

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."  
— F. Scott Fitzgerald

# BUZZ

The official monthly newsletter of Rodman Public Library

## 2024 FOGLE AUTHOR SERIES

### Waggenpacks to Detail Near-Death Experience in Rodman Library Visit

#### Co-Authors Find Meaning Following Miraculous Rescue

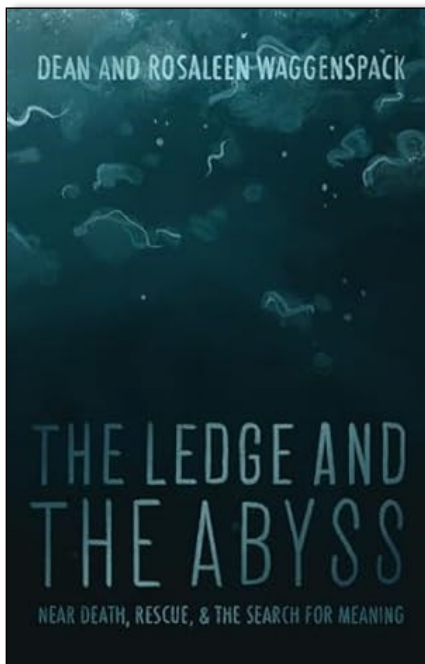
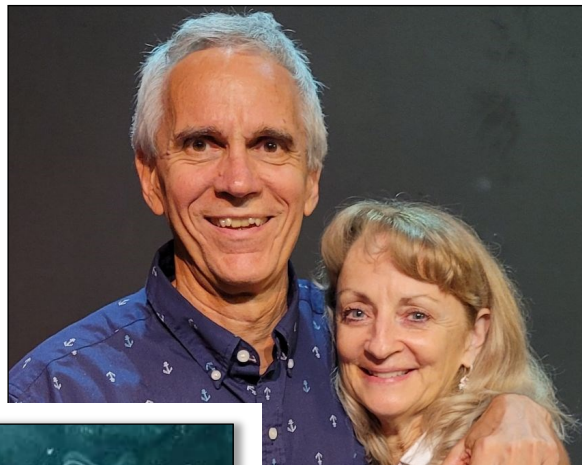
Life can change in an instant. Fortunately, for Dean Waggenpack a 2022 near-death experience in the Virgin Islands did not end his prematurely.

Instead, the life coach and his wife, Rosaleen, have a rejuvenated appreciation for life and a renewed sense of the goodness in people following a miraculous rescue.

The Dayton couple co-authored *The Ledge and the Abyss: Near Death, Rescue, and the Search for Meaning* in the aftermath of their ordeal. The book, which was released earlier this year, recounts Waggenpack's accident while hiking, the measures that were taken to save his life, and how he has come to grips with the experience.

An Alliance High School and Mount Union graduate, Waggenpack will appear at Rodman Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9 to discuss his ordeal as part of the 2024 Fogle Author Series. Books will be available for sale and the Waggenpacks will sign books following his remarks.

Registration is required to attend the pro-



Alliance native Dean Waggenpack and his wife, Rosaleen, will kick off the 2024 Fogle Author Series. They will discuss their 2024 release *The Ledge and the Abyss: Near Death, Rescue, and the Search for Meaning*.

"I wrote the book to honor the people that saved my life. Their willingness to risk their own lives to save mine, and their skills in bringing me back to health are a testament to the goodness in all people."

- Dean Waggenpack

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

The Waggenpacks were embarking on a Thanksgiving getaway on St. Croix that was to include their four adult children when Dean's life-changing accident occurred.

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### Show Us Your RPL Card In September

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and RPL will reward two lucky RPL cardholders. One adult (13 and older) and one child (12 and younger) will win gift cards good at local businesses by registering for a new card, renewing an expired card, or simply using a card in good standing during September.



### Hartville's Tom Wright to Discuss 2023 Adventure Visiting Every National Park

Hartville resident Tom Wright completed an adventurous quest in 2023, visiting all 428 national parks in less than one calendar year.

Wright, a retired Good-year engineer, will detail his remarkable 123,000-mile journey when he presents "One Year ... One Quest: A World Record Trek" during a visit to Rodman Public Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 21.

Wright traveled from the country's four corners of Guam, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, and Maine, crisscrossing the continental United States to learn and experience our country's cultural, historical, and natural heritage at its front lines. From battlefields, to seashores, to mountain parks, and historic buildings, Wright says his odyssey was exhilarating, even if exhausting at times.

Those attending will hear about Thomas Edison's laboratory complex, Angel's Landing in Zion National Park, America's last leper colony, and many other significant aspects of our homeland.

National park enthusiasts as well as those who have a yearning to be one are encouraged to attend Wright's presentation.

Registration is required to attend the event at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com).

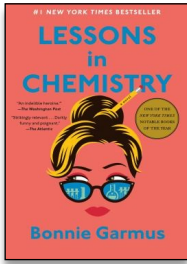


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## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

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### BOOKS & COFFEE



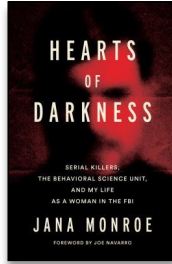
Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

**September 9**  
*Lessons in Chemistry*  
by Bonnie Garmus

**Oct. 14 : How to Read a Book**  
by Monica Wood

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES



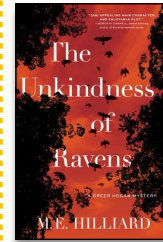
Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**September 17**  
*Hearts of Darkness: Serial Killers, the Behavioral Science Unit, and My Life as a Woman in the FBI*  
by Jana Monroe

**Oct. 15: Devil's Knot** by Maria Leveritt

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.

**September 23**  
*The Unkindness of Ravens*  
by M.E. Hilliard

**Oct. 14**

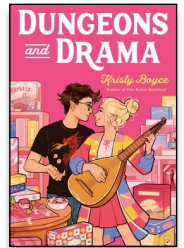
*The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese  
Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information

### I READ YA

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

(September is second Monday due to Labor Day)

**September 9**  
*Dungeons and Drama*  
By Kristy Boyce



**Oct. 7 : Fireborne** by Rosaria Munda

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 213 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. The selected cookbook in September is *Double Delicious! Good, Simple Food for Busy, Complicated Lives* by Jessica Seinfeld. Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and all are welcome, however, **registration is required**. Copies of the book are available at the Main Library adult circulation desk. For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 210. **Tuesday, September 24 at 6 p.m.**



### Alliance Vinyl Club

Open to all music lovers, Alliance Vinyl Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each even-numbered month inside the Main Library auditorium. 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. Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and no registration is required.



**Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 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. No registration is needed. **Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon**

### Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will decorate makeup bags using several different stencils and paints when the popular program resumes in September. 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**. **Monday, September 30 at 6 p.m.**



### 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.

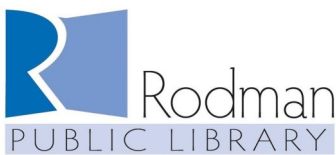
Sunday:

Main Library — Closed

Branch Library — 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(October through April only)

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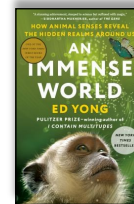
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Alliance, OH 44601  
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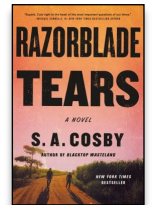
### WOMEN'S MONDAY GROUP

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

**September 16**  
*"The Unwanted Sense" (Chapter 4) from An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden World Around Us*  
by Ed Yong



**October 7**  
*Razorblade Tears*  
by S.A. Cosby

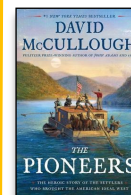


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### DAR BOOK GROUP

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

**November 8**  
*The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*  
by David McCullough.



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# WAGGENSPACKS

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Dean and Rose, along with their eldest son, Stephen, were scouting out activities on the island and decided to check out the tide pools.

The Annaly Bay/Carambola Tide pools are a popular destination. Accessed by a two-mile hike through a rainforest, the pools seem safe and easy to access. Rose, Dean and Stephen were in one of the tide pools with a water depth of less than a foot when suddenly three waves came up over the rocks. Dean was knocked over and sucked down into a small hole. He was left trapped in a pitch-black cavern, where he was up to his elbows in water and completely disoriented.

"I was down there and figured I was going to die because I was trapped," Dean told the Dayton Daily News last year. "The tide would eventually come up and I would drown."

From Rose's perspective, her husband of nearly 40 years had been there one moment and was gone the next. After 10 minutes had passed and Dean had not surfaced, she and Stephen went for help, thinking their mission was one for a recovery of Dean's remains and not his rescue.

They managed to find two tour guides who knew exactly where to search and promised that they would find Dean.

After 40 harrowing minutes of in the chest-deep water, Dean was rescued. He had hypothermia, had aspirated and swallowed substantial amounts of salt water and had abrasions all over his body.

Flown by helicopter to Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital in St. Croix, he spent Thanksgiving in the facility. However, within 24 hours, he was off oxygen, sitting up, and was able to carry on conversations with his loved ones.

The Waggenpacks' outlook on life has changed as a result of the ordeal and they discuss the ramifications in their book. All proceeds made in sales are being donated to the hospital where Dean recovered.

Ahead of his visit to Rodman Public Library as part of the 2024 Fogle Author Series, Dean Waggenpack discussed his life, his accident, and his writing:

**Q: You grew up in Alliance. Please talk a little bit about your experiences here.**

A: I lived in Alliance until I was 21, graduating with my bachelor's degree at Mount Union. My dad was a school teacher, initially at Stanton and then at Alliance High School. I remember lots of good times playing baseball in the Hot Stove League. I went to elementary school at Parkway and State Street for junior high. I had my sophomore year at the "old" high school and was in the second class to ever graduate from the "new" high school. I worked the summer before the high school opened taking care of the newly-planted grass at the new high school.

We went to the Rodman Library often.

**Q: You worked for a Fortune 500 company and are now a life coach and write a blog. Can you talk about your career path?**

A: After getting my MBA in finance from Duke University, I went to work for NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. I spent 30 years there in a number of management roles in finance, marketing, customer service, and sales support. I then taught high school in a rural district outside Dayton for four years. In 2013, I started my personal blog, writing about whatever interested me, usually centered around careers and navigating life. I started my own career/life coach business in 2015 and today the business is focused on writing executive resumes. In 2019, I did a Tedx Talk on "Redefining Retirement." In 2022, I wrote and published my first non-fiction book, *Doable Change: Making Incremental, Achievable Difference in Your Career and Life*. It took me about five years to get the courage to finally write and publish that book. I've written a second non-fiction book, *The Ledge and The Abyss: Near Death, Rescue, and the Search for Meaning* in 2023. I plan to write more books.

**Q: What made you and your wife decide to write a book about the ordeal you and your family experienced?**

A: There are a number of reasons. It is an incredible story that I wanted to share with others. It has three distinct phases. The first is my unexpected near-death event, with both my wife's and my perspectives. The second is the incredible rescue. The third is my search for meaning, trying to make sense out of why this event happened to me and what I am supposed to do about it.

I wrote the book to honor the people that saved my life. Their willingness to risk their own lives to save mine, and their skills in bringing me back to health are a testament to the goodness in all people. I want to share with the reader my personal journey of trying to reconcile what happened to me, why it happened to me, and what I am supposed to do about it. Finally, we are donating all of the profits from the book and any donations we get to the hospital in St.

The annual Fogle Author Series is made possible by the generosity of the late Mr. Esmond E. Fogle.

Fogle was a graduate of Wadsworth High School and Mount Union where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Fogle was a past president of Robertson Heating Supply in Alliance. For sixteen years, Mr. Fogle served on the Board of Trustees at Rodman Public Library.

Upon his passing at the age of 86 in 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.



## 2024 FOGLE AUTHORS

Register now for Fogle Author appearances at [rodmanlibrary.libcal.com](http://rodmanlibrary.libcal.com)



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**Cassandra J. Kelly**



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Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands, where I was saved.

**Q: What do you hope people take away from reading your book?**

Most importantly is that we all have the opportunity to Make Moments Matter every day. I would not be alive except for a number of choices multiple people made at different times in their lives that led them to the place where they could save me. There are so many incredible stories of the rescuers and the health care workers. I have learned in my search for meaning that we all have the chance to Make Moments Matter in our own lives and the lives of others, if we learn to recognize those moments.

In addition, this book shows the goodness in strangers. In this time of so much division in our country, the goodness of ordinary people shines through to make a difference. It restored my faith in our shared humanity and I hope the reader gets that, too.

**Q: Did you always aspire to be a published writer?**

A: No. I did not. I can't point to a moment when I wanted to become one. I have always been a reader, mostly non-fiction. I always wrote notes of things I liked or learned about in books. When I started my blog, I found joy in writing. I decided around 2017 that I could write the book that became *Doable Change*. I kept setting it aside, thinking that no one would be interested in what I had to say. In 2019, I did a Tedx Dayton Talk and found that I did have something to say. It took a couple more years to finish that first book, after I recognized that telling what I had to say was worthwhile. Now I have a lot of ideas I want to write about.

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# Rodman Staff Spotlight



**STACY DIGIANANTONIO**

Head of Children's Services who has been with RPL for nearly 10 years.

**What is your favorite part about your job?**  
My coworkers and ordering children's books for the Main Library, Branch, and Bookmobile.

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

**What was your favorite subject in school?**  
English.

**Do you have any pets?**  
I have two Siamese cats.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
I like to read, ride horses, and game.

**If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?**  
I'd love to visit England again.

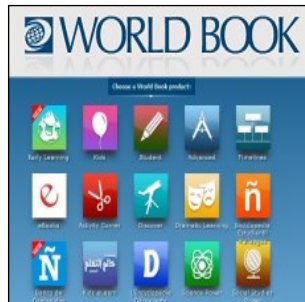
**Who is the biggest influence in your life?**  
My Mom.

## LOOKING BACK



As it passed through Alliance enroute to Canton on September 18, 1901, the track over which the train carrying the remains of the slain President William McKinley passed was strewn with flowers. The scene presented in this picture is at the crossing of the Pennsylvania Lines; the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago; and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh; at the Union Depot. The banner hanging from the viaduct reads "We mourn for our nation's dead. His life's work is our enduring heritage." This photo appears in "The Illustrated Souvenir of the Alliance Fire and Police Departments" from 1903 which is among hundreds of items 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.

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#### World Book

The World Book suite of databases allows users to pick the type of encyclopedia that relates to the content they are researching, including one for early learning students (PreK), Kids (K+), Student (Grades 5+) and Advanced (Grades 9+), and much more.

The early learning encyclopedia uses games, fun facts, art, and traditional reading to cater to the youngest group of users.

World Book Kids contains encyclopedic information with the school-aged child in mind.

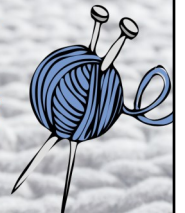
Information contained in the World Book Student and Advanced databases includes a wealth of vetted articles supplemented by thousands of original source documents that fosters critical thinking skills and prepares students for continued growth.

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### 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

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### OUT AND ABOUT



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