

March 2024

Rodman

BUZZ

For
Teens

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Teen D&D

Teens, 12-18, can sign up at Rodman Public Library to participate in an ongoing series of "one-shot" Dungeons and Dragons missions every month. Sessions are held on the second Mondays of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Players do not have to play consistently each month to participate. Those interested can sign up via our online calendar on a month-to-month basis. Space will be limited each month to six players. A DnD Beyond account and email address is required to play. Before the day of the program, participants will receive a link to the campaign on DnD Beyond via email in order to add their character to the campaign page so the Dungeon Master can review the character beforehand. Participants must create a character before the day of the program. For assistance creating a DnD Beyond account or a character, please make arrangements with the Reference Department ahead of time.

Monday, March 11, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Gaming

Area teens, ages 12-18, are invited to Rodman Public Library every other Thursday for Teens. They will be able to play on Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Playstation 3 & 4, Nintendo Switch and Nintendo WiiU. Games with ratings from "E" for Everyone, up to "T" for Teen level will be offered. No registration is required.

Thursdays, February 8 & 22, 3 to 5 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Teens who have an interest in writing are encouraged to join Rodman Public Library for the Teen Writing Club. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library. During Teen Writing Club, participants have fun meeting with fellow teen writers to exchange ideas, hone skills and share work, if desired. No registration is required.

Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.

Make a mug pie on Pi Day



Patrons ages 10-18 are invited to celebrate Pi Day on Thursday, March 14 by making a pie at Rodman Public Library.

At 4 p.m., the youngsters will gather in the Main Auditorium to create a microwave mug pie to enjoy at the library. Following the program, participants will be given their own mug to take home.

The program is free, thanks to support from the Friends of Rodman Public Library. No registration is required, but supplies are limited so the program is first come, first served.

For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

For Teens ages 12-18

NEAR NIGHT

Thursday, March 7
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration required at rodmanlibrary.com
or by calling 330-821-2665, ext. 217

ON THE RPL BIG SCREEN IN MARCH

All Ages

PG-13
1 Hour, 55 Minutes
Movie Licensing USA

FREE ADMISSION ● FREE POPCORN

Tuesday, March 5
5:30 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

All Ages

PG
1 Hour, 35 Minutes
Movie Licensing USA

FREE ADMISSION ● FREE POPCORN

Saturday, March 30
1:00 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

All Ages

PG
1 Hour, 31 Minutes
Movie Licensing USA

FREE ADMISSION ● FREE POPCORN

Saturday, March 9
1:00 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

OBOC Author Lynne Kelly to Visit Alliance March 21

Neither being a sign language interpreter nor a writer was really in the plans for Lynne Kelley, the author of the 2024 One Book One Community selection *Song for a Whale*.



"I'd planned to take just one sign language class as an elective in college, then enjoyed it so much, I took another class the following semester," explained Kelly. "That was all the college had at the time, but I wanted to continue learning more. I started taking community education classes taught by deaf people, and that's where I learned the most. I did that for about a year and a half. By the time I graduated, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in something related to sign language. I still interpret, usually in college classes or public schools, along with the occasional medical appointment."

Writing came along while she was working as a teacher.

"Like interpreting, [writing] was something I stumbled into and fell in love with enough to do forever," said Kelly. "I've always been a big reader, but writing a book was never something I'd considered. I was a special ed. teacher for third- through fifth-grade students when I got the idea for my first novel, *Chained*, about a captive elephant. At first, I was thinking it'd make an interesting story to tell my students, but later I wondered if

To read a conversation with Kelly, visit rodmanlibrary.com/oboc24-preauthorvisit

could turn into something for a larger audience. I had a lot to learn about writing and publishing, but the book was published six years later. Though it took a lot of time and work and patience, I found that I liked taking an idea and turning into a story."

And although Kelly describes her writing method as a "scattered mess that usually settles into shape," she said she likes to talk about it when she appears in public as she will at the Brush Performing Arts Hall inside the Giese Center on the campus of the University of Mount Union at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

"I like to talk about the idea-to-publication journey and show some behind-the-scenes things about the book, like character brainstorming, fun facts I picked up while researching, etc.," said Kelly. "I also love answering readers' questions, so I hope to have some Q&A time!"



LYNNE KELLY

Mount Union astronomy professor Jodi McCullough will share her astrophotography when she talks about the 2024 eclipse at RPL on March 23.



Mount Union Professor to Discuss Solar Eclipse



McCULLOUGH

Jodi McCullough is no stranger to solar eclipses.

A professor of astronomy at Mount Union, McCullough and her husband have attended five solar eclipses – one annular and several partial eclipses. And they have the photos to prove it.

Ahead of the April 8 eclipse in which Alliance is close to the area of totality, the couple will share their photographs with library patrons on Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m.

McCullough will also discuss the causes of eclipses and their rarity as well as detail the path of the 2024 event.

She will include information on how to safely view it and how to take photographs using cell phones or cameras with solar glasses and filters. She will also share a free app to capture the eclipse with a cell phone and a free program to process photos.

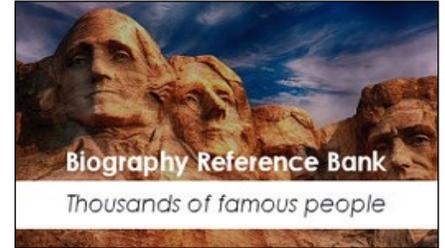
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Biography Reference Bank

Biography Reference Bank gives users access to biographical information on more than 335,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines.

One of more than 70 databases available on the RPL website, Biography Reference Bank features material taken from H. W. Wilson's collection of 95,000-plus biographies from more than 50 reference titles, thousands of biographical magazine articles, and more than 20,000 printable images.

Users can search by name, profession, ethnic background, place of birth, and more.



You can find all databases offered by Rodman Library at rodmanlibrary.com/databases.

For information or help accessing RPL's free databases, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

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