

“There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.”

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

# BUZZ

The official newsletter of Rodman Public Library

## Summer Reading Starts May 28

Adventure begins at your library this summer.

Rodman Public 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 from Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, July 27, will feature 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 sign up online at [rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org](http://rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org), or

through the Beanstack app, which they can download on a mobile device.

Patrons can register to take part in the 2024 Summer Reading Program, which has a theme of “Adventure Begins at Your Library” starting Tuesday, May 28.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the two months and patrons will earn entries into grand prize drawings that will be held after the conclusion of the summer reading program. Patrons are expected to pick up their prizes within a week, or make arrangements to do so.

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## Makerspace Open at RPL

Rodman Public Library Makerspace is a place to make your designs a reality.

As of April 29, the Makerspace is open for crafters to create numerous items such as buttons, T-shirts, cards, mugs, and just about anything that can be made with a 3-D printer, just to name a few.

The space is located in the former computer lab near the Information Center and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as by appointment on Fridays, Saturdays, and evenings.

Use of the equipment is free to those with a valid Rodman Public Library card. Any supplies and materials used are priced at a minimal cost. Users must sign a users agreement as well as a release and hold harmless agreement.



The Rodman Public Library's Makerspace is a place where patrons can make their designs a reality at an affordable price. Located in the former computer lab near the reference desk, the Makerspace has an array of equipment for patron use.

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## RPL Offers New Way to Learn Skills with UniversalClass

Patrons of Rodman Public Library can now grow their skillsets and explore new hobbies and passions through continuing education service UniversalClass.

Through the library's website, patrons can access more than 600 courses in 35 subject areas, many of which offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) accredited by International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Patrons have unlimited access and can complete courses at their own pace, anytime on any device. Real human instructors grade assignments and provide feedback to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter.

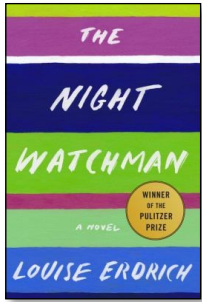
The wide range of subject areas serves both professionals looking to upskill and lifelong learners exploring new topics for fun. Subject areas include Arts and Music, Cooking, Computers and Technology, Exercise and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Health and Medicine, Home and Garden Care, Homeschooling, Job Assistance, Law and Legal, Parenting and Family, Pet and Animal Care, and many more.

For more information, see a Reference Department staff member at the Main Library for more information on how to access this service, or call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

## 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



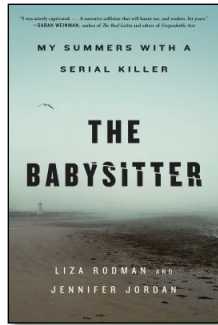
Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

**May 13**  
*The Night Watchman*  
by Louise Erdrich

**June 10:** *The Book of Charlie* by David Von Drehle

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES

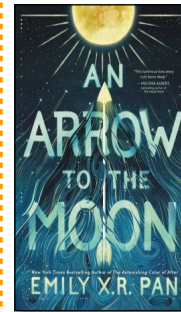


Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**May 21**  
*The Babysitter: My Summers with a Serial Killer*  
by Liza Rodman and Jennifer Jordan

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

### RPL EVENING BOOK CLUB



Usually meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**May 20**  
*An Arrow to the Moon*  
by Emily X.R. Pan

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

\* May meeting altered due to Memorial Day

## ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will be take and makers in May.

Instead of gathering inside the auditorium, participants will be able to come to the Main Library beginning May 20 and grab a surprise bag filled with materials and instructions that they can use to create a past Maker Monday project.

The outside of the bag will list any tools or other supplies needed to finish the craft that are not included in the bag.

Only 25 bags will be available for patrons to pick up on a first-come, first-served basis for May's Maker Monday project and only one bag will be given per person.

For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 210.

Monday, May 20 at 6 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, May 15 at 5:30 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 — 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, June 5 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, 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**



### 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

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Alliance, Ohio 44601  
330.821.2665

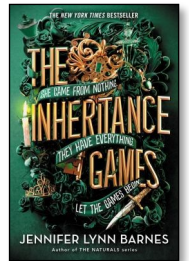
#### BRANCH LIBRARY

1808 W. State St.  
Alliance, OH 44601  
330.821.1313

### I READ YA

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

**May 6**  
*The Inheritance Games*  
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



**June 3:** *An Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir

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

### COOKBOOK CLUB

Meets every last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

**May 28**  
*Taste of Home All-New Most Requested Recipes*



For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 210.  
Registration required at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

### WOMEN'S MONDAY GROUP

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

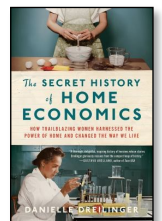
**May 6**  
*Selections from A Manual for Cleaning Women*  
by Lucia Berlin,  
including "Mijito," "502,"  
"Here it is Saturday,"  
"B.F. and Me,"



"Wait a Minute,"  
and "Homing"

**May 20**  
*The Secret History of Home Economics*  
by Danielle Dreilinger

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



## FUN FOR ALL AGES



# Tabletop Gaming May 8 at RPL

Feeling bored? Try learning a new board game at Rodman Public Library's Tabletop Gaming.

The popular all-ages program is held monthly at the Main Library. The next program will be at **5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8.**

Each month, a new game will be featured so that patrons can learn a new game. Of course, other games available in the library's collection will also be available and visitors are welcome to bring their own games.

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 the monthly program.

Although the program is open to players of all ages, children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

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

Did you know RPL has board games that can be borrowed, just like books, with a valid library card? Ask at any circulation desk how you can check one out.

## SUMMER READING

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To get the summer reading program started, a kick-off event will be held at the Main Library from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5 that will feature a petting zoo, face painting, and a few carnival games.

A kick-off event will also be held at the Branch on Friday, June 7. The event will feature a world travel theme with face painting, a book character scavenger hunt throughout the plaza, light refreshments, a compass necklace craft, and several games, including large Connect 4, pyramid building with cups, picking up marshmallows with chopsticks, and a leapfrog carnival game.

Here's an overview of the 2024 Summer Reading Program:

### CHILDREN

Children who sign up for Adventure Begins at Your Library Reading Program will receive a reading log and a BINGO board when they sign up in person.

With every 15 minutes of reading completed, kids will color in a picture on the log. After coloring in 24 books, which amounts to six hours of reading, the reading log is complete and can be taken to the library to receive an entry into a raffle for one of several prizes, including a Nintendo Switch Lite, an Amazon Kid's Kindle, a LEGO Thor Ship, an American Girl Doll, a \$50 Amazon gift card (two to be awarded), or a \$50 Walmart gift card (two to be awarded).

Children will also be awarded a certificate of completion, a book, and coupons from area restaurants.

Young readers can earn an additional ticket for every five additional hours of reading, which will be recorded on a supplemental sheet.

Another raffle entry can be earned by completing a BINGO on the card inside the reading log. To complete a BINGO, children will need to complete challenges that fill in a line on their card.

### TEENS

Teens will have plenty of opportunities to earn entries into the grand prize drawings for one of four prizes, including a Nintendo Switch Lite, a \$50 Amazon gift card (two to be award-

ed), or a package of gift cards to area restaurants valued at \$100.

Teens who complete 20 hours of reading, which will be recorded on a reading log, will earn a book, a summer reading-themed prize and an entry for one of the three grand prizes.

For each additional four hours beyond the initial 20, teens will earn an extra raffle ticket. They can accumulate as many as nine additional tickets, essentially one for every full week of the Summer Reading Program.

Teens can earn up to 10 additional entries by completing nine weekly challenges, which will be listed on a card in the registration packet. Each completed challenge will earn an entry into the prize drawing. Once the entire card is filled, teens will receive another bonus entry.

### ADULTS

Adults can register either in-person or online through Beanstack.

Weekly prizes of \$25 gift cards to various local businesses will be awarded throughout the Summer Reading Program. Adult patrons can earn an entry ticket each time they use their card to check out any item. To earn an additional entry, patrons can turn in a short book review at the checkout desk or login what they've read in their Beanstack account.

One grand prize will be awarded to in-person patrons and one grand prize will be awarded to Beanstack participants. Winners will have their choice of a Meijer gift card valued at \$100 or a Beech Creek Botanical Gardens membership valued at \$125. Winners who choose the Beech Creek prize will have the option of a family membership good for up to six people living in the same household, or a grandparent membership good for everyone who lives in your household plus all of your grandchildren ages 17 and younger regardless of their residence.

For anyone who wishes to participate, there will be a BINGO card in which adults can complete reading challenges. Those who finish the card will be given the opportunity to choose a book as a prize. They will also be entered into a grand prize drawing to win a Friends of Rodman Public Library individual membership and a voucher for 20 items at the group's annual used book sale in August.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, call 330-821-2665.

## MAKERSPACE

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Patrons who do not meet the age requirements must be accompanied by an adult. All users must have prior training on the chosen machine or be accompanied by a staff member.

Current available equipment includes button makers capable of creating 1-inch and 2.5-inch buttons; a Cricut Maker 3 machine that can cut vinyl, paper, cardstock, fabric and other approved material with pinpoint accuracy; a Cricut Easy Press 2 to transfer vinyl and sublimation ink onto fabric materials; a Cricut Mug Press to transfer designs onto coffee mugs using infusible ink transfer sheets or markers; and MakerGear M3-SE 3-D printer.

Those wishing to create with the 3-D printer should bring their designs to the Information Center on a flash drive or email them ahead of their visit to [rodmaninfo@gmail.com](mailto:rodmaninfo@gmail.com).

"Our plan to obtain additional equipment in the future as services expand," said Rodman Public Library Director Eric Taggart.

To learn more, visit the Information Center or call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

### PRICING

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| <b>3D Printing</b>  | <b>Ink Transfer Sheets</b> |
| 5¢ per gram         | \$3 per sheet              |
| <b>Vinyl</b>        | <b>Tote bags</b>           |
| 25¢ per linear inch | \$1 each                   |
| <b>Ceramic Mugs</b> | <b>Buttons</b>             |
| \$2.50 each         | 25¢ per 1 inch button      |
|                     | .50¢ per 2 inch button     |

## ON THE ROAD



Visit the RPL Bookmobile at Final Friday in downtown Alliance on May 31.

Storytime is held at 6:30 p.m.

Look for the Bookmobile's summer schedule by the end of May at [rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile](http://rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile).

# Rodman Staff Spotlight



## HAYLEY DRIVER

A children's assistant who has been at RPL for a little over a year and a half.

### What is your favorite part about your job?

I adore seeing small children sit in the middle of the stacks with a book they grabbed open on their lap just totally engrossed in the pictures. The wonder of reading is so fresh and new!

**What is your favorite color?**  
Lavender Purple

**Who is your favorite musical artist?**  
I really love Bastille.

**Do you collect anything?**  
Plants. I have dozens of houseplants (and counting) in my small apartment. Most even have names.

**Do you have any pets?**  
I have a dog named Olive. She is a beagle-corgi mix and loves to go on adventures with us.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
I love camping, hiking, canoeing, playing video games, crocheting, and obviously reading.

**If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?**  
I love the idea of Australia, but the bugs are big! So maybe Ireland instead.

**What was the last thing you binge watched?**  
*Watcher.*  
It's a YouTube channel with Ryan Bergara and Shane Madej

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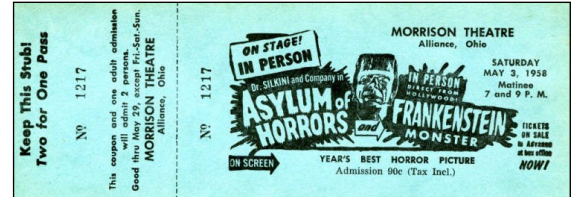
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## Want to help support Rodman Public Library?

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

# LOOKING BACK



**ABOVE:** A ticket from the Morrison Theatre dated May 3, 1958 for Dr. Silkini and Company in *Asylum of Horrors* with *Frankenstein Monster* on stage, in person! **LEFT:** A Seidner's Flowers delivery truck is parked outside the Morrison Theater, located at 38 South Freedom Avenue, in this photo taken July 20, 1937. The movie on the marquee features the Marx Brothers in *A Day at the Races*. The Salvation Army was located to the south of the theater. **BELOW:** Inside the Morrison Theater taken from the balcony looking toward the stage.

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



### Digital Public Library of America

The Digital Public Library of America connects digital collections from libraries, archives and museums from across the country and makes them freely available to all.

DPLA's primary source sets, search tools, online exhibitions, and open access sources are perfect for use by students and educators, genealogists, lifelong learners, scholarly researchers and online developers.

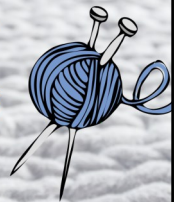
The Ohio Digital Network is a part of DPLA, with more than 99,000 entries specific to the Buckeye State within the collection.

You can find all 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.