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In 2012, the WLBPD @ AADL will conduct a formal patron satisfaction survey to assist us in determining what we're doing that's working well; what may not be working well; and, how we may better serve our patrons. In an effort to reach as many of our patrons as possible, the survey will be made available for patrons to respond to in a variety of ways, including by mail, phone, email, or online. If your preference is to respond by email, please email us at wlbpd@aadl.org to provide or confirm your current email address. Of course, we always welcome your feedback! If you ever have a question or a suggestion, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Book Clubs to Go

WLBPD @ AADL has just made **Book Clubs to Go** (BCTG) more convenient. In addition to placing audio book requests for all book club members, providing a large print book discussion guide and a recorded version of the guide on a thumb drive, we've now added downloadable versions. You may download a large print PDF

of the discussion guide, and/or you may download it in a text file format. If an audio file of a guide is available, it will be here, too. These guides include an author biography, suggested discussion questions, read-alikes, and other book group tips. You may find more information about Book Clubs to Go, including access to the new downloadable guides, at: <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/services-events>.

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Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2012

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 2012 Reads is *Language: How We Communicate*, and the official selection is *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tammet.

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 theme *Language: How We Communicate*.

The other titles under consideration were *Lost in Translation: A Life In A New Language* by Eva Hoffman and *A Man Without Words* by Susan Schaller.

All three titles are available on recorded cassette through WLBPD @ AADL, and *Born on a Blue Day* is also available on digital book, large print, and via Braille and Audio Recording Download (BARD).

***Born On A Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet**

Born On A Blue Day is a journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today — guided by the owner himself. Daniel Tammet is virtually unique among people who have severe autistic disorders in that he is capable of living a fully independent life and able to explain what is happening inside his head.

Daniel sees numbers as shapes, colors, and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn to speak new languages fluently, from scratch, in a week. Daniel has savant syndrome, an extremely rare condition that gives him the most unimaginable mental powers. Fascinating and inspiring, *Born on a Blue Day* explores what it's like to be special and gives us an insight into what makes us all human — our minds.

Book Discussion

Monday, February 6 • 7 – 8 PM
Traverwood Branch

An AADL staff member will lead a discussion for the book selected for the 2012 Reads program.

Visit aadl.org/events for a list of all Library events.

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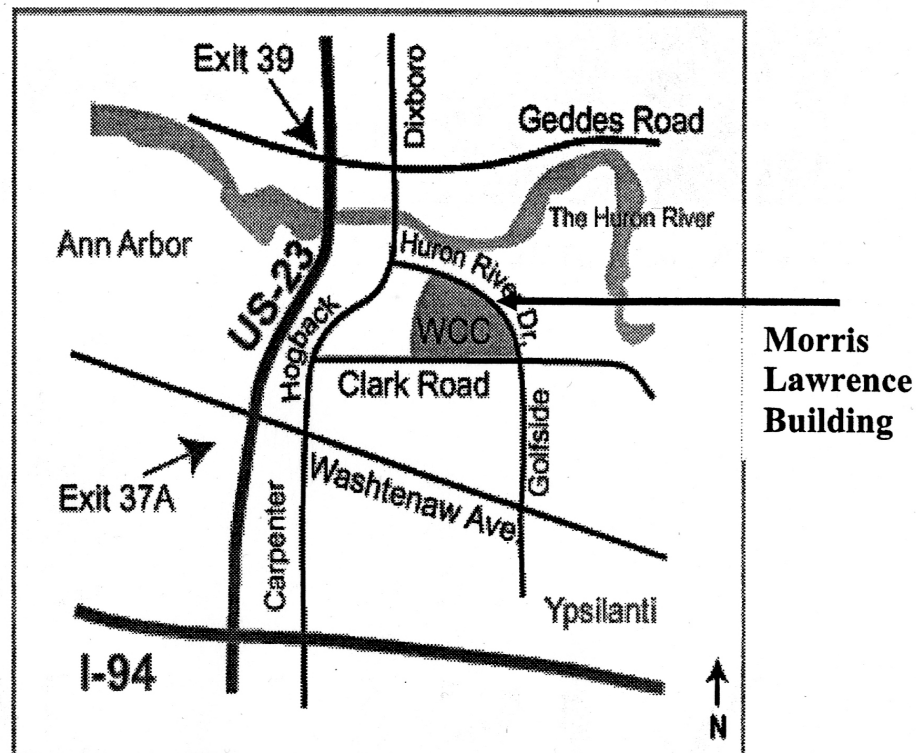
What's New In Technology and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 9
10 AM – 3 PM

Washtenaw Community College
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

More information
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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. Fifth 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