

Rodman **BUZZ** For Kids

Kids Book Club

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

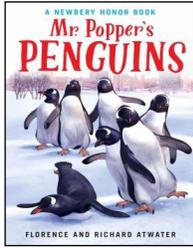
Registration required

Next Meeting: February 21

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence & Richard Atwater



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



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Planned at RPL Branch

Do you have a stuffed animal that needs a getaway with some other stuffed animals?

If so, Rodman Branch Library has you covered

On Friday, February 9, humans who have registered their stuffie buddy can drop it off at the Branch Library between 3:30 and 4 p.m. for a sleepover in the library. Check-in activities will include filling out a nametag and a permission slip as well as decorating a sleeping bag

Stuffed animals will get to enjoy activities like cart races, coloring, raiding the refrigerator, etc. You can never tell what they might do throughout the night, but pictures will be posted on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages so their humans can keep an eye on all the fun during the sleepover.

Humans can enjoy a light breakfast of doughnuts, juice, and water when they pick up their stuffed animal friends on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m.

Space is limited and registration is re-



Stuffed animals hold a cart race during a previous sleepover at the Rodman Branch Library. The next sleepover is scheduled for February 9 and 10, but humans must register their stuffie friends.

quired at rodmanlibrary.com.

For more information about the sleepover, call the Branch at 330-821-1313.

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, February 7 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 valentine book mark. **Registration is required.** All materials are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library. **Thursday, February 8 at 4 p.m.**



Hot Pots Storytime

Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 3-12, will feature lions in February. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit to Hot Pots, to paint a lion figure. The cost is \$15 per child. Patrons must **register** and make payment at hotpotspottery.com.

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 24 at 11 a.m.



Winter Workout

Children, ages 3-12, and caregivers will move to stories and songs in this action storytime. Bring your energy, wear comfy clothes and get ready to move along in a fun new way to listen to stories. No registration required. **Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

Wee Read

Children, ages birth through two years, and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend Wee Read, which includes stories, fingerplays, music, and movement.

Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Fun Night

Parents or caregivers and their children, ages 3 to 12, are invited to participate in an entertaining and educational evening. There will be stories, games, crafts, and challenges that provide fun for all ages.

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Branch Take and Make

Starting **Thursday, February 1** kids can stop by the Branch to pick up a mustache heart picture frame 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.

Storytime

Children, ages 3-5, and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend Storytime, which is intended to encourage lifelong readers through stories, music, movement and activities.

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Spend Take Your Child to the Library Day at Rodman Public Library

Rodman Public Library encourages all caregivers to bring their little ones in for a visit on Saturday, February 3, which is Take Your Child to the Library Day.

During an open house between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., kids will be able to find their favorite storybook characters during a scavenger hunt in the children's area, play a game of Spot the Difference, spin the prize wheel, and collect a take home craft.

No registration is required to take part in that fun.

At 2 p.m., kids can play BINGO in the children's area and children's prizes will be awarded to the winners. Only children will be given BINGO cards.

BINGO is free, however, space is limited and children must be registered online at rodmanlibrary.com



ON THE ROAD

The RPL Bookmobile visits schools in the Alliance, Marlington, and West Branch school districts as well as Copeland Oaks between September and May. For a complete schedule, see rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile

One Book Whale Watching & Animal Communication

ONE COMMUNITY™

Lynne Kelly's *Song for a Whale*, features 12-year-old Iris, who as the only deaf girl in her school, feels isolated. When she learns of Blue 55, a whale who cannot communicate with other whales because of his odd frequency, she creates a song for him and is determined to get it to him to show him that he is not alone. The plot brings up questions of how animals communicate and what it is like to go looking for a whale. Two RPL programs in February will explore those topics.

Aquarium of the Pacific to take patrons on virtual whale watch

Living in Ohio, it's impossible for Alliance residents to go out looking for whales, so Aquarium of the Pacific, located in Long Beach, California, is bringing the whales to Rodman Public Library – virtually, of course.

As part of the One Book One Community program, patrons will be able to take part in the program from the comfort of their own homes or come to the library and watch it on the big screen in the auditorium either at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13.

Participants will first learn what a naturalist or explorer would bring on a boat and how to look for whales before "heading out to sea" in search of whales. A mix of pictures and videos will be used to explore different whales, including the blue whale like Blue 55 in *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly, the 2024 selection. Aquarium personnel will talk about the adaptations and habitats of the whales.

Both in-person and virtual participants must register online at rodmanlibrary.com. Those registering to view the program virtually will be provided with instructions at the time of registration.

FEBRUARY
13
Tuesday

11 a.m. OR 7 p.m.

All Ages

PG-13
1 Hour, 45 Minutes
Movie Licensing USA

FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN

Saturday, February 17
1:00 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Akron Zoomobile to discuss how animals talk to each other

Have you ever wondered how animals talk to each other?

The Akron ZooMobile will visit Rodman Public Library on Saturday, February 24 and talk just about that.

Zoo personnel will be on hand for two identical programs on Saturday, February 24 – one from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and another from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

The same information about animal communication, including non-verbal communication, will be presented at each session and patrons should register for just one of the sessions at rodmanlibrary.com.

Those who attend will also meet an animal ambassador or two from the Akron Zoo.

FEBRUARY
24
Saturday

1 - 1:45 p.m.
OR
2 - 2:45 p.m.

AVAILABLE NOW

Copies of the One Book One Community selection for 2024, *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly, are available for loan with an RPL card. Copies can also be purchased at both the Main and Branch libraries at the cost of \$8.99 plus tax.

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