

RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# CONNECTIONS

WINTER 2023



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# meet our new director



Greetings to the Vermilion community! I am thrilled to start this New Year as the director of Ritter Public Library. The staff, trustees, and supporting organizations are exceptional. Thank you to all who have welcomed me so warmly.

I am proud of my professional record of building trust with communities and managing significant responsibilities in a friendly way. I have

relocated to Ohio from New Hampshire where my first director role began in 2000 at a small community library; after five years there, I moved on to a library many times larger, and served as director there for fifteen years.

This is an exciting time for Ritter Public Library and for Vermilion as a whole, as we reflect on all that we have been through in the past few years, embrace the opportunities of the present, and prepare for the future. I am eager to work with the library staff to welcome you with the many excellent programs, services, and collection materials that you have always counted on, and to continue with our mission to enrich, empower and entertain.

I hope to meet you in person soon. Please stop by to say hello, and I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Sandra Licks, Director

## foundation funds new tech

The Ritter Public Library Foundation is funding the purchase of two interactive digital tables. One will be placed in the Children's department, the other in the Community Engagement Room. The new multi-touch tables will offer a selection of multiplayer games. Kids and families will enjoy options like tic tac toe or educational spelling games, while more advanced users like teens and adults can try competitive Sudoku or classics like dominoes.

The interactive tables will join other recent contributions from the Foundation, including the new mobile device charging station in the library commons. The self-service charging station allows patrons to secure their device in a locked compartment,

and features both USB-C and Lightning cables to charge a variety of devices.

The Ritter Public Library Foundation appreciates gifts of any size, if you would like to make a contribution toward the interactive tables. The Foundation works to bridge the gap between the library's needs and state funding, to ensure that our library remains one of the best in the area.

To donate by mail, send a check to: The Ritter Public Library Foundation  
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Vermilion, OH 44089  
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1 PM - 5 PM

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Spring

# Book Sale

March 21 - 25

Tue, March 21: Friends Night  
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Wed, March 22 & Thur, March 23:  
10:00 AM – 7:30 PM  
Fri, March 24:  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Sat, March 25:  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## digitize your memories

Elgato Video Capture equipment and software are the newest additions to Ritter Public Library's Creative Space. This new equipment allows patrons to convert VHS and other tapes to digital files. While the Creative Space currently contains only a VHS player for file conversion, the Elgato equipment is compatible

with any device with an RCA output. Patrons are welcome to bring their own camcorder or other compatible device to use with the equipment.

To make an appointment for video conversion, contact us at 440-967-3798 or online at [ritterpubliclibrary.org/content/rintercutter](http://ritterpubliclibrary.org/content/rintercutter).

## new year, new skills

This time of year always makes me want to rewatch all the Gilmore Girls episodes. "I smell snow," anyone? If you're a big Gilmore Girls fan, you'll understand the quote. Anyway, when you are stuck cooped up at the house or looking for something to do, I want to remind everyone that the library is your place for all your needs. With our adult programming, we are dedicating this season to those locals sticking around through this cold season and looking to start a new hobby or learn a new skill. The new year brings classes like sewing, watercolor painting, or delving into the archaeological history around us with the Sandusky Bay chapter of the Archeological Society of Ohio. Check out the program calendar

on the following pages for even more.

Another service I would love to bring to your attention is our monthly passive programming! Passive programming is something we offer perpetually, so that you can easily participate while you are here, even if only briefly. This January, check out "23 books for 2023." This activity will be fun for the entire year and will nudge you to expand your reading horizons or pick up something you might not normally read. With that, have a wonderful winter season, and just remember, "everything's magical when it snows." If you know, you know.

Jessica Dufner, Adult Services Manager

## early literacy kits expand young minds



The new early literacy kit themes include animals, baby sign language, and colors, among others.

Our new Early Literacy Kits can help babies and young children develop language and literacy skills during those critical early years. The kits include a variety of books, toys, and games that promote learning. The kits are available for checkout in the children's department. The library was able to acquire these kits using funding courtesy of the Ritter Public Library Foundation in partnership with the Hindmarsh Project.

## summer sneak peek

The youth services department has held family fun events during the fall to encourage families to stay active and involved in the community. Programs can always be found on the library website. Though we may have a long winter still ahead, we are already busy planning for another awesome summer reading program with the theme of All Together Now: friendship and unity. The library staff look forward to seeing children of all ages join in the summer fun! Look for details coming soon about registration.



# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Closed	2 Seasonal Storytime	3 Seasonal Storytime Paws & Pages	4 Learn Through Play Ritter Reads Book Discussion	5 Animal Kingdom Storytime Cookies & Coloring	6	7
8	9	10 Paws & Pages Genealogy Resource Sharing Group	11 Rock Painting Dungeons & Dragons	12	13 The Top 100 of the Last 100	14 LEGO Club Hopewell Artifacts in North Central Ohio
15	16 Get to know Your Smartphone Pt 1 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Paws & Pages Tween Graphic Novel Club Classic Movie Night	18 Tween Book Club Board Game Night Tales & Teachers	19 Shelf Indulgence Book Discussion	20	21 Pokémon League Paws & Pages
22	23 Emotions Storytime	24 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages Teen Board Game Night	25 Learn Through Play Crafting with Angela Dungeons & Dragons	26 Adventure Storytime Brewed Awakening Book Social	27 Winter Candy Land	28 The Heckelman Linear Ditches
29	30 Emotions Storytime Get to Know Your Smartphone Pt 2	31 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages				

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Learn Through Play Ritter Reads	2 Adventure Storytime Cookies & Coloring	3	4
5	6 Emotions Storytime Sewing Make & Take	7 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages Create Your Own Glass The Meaning of Juneteenth	8 Learn Through Play Dungeons & Dragons	9 Adventure Storytime	10 The Top 100 of the Last 100	11 Lego Club The Seamans Fort Defensive Earthworks
12	13 Emotions Storytime Online Security for Older Adults	14 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages Valentine's Murder Mystery	15 Learn Through Play Tween Book Club Board Game Night Tales & Teachers	16 Adventure Storytime Shelf Indulgence Book Discussion	17	18 Pokémon League Paws & Pages
19	20 Emotions Storytime Sewing Make & Take Presidents Day	21 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages Tween Graphic Novel Club Classic Movie Night	22 Learn Through Play Dungeons & Dragons Introduction to Watercolors	23 Adventure Storytime Brewed Awakening Book Social Crafting with Angela	24	25 The Taylor Site Mortuary Center
26	27 Emotions Storytime Email Basics	28 Emotions Storytime Paws & Pages Teen Board Game Night				

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Learn Through Play Ritter Reads	2 Adventure Storytime Cookies & Coloring	3	4
5	6 Sewing Make & Take	7 Paws & Pages The History of Women in Aviation & Aerospace	8 Dungeons & Dragons Introduction to Watercolors	9	10 The Top 100 of the Last 100	11 Lego Club
12	13 Everyday Apps and Beyond	14 Paws & Pages Genealogy Resource Sharing Group	15 Tween Book Club Board Game Night Tales & Teachers	16 Shelf Indulgence Book Discussion	17	18 Pokémon League Paws & Pages
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# EVENTS

Our full calendar is always available at [ritterpubliclibrary.org/events](http://ritterpubliclibrary.org/events)

## Children

### Storytimes

Enjoy themed storytimes Mondays through Thursdays at 10 AM while storytime is in session. Each storytime session is 6 weeks long, with a 2 week break. Our storytimes are best for ages 1 - Pre K.

### Seasonal Storytime

Come celebrate all of the festivities around us at this holiday-themed storytime.

### Animal Kingdom Storytime

Through stories and crafts, learn about all kinds of animals- whether they're big or small, furry or scaly, or fast or slow!

### Learn Through Play

We fill our storytime room with educational toys for children across developmental stages. Learn through play, then top it all off with music and books.

### Emotions Storytime

This winter, we're exploring all the Big Feelings that every human being has! Dance, play, create, read, sing, and learn during this emotion-packed storytime!

### Wild Safari Storytime

Journey through the jungles, savannahs, and wildernesses in search of the most exciting animals kids can imagine.

### Adventure Storytime

We'll explore new places and the

animals that live there through themed stories and crafts.

### 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 so that kids can practice their reading and petting skills. Best for toddlers through school-age children.

### 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!  
All ages welcome.

### Pokémon League

Third Saturdays  
10 AM - 12 PM  
Bring your cards and handheld games to battle and trade with fellow Pokémon masters.  
Best for Ages 8 - 12.

## Tween & Teen

### Dungeons & Dragons\* Second & Fourth Wednesdays 5:30 PM

This is your chance to try the hit game! Each session will be a standalone adventure with characters premade and ready to play. Ages 12 - 18 welcome.

### Tween Book Club Third Wednesdays 5 PM

We'll discuss and complete activities related to the book of the month. Copies of the month's book are available for checkout in the children's department.  
January: *Redwall* by Brian Jacques  
February: *Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes* by Roshani Chockshi  
March: *Spin With Me* by Ami Polonsky

### Tween Graphic Novel Club Third Tuesdays 4 PM

Calling all comic book, Manga, and graphic novel enthusiasts! Come meet with us to discuss our thoughts, likes and dislikes, and leave with ideas for what to read next. There's no required reading for this club - just come prepared to share your opinions.

### Teen Board Game Night Fourth Tuesdays 6 PM

Join your friends or meet new ones while playing board games from our collection.

## Family

### Winter Candy Land\* Friday, January 27 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM

Back by popular demand! 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.

### Family Board Game Night Third 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.

## Adult

### Ritter Reads Book Discussion Group First Wednesdays 6 PM

Love to talk books, but don't like the pressure of assigned reading? Try Ritter Reads! There's no required reading - we'll talk about what we've been reading lately and get ideas for what to read next.

### Cookies and Coloring First Thursdays 11 AM

De-stress at this adults-only coloring session. We'll chat as we color and snack on delicious homemade cookies.

### Genealogy Resource Sharing Group Second Tuesdays (except February) 6 PM

Gather with fellow genealogy enthusiasts to work together on projects and share tips. Bring your current project and your laptop, if you have one. All experience levels are welcome, and library staff will be available for assistance.

### Rock Painting\* Tuesday, January 11 2 PM

Paint a beautiful rock to brighten your home, or to hide around town for others to discover. All materials will be provided.

### The Top 100 of the Last 100 Book Discussion Group Second Fridays 10 AM

We're reading through the bestselling books of the last century, in reverse order. Copies of the books are available at the main desk for checkout.  
January: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2015)  
February: *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng (2014)  
March: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt (2013)

### The Sandusky Bay Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio Presents: North Central Ohio Archaeology *Hopewell Artifacts in North Central Ohio*: Saturday, January 14 at 11 AM

*The Heckelman Linear Ditches*: Saturday, January 28 at 11 AM  
*The Seamans Fort Defensive Earthworks*: Saturday, February 11 at 11 AM

*The Taylor Site Mortuary Center*: Saturday, February 25 at 11 AM  
Dive into local history through artifacts with this series of Archaeology seminars presented by Glenwood Boatman, vice president of the Sandusky Bay Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio.

### Tech Basics Classes *Get to Know Your Smartphone Part 1*: Monday, January 16 at 2 PM *Get to Know Your Smartphone Part*

### 2: Monday, January 30 at 2 PM *Online Security for Older Adults*: Monday, February 13 at 2 PM *Email Basics*: Monday, February 27 at 2 PM

*Everyday Apps and Beyond*: Monday, March 13 at 2 PM  
This series of classes is designed to teach you the basics of operating your smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device. Bring your device with you to class for hands-on learning. Absolute beginners are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### Classic Movie Night Third Tuesdays (except March) 6 PM

We're recreating the cinema experience right here at the library. Enjoy a classic film as you munch on fresh popcorn.  
January: *Chinatown* (1974)  
February: *Wuthering Heights* (1939)

### Shelf Indulgence Book Discussion Group Third Thursdays 3 PM

Our newest book discussion group is perfect for those who love historical fiction, relationship fiction, and romance. Try new books by up-and-coming or lesser-known authors. Copies of the books are available at the main desk for checkout.  
January: *The Ways We Hide* by Kristina McMorris  
February: *The Gilded Years* by Karin Tanabe  
March: *Our Chemical Hearts* by Krystal Sutherland

### Crafting with Angela Fourth Wednesdays 5 PM

Channel your creativity while Angela guides you through a new craft each month. All materials will

be provided.

January: Create a bracelet stamped with a word to inspire you throughout 2023.  
February (on the fourth Thursday): Learn diamond painting, a new twist on crafting that combines paint by number, embroidery, and rhinestones.  
March: Upcycle leftover paper materials to make your own paper beads.

### Brewed Awakening Book Social Fourth Thursdays 2:30 PM

At Brewed Awakening Vermilion Books and coffee make a perfect pair! Discuss your thoughts on the month's selection while you sip on your favorite beverage.  
January: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Piccolt  
February: *Out of Love* by Hazel Hayes  
March: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Kruger

### Sewing Make and Take\* Monday, February 6 at 2 PM:

Potholder  
Monday, February 20 at 2 PM: Sleep Mask  
Monday, March 6 at 2: Reusable Makeup Remover Pads  
Level up your sewing skills. Work on a new project in each class, then take it with you to finish at home. Bring your own sewing machine, thread, and pins - all other materials will be provided. Basic sewing skills needed.

### Create Your Own Glass\* Tuesday, February 7 11 AM

Decorate a customized glass perfect for holding all of your favorite winter beverages. All materials will be provided.

### College Club Presents: The Meaning of Juneteenth Tuesday, February 7 7 PM

Dr. Pamela Brooks, Jane and Eric Nord Associate Professor of Africana Studies at Oberlin College, will present the history and the deeper meaning of Juneteenth. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19, and was made a federal holiday by President Biden in 2021.

### Valentine's Murder Mystery\* Tuesday, February 14 5 PM

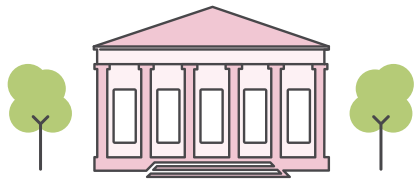
Do you have the super sleuth skills to suss out the suspect? Take your shot at investigating this murder with a Valentine's twist.

### Introduction to Watercolors\* Wednesdays, February 22, March 8, and March 22 6 PM

Watercolorist Lisha Nasipak joins us for this series of beginner watercolor classes. No prior experience is required, and all materials will be provided.

### College Club Presents: The History of Women in Aviation and Aerospace Tuesday, March 7 7 PM

International Women's Air & Space Museum's Executive Director Sara Fisher will explore the role of women in aviation and aerospace. From the first woman to solo a balloon in the 18th century, to Bessie Coleman's dream to establish a flight school, to the women who briefly called the International Space Station home, this program provides a glimpse into lesser known histories.



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# free COVID-19 test kits

COVID-19 test kits are available at no cost, courtesy of the Ohio Department of Health. Ask at the main desk, or call 440-967-3798 from the east parking lot for curbside service.



Please do not enter the library if you are sick. Contactless curbside service is available for those experiencing symptoms.

Due to limited supplies, a limited number of test kits will be distributed per person. Library staff are not medical professionals and cannot provide medical advice or assistance with administering tests.



Light Up Vermilion  
Holiday Concert



Vermilion  
Winter Village



## Festive Fun

We had a busy fall and holiday season packed with events and activities to delight the community.



Holiday Magic with  
Jim Kleefeld



Alice in Wonderland  
Tea Party

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