

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."

— John Steinbeck  
*The Winter of Our Discontent*



The official newsletter of Rodman Public Library

## Columnist/Author Terry Pluto to Talk Sports at RPL June 27

Like to talk sports?

Rodman Public Library is bringing in an expert at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 when Terry Pluto will visit to share his vast knowledge of Cleveland sports and beyond.

Pluto, a sports columnist for *The Plain Dealer* / *Cleveland.com* and author of more than 30 books, was named Best Sports Columnist in the National Headliner Awards in 2020 and has been Ohio Sportswriter of the Year 11 times.

Pluto broadcasts weekly sports commentaries with

Amanda Rabinowitz on WKSU and other Northeast Ohio NPR stations. He also is heard a few times each week on WTAM, including Browns pregame shows.

During his visit to Rodman Public Library, Pluto will talk Cleveland Sports past, present, and future. He will also take questions from the audience. Afterward, he will sign copies of his books, many of which will be available for sale, including his latest *Vintage Browns*.

Registration is required to attend Pluto's RPL visit at [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup).



**Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Terry Pluto, author of more than 30 books, will visit Rodman Public Library June 27 at 6:30 p.m. to talk sports and sign books.**



## It's Summer Reading Time!

**JUNE**

**1**

**Thursday**

**Kick-Off at Main Library**

**JUNE**

**8**

**Thursday**

**Kick-Off at Branch Library**

All Together Now, let's read.

Rodman Public Library invites all of its patrons - whether young, mature, or somewhere in between - to take part in the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

The program, which will run from Tuesday, May 30 through Saturday, July 29, 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, or on the Bookmobile. Patrons can sign up online through the Beanstack app, which can be downloaded on mobile device or at [rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org](http://rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org).

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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## Mount Union Professor to Discuss Juneteenth at RPL June 19

Juneteenth is the newest federal holiday in the United States, yet many Americans do not understand what it celebrates.

"For African Americans, Juneteenth is Independence Day, now the United States of America's second Independence Day," says Dr. Michelle Collins-Sibley, professor of English and director of the Africana Studies Program at the University of Mount Union, who will discuss the national holiday at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 19 inside the Rodman Main Auditorium.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation came into effect in 1863, it could not be implemented in areas still under Confederate control. Consequently, enslaved people in the western most Confederate state of Texas were not freed until much



**COLLINS-SIBLEY**



later. On June 19, 1865, some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved people in the state had been freed by executive decree. These newly freed people christened the day "Juneteenth," or "Freedom Day."

Collins-Sibley, winner of the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission's Governor's Humanitarian Award, will discuss the history of Juneteenth and its significance during her appearance at RPL.

Registration is required to attend the event. To register, call 330-821-2665, or visit [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup).

## Explore Historic Preservation June 21

Old buildings can create new futures.

Alliance resident Dalton Rinninger Kline, an instructor at the Kent State College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will explain just how when he presents "North Lincoln: What It Was and What It Could Have Been" inside the Rodman Public Library Auditorium on Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

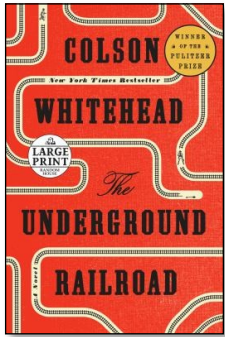


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## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

For more information about RPL book clubs, 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.

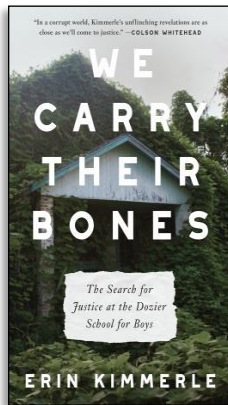
**June 12**  
***The Underground Railroad***  
**Colson Whitehead**

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

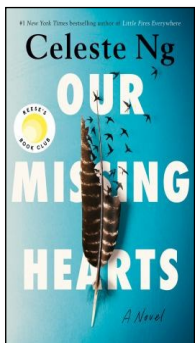
### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES

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

**June 20**  
***We Carry Their Bones: The Search for Justice at the Dozier School for Boys***  
**Erin Kimmerle**



Call 330-821-2665, ext. 215 for information.

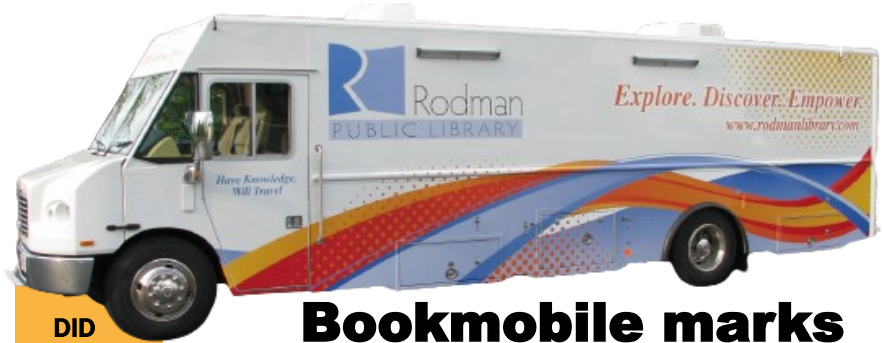


### EVENING BOOK CLUB

Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

**June 26**  
***Our Missing Hearts***  
**Celeste Ng**

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 107 for information.



## Bookmobile marks 85 years of service

### DID YOU KNOW?

The current Bookmobile went into service in 2012. It is 34 feet long, stands 11 feet, 6 inches high and is handicapped accessible. It has the capacity to hold 2,800 to 4,000 items. According to 2020 statistics, it is among only 679 in operation across the country.

This year marks the 85<sup>th</sup> year that Bookmobile service has been in operation in Alliance.

Howard B. Sohn was director of the Carnegie Library when he had the idea to offer a mobile service while making a family trip in a house trailer to the American Library Association Conference in New York City in 1937.

On January 24, 1938, the first mobile branch – a 16-foot house trailer with an interior width of 6 feet, 3 inches that carried approximately 1,000 books – made its first ever stop at the corner of Union Avenue and Ely Street. Lewis Waldman was the chauffeur, driving a local delivery truck that was hired to pull the wagon. Miss Idalian Gamble was the librarian in charge of the books.

In 1949, the trailer branch was replaced with the traveling branch, a completely self-contained vehicle that stocked more than 2,000 volumes.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

This summer, the Bookmobile will make 19 weekly stops throughout the season, including the Alliance Farmers' Market at the northeast corner of State Street and Union Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on most Saturdays between June 24 and August 19.

It will also appear at First Friday events in downtown Alliance, the Historic Main Street Art and Music Festival on July 15, the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival on August 12 and the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on August 26.

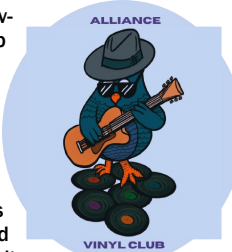
For a complete schedule, visit the Bookmobile, or the circulation desk at either the Main or Branch Library. It can also be found online at [rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile](http://rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile).

For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 108.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Alliance Vinyl Club

Open to all music lovers, Alliance Vinyl Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Main Library. Supported by Friends of Rodman Public Library, AVC is led by Byrun Reed and 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 about Alliance Vinyl Club, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216. **Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.**



### Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will create a suncatcher when they meet in June in the Rodman Main Auditorium. Led by Nicole Brown, 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 registration is required for each Maker Monday session at [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup). For information, call 330-821-2665. **Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m.**



### Knit Wits

The Knit Wits, a circle for needleworkers of all types and skill levels, meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Main Library. **Mondays, June 12 & 26 at 10 a.m.**

### TECH Time Thursday

A librarian is on hand each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon to answer basic questions about your electronic devices. No registration 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

215 E. Broadway St.  
Alliance, Ohio 44601  
330.821.2665

#### BRANCH LIBRARY

1808 W. State St.  
Alliance, OH 44601  
330.821.1313



## SUMMER READING

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To get the summer reading program started, a portion of Rodman Public Library – the auditorium and the gallery -- will be transformed into a mini carnival on Thursday, June 1. Throughout the area there will be midway games such as Plinko, Basketball Pop-a-Shot, Ring Toss, Golf, and a Kid-die Hi-Striker. Freshly popped popcorn and cotton candy will be provided to those attending.

A kick-off event will also be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Branch on Thursday, June 8. The event will include a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, face painting, a craft table, a game, and a small snack to take home.

Here's an overview of the 2023 summer reading program:

#### CHILDREN

Children who sign up for the All Together Now Summer 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 book on the log. After coloring in 24 circles, 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 Fire tablet, a LEGO Super Mario playset, a Kavi American Girl Doll of the Year, 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 of their choice 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 awarded), 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 five hours beyond the initial 20, teens will earn an extra raffle ticket. They can accumulate as many as eight additional tickets, essentially one for every full week of the Summer Reading Program.

Weekly challenges, which will involve taking part in an easy activity or answering a simple question, can also earn another entry each week.

#### ADULTS

For adults signing up in-person, any checkout transaction of library materials qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a canvas library bag filled with a variety of goodies, including a \$25 Amazon gift card. Patrons may have multiple checkouts per day.

Tickets from one week will not be added to the next week's drawing. Instead, they will be entered into the grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

For those participating online, each book read qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. The online version will also have its own grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Those with questions about summer reading should call 330-821-2665.

## QPR Training Offered June 21

Everyone has heard of CPR, but there is another technique called QPR that can also save a life.

QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer.) is an evidence-based training that teaches three simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide.

Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to help someone in crisis seek the support they need.

The Stark County Suicide Prevention Coalition will provide free training in QPR at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21 at Rodman Public Library.

During the 90-minute trainings, individuals will learn:

- The prevalence of suicide in Stark County.
- How to ask directly if someone is thinking about suicide.
- The common causes of suicidal behavior.
- The warning signs of suicide.
- How to get help for someone in crisis.

Suicide prevention happens in everyday conversations with ordinary people. With the number of individuals that die by suicide each day, there is a high probability that you will come in contact with someone struggling with suicidal thoughts.

Registration is required to attend the QPR training at Rodman Library at <https://starkmhar.org/event/qpr-question-persuade-refer-9/>.

Funded by Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery, the Stark County Suicide Prevention Coalition is a partnership of community members and representatives from more than 20 local community organizations working together to save lives. Its mission is to provide guidance and expertise to promote hope, wellness, and behavioral health as a means of preventing suicide in the Stark County community.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Kline, a member of the board of trustees of the Alliance Area Preservation Society, which is sponsoring the event along with the Alliance Historical Society, will discuss historic preservation as he presents the work of his students conducted as part of a project on the adaptive reuse of North Lincoln School, which will be demolished in the near future.

During his presentation, Kline will review the results of the project with photos of the building (even spaces not open to the public), the history of the school and the area, and the adaptive reuse projects envisioned by his students.

"Come reminisce on the history of the school and be shocked by what modern day historic preservation can do."

Registration is required to attend the program. Patrons can register by calling 330-821-2665 or online at [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup).



North Lincoln School is shown in this photo from 1952 taken from [alliancememory.org](http://alliancememory.org). The building will be the focal point of a June 21 program at Rodman Library exploring what modern historic preservation can do.



## Want to help support Rodman Library?

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

# Rodman

## Staff Spotlight



**JAMES SEDORIS**

A member of the Bookmobile staff who has been at RPL for nearly 11 years.

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

I love getting to know kids on the Bookmobile as they grow from preschoolers to fifth-graders, and helping them figure out what kinds of books they like along the way.

### Who is your favorite author?

Mac Barnett is my favorite children's book author.

### What is your favorite food or snack?

I love popcorn. I even have a secret recipe that involves chili oil. Spicy!

### What is your favorite color?

Yellow.

### What was your favorite subject in school?

Language Arts, of course.

### Who is your favorite actor?

I'm a big fan of Woody Harrelson, but I'm also a sucker for Nicolas Cage hamming it up.

### Do you have any pets?

I have two cats, an elderly guinea pig, and three rabbits. I rescued one of the rabbits when he was lost and wound up at Rodman Library. His name is Big Moe.

### What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

I'm something of a backpacker! I've been up and down some pretty cool places, including many parts of the Appalachian Trail.

### If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?

I'd love to go back to Mount Katahdin, or see Machu Picchu.

### Who was/is the biggest influence/hero in your life?

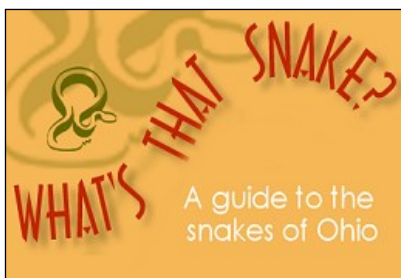
I owe a lot to so many people, but it is hard to imagine where I'd be today without my own children's librarian, Louise (I still call her "Mrs.") Rose!

## LOOKING BACK



The Industrial Arts class of Wilson Stump from the Sebring schools is pictured during a luncheon at the Elks Club Empire Room at Glamorgan Castle. The luncheon, sponsored by Alliance Clay Products, was held June 4, 1953. Wilson Stump is pictured standing at the left of the picture. J. Oatis Wilcox is standing at the far end of the room. Margery Stump is at the right hand table. The room pictured is the drawing room. The photo is one of hundreds found online at [alliancememory.org](http://alliancememory.org), a collaboration between Rodman Public Library and the Alliance Historical Society. 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 more information about how Rodman Library can connect you to more local history, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

## FEATURED DATABASE



### What's That Snake?

Ohio is home to nearly 30 native species of snakes.

If you find one in your yard, Rodman Public Library has a tool that can help you identify exactly which one it is.

What's That Snake? is a collaboration between the Ohio History Connection and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) and is one of more than 75 databases found at [rodmanlibrary.com/databases](http://rodmanlibrary.com/databases).

What's That Snake? can help users identify Ohio snakes based on characteristics or by name. This resource also helps to dispel many snake related myths.

For information or help accessing RPL's free databases, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

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Saturday, June 10  
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