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Vermilion, Ohio

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More hours, more service!

Library will open Sundays

Ritter Public Library is ringing in the new year with expanded hours and more staff to better serve the public.

The library will be open again on Sundays from 1 to 5 pm beginning Feb. 3 thanks to generous support from voters for a tax levy passed last November.

The new year will also see the arrival of several new staff members, including a new youth services associate and two more part-time staff for the customer service desk.

Joy Walk will be working full-time in the youth services department to plan programs and storytimes and contribute to the library's website. Walk grew up in Youngstown and earned her master's of library and information sciences from Kent State University.

"I've gotten to know a lot of families already at storytime," said Walk, who began working at Ritter part-time last year. "I'm enjoying watching the little ones develop. And I'm eager to learn more about what the older kids are interested in. They've really impressed me already with their varied interests."

Director Janet Ford said she plans to hire one more full-time employee for the youth services department, bringing the number of staff in that department back up to three, the same as before budget cuts were imposed because of a loss of state funding beginning in 2008.

"The additional staff will help us better serve the public," Ford said. "After several years of reduced funding, we're excited for 2013 and beyond."



Joy Walk will be working full time in the children's and teen departments.

Coming Soon

Shake Your Cabin Fever

Have some fun with the whole family when Chip Richter brings music, laughter and a bit of sunshine to the library Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 pm. *No school the next day!*

A Visit with Chocolate & Bay

Friends of Ritter invite you to an evening of free entertainment and refreshments with the dramatic duo "Herbal Theatrics" on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 pm.



Suszko's West Side Market

Enjoy an armchair tour of Cleveland's lively, historic West Side Market with local author Marilou Suszko Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm.

Annual Chocolate Festival

Get your best chocolate recipe ready and enter to win or just buy some tickets and you be the judge! Saturday, Feb. 2, 11 am to 2 pm.

eReader Advice

Get help using your ereader and using free library emedia services Tuesday, Feb. 12. One session for Kindle users at 6 pm and one for non-Kindle users at 7 pm.

up-to-date details
ritterpubliclibrary.org

from the director

Moving ahead in the new year



"Thanks to voters, Ritter is now able to provide additional materials, expanded hours of access and programming. Reading, information and leisure-time activities make your library a focal spot for Vermilion. For more than 95 years, the library has been part of our community. If you haven't enjoyed the library, please stop by, look around and see all your library has to offer."

Janet Ford, director



Pay fines online!

Library users can now pay their fines online! Use a Mastercard, Visa or Discover credit card to pay late fees or other library fines.

Go to ritterpubliclibrary.org and click on Catalog in order to set up your own My Clevnet account. Then use your account to keep track of all the materials you've ordered and borrowed and when they're due. You can renew your own materials through My Clevnet and you can use the NetNotice feature to sign up to receive email notices when your materials are due.

If you still wind up with late fees, use My Clevnet to settle up online!

Chocolate Festival fun Feb. 2

This year's Chocolate Festival is shaping up to be better than ever with a new category especially for children and one for past winners too.

The festival is a fundraiser for Friends of Ritter and is open to the public

A Heavenly Visit with **Chocolate & Bay**

Friends of Ritter invite you to get in the mood for chocolate with a free evening of entertainment with the dramatic duo "Herbal Theatrics" Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 pm. The pair of entertainers appeared at the library last year in the production "The Missing Thyme".

Reserve your seat today by calling 967-3798 or register online by going to the calendar at ritterpubliclibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. It's the same day as the community Ice A-Fair downtown. You can enter your best chocolate recipe and compete for a ribbon. Or just buy some tickets to sample the delicious entries and cast your vote for the next Chocolate Champion of Vermilion.

Find all the details under About Us at ritterpubliclibrary.org. To enter, call Robbie at 967-5605 or email robbiebrownkw@gmail.com. Then bring a minimum of 48, sample-size servings to the library between 9:30 and 10:30 am Saturday, Feb. 2.

Please label your entry with your name, the name of the dish and whether or not it contains nuts. Also make sure it is ready to serve and include the necessary serving pieces. Cooks are asked to stay with their entries during the festival if possible. Votes will be counted promptly at 2 pm and ribbons will be awarded.

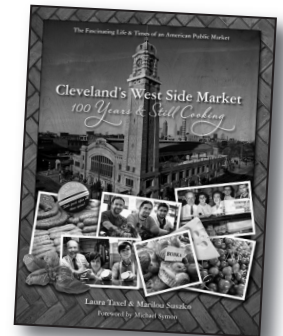
Take an "armchair tour"

Suszko's West Side Market

Join local author and cooking expert Marilou Suszko for an armchair tour of Cleveland's West Side Market Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm.

Suszko, who has written two previous books about farms and foods of Ohio, turns her focus on the market, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Her book is full of photos and stories about the people, the food and the historic building.

Call 967-3798 to reserve your seat or sign up at ritterpubliclibrary.org.



Get help preparing your tax returns

Trained experts will be on hand at the library beginning next month to help you prepare your tax returns free of charge.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. It helps low- to moderate-income taxpayers – with special attention to those ages 60 and older – have more discretionary

income for everyday essentials, such as food and housing, by assisting with tax services and ensuring people receive applicable tax credits and deductions. Since 1968, the program has helped about 50 million taxpayers.

Appointments are available at the library beginning Friday, Feb. 1 on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Call 967-3798.



Endowment Gifts

*In memory of Lewis Ludwig
David & Roberta Berns*

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*In memory of Michael Aten
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Helen Hain Callahan
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*In memory of Jim Hoying
Judy Williams*

from Donald & Rita Blanford

Memorialize a loved one or honor a friend with a donation to the Ritter Public Library Endowment Fund. The fund is dedicated to providing for the library's future needs, stability and growth. Donations to the endowment fund are permanently recognized at

ritterpubliclibrary.org

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Want to cut down on the clutter in your mailbox? Reduce and also reorganize the mail you receive by contacting the Direct Marketing Association. Go to DMAchoice.org or write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512-0643.

You can register someone who is deceased, end credit card offers and unwanted catalogs, and remove your name from commercial email lists.



Judy Morgan, Shari Luby, Karen Cornelius, Judy Williams, Laura Roth, Judy Nagy and Dick Partington present Janet Ford with a \$10,000 donation. They serve on the Ritter Public Library Endowment Fund Board, which oversees donations to the library.

\$10,000 gift buys new equipment

The library is getting a brand new microfilm reader, thanks to a generous donation from the library's endowment fund.

The equipment, which costs about \$10,000, will be installed in the Ritter Room sometime this month. Patrons can use it to view and print back issues of the "Vermilion Photojournal" and the former "Vermilion News" and "The Bugle".

People working on their family trees search the newspapers for obituaries.

With the new machine, they can save an article as a digital image which they can print, save to a flash drive or attach to an email. Library staff will also use it for research.

The previous microfilm reader was about 25 years old and had been out of order since last fall.

Director Janet Ford said the library is grateful for the donation. "When people give to the endowment fund, they can feel good about making a lasting donation," she said.

Get access to free digital magazines

Ritter cardholders will soon enjoy another new service – access to dozens of magazine titles online.



The library will be subscribing to Zinio, a top-rated magazine-reading application. Cardholders will be able to read magazines including "Consumer Reports", "EatingWell" and "O" as well as "Newsweek" and "Smart Money" which are no longer issued in print. The service, which will be available in the coming weeks, can be accessed in the library or remotely.

Zinio allows magazines to be read online or downloaded to be read offline on computers and portable devices including the iPad, iPhone, Blackberry and Android devices. Magazines are available to multiple users at a time so there's never a wait.

Plus Two More New Resources: TrueFlix and FreedomFlix

Students will love these new online resources from Scholastic. TrueFlix brings non-fiction books to life with videos, activities and more. FreedomFlix is all about U.S. history. Watch for details about how to log in with your Ritter card number when the services become available in the coming weeks.

Shake your cabin fever!

Get out of the house with the whole family and enjoy music, laughs and fun with Chip Richter Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 pm.

Richter is an artist-in-residence at Lakeside, the community known as the Chautauqua on Lake Erie. He appeared previously at Ritter's open house celebration in 2010.

He'll entertain with stories, songs and smiles. Shake your cabin fever and join us for a fun and free evening. Registration isn't necessary and there's no school the next day.



Chip Richter will entertain with stories, songs and smiles.

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Holiday Closings

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Monday, Jan. 21
Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 18
Easter, Sunday, March 31
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Hours

Mon – Thurs 9:30 am – 8:30 pm
Fri, Sat 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
beginning Feb. 3 Sunday 1–5 pm

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