

## Seniors go FINE FREE!

Seniors will now be fine-free every day at Ritter!

Cardholders who are 60 years old and older will not be charged fines for overdue items they borrow from Ritter Public Library.

Current cardholders will receive this benefit automatically. New cardholders ages 60 and older can receive this benefit when applying for a card.

Charges for items that are lost or damaged still apply.



## Connecting the community

Partnering with community groups is a vital part of Ritter's mission. Last month, nearly 400 people enjoyed a reception for Vermilion's new lighthouse lens, thanks to a partnership between Friends of Ritter and the Lighthouse Preservation Committee. This season, look for more interesting and entertaining programs from Ritter and our partners!

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Meeting space for your group



## from the **DIRECTOR**

“Reader’s Advisory” is the technical term for recommending books. There is an art and a science to good reader’s advisory.

People read books for different reasons. Some like to learn new things. Others simply want to escape their daily lives. Some like fiction and others only want something true-to-life. With that in mind, we want to meet the needs of you, our customer. Knowing what draws the reader in is as important as the book itself.

We hope to have something for everyone who visits Ritter. Check out our new “Browsing Collection” with the anchor on the label. These new books and movies are additional copies of bestsellers for customers who like to stumble on a new book. In addition, we are purchasing more self-help books on CD, foreign films and cookbooks.

The next time you come, plan on spending some time to browse.

### Cuts will hurt

State funding for libraries will be automatically cut once again next year unless lawmakers take action.

A temporary increase to restore a portion of lost funding will expire in July when the state budget ends. Libraries want legislators to make the increase permanent to prevent further losses. By 2010, cuts had cost libraries nearly 23 percent of their funding. Today, libraries receive about 16 percent less from the state.

## HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



Our loved ones who served their country proudly deserve honor and recognition. Help us create a lasting tribute.

Bring in photographs of the veterans in your family – from any generation, past or present. We’ll scan them for you and add them to a memorial that will be on display in the library in November. Bring a flash drive or email address and you’ll get a digitized copy to take home and add to your family story.

The digital photographs will become part of a local history collection Ritter is developing in partnership with the Vermilion Area Archival Society.

### Telling your family story

You want to tell your family’s story and we’re here to help. Find valuable resources for building your family tree at your library.

We’ll show you how to get started, how to organize your research and make it easy to share. Learn about valuable resources available free with your Ritter card, including Ancestry.com library edition. Call 440-967-3798 for more information.

## HOLIDAY CRAFT

Thanksgiving is coming! Make a cute centerpiece for the table or to give as a hostess gift at a hands-on craft session for adults Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm. All supplies will be provided. Register by calling 440-967-3798 or sign up online.



## Fun for

### ADULTS

- **Women’s Widening World** As America considers its first female candidate for president, look back at the strides women made in the 20th century. Tuesday, Nov. 1 / 7 pm
- **Classics Plus Book Club** “Call of the Wild” Monday, Nov. 7 / 7 pm
- **Microsoft Excel** Learn to use this program to create spreadsheets & more. Thursday, Nov. 10 / 2 pm
- **Shorelines Book Club** “Cutting for Stone” by Abraham Verghese Thursday, Nov. 17 / 7 pm
- **Ultimate Werewolf** This very popular, interactive game of deduction features two teams: Villagers and Werewolves. Who will survive? Thursday, Dec. 8 / 6 pm

# Teens get fresh look



The teen department is getting a makeover, thanks to a grant from the library's endowment fund. New furniture and paint will make the space more teen friendly, says Beth Donaldson, youth services manager.

Team work will be easier with new table arrangements, according to Donaldson. The fresh look will also include a chalk board for sharing ideas and a mini maker-space for high- and low-tech fun.

The adult reading area on the second

floor will also get some new furnishings, thanks to the endowment fund. The fund, which was created by donations to the library, helps finance various projects that enhance library services.

In addition to the teen department improvements, the fund has also paid for microfilm of the local newspaper and a microfilm reader.



## GIFTS TO RITTER

- In memory of Elizabeth Schmalz from Else Washkewicz
- In memory of Greg Peters from LHS Class of 1971 Reunion
- From Baron Reed
- In memory of Helen Adams from American Legion Auxiliary Post 397
- From Ihor and Marilou Suszko
- In memory of Joe Hohman from Steven and Patricia Farley

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For complete program guide & up-to-date details:

[www.ritterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ritterpubliclibrary.org)

## Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 am - 8:30 pm  
Fri - Sat 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Sunday 1 - 5 pm

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# The whole family!

## KIDS

Action, stories, clubs – even dogs – are all part of the fun for kids at Ritter!

- **Great Pumpkin Party** Apple and pumpkin crafts, games and snacks for all ages. Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 pm
- **LEGO Club** Build something cool! For kindergarten through fifth grade. Saturdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 / 10 am to noon
- **Read to Rusty** Practice reading to our friendly canine pal! Saturdays, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 / 10 to 11 am; Mondays, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 / 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- **Sensory Storytime** For children with special needs such as autism and a parent. Saturdays, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 / 11 am
- **Pokemon League** Bring your cards and do battle, trade and talk shop. For ages 6 to 13. Saturdays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 / 10 am to noon
- **Artsy Storytime** Bring out your little one's inner Picasso! Hear a story about various art techniques, then create a masterpiece to take home! For preschool through first grade. Thursday, Nov. 10 / 6:30 pm



# BLUEGRASS!

The sounds of Appalachia will ring out when Virgil Smith returns to Ritter with his bluegrass band "Crosscut". The public is invited to enjoy a free performance Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 pm.

The band has been playing traditional bluegrass music for 40 years. Smith entertained at Ritter last spring with stories of his childhood in Appalachia.



Reserve your seat today. Call 440-967-

3798 or sign up on the online calendar.

## Friends holiday concert

Friends of Ritter invite you to enjoy a free holiday performance by the Vermilion Music Association concert band on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm.

Refreshments will be provided by Friends and the public is welcome.

## Shipbuilding tales

Hear the story of "the golden age of shipbuilding" on the Vermilion River when Bob Reese talks on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm.

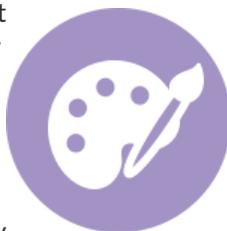
Reese, a local resident who has researched Vermilion's boating history, will share tales of Vermilion's sailing ships and the people who built them, as well as the history of its lighthouse.

This program is sponsored by the Vermilion Area Archival Society and Ritter. No need to register.

## ORIGAMI CLUB

The ancient art of oriental paper folding can be both relaxing as well as challenging.

Bring in a project that you've already started or learn something new Saturdays at noon, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26. Ages 12 and under with an adult please.



Carol Kosik and Angie Folley set up a display of lighthouses collected by Kosik's husband, Bob.

## Your family treasures

Family collections tell fascinating stories about our community. Whether it's grandma's dishes or vintage jewelry or even Beanie Babies, what we treasure says something about who we are.

Does your family have a favorite collection? If you'd like to share it, call 440-967-3798, ext. 6413.

