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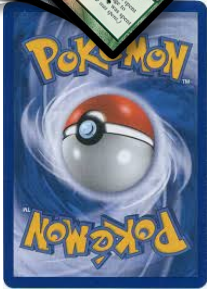
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BUZZ

For
Teens



Learn to Play Day



Rodman Public Library will host a Magic and Pokémon Learn to Play Day from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23.

A representative from Fandemonia, a hobby store in Alliance, will be on hand to teach participants, ages 10 to 18, how to play the popular card games.

Experienced players are also invited to bring their cards and play with others.

Door prizes will be handed out.

Registration is required online at rodmanlibrary.com

For more information, call the Reference Department at 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

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. 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. The Dungeon Master will also inform the participants via email what is needed for their character sheet within the parameters of the adventure. 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. Sessions will be held on the second Mondays of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 8,
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

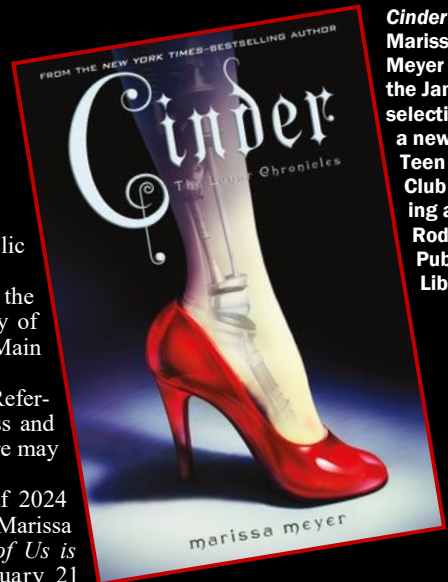
New Teen Book Club Starting Up in January

A new Teen Book Club at Rodman Public Library is forming in 2024.

All teens, ages 12-18, are invited to join the club, which will meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the conference room of the Main Library.

Copies of the books are available at the Reference Desk. Ebooks are available on Boundless and Hoopla as well as through Libby, although there may be wait times.

The selection for the first two meetings of 2024 have been announced. They are *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer for the January 17 meeting and *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus for the February 21 meeting.



Cinder by Marissa Meyer is the January selection of a new Teen Book Club forming at Rodman Public Library.

Teen Gaming

Area teens, ages 12-18, are invited to Rodman Public Library every other Thursday for Teens 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, January 11 & 25,
3 to 5 p.m.**

Some programs require registration
at rodmanlibrary.com

**Call 330-821-2665, ext. 217 for
information about teen programs.**

Teen Writing Club

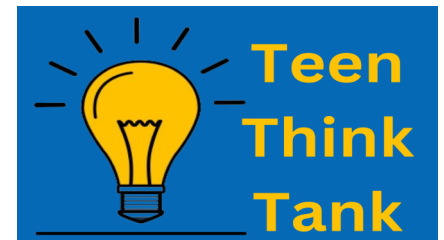
Teens who have an interest in writing are encouraged to join Rodman Public Library for the Teen Writing Club. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library. During Teen Writing Club, participants have fun meeting with fellow teen writers to exchange ideas, hone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

**Wednesday, January 10,
3:30 p.m.**

Teen Anime Club

Anime Club meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday inside the Main Auditorium. Teens, ages 12-18, can pick their favorite episodes to view on RPL's big screen. No registration required.

**Tuesday, January 30,
3 to 5 p.m.**



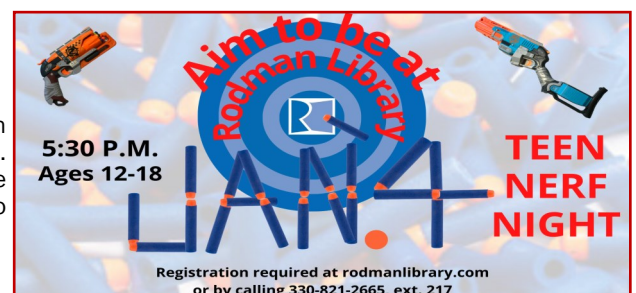
Teen Think Tank Set for January 16

Teen Think Tank is set for Tuesday, January 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Main Library conference room.

Teens, ages 12-18, who want to help shape teen programming and the teen collection of materials are welcome to join.

The third Tuesday of each month will be Think Tank Tuesdays. Hours spent attending Teen Think Tank meetings and helping with projects count as volunteer hours.

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Staff Spotlight



JAIME GROSS

"I work in the Reference Department, helping patrons at the Information Desk and assisting with teen programs. I also help run the library's social media accounts."

Jaime has been at RPL for eight years this month.

What is your favorite part about your job?

I like helping with the teen programs (Teen Writing Club, Teen Book Club, and Teen D&D) and helping patrons find books to read. Nothing is better than finding just the right book to bring a smile to someone's face.

What is your favorite book or author?

It's always too hard to pick one favorite, but I love *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien and *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater.

What is your favorite food or snack?

Ice cream, preferably some variation of chocolate.

What is your favorite color?

Green!

Do you collect anything?

I own a lot of dragon and dinosaur themed items. It's turned into a thing now that people know to get me something with dinosaurs or dragons.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I read a lot and write stories and play video games.

Do you have a favorite saying or motto you try to live by?

One of my favorite quotes that I would say I live by is "Courage, dear heart" from *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis.

If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?

Either Europe or New Zealand! But really, I'd be up for traveling anywhere.

If you could be in any fictional universe what would it be?

Probably Middle-earth during an era without any war. I'd want to live in the Shire but be able to visit other parts of the world as well.

What was the last thing you binge watched?

I recently rewatched both seasons of *Shadow and Bone* on Netflix.

Rodman Chess Club open to all interested in classic board game

Anyone up for a game of chess?

It's the most popular board game in history and more than three million sets are sold in the United States each year.

Perhaps you have a set yourself and have dabbled with it here and there, but you aren't exactly sure how to play.

Perhaps you know how to play, but you don't know anyone else who does play.

Perhaps you are totally clueless, but want to learn.

Rodman Public Library's newest monthly program – Rodman Chess Club – may be just what you are looking for.

Every third Wednesday of each month, chess boards will be set up in the auditorium at the Main Library for those who play and are looking for an opponent, those who sort of play and are looking to learn more about the classic game, or for those who are interested in getting started.

"I'm excited to have this program come to fruition," said Byron Reed, a reference librarian who will facilitate the program. "For the past six or seven months, we have had a passive chess program going on and there seems to be some interest."

Midway through the year, Reed set up a



chess board on a table in the reference department and placed a sign stating "Your Move."

Patrons would take turns moving pieces around the board to keep a game going. Eventually, patrons started to play entire matches against each other.

That gives Reed some hope that the Rodman Chess Club will be a popular program among players that are experienced to those who are beginners.

"There was a lot of activity around that board," said Reed. "It was a good way to gauge if there were people who were looking for other chess enthusiasts or those who would be interested in learning to play."

Reed will host the inaugural meeting of the Rodman Chess Club on Wednesday, January 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Although it is called a club by name, there is no formal membership and no registration is needed to attend the monthly sessions. Open to all ages, the only requirement is that those attending have an interest in chess.

Reed describes himself as a "novice" chess player and says he will not be on hand to necessarily teach people how to play, although there will be experienced players in attendance who will be able to help explain the game.

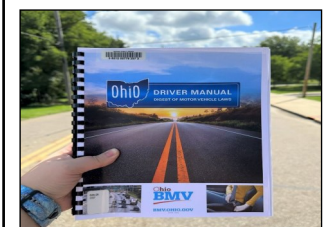
"The idea is to provide a place where people can come together to play chess and explore the game and learn together," said Reed.

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Tuesday, January 9
5:30 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

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Driver Manual Available for Loan

The Ohio Driver Manual produced by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles is available for loan at the Main Library Information Center. Patrons can use their library card to check out the digest of motor vehicle laws for a two-week period and the manual will automatically renew for another two-week period. After that, the book will be considered overdue. For more information, visit the Information Center or call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.