Rodman BUZZ

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"I guess there are never enough books."
— John Steinbeck

The official newsletter of Rodman Public Library

Celebrate National Library Week With RPL

Visit Library April 23-29 to Enter Drawing

If you haven't checked out Rodman Library lately, you're missing the full story.

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and ebooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries.

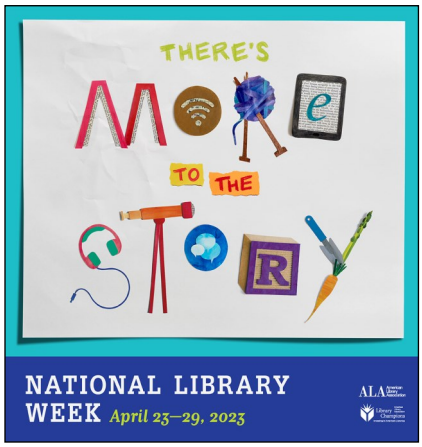
Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more.

And libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs.

Rodman Library encourages all community members to come in for a visit during National Library Week, April 23-29, to get the full story.

Cardholders who borrow any materials will also get an entry into a special drawing. Upon checkout, patrons will receive an entry ticket and will choose whether they would rather win a $50 Amazon gift card or a family day pass to Funtimes Fun Park in Alliance. Winners will be chosen in May.

Rodman Public Library also encourages everyone to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and use the hashtag #National Library Week to join the online celebration of National Library Week.



UMU Professor's Book Launch To Highlight AAPS Annual Meeting

Dr. Jamie Capuzza's latest work details Ohio's role in suffragist movement

A book launch for a noted Mount Union professor will highlight the annual meeting for the Alliance Area Preservation Society and Haines House Underground Railroad Museum on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 pm at the Rodman Library auditorium.

The University of Mount Union's Dr. Jamie Capuzza will speak about her new book, *The Fifth Star: Ohio's Fight for Women's Right to Vote.* This work highlights Ohio's central role in a century-long battle to earn women the right to vote in the United States.

Dr. Jamie Capuzza

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required at attend the meeting at rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup.

Dr. Capuzza's talk will highlight the early overlap and connections in the abolitionist and suffragist movements in the Alliance area.

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Friends of RPL to hold annual members meeting, mini book sale

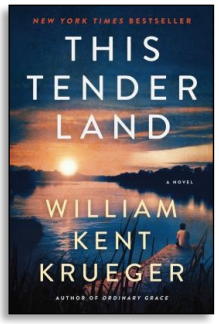
The Friends of Rodman Public Library will hold its annual members meeting and conduct a mini used book sale on Saturday, April 22 at the Main Library.

All patrons who purchased a Friends of RPL membership in the past year are encouraged to attend the members meeting at 10:30 a.m. inside the auditorium. During the meeting, which is free and open to the public, members will vote on a slate of officers and three proposed revisions to the group's by-laws. A basket will be raffled off during the meeting that will last about half an hour.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a mini used book sale will take place in the children's programming room. The sale, which is open to the public, will run all day. Only books in the following genres will be available during the sale: hardback fiction, children's books, young adult, cookbooks, gardening, and coffee table books. The cost will be by donation.

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

For more information about RPL book clubs, visit rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs



BOOKS & COFFEE

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

April 10

This Tender Land

William Kent Krueger

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

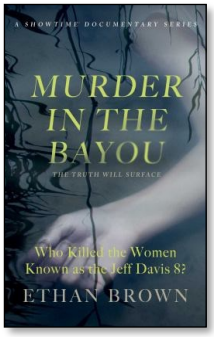
TRUE CRIME JUNKIES

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

April 18

Murder in the Bayou: Who Killed the Women Known as the Jeff Davis 8?

Ethan Brown



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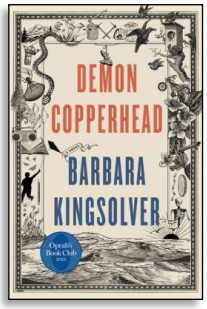

EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

April 24

Demon Copperhead

Barbara Kingsolver

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 107 for information.

Want to help support Rodman Library?
Join the Friends of Rodman Library by calling 330-821-2665 or by visiting any of the service desks.

Get Gardening

with OSU Extension at RPL

April is the time to Get Gardening.

Those interested in growing their own produce this year and only have a small plot of space available will want to join Jennifer White from the Stark County Ohio State University Extension when she visits Rodman Public Library at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10.

White, an Urban Programs educator in the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences, will give tips on how to get started in gardening.

Those attending the program will learn strategies for small spaces and container gardening. White will also provide suggestions for vegetables and companion plants suitable for maximizing gardening space and growing season.

The program is free, but registration is required at rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup.

For more information, call 330-821-2665.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Knit Wits

The Knit Wits, a circle for needleworkers of all types and skill levels, meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Main Library.
Mondays, April 10 & 24 at 10 a.m.

Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will make a button flower shadow box when they meet in April in the Rodman Main Auditorium. Led by Nicole Brown, 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 registration is required for each Maker Monday session at rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup. For information, call 330-821-2665.
Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:
Some programs require registration at rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup

TECH Time Thursday

A librarian is on hand each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon to answer basic questions about your electronic devices. No registration needed. For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.
Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon

Seed Library

While supplies last, free seed packets are available at the Main Library. Displayed in the Library's wooden card catalog located in the front lobby, patrons may browse through the catalog and take the packets they are interested in growing.

RPL is VITA drop-off site

Rodman Public Library serves as a drop-off location for the United Way of Greater Stark County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. An appointment is needed for all drop-offs. For more information, visit uwstark.org/vita, or call 330-994-VITA (8482).

Rodman PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY
215 E. Broadway St.
Alliance, Ohio 44601
330.821.2665

BRANCH LIBRARY
1808 W. State St.
Alliance, OH 44601
330.821.1313

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

Local Musician J.J. Vicars to Visit Alliance Vinyl Club

The Alliance Vinyl Club will take on a bluesy vibe in April.

The group will welcome special guest J.J. Vicars when it gathers Wednesday, April 5 at Rodman Public Library.

The guitar-slinger and singer is well known among Blues fans in and around the Carnation City, having built a following playing around the area for the last decade and winning the 2017 Northeast Ohio Blues Challenge.

Vicars, who has several albums to his credit, will spin some of his favorite tunes and talk about his career as a musician in his visit with the Alliance Vinyl Club, which is open to all music lovers and meets every first Wednesday of the month in the auditorium at Rodman Library. No registration is needed to attend the program.

Born into a musical family, Vicars took up the drums at a young age and played in his junior high marching band while studying behind the kit. Jazz dominated the record player at home while the birth of Rock 'n' Roll commanded the car radio. A few years later, Vicars discovered guitar and blues and he has never looked back since.

For the first decade of his guitar playing life, he mainly worked as a sideman in various blues and rock groups occasionally picking up a country gig here and there.

In the summer of 2001 while living in Austin, Texas, Vicars cut *Sci-Fi Diner*, his first solo album, and forged ahead on his own. He released two albums of old material, *Hi-Tech Hillbilly* and *Heartland,* along with the studio leftovers album, *Longhaired Leftovers,* during a decade-long sojourn in Japan. He finished up *Long Way From Home* and released it upon his return to the U.S. in 2013. Recuperating in northeast Ohio, he released *Irreverent Dissident* to rave reviews and heavy airplay.

Local musician J.J. Vicars will be a special guest of the Alliance Vinyl Club when it meets April 6.

During the pandemic shutdown, he began working on a series of singles testing the new business model. As of 2022, with the pandemic winding down he started working on *Pickin' & Grinnin',* an all-instrumental album.

Those attending Alliance Vinyl Club meetings are encouraged to bring along an album to share a song with others. The group, which has no formal membership, offers the opportunity to hang out, have good conversation, and make new friends.

For more information about the Alliance Vinyl Club, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216.

AAPS

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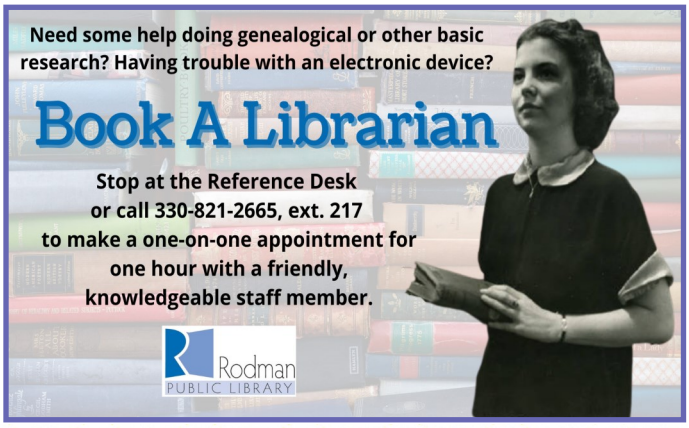
Both movements were important to the Haines Family, with Sarah Grant Haines noting at the end of her life that she had "hoped to live long enough to see women's rights recognized in the matter of female suffrage so she could vote once for a Prohibition candidate for president of the United States."

Sarah and her family worked in concert with such figures as Betsy Mix Cowles and Jane Elizabeth Hitchcock Jones, who were not only well-known area abolitionists, but also co-chairs of the first statewide women's rights convention in the U.S., held in May 1850 in nearby Salem.

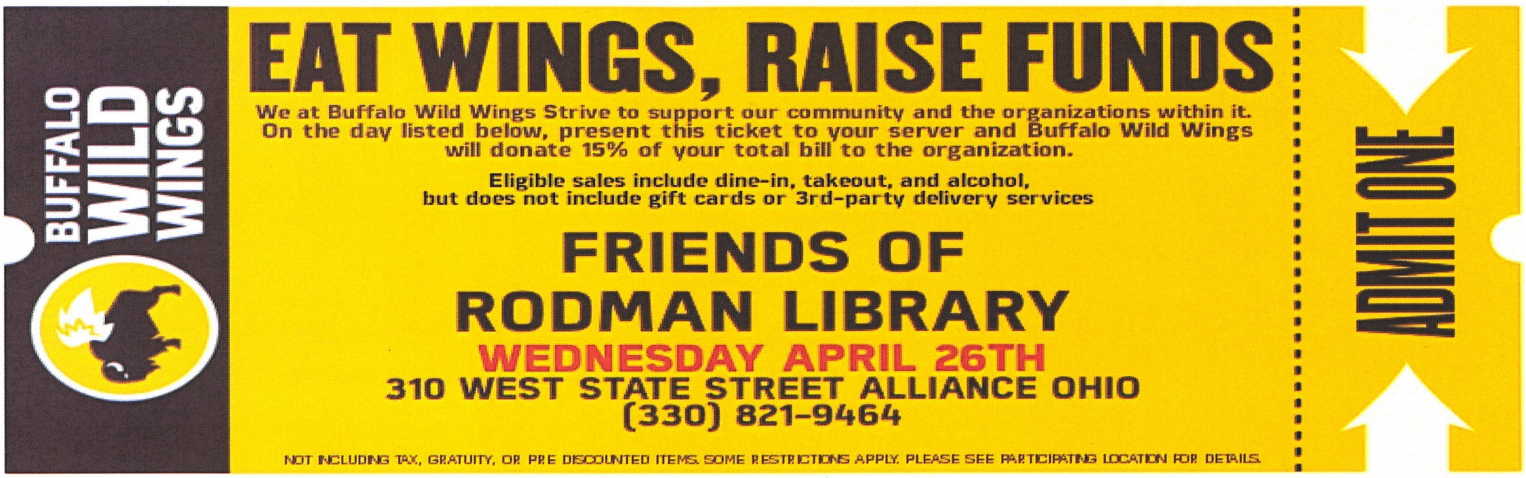
Dr. Capuzza is a professor of literature and communication arts at Mount Union. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and English at Mount Union in 1985, and went on to earn a Master of Arts degree and doctorate in rhetorical theory and criticism from The Ohio State University. Capuzza has been a member of the Mount Union faculty since 1992.

Along with chairing the Department of Communication, Capuzza has directed the gender studies program at Mount Union. Her work appeared in journals such as *Communication Quarterly, Communication Education, Women and Language*, and *The Journal of Children and Media*. Her book, co-edited with Dr. Leland Spencer ('07), *Transgender Communication Studies: Histories, Trends, and Trajectories*, won three national awards. Capuzza was named Mount Union's Great Teacher in 2010, Gender Scholar of the Year by the Southern States Communication Association in 2018, and she received the Jane Weston Chapman Award in 1998 and the University of Mount Union's Distinguished Research Award in 2019.

A brief AAPS members meeting will precede Dr. Capuzza's presentation. A book signing will follow, and light refreshments will be served. Copies of Dr. Capuzza's book will be available for sale.



Order from BW3 on April 26 and present the flyer below to help raise funds for Friends of RPL.



Rodman Staff Spotlight

CARLI McQUILKIN

An adult circulation assistant who has been at RPL for almost two years.

What is your favorite Thing about your job?
Working with the best co-workers ever and checking in books that come in from SEO.

Who s your favorite author?
My favorite author is Freya Sampson. She writes the sweetest and most heartfelt stories that are like a warm hug!

What is your favorite song or musical artist?
This changes frequently, but as of right now, my favorite musical artist is Lizzy McAlpine.
My favorite song of hers is "All my Ghosts."

Do you have any pets?
I have two dogs, Brody (dachshund/terrier mix) and Oscar (golden doodle), and two cats, Orca (a tuxedo cat) and Zoey (a tabby cat).

Do you have any hobbies?
I make handmade polymer clay earrings and I love to bake.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?
I graduated with my doctorate in physical therapy this past December and am currently studying for my license exam to become a PT.

What was your first car?
My first car is still my current car! A 2008 Ford Escape, which I have had for 8 years.

What was the last thing you binge watched?
Derry Girls on Netflix. It is one of the funniest shows with even funnier characters.

LOOKING BACK

Alliance was hit hard by the "great snow" of April 19-20, 1901. Over 26 inches of snow fell in a period of 36 hours and drifts were 10-12 feet deep. All railroad traffic was blocked as a result. Businesses visible in this view of East Main Street looking east include Fraternal Order of Eagles (638), Nesbitt Photographers (612), Bee Hive (604), McCullough Saloon (550), and on the right, Veterans Memorial Building, which was the first post office in Alliance. The photo, along with hundreds of others, can be found at alliancememory.org, a collaboration between Rodman Public Library and the Alliance Historical Society. Alliance Memory offers a view of history through photographs, personal recollections, and documents. Visit rodmanlibrary.com/genealogy to access RPL's local history and genealogy resources, or call 330-821-2665, ext. 217 for more information.

FEATURED DATABASE

Science Reference Center

Need some ideas for science fair projects, or some solid science resources?

Rodman Library and Science Reference Center has the formula for success.

One of RPL's online databases, Science Reference Center provides full text for hundreds of science magazines, journals, reference books and more than 2,000 high-quality videos. The database also contains more than 1,000 science experiments as well as curriculum-aligned lesson plans, and a vast image collection.

Topics covered include biology, chemistry, earth and space science, environmental science, health and medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science and society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife. Designed to meet every student researcher's needs,

Science Reference Center is one of more than 75 databases found at rodmanlibrary.com/databases covering more than 20 categories.

For information or help accessing the databases, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

Staffers of Congressman to Hold Office Hours at RPL on April 6

Staff members of U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson will hold office hours at Rodman Public Library on Thursday, April 6.

Jeff King, a field representative, and another staffer will be present at the library from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to talk to anyone about any government issues they may have.

Johnson, who represents the 6th Congressional District which includes the portion of Stark County in the Rodman Public Library service area as well as Mahoning and Columbiana counties, will not be present.

No appointment is needed to speak with Johnson's representatives.

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