



SUMMER ART EXPERIENCE

Children, ages 6-12, are invited to register for the Summer Art Experience, which consists of art lessons taught by local instructors during June.

Youngsters must visit the children's circulation desk at the Main Library to sign up for two lessons, which will be held at the Main Library on Mondays and Tuesdays during June.

The Monday and Tuesday lesson each week will be identical with each week featuring a different instructor teaching a different technique.

Lessons for kids ages 6 to 8 years old will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., while lessons for kids ages 9 to 12 years old will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

An Art Gala with all projects on display will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 at the library and all participants will receive art supplies to take home.

All materials for Summer Art Experience are free as are the lessons, thanks to support from the Friends of Rodman Public Library, The Alliance Kiwanis Club, Alliance Quota Club, Alliance Rotary Club, and Hatherill Insurance Agency.

For more information about Summer Art Experience, call 330-821-2665, ext. 223.

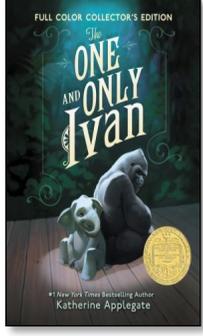
Kids Book Club

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

Registration required

Next Meeting: May 15

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate



Meeting will include a brief discussion of the book, a fun activity, and a snack.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Kids Gaming

Kids Gaming is held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Main Library Auditorium. From 4 to 5 p.m., children, ages 8-12, are treated to open play of video games, Minecraft, etc. on devices provided by the library. No registration required.

Wednesday, May 1 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Kids Crafting



Rodman Public Library's monthly Kids Crafting program continues as children, ages 7-12, are invited to come to the Main Library to create a cotton swab painting of lavender fit to give as a Mother's Day gift. **Registration is required.** All materials are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library.

Thursday, May 9 at 4 p.m.

PLAY GROUP

at RODMAN LIBRARY

Recommended for ages birth to 5 years, but all ages welcome

MONDAYS
6:30 P.M.
(STARTING APRIL 1)

Kids play while their caregivers supervise and socialize

No Registration



Branch Storytime

Spring Branch Storytime continues through May 28 at the Branch.

A new storytime with a camping theme is held at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and features stories, songs, and a fun activity.

The themes in May are:

- ◆ May 7 – Nocturnal Animals (wear your pajamas)
- ◆ May 14 – Tents
- ◆ May 21 – Bugs
- ◆ May 28 – First Aid

Registration is not required to attend. For information, call 330-821-1313.



Hot Pots Storytime

Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 3-12, will have a spring flowers in May. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit to Hot Pots, to paint a flower pot figurine. The cost is \$15.99 per child. Patrons **must register** and make payment at hotpotspottery.com.

Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m.



Branch Take and Make

Starting **Wednesday, May 1** kids can stop by the Branch to pick up a billy goat magnet take and make craft while supplies last. Monthly projects are free thanks to the Friends of Rodman Library.



Some programs require registration at rodmanlibrary.com

Call **330-821-2665, ext. 223** for information.

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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

Summer Reading Begins 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). 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, 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.

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.

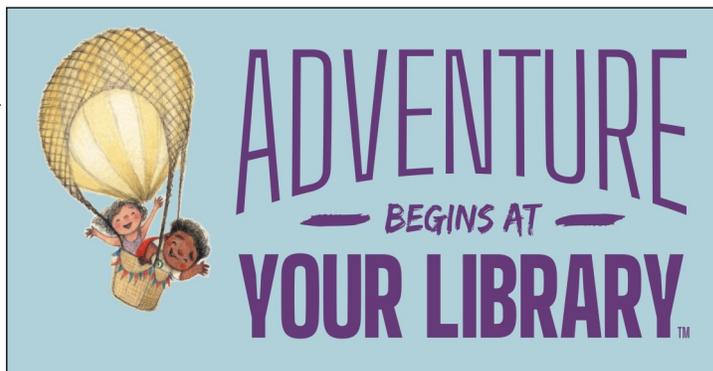
Children who sign up for the Adventure Begins at Your Library Reading Program will receive a reading log and a BINGO board when they sign up in person.

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 Kindlet, 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.



TABLETOP GAMING

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.

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

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.



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