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CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2025

SUMMER READING

COLOR



WORLD™

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

It's our favorite time of the year here at Ritter Public Library: Summer Reading season! This year's challenge, Color Our World, kicks off June 1st and lasts until July 31st. Participants of all ages (including adults!) can read and complete activities to earn rewards and entries into grand prize drawings. Getting started is simple. Sign up at ritter.beanstack.org or in the Beanstack app, then log your or your family's reading throughout the summer. Paper reading trackers are available for kids. You'll earn rewards along the way like a brag bag or a limited-edition Ritter Public Library candle.



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Be sure to check out the free events inside this guide. We've packed our calendar with fun activities for all ages to tap into your creativity. Explore all things art through DIY projects, lectures, family art nights, and many more arts and crafts activities. You'll also find exciting special guest events that are fun for the whole family, like Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show, Magic with Michael

Mage, and Up, Up, and Away! with Mad Science of Northeast Ohio. We can't wait to see all that you read, create, and learn this summer!



SIGN UP



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

See details and even more events at ritterpubliclibrary.org/events

Children

Storytimes

Age: Birth - 5

Storytimes make learning fun with books, music, crafts, & play.

Storytimes are on pause from 7/7 - 7/25

Family Storytimes:

Mon & Tue at 10 AM

Learn Through Play:

Weds at 10 AM

Saturday Stories:

1st & 3rd Sat at 10 AM

Sensory Playtime

2nd Fridays at 10:30 AM

Age: Toddler & Pre-K

Enjoy sensory exploration and fun without the cleanup.

Pokemon League

Wednesdays, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, & 8/13 at 5:30 PM

Age: Grades 2 - 5

Bring your cards and your handheld games to battle with fellow trainers. Enjoy crafts, movies, and Pokémon activities.

Dog Man Party

Thurs, June 19th at 10:30 AM

Age: Grades K & Up

This paw-ty is all about Dav Pilkey's crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!

Royal-Tea Party

Fri, August 8 at 1 PM

Age: Elementary

Join Belle and Cinderella as they help you discover what it means to be polite as a princess. Wear your finest party clothes & bring a favorite stuffed animal or toy.

Family Art Night

Mondays 6/2, 6/16, 7/7, & 7/21 at 6 PM

Bring the whole family to create your own artwork or design something as a family. Wear old clothes that can get messy.

Teen

Side Hustles

Age: Grades 8 - 12

Tired of asking for money? Learn new skills to earn some cash!

6/3 at 6 PM: Babysitting Basics

6/14 at 2 PM: Painting Minis

7/1 at 6 PM: Beading &

Macrame Jewelry

7/12 at 2 PM: Balloon Animals



ART WEEK

July 14 - 18 from 2 - 4 PM

Age: Grades 4-12

Mon: Tie-Dye & Banana Tattoos

Tue: Shell Painting & Bookmarks

Wed: 8-Bit Art & Splat Painting

Thu: Paint Pouring & Paper Art

Fri: Giant Flowers & Mini Art

Adult



Tech @ Two

Every Monday from 2 - 4 PM
Drop in for one-on-one tech help with your Kindle, tablet, computer, phone, and more!

Drawing with Rick*

Thursdays at 2 PM, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, & 6/26

Learn the foundations of figure and still life drawing with former high school art teacher Rick Browne. This class is open to adults and teens ages 16+.

The World in Color

Explore art traditions around the world at this art history lecture series with LCCC's Sean Crum.

6/18 at 6 PM: Japanese Art

7/2 at 6 PM: Art of India

7/16 at 6 PM: Northern Indigenous Art (Inuit, Yup'ik, Tlingit, and Haida peoples)

How to Organize & Pass on Your Family History

Wed, June 25th at 6 PM

Genealogist Kelli Bergheiner will share expert tips for preserving your family's story for the next generation.

Tech Basics*

Learn smartphone and computer skills at these classes designed for absolute beginners.

7/8 at 11 AM: Android 101

7/9 at 11 AM: iPhone 101

7/22 at 11 AM: Android 102

7/23 at 11 AM: iPhone 102

7/31 at 6:30 PM: Google Docs

8/6 at 11 AM: Windows 11

8/12 at 11 AM: Internet Basics

8/20 at 11 AM: Cybersecurity

8/28 at 6:30 PM: Microsoft Word

Self-Defense with the Vermilion Police Dept*



Thurs, August 7 at 5 PM

Police Captain Jim Graham will teach you the when, where, and how of self-defense techniques, then try your moves on Captain Graham himself!

3rd Annual Local Author Fair

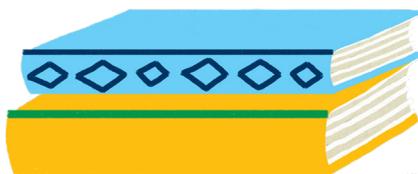
Sat, August 30 from 2 - 5 PM

Explore a variety of local authors setup throughout the Library. Authors will share their latest works, offer signed copies for purchase, and perform live readings. The full author lineup will be announced this summer.

Puzzle & Game Swap

Sat, August 23 from 11 AM - 1 PM

Refresh your puzzle and game collection! No donation is required to take items home. Drop off gently used items from 8/18 - 8/23 to be sorted.



*Registration is required - register online at ritterpubliclibrary.org or call us at 440-967-3798

HOURS

Mon - Thurs
9:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Fri & Sat
9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Sun
1 PM - 5 PM

CLOSURES

Sun, June 15
Fish Festival
Fri, July 4
Independence Day

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Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

June 5 & July 10

10 AM

All Ages

Learn about and
interact with
Ray's amazing
animals!



Up, Up, and Away! with Mad Science

June 10

2 PM

Best for grades
K - 5

This spellbinding
special event
introduces
children to the
principles of air
and pressure.



Michael Mage

June 27

11 AM

Best for K & Up

Enjoy family-
friendly
illusions
with the
award-winning
Michael Mage, a
comedian stuck
in a magician's
shoes.



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