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Jack Ryan series by Tom Clancy (13 books)

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Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (12 books)

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### **Walk-In Assistive Technology Training Available**

Nick Wilcox is an assistive technology trainer with a Computer Information Systems degree from Eastern Michigan University and ten years of experience in teaching adaptive technology. He specializes in accessibility of computer hardware and software for people with disabilities. If you're interested in receiving assistive technology training, including assistance with applying for BARD, or learning how to download titles from BARD independently, please stop by the Downtown AADL for walk-in assistance on any Tuesday, 1 – 6 pm, or Wednesday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.

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**WLBPD LOCATION & HOURS**

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

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Ann Arbor, MI 48103