

“Bad libraries build collections.  
Good libraries build services.  
Great libraries build communities.

— R. David Lankes

# BUZZ

The official monthly newsletter of Rodman Public Library

## Happy New Year from RPL

### Your Local Library Has Resources to Help You Keep 2025 Resolutions

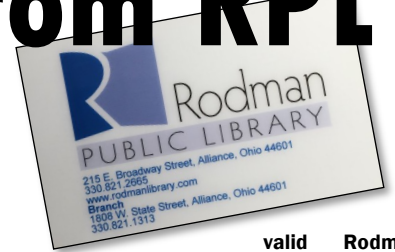
As we flip the calendar onto 2025, many of us will be energized to start new projects.

We will make our resolutions to learn a new skill, live a healthier lifestyle, or find ways to cut our budgets.

No matter what you endeavor to do in 2025,

you can rely on Rodman Public Library to have resources that can help you get started and keep you motivated even after the newness of the new year has worn off.

See **RESOURCES** on Page 5



A valid Rodman Library card is an invaluable tool that can help patrons stay on track with their New Year's resolutions for 2025 whether it is to get healthy, learn a new skill, research your family history, or even make new acquaintances.

## No Two Persons is OBOC Selection

Novel explores how one book impacts ten lives in different ways

No two persons ever read the same book.

The cover and the words may be the same, but each reader meets the story on different terms. He or she brings his or her own thoughts and feelings to the encounter. Each has a different current life situation and past experiences that influences his or her interpretation of the text.

It all leads to a personalized understanding and view of the book.

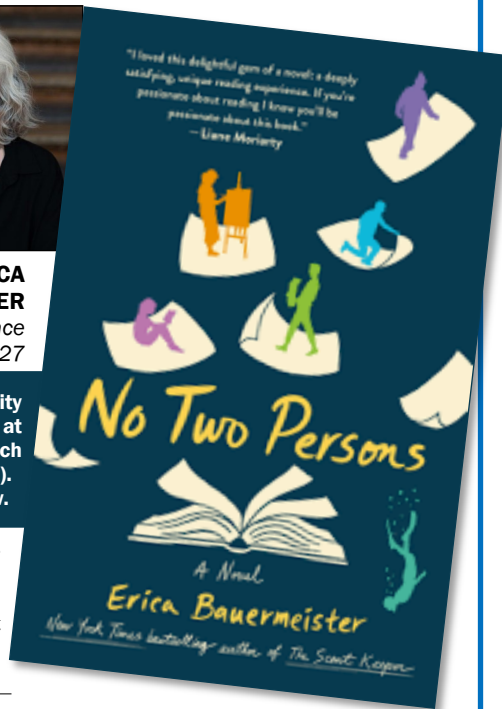
That premise is partly what the greater Alliance area's One Book One Community program is all about.

With that in mind, the OBOC selection committee chose a book — *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister — that embodies the idea that each individual reader engages with a particular book in a way that is unique to them.



Author **ERICA BAUERMEISTER** will visit Alliance Thursday, March 27

Copies of 2025 One Book One Community selection *No Two Persons* is on sale at Rodman Library and the Branch for \$15 per copy (price includes tax). Copies are also available to borrow.



See **OBOC** on Page 5

## Chess Club to Mark One Year at RPL

The popular Rodman Chess Club will mark one year at Rodman Public Library when the January 15 session is held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.



In honor of the milestone, giveaways of club-related items will be held throughout the evening.

Although it is called a club, the program has no formal membership and is open to all interested in the ancient game of strategy. Players of all ages and levels are welcome to come and go throughout the evening.

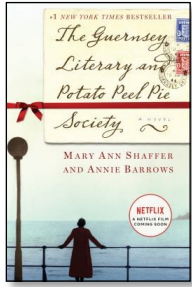
Several boards are set up in the auditorium and players mingle to find opponents.

Chess Club is held on the third Wednesday of each month.

## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

For a look at future Book Club selections, visit [rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs](http://rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs)

### BOOKS & COFFEE



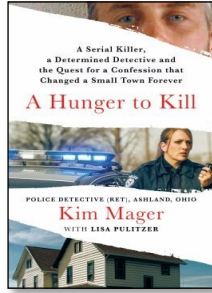
Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

**January 13**  
*Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*  
Mary Ann Shaffer  
Annie Barrows

**Feb. 10:** *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES



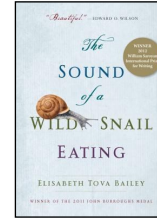
Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**January 21**  
*A Hunger to Kill: A Serial Killer, a Determined Detective, and the Quest for a Confession That Changed a Small Town Forever*  
Kim Mager with Lisa Pulitzer

**Feb. 18:** *Slonim Woods 9*  
by Daniel Barban Levin

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 215 for information.  
Registration required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

### EVENING BOOK CLUB



Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

**January 27**  
*The Sound of Wild Snail Eating*  
Elisabeth T. Bailey

**Feb. 24:** *Riding with Cochise*  
by Steve Price

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information

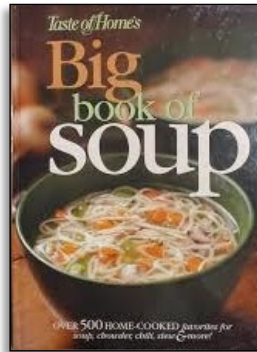
## ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



### Cookbook Club

The Cookbook Club, a group for cooking and baking enthusiasts, meets inside the Main Auditorium on the last Tuesday each month to discuss their experience creating a recipe of their choice from a selected cookbook or from a specific theme for the month. Participants can bring in small samples of their recipes for the group to try. In January, each member of the group will create a recipe from *Taste of Home's Big Book of Soup*. Copies of the book are available at the Main Library adult circulation desk and registration is required each month to participate. For more information, or to register, call 330-821-2665, ext. 210.

**Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m.**



### TECH Time Thursday

A librarian is on hand **each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon** at the Main Library Information Center to answer basic questions about your electronic devices. No registration is needed.



### Maker Monday

Maker Monday continues inside Rodman Public Library's Main Auditorium in January when crafters will be given a mystery item from a previous project as well as materials and supplies to decorate it ahead of Valentine's Day.

Maker Monday is an in-person craft program for adults that is held monthly on select Mondays. All materials are provided free of charge, thanks to Friends of Rodman Library, but space is limited and registration is required for each session.

**Monday, January 20 at 6 p.m.**

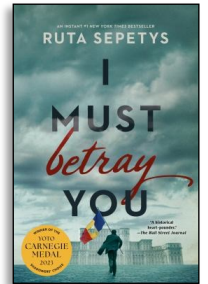
### Want to help support RPL?

Join the Friends of Rodman Library  
By calling 330-821-2665  
or by visiting any of the service desks.  
\$5 for an individual membership.  
\$25 for a patron membership.

### I READ YA

Meets every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**January 6**  
*I Must Betray You*  
Ruta Sepetys



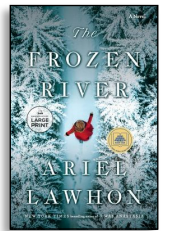
**Feb. 3:** *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 213 for information.  
Registration required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

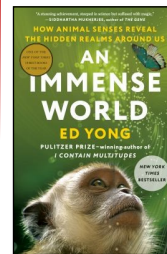
### WOMEN'S MONDAY

Meets every first and third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Main Library.

**January 6**  
*The Frozen River*  
Ariel Lawson



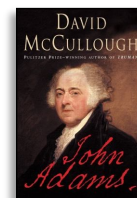
**January 20**  
"All Ears"  
(Chapter 8) of  
*An Immense World*  
Ed Yong



Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information.

### DAR BOOK GROUP

Open to all, the club hosted by the Jane Bain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets quarterly at the Main Library.



**February 7**  
*John Adams*  
by  
David McCullough

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information.  
Registration required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)



### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Wednesday: 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sunday:

Main Library — Closed

Branch Library — 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(October through April only)

[rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

#### MAIN LIBRARY

215 E. Broadway St.  
Alliance, Ohio 44601  
330.821.2665

#### BRANCH LIBRARY

1808 W. State St.  
Alliance, OH 44601  
330.821.1313

# Rodman **BUZZ** For Kids

## Young Artists Shine at RPL in January

Children, ages 2 to 6, will create a melted snowman painting during the Lil' Artist Paint Night.



Rodman Public Library will host two painting events for youngsters in January.

For the tiniest of patrons, those ages 2 to 6, a Lil' Artist Paint Night will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 13 in the children's program room.

During the 30-minute program, children will create a melted snowman painting.

Caregivers are required to accompany their child, but do not need to reserve a spot for themselves when making a registration, which is required to attend this free event.

On Wednesday, January 15, those ages 7 to 12 and an adult companion are invited to participate in Paint With Me at 6 p.m. in the children's program room.

During the free 45-minute program, both the child and their caregiver will create a snowman painting.

Registration is required for both the child and a caregiver at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com).

Materials and supplies for both programs will be provided by Friends of Rodman Public Library.



Children, ages 7 to 12, and their adult companions will each create a snowman painting during Paint with Me.

### Kids Book Club

Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 4:15 p.m. at the Main Library.



Next Meeting: January 15

**Orris & Timble: The Beginning**  
By Kate DiCamillo

Meeting includes a brief discussion of the book, an activity, and a snack.

Registration Required

### AT THE BRANCH

#### Take and Make

Starting Thursday, January 2, kids can stop by the Branch to pick up a floating sea animal take and make craft (while supplies last). Kids will have the choice of a penguin or a narwhal.



Monthly projects are free thanks to the Friends of Rodman Library.

## Stuffies Invited to Overnight Party

On Friday, January 24, humans who have registered their stuffed animal buddy can drop it off at The Branch Library between 3:30 and 4 p.m. for a sleepover in the library. Check-in activities will include filling out a nametag and a permission slip as well as decorating a sleeping bag.

Kids and their stuffed animals will listen to a story together at 4 p.m. before the humans depart.

Through the evening, the plushies will get to enjoy activities such as cart races, coloring, raiding the refrigerator,



etc. You can never tell what they might do throughout the night, but pictures will be posted on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages so kids can keep an eye on all the fun during the sleepover.

Children and the stuffed animals will enjoy a light breakfast of doughnuts, juice, and water during pick up on Saturday, January 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Space is limited and registration is required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com).

For more information, call 330-821-1313.

## Wee Read

For Ages Birth - 2 years

January 20 - April 16

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



Includes stories, fingerplays, music and movement

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Storytime

January 22- April 17

Wednesdays 6:30 P.M. & Thursdays 10:30 A.M.

Best suited for ages 3-5

Intended to encourage lifelong readers through stories, music, movement, and activities.

No Registration Required

### Hot Pots Storytime

January's Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 2-12, will have a Penguin theme. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit Hot Pots to paint a penguin figurine. Participants will also receive an adoption certificate for their new arctic friend. The cost is \$15.99 per child. Patrons **must register** and make payment at [hotpotspottery.com](http://hotpotspottery.com).

Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 18 at 11 a.m.



## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### Kids Gaming



Children, ages 8-12, are invited to open play of video games, Minecraft, etc. on devices provided by the library. No registration required.

Wednesday, January 8, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Some programs require registration at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

### Kids Crafting

Rodman Public Library's monthly Kids Crafting program continues in January as children, ages 7-12, are invited to come to the Main Library to create snowy owl. **Registration is required.** All materials and supplies are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library. Thursday, January 9 at 4 p.m.

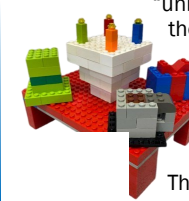


### Lego Lab

January's Lego Lab will feature an "unbirthday" party theme in January in honor of the birthday of Lewis Carrol, author of *Alice in Wonderland*.

The program, intended for children ages 6-12, is free, thanks to Friends of Rodman Public Library. **Registration is required.** Lego Lab is held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m.



# Rodman **BUZZ** For Teens

## DAY OF De-Stress Ages 10-18

A day of organization and relaxation to start the new year for tweens and teens



Start a Journal

# Thursday, January 16 4 p.m.



Make bath bombs



Decorate a clipboard

No Registration Required



### Teen Gaming

Area teens, ages 12-18, are invited to Rodman Public Library every other Thursday for Teen Gaming. Teens will be able to play on Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Playstation 4 & 5, Meta Quest 3, 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. **Thursday, January 9 & 23 3 to 5 p.m.**

**5:30 P.M.**  
Ages 12-18

Registration required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com) or by calling 330-821-2665, ext. 217

## Nerf Night is January 2

January means it's time for teens to test out all of the Nerf gear they got for Christmas at Rodman Public Library. Teens, ages 12-18, are invited to attend the January Nerf Night from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2.** Teens should start to assemble in the Main Library auditorium at 5:15 p.m. for the after-hours event. Participants may bring in their own Nerf weapons or use some provided by the library. The library will also provide Nerf darts. Space is limited and **registration is required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com).** For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217. Nerf nights are held every other month.

## FAMILY FUN

**PG** 1 HOUR, 42 MINUTES  
Movie Licensing USA

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN**

Saturday, January 11  
1:00 p.m.  
Rodman Auditorium

**CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

## Tabletop Gaming is Perfect Way to Spend a Cold Winter Night

Alliance area residents looking for wholesome family fun need not look any further than their local library.

Those bored with being stuck inside this winter are welcome to attend Tabletop Gaming and play some of their favorite board games with others.

The popular all-ages program is held monthly on a select Wednesday at the Main Library when a new game is featured. Of course, other games from the library's collection – which can be borrowed with a valid RPL library card – will also be available for visitors to play and those attending are always welcome to bring their own games.

December's Tabletop Gaming will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 in the Main Auditorium and January's program will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29.

The aim of the family program is to give area residents an opportunity to gather with others to play their favorite board games and make new friends. Light snacks will be offered and no registration is required to attend. Although the program is open to players of all ages, children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

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



## RESOURCES

No matter the goal you wish to achieve, a valid Rodman library card will prove to be an important tool. Whether it is changing habits or pursuing passions, RPL can help.

### Want to read more?

Obviously, we have you covered there.

Through our own collection and as a member of SEO (Serving Every Ohioan), a consortium of more than 100 libraries across the state, Rodman Public Library offers access to more than 8 million physical materials to its cardholders on every subject and in every popular genre of fiction.

In addition, RPL patrons can enjoy e-books and audiobooks on their digital devices through RPL's app as well as the Ohio Digital Library (Libby) and hoopla. This includes thousands of magazines and journals that are sure to include titles of just about any hobby and interest imaginable.

And if you're looking for suggestions on what to read, our friendly staff can help you find the authors and subjects you will enjoy.

### Want to get healthy?

You can get started by finding healthy ways to eat and cook through an accessible collection of fitness books, digital magazines, and cookbooks. Popular titles that can help you find ways to get started and stay motivated are at your fingertips, even from the comfort of your own home.

### How about learning a new skill?

Say you want to grow a garden in the spring, or you want to learn a new language ahead of a trip, or you have always wanted to know how to crochet. In addition to books that can help you do all of these things (and more), the library provides its cardholders with more than 70 online databases available on our website that offer "how-to" instructions for hobbyists and online lessons for those looking to obtain a new skill.

And if you need to obtain a new skill to get a better job or to sharpen your skills for the one you have, RPL has online tools for jobseekers and business owners to meet those goals as well.

### Looking to research family history?

Rodman Public Library's Reference Department has several physical and online resources that can help get off on the right foot. If you need help getting started, take advantage of our Book a Librarian service where you can reserve an hour of time with a librarian who will explain our resources and put you on track with simple research on any subject, including genealogy.

### Want to make new friends?

There are lots of ways to connect with your neighbors at RPL, including several of our monthly programs like Rodman Chess Club and Tabletop Gaming (see Page 4 for information). Readers have numerous book clubs that they can choose from as do crafters and cooking enthusiasts (see Page 2). Rodman Public Library also offers special programs throughout the year on several topics and hosts author visits where patrons can mingle among others who have similar interests.

### Want to save money?

The best part about RPL's services is that most of them are free. Instead of buying books and subscriptions to magazines, RPL patrons can borrow them and enjoy them free of charge. The same goes for other materials such as DVDs, CDs and even board games – all available to borrow for free with a valid RPL card.

### More information?

You can find information about all of Rodman Public Library's services and find an online calendar of all of our events at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com), or by calling 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

## OBOC

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As the program marks its 21<sup>st</sup> year in 2025, the community is encouraged to read *No Two Persons*, which has been hailed as "a gloriously original celebration of fiction, and the ways it deepens our lives."

*No Two Persons* is about one book, nine readers, and ten changed lives.

Alice always wanted to be a writer, but her talent was innate and her stories remained safe and detached until a devastating event broke her heart and she created a stunning debut novel.

Her words, in turn, find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower devastated by grief, and a couple others.

Each reader is drawn into Alice's novel and each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives.

Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in unexpected ways—and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think.

Books are on sale at Rodman Public Library and at the Rodman Branch Library for \$15, which includes tax.

Bauermeister will visit Alliance on Thursday, March 27 and will address readers at 7 p.m. inside Brush Hall at the Giese Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the University of Mount Union. The event is free and open to the public.

As in past years, a series of programs will be held at Rodman Public Library ahead of the author's visit. Details of those programs will be forthcoming.

One Book One Community is sponsored by Friends of Rodman Public Library, the Greater Alliance Foundation, and the University of Mount Union.

For more information about One Book One Community, call 330-821-2665, ext. 204.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Rodman Public Library thanks the following individuals and organizations for their monetary donations for the first three quarters of 2024:

Pam Hanke  
Alliance American Legion  
Alliance Kiwanis Club  
Alliance Lions Club  
Alliance Quota Club  
Alliance Rotary Club

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Greater Alliance Foundation  
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#### Donor

Cheryl Paine  
Cheryl Paine  
Carole Wilson

#### In Honor/Memorial of

Alice Lee Addison  
Rev. Glenn Edward Swope  
Susan Redinger

## Donations of Jigsaw Puzzles Sought

The Rodman Branch Library is planning to host a Puzzle Exchange on Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15.

To prepare, RPL is seeking donations of jigsaw puzzles in order to have a supply to be exchanged.

Puzzles, in good condition, can be dropped off at the Branch or the Main Library.

The used puzzles should be stored in a proper container with a picture of the finished puzzle on the front. Preferably, the puzzles should contain all of its pieces. However, if a puzzle is missing a piece or two, please mark the box as such.

# Rodman Staff Spotlight



### JODIE GERBER

Home delivery Coordinator who has been at RPL for 3½ years.

**What is your favorite part about your job?**  
My patrons. The joy on their faces when I deliver their library box of goodies every month makes this the best job in the world.

**What is your favorite color?**  
Purple

**What is your favorite TV show?**  
*Grey's Anatomy.*  
I've seen every episode.

**Are you a big fan of any sports teams?**  
THE LAND!  
Go Browns, Cavs, and Guards!

**Do you have any pets?**  
My sweet Zoey, 6-year-old Pit mix.

**What are three words that describe you?**  
Peace. Love. Chocolate.

**Who is the biggest influence/hero in your life?**  
My son, Sabastian.

**What super power would you like to have?**  
Animal communication.  
How fun it would be to talk to Zoey!

**What was the last thing you binge watched?**  
*Downton Abbey*

# LOOKING BACK



A group of Carnegie Free Library staff pose on the front steps of the library for a photograph in January 1937. From left are Eleanor Wade, Betty Gallagher, Fern Vick, Mary Anderson, Florence Mowry, Janet Noble, and Director Howard B. Sohn. This photo is among hundreds of items found on [alliancememory.org](http://alliancememory.org), a collaboration between Rodman Public Library and the Alliance Historical Society, a partner of the Alliance Area Preservation Society and the Castle Crusaders in preserving Alliance's history. Alliance Memory offers a view of history through photographs, personal recollections, and documents. To access RPL's online local history and genealogy resources, visit [rodmanlibrary.com/genealogy](http://rodmanlibrary.com/genealogy). For information about how Rodman Library can connect you to local history, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

## FEATURED DATABASE Hobbies and Crafts Source

For those looking to develop a new hobby in the new year, Rodman Public Library has a database that can help.

Hobbie and Crafts Source from EBSCO provides "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast. Categories include arts and crafts, collecting, cooking and baking, home and garden, needlecrafts and textiles, indoor recreation, outdoor recreation, performing arts, science and technology, and holiday crafts.

You can find all 70+ databases offered by Rodman Library at [rodmanlibrary.com/databases](http://rodmanlibrary.com/databases).

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



Hobbies & Craft Source

EBSCO

**WRITERS' ALLIANCE**  
MEETS EVERY FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6:30 P.M. AT RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Call 330-581-1437 for information.

**Knit Wits**  
Needlework Circle  
Meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Rodman Main Library.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The RPL Bookmobile is 33 feet long and can hold up to 4,000 materials. [rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile](http://rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile).

Get **The Buzz** in your email for free. [libraryaware.com/3618/Subscribers/Subscribe](http://libraryaware.com/3618/Subscribers/Subscribe)

**DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
The Friends of Rodman Library is collecting Christmas cards through January to recycle into Christmas postcards to sell. Bring your cards to the Main Library and place them on the book sale donation cart.

The RPL app puts the library at your fingertips

GET IT ON Google Play  
Download on the App Store