The **BIG** Read 2024-25

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**Goal:** The goal of Owens Community College’s BIG Read is to bring awareness of different perspectives through books and accompanying activities on campus and in our surrounding communities.

**2024-25 Themes:** Deaf culture, history of Deaf culture and struggle for rights, Deaf community, American Sign Language and other communication of deaf or hard of hearing individuals, challenges deaf and hard of hearing individuals face in a world built on being able to hear, the privilege of hearing, and ableism.

**Where and when can I get the book?** We will have copies in a few weeks and will email you when they arrive. We will be selling bookmarks w/ a free book on September 5 for your students; details are below.

**2024-2025 BIG Read Tentative Programming**

**SUMMER 2024 SEMESTER EVENTS**

**Book Club—**[**CH 117\***](https://www.google.com/maps/place/490+D+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5878308,-83.5401237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x883b879b9e66826f:0x5a4de2d9af46234!8m2!3d41.5878308!4d-83.5401237!16s%2Fg%2F11hz0s2v1h)

**June 25—12 p.m.**

Join us as we dive into the 2024-5 BIG Read Book.

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**July 24—12 p.m.**

Join us as we dive into the 2024-5 BIG Read Book.

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**BIG Read Faculty Workshop—**[**CH 117\***](https://www.google.com/maps/place/490+D+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5878308,-83.5401237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x883b879b9e66826f:0x5a4de2d9af46234!8m2!3d41.5878308!4d-83.5401237!16s%2Fg%2F11hz0s2v1h)

**August 14—12-2 p.m.**

Join us as we explore how to use the 2024-5 book and themes in your classroom and offices.

**FALL 2024 SEMESTER EVENTS**

**Confronting Biases——**[**CH 100**](https://www.google.com/maps/place/490+D+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5878308,-83.5401237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x883b879b9e66826f:0x5a4de2d9af46234!8m2!3d41.5878308!4d-83.5401237!16s%2Fg%2F11hz0s2v1h)

**August 29—11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Unconscious biases that revolve around race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, etc. are in the background of our minds; we are often unaware of how they influence our decisions and thinking. Join Dr. Kristen Price, Professor of Psychology, and Kim Musser-Quist, Professor of ASL, as we discuss overcoming these biases during this dynamic presentation.

**Bookmark Sale**   
**September 5**   
Come and get your very own bookmark with a free copy of *TBA*.

**Fall Kick Off & Book Club—CH 117\***

**September 18—12 p.m.**

Join us as we kick off the BIG Read for the fall semester with free books and other BIG Read Promotional Goodies, take a dive into the 2024-5 BIG Read Book, and learn some basic ASL.

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**Documentary Film Showing—**[**CH 100**](https://www.google.com/maps/place/490+D+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5878308,-83.5401237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x883b879b9e66826f:0x5a4de2d9af46234!8m2!3d41.5878308!4d-83.5401237!16s%2Fg%2F11hz0s2v1h)**& Livestream (Discussion Only): TBA.**

**October 3—12 a.m.**

Join us as we watch and discuss this documentary with themes revolving around Deaf culture; live discussion with TBA.

**Human Library—**[**HH 123**](https://www.google.com/maps/place/310+2nd+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5867536,-83.5441455,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x883b870bf439fd63:0x11f4bba4f6f51a78!8m2!3d41.5867536!4d-83.5419568?shorturl=1)

**October 17—10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Humans as books? Yes! Join us as we “check out” human books to better understand someone who has experienced prejudice or has been stigmatized and ultimately, “unjudge.”

**Book Club—**[**CH 117\***](https://www.google.com/maps/place/490+D+St,+Perrysburg,+OH+43551/@41.5878308,-83.5401237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x883b879b9e66826f:0x5a4de2d9af46234!8m2!3d41.5878308!4d-83.5401237!16s%2Fg%2F11hz0s2v1h)

**November 7—12 p.m.**

Join us as we dive into the 2024-2025 Book.

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**“Let’s Talk BIG w/ Jane & Jen”**   
**Thursdays, all semester long | 7 a.m. | 10 a.m. | 7 p.m., | 10 p.m. |** [Owens Community College Radio](https://owensoutcomm.com/) or the [OCCR YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXT5y3F0RZSeMmWu3RD1gpA/featured).

**SPRING 2025 SEMESTER EVENTS**

**Bookmark Sale**   
**Book Club**

**Feature Film Showing**

**Deaf Performer(s)**

**“The Faces Of” Art Exhibit**

**“The Faces Of” Art Exhibit Reception**

**Author Visit** 

**What is your BIG adventure?**

Use the adventure that best fits with your course.

**BIG** Course includes activities such as DB, class discussions, case studies, etc. that

explore the book themes and encourage students to read the book and

participate in events.

**BIG+** Course includes activities such as DB, class discussions, case studies, etc. that

explore passages of the book and themes and encourage students to

read the book and participate in events.

**Total BIG** Course includes activities such as DB, class discussions, case studies,

essays, etc. that explore the book and book themes, require students to read

the book, and integrate events into the course.

**Reading Circles**

**Possible Reading Circle Books**

\*Synopses excerpted from Amazon and Goodreads.

All the books below are available by checking them out with Christine in the Founders Hall Front Office.

***The Deaf Heart* by Willy Conley**—Told through a series of quirky, irreverent short stories and letters home during the early 1980s, The Deaf Heart chronicles a year in the life of Dempsey “Max” McCall, a Deaf biomedical photography resident at a teaching hospital on the island of Galveston, Texas. For more, see goodreads.com.

***The Unheard: A Memoir of Deafness and Africa* by Josh Swiller**—Deaf since a young age, Swiller spent his formative years in frustrated limbo on the sidelines of the hearing world, encouraged by his family to use lipreading and the strident approximations of hearing aids to blend in. It didn't work. After college, he set out to find a place so far removed that his deafness would become irrelevant. For more, see amazon.com.

***Resilient Silence: A Deaf Experience Suspense Novel* by Peter M. Quint**—Resilient Silence is the divergent path between two brothers living in futuristic America. Navigating extreme personal differences, they eventually converge to compete in the Bloomsday road race and learn the hidden strength of resilient silence that comes from being Deaf in a hearing world. For more, see goodreads.com.

***EveryDay I Am Just Deaf: Life in a Hearing World with Deaf Queen Boss* by Kellina Powell**—In her first book, Everyday I am Just Deaf, Kellina exposes her inner thoughts and feelings to get readers thinking: what it’s like to be deaf in a hearing world, what barriers can be removed, and what contributions can be made to level the playing field. For more, see amazon.com.

***Finding Zoe* by Brandi Rarus**—Brandi Rarus lost her hearing at age six. She met her husband Tim after seeing him at the Gallaudet Uprising, and they fell in love a year later, devoting their lives to each other, improving the lives and communication for the Deaf, and later, raising their three hearing sons. Against the backdrop of Deaf America, Finding Zoe is an uplifting story of hope, adoption, and everyday miracles. For more, see goodreads.com.

***True Biz* by Sara Novic**—This revelatory novel plunges readers into the halls of a residential school for the deaf, where they'll meet Charlie, a rebellious transfer student who's never met another deaf person before. This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and, above all, great persistence, daring, and joy. For more, see goodreads.com.

***Dark Pines* by Will Dean—**An isolated Swedish town. A deaf reporter terrified of nature. A dense spruce forest overdue for harvest. A pair of eyeless hunters found murdered in the woods. It’s week one of the Swedish elk hunt and the sound of gunfire is everywhere. When Tuva Moodyson investigates the story that could make her career she stumbles on a web of secrets that knit Gavrik town together. Are the latest murders connected to the Medusa killings twenty years ago? Is someone following her? Why take the eyes? Tuva must face her demons and venture deep into the woods to stop the killer and write the story. And then get the hell out of Gavrik.

**Reading Circles+**

Really a Multi-media Circle…

**Possible Reading Circle+**

**Podcasts**

The Listening Brain

Seen and Not Heard

The Hear Me Out! Podcast

The Other Side of Deaf

Our Deaf Ways

What The Deaf?!

ASL Word of the Day

All About Audiology – Hearing Resources to Empower YOU

Cross Cultural Expressions Podcast’s

Let’s Talk BIG w/ Jane & Jen

**Documentaries\***

*Deaf Out Loud*

*Mother, Father, Deaf*

*Yucatec Maya Deaf Sign*

*In the Land of the Deaf*

*Land if Silence and Darkness*

*The Listening Project: Young Adults Living with Hearing Loss*

*You Can’t Ask That,* episode # 2

*Following the Ninth: In the Footsteps of Beethoven’s Final Symphony*

**Feature Films\***

*Creed 3*

*Godzilla vs Kong*

*The Sound of Metal*

*The Belier Family*

*A Quiet Place*

*Wonderstruck*

*Dear Frankie*

*The Heart is A Lonely Hunter*

*Miracle Worker*

*Sweet Nothing in My Ear*

*Only I Can Hear*

*Becoming Helen Keller*

*Louis van Beethoven*

*Voice of the Voiceless*

*Avenged*

*Marie’s Story*

\*All can be made available through either Kanopy or Swank Databases at the OCC Library.

**Helpful Sites and Information:**

OCALI Glossary of Terms: <https://deafandblindoutreach.org/dhh-guidelines-for-the-assessment-glossary>

Deaf Culture Tip Sheet: <https://www.sscc.edu/services/assets/guide-71-PEPNet-tipsheet-deaf-culture.pdf>

Correct Terms Referring to Deaf People by Jenleora: <https://soundforlight.com/correct-terms-referring-to-deaf/>

Deaf culture: what is it, history, aspects, examples and facts by Ana Sofia Gala: <https://www.handtalk.me/en/blog/deaf-culture/>

National Deaf Center: <https://nationaldeafcenter.org/>

Deaf Culture Center: <https://deafculturecentre.ca/>

Exploring the Rich Heritage of Deaf People from CSD: <https://csd.org/stories/rich-heritage-of-deaf-people/>

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center: <https://web.archive.org/web/20181107033343/http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html>

Understanding Deaf Culture from Mass.gov: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/understanding-deaf-culture>

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