



RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2022



OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

ALL ABOUT SUMMER READING - P 4

from Joy

Have you heard the ice cream truck drive by? There are some tell-tale signs of summer that we look for every year. Sunsets, fireflies, walks downtown and ice cream. Hurry up summer!

At the library, we are bustling about preparing for Summer Reading. This year the theme will be Oceans of Possibilities. Could there be a better theme for this year? After a couple of years with limited possibility, it's fun to dream about what could be.

What do your possibilities

look like? Journey through fiction and find endless themes, stories and worlds. Perhaps books don't fit your schedule right now. Do your possibilities include investments, hobbies or history? Kanopy, hoopla and Libby offer lessons on new skills through audiobooks and films.

Whatever you deem possible this summer, I hope the oncoming season reminds you of the library. I hope you are able to take some time to explore the shelves or find a quiet place to think. I hope you meet with friends here and delve into the possible together.

The library is only possible in



community. I am honored to see our community in action daily. Together the possibilities are indeed as wide as the ocean.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

- Sunday, June 19
Fish Festival
- Monday, July 4
Independence Day

a fresh space

The Ritter Public Library Endowment Fund is pleased to announce the funding of a 2021-22 grant in the amount of \$21,015 for furniture for the library's new Community Engagement Room.

Since its inception in 1999, which began with a \$2000 donation from Bettcher Industries in memory of Judy Nagy's father, John, and the generous donations of numerous patrons, the Endowment Fund has contributed over \$112,000 to improve and support the library. Over the years, grants have been awarded to purchase furnishings, equipment, a microfilm reader, an e-book expansion during the pandemic, and more. A big thank you to the donors and the Community Foundation of Lorain County for their continual support



The Endowment Board show off the Community Engagement Room. Back row: Pat Farley, David Berns, Sheila Myracle, and Joy Walk. Front row: Judy Nagy, Marie Warden, and Tom Zeck.

in making this and future support of Ritter Public Library possible.

Use of Ritter Public Library's meeting spaces is available at no cost to non-profit groups, businesses, and organizations. Those interested in reserving a space may contact the library by phone at 440-967-3798 or by email at spaces@ritter.lib.oh.us.

a tool for the community

Make your small business or home project come to life! Our Roland SG2-300 large format printer and cutter, acquired in 2021 thanks to funding from the Community Foundation of Lorain County and the Mylander Foundation of Erie County, is available for use by appointment. The Roland can print high-quality

graphics and cut intricate shapes. A variety of materials are available, including poster paper, sticker paper, adhesive vinyl, window cling vinyl, and banner material. To make an appointment, call 440-967-3798.



The Friends of Ritter Public Library

Annual Book Sale

JUNE 14 - 18

Tuesday, June 14	3:30 - 7:30
Friends Members-Only Opening	
Wednesday, June 15	10 - 6:30
Thursday, June 16	10 - 6:30
Friday, June 17	10 - 5
Saturday, June 18	9:30 - 12
Bargain Day: Take What You Want, Give What You Can	

Become a friend - new members always welcome! Visit ritterpubliclibrary.org/support/friends to read more information and download the application.

summer subscription boxes are back



A look at one of May's mystery-themed boxes.

Thanks to the Friends of Ritter Public Library, we are once again offering subscription book boxes for all ages throughout the summer season. Each month has a new themed box filled with a selection of books and fun extras. Return the books, but keep the extras! Spaces fill up fast, so be sure to register in the first week of the month for the following month's box. To register, call the library once registration opens or like us on Facebook, where the link to register online will be posted. July registration will open June 1st, and August registration will open July 1st and will remain open until spaces fill.

book discussions for everyone

Ritter Public Library book discussion groups serve as a forum for our readers to come together to talk about books and share the reading experience with others. It is a chance for the participant to have a voice and hear the voices of others.

We are currently offering two different book discussions. The Ritter Reads group is hosted here at the library on the third Tuesday of each month and is a discussion based on sharing books you have read and to learn what others are reading. In a sense, it is readers' advisory among participants.

Our other book discussion

group is a partnership with Vermilion's Huggy's Social House, held on the last Wednesday of the month. If you have not read the book or just want to show up and see what book discussions are about, please join us.

For those who hold private book discussions, we have titles on hand with multiple copies available to checkout as a bundle. We can also help you reserve multiple copies within the CLEVNET consortium if you are looking for a particular title. Whichever option you choose, we want to help you connect to our collections.

welcoming Catherine

Hi! My name is Catherine Luca. As the new Youth Services Manager here at Ritter Public Library, I look forward to being part of a great resource to the community as we approach the summer months just in time for summer reading! We have a



lot of fun events planned and look forward to helping young children and teens practice their reading skills.

During the last couple months, I have had the opportunity to visit local preschools and schools in the community to build a positive relationship with the teachers and get a chance to meet a lot of wonderful children, so I look forward to seeing everyone this summer!



SUMMER READING 2022

JUNE 6 - JULY 22

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Find It Friday ¹	²
³	Independence Day CLOSED ⁴	Storytime ⁵ Paws & Pages	Bridging the Digital Divide ⁶ Learn Through Play Wacky Wednesday	Outdoor Storytime ⁷	Find It Friday ⁸	Lego Club ⁹
¹⁰	Movement & Music Monday ¹¹ Tie Dying with Teens	Genealogy Resource Sharing Group ¹² Storytime Paws & Pages	ARRGGH: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes ¹³ Learn Through Play Wacky Wednesday	Bingo with Kingston Outdoor Storytime ¹⁴ Stuffed Animal Sleepover	Find It Friday ¹⁵	Pokémon League Paws & Pages ¹⁶
¹⁷	Movement & Music Monday ¹⁸	Storytime ¹⁹ Paws & Pages Crafting with Angela	Bridging the Digital Divide ²⁰ Learn Through Play Wacky Wednesday	Third Thursday and Ritter Reads ²¹ Outdoor Storytime	Find It Friday ²² The Wonderful World of Bubbles Last Day of Summer Reading	²³
²⁴	Local Author: Michael Garrigan ²⁵	²⁶	Board Game Night ²⁷	²⁸	End of Summer Reading Celebration ²⁹	³⁰
³¹						

Summer Reading is our favorite time of the year here at Ritter Public Library! This year we have challenges for all ages, from baby to adult. Participants can earn badges, tickets, and rewards by reading, reviewing books, and completing activities. Our prizes include gift certificates to local business and other surprises.

the events we have planned as part of Oceans of Possibilities. Keep kids engaged all summer with our weekly storytimes, offered both here at the library and on location at the beach or park. We also have passive activities like take and make crafts, coloring pages, and Find It Fridays running perpetually, so there is always something fun to do anytime you visit.

There are multiple ways to sign up - digitally, you can sign up at ritter.beanstack.com or using the Beanstack mobile app. Registration for Oceans of Possibilities will open May 29- scan the QR code below using your phone's camera to sign up for Beanstack. Those who prefer a paper record may pick one up at the library in person.

Summer reading isn't just for kids - we have events for adults, too. We are particularly excited to have the National Museum of the Great Lakes here to present "ARRGGH: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes." However you choose to join in on the fun, we look forward to seeing you this summer!

Browse the next three pages to see some of



JUNE

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			¹	Journey Through Fiction ²	³	⁴
⁵	First Day of Summer Reading! ⁶ Movement & Music Monday	Forensic, Title, and Heir Research ⁷ Storytime Paws & Pages	Bridging the Digital Divide ⁸ Crafting with Angela Learn Through Play Wacky Wednesday	Bingo with Kingston Outdoor Storytime ⁹	Find It Friday ¹⁰	Lego Club ¹¹
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²⁶	Movement & Music Monday ²⁷	Storytime ²⁸ Paws & Pages	Learn Through Play ²⁹ Wacky Wednesday	Outdoor Storytime ³⁰		

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹	²	Bridging the Digital Divide 5 ³	⁴	⁵	⁶
⁷ Friends Present: Andy & Judy	⁸	Genealogy Resource Sharing Group ⁹	¹⁰	Bingo with Kingston ¹¹	¹²	Lego Club ¹³
¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷	Third Thursday and Ritter Reads ¹⁸	¹⁹	Pokémon League ²⁰
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EVENTS

Our full calendar is always available at ritterpubliclibrary.org/events

Children

Movement & Music Mondays Mondays, June 6 - July 18 10 AM

Practice your singing and dancing and get the wiggles out!
Recommended for ages 1 - 5 years.

Oceans of Possibilities Storytime Tuesdays, June 7 - July 19 10 AM

Dive into the great blue! This summer is filled with oceans of possibilities, and our storytimes are no exception! Dance, play, create, read, sing, and learn with your favorite ocean animals!
Recommended for ages 1 - 5.

Paws & Pages Tuesdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Third Saturdays 10 AM - 12 PM

Fiona the Golden Doodle, the library's reading dog, visits Tuesdays after storytime and third Saturdays for kids to practice their reading and petting skills.
Recommended for toddlers through school-age children.

Learn Through Play Wednesdays, June 8 - July 20 10 AM

Come & play with us! We fill our storytime room with fun, educational toys for children across developmental stages! Spend an hour learning through play and then top it all off with music and books! This is a storytime unlike any other!
Recommended for Ages 1 - Pre K.

Wacky Science Wednesday Wednesdays, June 8 - July 20 2:30 PM

Put on your goggles! The mad scientists are in the house! Join us as we perform weird, wild, and wacky science experiments!
Recommended for all school-age children.

Outdoor Storytime Thursdays, June 9 - July 21 (Weather Permitting) 10 AM

Come listen to story time while enjoying the nice weather. Bring a beach towel to find a good spot. Each week, Miss Catherine will rotate between Friendship Park and Main Street Beach.
Recommended for toddlers through school-age children.

Find It Friday Fridays, June 10 - July 22 All Day

Become a super sleuth! Young detectives are invited to find a special clue within the library, and all successful private eyes win a prize!

Lego Club Second Saturdays 10 AM - 12 PM

Come build a Lego masterpiece, then have your creation displayed at the library for all to see!
Recommended for all ages.

Pokémon League Third Saturdays 10 AM - 12 PM

Bring your cards and handheld

games to battle and trade with fellow Pokémon masters.
Recommended for Ages 8 - 12.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Thursday, July 14 All Day

Drop off your favorite stuffed animal companion for an evening of human-free shenanigans. Pick your friend up the next day to find out what they got up to!

Tween & Teen

Teen Board Game Night Tuesday, June 21 6 PM

Come in and play your favorite board game and get a chance to meet some new friends.

Battle of the Books Club Wednesday, June 22 5 PM

Are you a competitive reader? Then join us for Battle of the Books 2022! Grades 4-8 will be representing RPL in the Battle this coming September. Practices will include book discussion, team building, and lots of fun! Copies of the books can be found on the holds shelf.

Tie Dying with Teens* Monday, July 11 3 PM

Bring your favorite t-shirt to design your own tie dye! Supplies provided.
Recommended for ages 12 - 17.

Family

Candyland Day* Friday, June 24 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM

You are the game piece in this life-sized rendition of the classic Candyland! Register for your turn to play the game for a sweet reward.
A craft follows.

Board Game Night Fourth Wednesdays 6 PM

Join us around the table for an evening of fun board games - bring your own to share with the group, or we'll pull one from our collection. All ages are welcome, though some games may be complicated for small children.

Third Thursdays and Ritter Reads Third Thursdays 5:30 - 7 PM

Stop by the library while you enjoy Third Thursdays - staff will be outside in front of the library to talk about new books, summer reading, and upcoming programs.

The Wonderful World of Bubbles Show Friday, July 22 2 PM

Zap Entertainment will perform an amazing bubble show!

End of Summer Reading Celebration* Friday, July 29

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Participants will be invited to celebrate their achievements with yummy treats and games.

Friends Present: Andy & Judy Sunday, August 7 2 PM

Andy & Judy Daigle, a folk music duo from New England, have been performing together since 2009. They have toured all over the northeast and midwest, and have been featured on folk radio stations. This concert is proudly sponsored by the Friends of Ritter Public Library.

Adult

Journey Through Fiction Thursday, June 2

3 - 5 PM

Not so popular authors, but great reads. Stop in the Community Engagement Room for refreshments and tips on authors that you may have never heard of yet could greatly enjoy!

Genealogy Resource Sharing Group: Forensic, Title, and Heir Research* Tuesday, June 7 6:30 PM

Katharine O'Connell of North Coast Genealogy will present on her work and a particular missing person's case she is currently working on. This event will be hosted here at Ritter Public Library and the presenter will attend in-person or virtually depending on her schedule.

Crafting with Angela* Wednesday, June 8 and Tuesday, July 19 2 PM

Join Angela as she guides you through a fun seasonal craft. All materials are provided.

Bingo With Kingston* Thursdays, June 9, July 14, Aug 11

11 AM

Kristi from Kingston Healthcare will visit the library for bingo - fun and prizes are in store!

ARRGGH: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes* Wednesday, July 13 6 PM

Ahoy mateys! The National Museum of the Great Lakes will visit for a fun-filled historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and its implications for understanding Great Lakes history. No parrots, or peg legs, included but a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales.

Local Author: Michael Garrigan Monday, July 25 6 PM

Join us as we hear the story of Michael Garrigan as told in his memoir - Ushered Out of Darkness. He will speak about his writing process and answer questions. Michael will have books available for purchase at the event.

Bridging the Digital Divide*



Get to Know Your Smartphone Pt 1
Wednesday, June 8 at 10 AM
Get to Know Your Smartphone Pt 2
Wednesday, June 22 at 2 PM
Online Security for Seniors
Wednesday, July 6 at 10 AM
Email Basics
Wednesday, July 20 at 2 PM
Managing Your Life Online
Wednesday, August 3 at 10 AM

This special series in collaboration with Serving Our Seniors is designed to teach older adults the technological skills necessary to survive and thrive in an increasingly digital world. Bring your own smartphone or tablet for instruction and one-on-one help from knowledgeable instructors. No prior knowledge is assumed, and absolute beginners are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Come to all 5 sessions, or just the sessions that interest you. Registration is required - call 440-967-3798 to register.

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foundation enriches library

We believe great communities deserve great libraries. The Ritter Public Library Foundation raises private donations to bridge the gap between state funding and the cost of maintaining Vermilion's library as one of the best in the region. The Foundation's goals include:

- To support our kids' literacy and love of reading by developing reading and social skills (e.g. Funded Beanstack, an online program that allows children to participate in summer reading programs).
- To improve the library's technology initiatives and digital collection of books, movies, magazines, music and audiobooks. (e.g. purchased hotspots that allow access to the internet outside the library and funded Ritter's subscription to hoopla).
- To provide cultural and educational programs (e.g. co-sponsored with Friends of the Library the harpist, the Irish musician and the Vermilion

Community Band Christmas concerts).

- To continue to provide free public meeting space for our youth, civic organizations, art exhibits, music programs and book clubs. (e.g. funded the purchase of a projector and screen for the new Community Engagement Room).

There are several ways you can make a donation to The Ritter Public Library Foundation. Gifts of any size are appreciated.

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