes Life Worth Living?"

The other titles under consideration were "The Undertaking: Life

Studies From The Dismal Trade” by Thomas Lynch, and “Year Of Wonders: A Novel Of The Plague” by Geraldine Brooks.

All three titles are available on recorded cassette through WLBDP @ AADL. A book discussion of “Life Is So Good,” open to the public, will be held at the AADL Traverwood Branch on Sat., January 15, 2 - 3pm.

For more information on Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2011, visit: [aaysireads.org](http://aaysireads.org)

### **FREE ACCESS TO 31,000+ BOOKS IN BRAILLE, LARGE PRINT AND AUDIO**

Library eBook Accessibility Program (LEAP), a collaboration of Bookshare and Overdrive, is now offering one year of free access to its entire collection to the print-disabled community. Bookshare is also available free to U.S. students with qualifying disabilities. Student memberships last one year, but may be renewed.

Access to the LEAP collection requires an Ann Arbor District Library card. All Washtenaw County residents who qualify for WLBDP are also qualified to receive an AADL library card at no charge.

To access the LEAP collection, including over 150 periodicals, visit <http://www.aadl.org/catalog/ebooks>, click on “Download eBooks and eAudio,” and then click on the

box on the right side of the window, “Accessible eBooks for the print-impaired.”

To sign into your AADL library account, select “Ann Arbor District Library” from the drop down menu, enter your library card number into a box, and then click on the “Submit” button. Then, click the blue “Sign Up Today” button to complete the application for a free one-year membership to LEAP. After signing up, you will receive an e-mail from Bookshare with further instructions.

You may download up to 100 books per month. Software necessary for viewing, listening, or converting books to print-ready Braille files is available through <http://www.bookshare.org/readingTools>

Contact WLBDP at (734) 327-4224 or visit [wlbpd@aadl.org](mailto:wlbpd@aadl.org) for more information about signing up for LEAP.

### **ACCESSING DOWNTOWN AADL DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Fifth Avenue from Liberty to William is closed to traffic and will not reopen for at least one year. Access to the Downtown Library is from William Street. Handicap access is from William on a new incline that ends at a landing directly opposite the existing automated door.

Parking is available on nearby streets, the old “Y” lot at the corner

of Fifth and William, and in the Fourth and William structure. The handicap spaces and the free short-term spaces remain available on William Street, but are located further east, away from the corner.

Because AATA and Federal Building traffic is turning north on Fifth Avenue, space was needed at the corner to provide a turn lane. The turn lane space is also where taxis and A-Ride passengers will arrive and depart from the Library.

If you have questions about access to the Downtown Library during construction, please call (734) 327-4200.

### **BLANK DIGITAL BOOK CARTRIDGES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

If you prefer the larger format of the Digital Book (DB) cartridge over the smaller format thumb-drive for downloading books to play in your new Digital Talking Book Machine, you're in luck! We now have both 2GB DB cartridges, as well as USB connector cables (needed to connect these cartridges to a computer), for sale at the circulation desk at all AADL locations. Cartridges are available for \$8, and cables for \$5.

### **NEW NOTIFICATION SERVICE FOR A-RIDE PASSENGERS**

AATA has worked with AADL to ensure that patrons using A-Ride and waiting inside the Downtown Library will know when their

drivers have arrived. A new exterior keypad allows drivers to punch in a number, activating light and sound indicators on the ceiling of the first floor to alert someone in the Library that their ride has arrived.

### **WINTER EVENTS**

Here are a few of the programs offered at AADL this winter. For a complete list of events, call (734) 327-4200 (press option #3) or visit us online at [aadl.org/events](http://aadl.org/events)

**Concert • Paul Keller Trio: A Toast To The Nat King Cole Trio**  
**Saturday, January 8, 2– 3:30 PM**  
**Downtown Library**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**

Enjoy an afternoon of delightful music honoring one of the all-time jazz greats!

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads Author Event: Richard Glaubman Discusses His Book "Life is So Good"**  
**Saturday, January 22, 1:30– 3:00 PM**  
**Washtenaw Community College**  
**Morris Lawrence Building**

Join us to hear the co-author of this year's selection for Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads.

**No Mountain Too High**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2:00 – 3:30 PM**  
**Malletts Creek Branch**

Lawyer, musician, and downhill skier Roger Chard discusses mixing vocation and avocation, despite being totally blind. Richard strives for self-confidence and promotes tolerance and persistence.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
VISIONS 2012  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012  
Washtenaw Community  
College**

**WLBDP LOCATION & HOURS**

The WLBDP collection is housed in the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library at 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, at the corner of Fifth Ave. and William St.

The Library is open:

Mon. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Tues.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Sat. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sun. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

**Downtown**  
343 S. 5th Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**Malletts Creek Branch**  
3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Pittsfield Branch**  
2359 Oak Valley Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**Traverwood Branch**  
3333 Traverwood Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**West Branch**  
2503 Jackson Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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