



# CONNECTIONS

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## from the DIRECTOR

It has been an honor celebrating our centennial with Vermilion! We had more than 400 people visit us at our picnic in Victory Park in July. Thank you for joining us! My favorite centennial project has been the “Stories of Vermilion” local history series in partnership with the Vermilion History Museum and the Vermilion Area Archival Society. Read more about it inside.

The history of Ritter is a story of community. The community built a nice library in 1934 on Grand Street, then a gorgeous one in 1958 and later, a 2010 addition at our present location. Now it is Ritter’s turn to continue to build community. We do that through programs for all ages and preserving our history for future generations.

As we wind down our centennial year, I want to say thank you, Vermilion. We wouldn’t be the Ritter Public Library without your support!

*Holly Manning Lynn*



## Free fun for the whole family

Enjoy a day of free fun for the whole family Saturday, Oct. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Bring the kids in and play games, enjoy refreshments and then trick-or-treat through the stacks at our new Fall Family Festival! Try the candy-corn challenge, discover your inner artist and take your picture with Charlie Brown in the Great Pumpkin patch. Or pop in the selfie photo booth in the teen

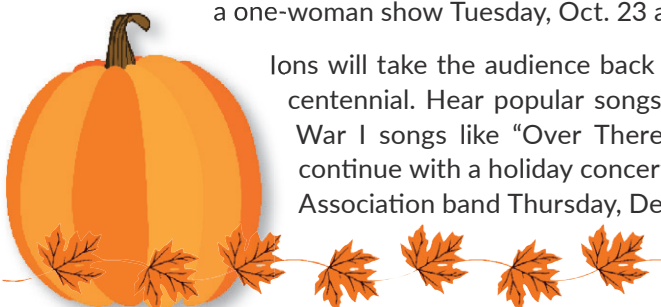
department. See who wins the pumpkin and T-shirt decorating contests.



Meet our special costumed characters who will tell stories of our town and library history, as we continue to celebrate our 100th year serving the community. Also, see all the useful and fun items you can borrow from our new Make, Take & Borrow collection. Registration is not required. Mark your calendar today!

## Friends present new music series

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the library this year, Friends of Ritter present a brand new series of musical performances free and open to the public. Enjoy the return of Mary Beth Ions, the talented and popular violinist from the Cleveland Pops Orchestra. She’ll present a one-woman show Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.



Ions will take the audience back through history to celebrate Ritter’s centennial. Hear popular songs from 1918 by Al Jolson and World War I songs like “Over There”. The “Friends Present” series will continue with a holiday concert by the Vermilion Community Music Association band Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

The Amherst Community Choir will perform a spring concert next May.



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This year, Ritter adds a new "Make, Take & Borrow" collection. Now you can borrow specialty items instead of buying them. Are you planning a fall clambake? Then come in and borrow the new steamer pot. Are guests coming for the weekend? You can borrow an extra folding

table. Borrow the tool kit or take home the button-maker or the Go-Pro camera. You can use the film and slide scanner to digitize your old photos.

Stop in today to take a look at the collection. The items are on display across from the customer service desk.

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Ritter staff show off some of the new items available to borrow from the library.

## Birding adventures

Local resident Tammy Martin talks about her travels in Ecuador searching for rare birds, at a free program Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

This South American country has the fourth most diverse birding population in the world, with more than 1,600 species. Martin will take the audience from the high altitudes of the Andes mountains to lower Amazonia. She encountered hummingbirds, tanagers and several surprises! Martin, who formerly worked for the National Park Service as a naturalist, has traveled the world as part of her birding hobby.



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# OUR FIRST 100 YEARS



Bessie Roscoe, above, was a founding member of the library board in 1918. George Ritter, right, dedicates the new building in 1958.

## The stories of Vermilion

As a special anniversary gift to the community, Ritter has created a collection of local history available anytime online. Go to [www.ritterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ritterpubliclibrary.org) to see the stories and photos of Vermilion that make our hometown unique.

All year, the library has been partnering with the Vermilion Area Archival Society and Rich Tarrant of the Vermilion History Museum on a series of live interviews with longtime residents. These programs have been recorded and are also available in the collection online.

Townpeople enjoyed a picnic this summer in Victory Park to celebrate the centennial.



Listen to Tom Moes and Don Parsons talk about life on the river, and the Rathbun family's stories about downtown Vermilion in the 1930s and '40s. Hear the history of Linwood Park and the old Crystal Beach.

The live programs will continue. On Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., Tarrant talks with longtime resident Larry Howell who worked for Vermilion schools and is a devoted master of the oldest Boy Scout troop in Vermilion. On Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., Marlene Feldkamp will tell stories of growing up at Crystal Beach.



# OUR NEXT 100 YEARS!



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### Hours

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Fri - Sat 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Sunday 1 - 5 pm

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## Dave Schwensen and The Beatles!

Local resident Dave Schwensen brings his popular program about the heyday of The Beatles in Cleveland to Ritter on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Schwensen, who has written two books about his experiences with the Fab Four, relives the excitement of two riotous concerts at Public Hall in 1964 and Municipal Stadium in 1966.

He takes us behind the scenes and on stage through insider stories, rare concert films, photos and memorabilia.

## Storytimes: Daytime and evenings too

Little ones learn to love reading when they have fun with their families at the library.

This fall, find storytimes for all ages all through the week, even in the evening! Preschool Storytime is Mondays at 10 a.m. There's no need to sign up; join us whenever it fits your schedule for stories, songs and activities for ages 3½ to 5 years old with an adult.

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Learn Through Play is for children from birth through preschool with an adult. Directed, group play is followed by stories and songs. Pajama Storytime is Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Wear your jammies and bring your favorite softie! Family Storytime is Fridays at 10 a.m.

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