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Search Ohio is a group of public libraries in the state of Ohio whose catalogs are all linked together to allow easy sharing of materials between members. This resource sharing allows you to get the materials you desire from the member libraries when our library does not have an available copy.

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading programs at Rodman Public Library will kick off on June 4 and run through September 1. This year's theme for both adults and children is "Dream Big: READ!", and the teen theme is "Own the Night." There will be programs, prizes, hands-on creative opportunities and special events for each age group.

For each book read, adults will receive a ticket on which to write their name and phone number. For these tickets, there will be weekly prize drawings, with the ticket for the sixth drawing entered for the Grand Prize Drawing.

Participants of the Children's and Teens summer reading program will receive a reading record to keep track of the amount of time spent reading. Children who complete ten hours of reading will receive a certificate of completion and their choice of a new paperback book to keep, courtesy of the Alliance Rotary Club and Friends of Rodman Public Library. If they read a total of twelve hours, they will receive a special bonus prize. Students in grade Kindergarten through 8th grade can also win prizes for their school based on the number of children who complete the required ten hours of reading.

Teens who complete twenty hours of reading will receive a new book of their choice to keep. If they read a total of twenty five hours, they will receive a special bonus prize.

The library will offer events for adults, teens and children, including a "Dream Journal Creation", "Dream of starting your own business", "Light up the Night", "Creepy Creations", "Dream of Dancing with the Canton Ballet", "Dream of Being a Zoologist at the Akron Zoo" and more.

Children ages 7-12 can sign up for a "Summer Art Experience" at the library, sponsored by the Alliance Quota Club. Local art teachers will offer a series of classes utilizing different art media.

The popular "Tales for Tails" series will continue over the summer also, allowing children to practice their oral reading skills. Join Ruth DeFranco and others who will bring their trained Therapy Dogs to the library to "listen" to stories. Children can sign up for reading sessions and cuddle up with a good book and an appreciative four-legged friend. The program will run on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. on June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24 and August 7 and 21.

Brown Bag Lunches will return for six Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m., June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18 and 25. Children ages

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Learn to 'eat healthy' at Rodman Library

A representative from the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, part of Ohio State University's Extension Services, will visit Rodman Public Library beginning on Tuesday, May 1.

The programs will include food tasting, money saving tips, easy recipes, healthy snack ideas and more. Free gifts will also be given to those in attendance. Lessons will include "plan shop save", "vary your veggies", "build strong bones", "make a change" and more.

The goal of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education program is to teach families to plan and shop for meals and snacks that are healthy and within their budget. By the end of the program, participants will be able to plan a main dish from foods on sale, make a shopping list for that main dish, identify the main parts of the "Nutrition Facts" panel of a food label and use unit pricing to determine the best buy between products.

The Ohio State Extension system is a dynamic educational entity that partners with individuals, families, communities, business and industry, and organizations to strengthen the lives of Ohioans.

Programs will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, on Tuesdays May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Registration is required for these free seminars, and can be made by calling 330-830-7700, ext. 118.

Teens can make sweet treats at Rodman

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to learn how to use chocolate molds to create sweet treats during a program at Rodman Public Library.

Area baker and candy-maker, Sharron Springer, will give a presentation on making chocolate candies using candy molds, and teens will get to make their own treats to take home.

This make-and-take program will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Registration is required and must be made by Thursday, May 17.

For more information or to register, call 330-821-2665, and then press "0".

Summer Reading Program (continued)

5 and up and parents will enjoy stories and activities along with lunch. Free hot lunches for those 18 years and under will be provided by the Summer Food Service Program of the Alliance City Schools.

Lapsit programs for two and three year olds will continue on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings at the Main Library. Storytime programs for ages four through six will continue on Tuesday nights and Thursday mornings. In June, sessions will be at the Carnation Mall Branch and in July and August they will be at the Main Library.

Registration for the Summer Reading program begins on June 4 for each age group. For more information contact the library at 330-821-2665, then press "0", or check out our web site at www.rodmanlibrary.com.

Teen Gaming Days continue @ RPL

Do you enjoy playing video games? Eager to try out the Xbox 360 with Kinect and Nintendo Wii? Want to show your skills at sports, dancing or other games?

Every other Thursday, from 3-5 p.m., area teens age 13-18 are invited to visit Rodman Public Library to play Xbox 360 with Kinect. Upcoming sessions include May 3, 17 and 31.

Visitors will have the opportunity to play a different game each week. Games with ratings from E for Everyone up to teen level will be offered. The library urges teens to suggest games they would be interested in playing. No registration is required for these free gaming events.

For more information, call the library at 330-821-2665, ext. 214.

Caregiver Support Group to be held

Rodman Public Library offers a monthly support group for caregivers of adults experiencing challenges such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The next session is Thursday, May 31, from 2-4 p.m.

Meetings are be led by a Licensed Social Worker from Catholic Charities and will take place in the Main Library Children's Program Room. Sessions are free and open to the public.

For more information on this support group call 330-875-7979, ext. 482

Lego Splash to be held at Rodman

Build with Legos at Rodman Public Library when the Children's Department hosts Lego Splash!

The program will take place on Saturday, May 26, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. The theme for this month is "Colorful Creations".

We provide the Lego and Duplo bricks, you provide the creations! The program is open to all ages. No registration is required.

For more information, or if you would like to donate Lego or Duplo bricks to the library for these programs, stop by or call the Children's Department at 330-821-2665, ext. 224.

Tales for Tails continues @ Rodman

Rodman Public Library will once again offer children the chance to try their reading skills on local therapy dogs on Saturday, May 19, from 2-4 p.m.

Therapy dogs such as "Bear", the cute five-pound bundle of Chihuahua joy owned by Ruth DeFranco, will "listen" to stories in the Children's Program Room at the Main Library.

DeFranco is a therapy dog evaluator with Therapy Dogs International. All dogs that will be in attendance are members of Therapy Dogs International and the "Paws and Reflect" Pet Therapy group of Alliance Community Hospital.

Studies have shown that children can become better readers when they regularly read aloud to dogs. An animal reading companion provides a relaxing, stress-free and non-judgmental "listening partner" for a beginning or struggling reader.

The program will be held from 2-4 p.m. Fifteen minute time slots are available. Patrons may sign up in advance for a preferred time slot, but walk-ins are also welcome.

For more information, call the Children's Department at 330-821-2665, ext. 224.

Needlework circles continue @ Rodman

The 'KnitWits' Knitting Circle of Rodman Public Library will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library. Meetings for this month will take place on May 14 and 28.

The Needlework Circle Too will meet on May 14 and 28 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

Knitters, and other needle workers, are invited to network and compare notes.
For more information on this or other programs/ services offered by the library, call 330-821-2665, ext. 208.

Military Transition Assistance Programs

Transitioning from military to civilian life is not easy. Find out what services and benefits are available to military members and veterans when Rodman Public Library hosts a series of "Transition Assistance" programs.

On each Wednesday during the month of May, at 6 p.m., a different topic will be discussed. On Wednesday, May 2, a representative from The Employment Source in Canton will be on hand to discuss job opportunities for returning veterans.

A representative from Kent State University's Center for Adult and Veteran services will visit Rodman Public Library on Wednesday, May 9, to discuss educational opportunities to veterans including the GI bill.

On Wednesday, May 16, Gary Ickes, County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) with the Stark County Veteran Services Commission, will visit Rodman Public Library to talk about veteran benefits, non-service pension and more.

A representative from the Canton Community-based Outpatient Clinic of the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center will present a program on suicide prevention on Wednesday, May 23.

Finally on May 30, a representative from the Ohio National Guard's Family Readiness and Warrior Support program will present a program on finances and financial assistance.

Registration is required for each of these programs.. For more information, or to register, call 330-821-2665, then press "0".