

# Rodman

JULY 2024

"One flag, one land,  
one heart, one hand,  
one nation evermore!"

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

The official newsletter of Rodman Public Library

# BUZZ

## Troupe to preview 2024 production of *Romeo & Juliet* at RPL on July 20

Rodman Public Library patrons will have the opportunity to get a sneak peek at the 2024 Shakespeare at the Castle production of *Romeo & Juliet* when the troupe visits the Main Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20.

The preview show of William Shakespeare's most popular work will include scenes from the play and a stage combat demonstration. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to talk with the actors and will have a chance to win tickets to the full production.

The play in its entirety will be staged at Glamorgan Castle with shows scheduled for July 25-28 and August 1-4 under the tutelage of Artistic Director Kevin P. Kern, a professor of theater at the University of Mount Union.

For more information about the play and to purchase tickets, visit [mountunion.edu/boxoffice](http://mountunion.edu/boxoffice).

For information about Shakespeare at the Castle's visit to Rodman Library, call 330-821-2665, ext. 204.

SHAKESPEARE  
at the castle



## There's Still Time to Sign Up for Summer Reading

Rodman Library invites all of its patrons – young, mature, and anyone in between – to take part in the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

The program, which will run through Saturday, July 27, features three divisions, including one for children (up to 12 years old), one for teens (ages 12 to 18) and one for adults (18 years and older). Patrons can sign up in person at the Main Library, the Branch Library, or on the Bookmobile. Patrons may also register online at [rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org](http://rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org), or through the Beanstack app.

Grand prize drawings will be held at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program.

Visit [rodmanlibrary.com/srp24](http://rodmanlibrary.com/srp24) for complete information.

## 2024 FOGLE AUTHOR LINEUP SET

# Alliance native Dean Waggenpack to Kick Off Annual Writers' Series

The 2024 Fogle Author Series will bring three Ohio authors to Rodman Public Library this fall.

The series will begin at 6:30 p.m. on September 9 with Alliance native Dean Waggenpack, whose near-death experience in 2022 led him to write his second book, which he co-authored with his wife, Rosaleen.

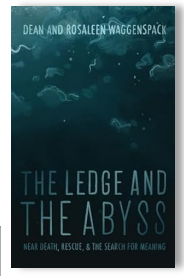
*The Ledge and The Abyss: Near Death, Rescue and the Search for Meaning* was released earlier this year and details the accident that led Dean Waggenpack to be swept into an underwater cave with water chest deep while on a trip to St. Croix, the courageous people who saved him, and his recovery.

Born and raised in Alliance, Dean graduated from Alliance High School in 1974 and from Mount Union in 1978. He finished his MBA at Duke in North Carolina and was hired in 1980 to work in Dayton for NCR as a financial analyst.

After a 30-year career, he taught personal finance and business-related courses at the high school level before he became a career/life coach, speaker, and blogger.

Waggenpack describes himself as a storyfinder and has completed 15 marathons.

Prior to writing *The Ledge and the Abyss*, Waggenpack released *Doable Change: Practices for Making Incremental, Achievable Improvements in Your Career and Life* and was a *TedxDayton* 2019 speaker.



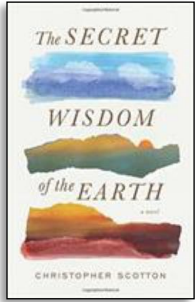
Alliance native Dean Waggenpack and his wife, Rosaleen, will kick off the 2024 Fogle Author Series.

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## 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

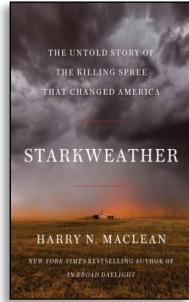


Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

**July 8**  
*The Secret Wisdom of the Earth*  
by  
**Christopher Scotton**

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES

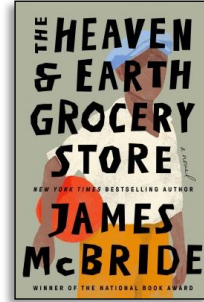


Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**July 16**  
*Starkweather: The Untold Story of the Killing Spree That Changed America*  
by  
**Harry N. MacLean**

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

### RPL EVENING BOOK CLUB



Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

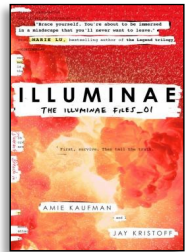
**July 22**  
*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*  
by **James McBride**

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204

### I READ YA

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

**July 1**  
*Lovely War*  
by  
**Julie Berry**



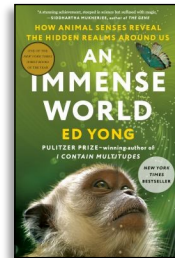
**August 5:** *Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 213 for information.  
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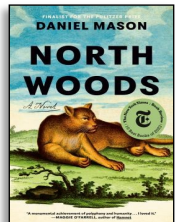
### WOMEN'S MONDAY GROUP

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

**July 1**  
*"Endless Ways of Seeing" (Chapter 2) from An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden World Around Us*  
by **Ed Yong**



**July 15**  
*North Woods*  
by  
**Daniel Mason**

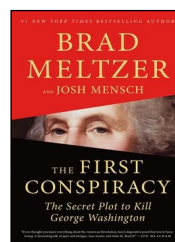


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### DAR BOOK GROUP

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

**August 2**  
*The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington*  
by  
**Brad Meltzer**



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

## ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Cookbook Club



The Cookbook Club, a group for cooking and baking enthusiasts, meets on the last Tuesday each month to discuss their experience creating a recipe of their choice from a selected cookbook. Participants can bring in small samples of their recipes for the group to try. In July participants will create a recipe they chose during June's meeting from another cook's favorite cookbook. Those who did not attend June's meeting should make a recipe from their favorite personal cookbook. In July, participants will be treated with a demonstration on how to decorate cupcakes by library associate Melissa Weisent. **Registration is required.** Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and all are welcome.

**Tuesday, July 30 at 6 p.m.**

### Alliance Vinyl

Open to all music lovers, Alliance Vinyl Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each even-numbered month — February, April, June, August, October, and December — inside the Main Library auditorium. Supported by Friends of Rodman Public Library, AVC provides the opportunity to listen to music, hang out, and make new friends. Those attending are encouraged to bring some of their favorite records to share a selection or two with others. Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and no registration is required to attend the program. For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216.  
**Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.**



### Chess Club



The Rodman Chess Club is open to patrons of all ages who have an interest in the classic board game. Come make new friends and explore the ancient game of strategy. The club, which has no formal membership, meets at 5:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month. No registration required. For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216.

**Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30 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, including laptop computers, iPhones, Android phones, and tablets. No registration is needed. For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

**Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon**



### Maker Monday

Maker Monday is on a break. The crafting program will return in September.

### 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.  
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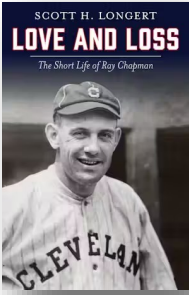
# FOGLE

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## SCOTT LONGERT

Scott H. Longert has combined his love of baseball, history and writing into a 30-year career in which he has written scores of newspaper articles and six books about America's pastime in Cleveland.

His latest work is a biography about Ray Chapman, who played for the Cleveland Indians and is the only player in Major League baseball to ever die on the field after being hit by a ball.



*Love and Loss: The Short Life of Ray Chapman*, set for release by the end of July, covers Chapman's life from a child to the Major Leagues and his tragic death in 1920 and its aftermath. Learn about Ray's closest friends, Jack Graney, Tris Speaker and Steve O'Neill and his marriage to socialite Katy Daly.

Longert will appear at Rodman Public Library on **Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

Longert has an undergraduate degree from the Ohio State University and an M.A. degree in American History from Cleveland State University. He has spent many years in the history field serving as the sports archivist for the Western Reserve Historical Society and site manager for Shandy Hall, an 1815 home in northeast Ohio. Longert was a park ranger for the National Park Service, stationed at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site until his recent retirement.

Longert has also been a freelance writer for thirty years, publishing news articles on baseball history for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine*, *The National Pastime*, *The Baseball Research Journal* and *TimeLine Magazine*.

His other books include *Cy Young: An American Baseball Hero*, which is aimed for younger readers in the third through seventh grades. His Cleveland baseball works in order of publication are *Addie Joss: King of the Pitchers* (1999); *The Best They Could Be: How the Cleveland Indians Became the Kings of Baseball, 1916-1920* (2013); *No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression* (2016); *Bad Boys, Bad Times: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Prewar Years, 1937-1941* (2019); and *Victory on Two Fronts: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball During the World War II Years* (2022).

In addition to writing, Longert is an accomplished speaker, presenting talks on Cleveland baseball history and League Park. He spoke at the 100th anniversary ceremony of Addie Joss's perfect game, held on the grounds of historic League Park. In August of 2022 Longert achieved his dream by speaking at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.



LONGERT

Keep looking for more about our 2024 Fogle Authors online and in future Buzz newsletters.

## ABOUT THE FOGLE AUTHOR SERIES

The annual Fogle Author Series is made possible by the generosity of the late Mr. Esmond E. Fogle, a former trustee of Rodman Public Library.

Upon his passing at the age of 86 on August 12, 2013, money was designated from his estate to the Greater Alliance Foundation. That funding was used to establish the Fogle Author Series.

Rodman Library is grateful to the Foundation and members of the Fogle family for their continued support of the series.



## CASSANDRA J. KELLY

Cassandra J. Kelly describes herself as a professional marketer, storyteller, and changemaker.

As of earlier this spring, she also added author to her resume with the publication of her first novel, *The Clearing*.

Kelly holds a degree in Journalism Communications from Ohio University and began her career with a brief stint as a journalist in New York. However, Kelly soon moved back to her home in Columbus to serve her community as a nonprofit communicator. She has worked with multiple nonprofits to achieve visibility, and now runs her own marketing consulting agency, Like-Minded Marketing.



KELLY

She also continues to write for national publications, including *Mechanical Engineering Magazine*, and is working on several new books following the publication of *The Clearing*.

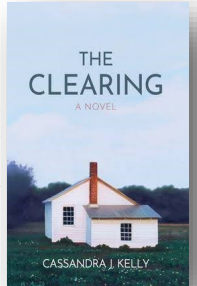
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Kelly will appear at Rodman Library on **Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

Set in rural Ohio, *The Clearing* tells the story of twelve-year-old Sadie Watkins, whose world is being uprooted by her mother's disease: a severe form of multiple sclerosis.

As Sadie seeks solace in the woods behind her house, where she processes her overwhelming home life through traditional Appalachian herbology, pressing and cataloging flowers and plants like a budding scientist, she meets Cali, a barefoot wild child who seems to come from nowhere. The two become instant friends and Cali re-introduces Sadie to the wonders of the forest and gives her the courage she needs to face the future - the one without her mom.

The novel intertwines grief, love, nature, and wonder. It also acts as a time capsule of the healthcare crisis in the early 2000s, and the many American families like Sadie's who had to make great sacrifices when illness struck.



**FRIENDS OF RODMAN LIBRARY**

## Used Book Sale

Alliance Commons  
405 S. Linden Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 3 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**(Members only on Saturday - Memberships available at the door)**

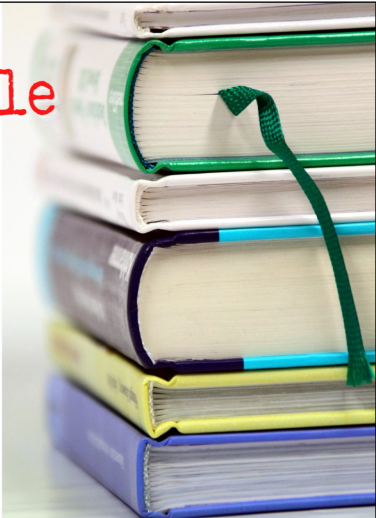
Sunday, Aug. 4 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY ONLY- Make a purchase, earn an entry into a special prize drawing.**

Wednesday, Aug. 7 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**(By Donation All Day Wednesday)**



## MEDICARE 101:

A SIMPLE GUIDE MADE CLEAR & EASY

WITH JAY CULLER  
MEDICARE EXPERT

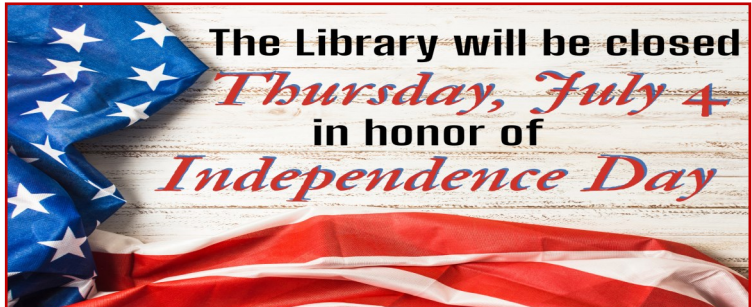
**MONDAY, JULY 15**  
6 P.M.  
RPL BOARD ROOM

RODMAN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

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



**The Library will be closed**  
*Thursday, July 4*  
**in honor of**  
*Independence Day*



# Rodman Staff Spotlight



## ASHLEY EBY

Acquisitions Specialist, who has been at Rodman Library for 18 years.

**What is your favorite part about your job?**  
Getting to see all the new materials that come in to the library.

**What is your favorite food or snack?**  
Pizza.

**What is your favorite color?**  
Turquoise.

**What is your favorite TV show or movie?**  
*Home Alone.*  
It's a movie I watched as a child and still enjoy watching with my family every Christmas.

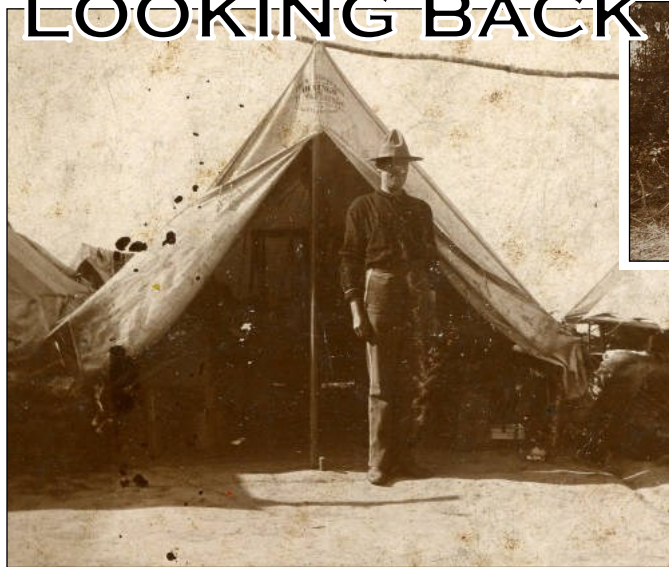
**What is your favorite song or musical artist?**  
Jason Aldean.

**Do you have any pets?**  
I have one cat. She is 16 years old. We got her as a rescue.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
I love to cook and bake when I have the spare time. I also like spending time with my family.

**If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?**  
Italy.

# LOOKING BACK



Cpl. Reed W. Knowles (left) of Company K, 8th Regiment OVI, was the first Alliance man to die while on active duty during the Spanish-American War. Here he is pictured at Camp Alger, Washington, D.C. He died of typhoid fever on July 28, 1898 and was buried in a grave (above) on Sevilla Hill

These photos are among hundreds found on [alliancememory.org](http://alliancememory.org), a collaboration between Rodman Public Library and the Alliance Historical Society, a proud 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



### Transparent Language

Language learners can build vocabulary, practice skills, and maintain what they have learned in 110+ languages with Transparent Language Online, available

anytime, anywhere with a valid RPL library card.

Library patrons can register for a free account in to save their progress as they work at their own pace through lessons

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.

**Knit Wits**  
Needlework Circle



Meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Rodman Main Library.

**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.

## OUT AND ABOUT



Visit the RPL Bookmobile at the Alliance Health Department from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12 and at Final Friday in downtown Alliance From 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 26  
A digital version of the summer schedule can be found at [rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile](http://rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile).



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