

February 2024

Rodman

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For
Kids

Kids Book Club

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

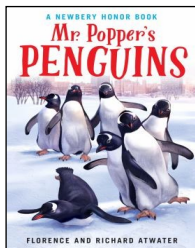
Registration
required

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.



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.

Some programs require
registration at
rodmanlibrary.com

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

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.



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.



Rodman Public Library's LEGO Lab
will have a special theme in February as
it will be held on Valentine's Day.

Inspired by the Adam Rubin book
Dragons Love Tacos, builders will be
tasked with creating a dragon as well as
a taco for it to eat.

The program, intended for children
ages 6-12, will be held Wednesday,
February 14 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Participants will also have the opportunity
to create whatever they would like
using blocks provided by the library.

The program is free, thanks to
Friends of Rodman Public Library, but
registration is required.

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.

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, Marlinton, 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

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.

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.

The One Book One Community program is supported by Friends of Rodman Public Library, Greater Alliance Foundation, and University of Mount Union.

FEBRUARY
13
Tuesday

11 a.m. OR 7 p.m.

All Ages

THE MARVELS

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

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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