

# Rodman **BUZZ** For Kids

## Kids Book Club

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

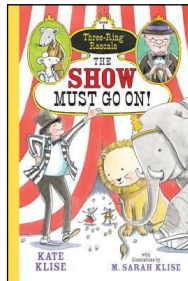
**Registration required**

**Next Meeting: March 20**

**Three-Ring Rascals: The Show Must Go On!**  
by Kate Klise



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



## Dr. Seuss Day at the Branch

*It's time to speak in rhyme,  
And make things with silly names,  
It's something we do on every March 2,  
To mark the birth of Dr. Seuss.*

From noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, children are invited to visit Rodman Branch Library to celebrate Dr. Seuss and his wonderful books by making Seussical crafts and playing wacky games.

Kids will be able to go on a scavenger hunt and also play games such as tic tac toe, ring toss, and a guessing scavenger hunt,

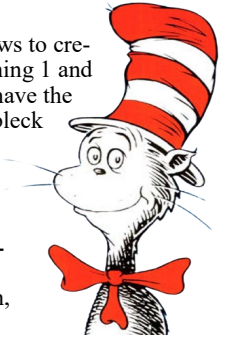
and a guessing game.

Children will use straws to create a blow painting of Thing 1 and Thing 2. They will also have the opportunity to make Oobleck and a Lorax windsock out of a soup can.

A light snack and drink will be provided.

**Registration is required.**

For more information, call 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, March 6 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 decorate wooden eggs. **Registration is required.** All materials are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library.  
**Thursday, March 14 at 4 p.m.**



### Hot Pots Storytime

Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 3-12, will have a spring theme in March. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit to Hot Pots, to paint a bunny egg holder and chick egg. The cost is \$15 per child. Patrons

**must register** and make payment at hotpotspottery.com.

**Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m.**

Some programs require registration at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

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

### Branch Take and Make

Starting **Friday, March 1** kids can stop by the Branch to pick up an I love reading necklace take and make craft while supplies last. Monthly projects are free thanks to the Friends of Rodman Library.



## Learn About the Solar Eclipse with the Wilderness Center



The corona of the sun is shown in this photo taken by Mount Union astrology professor Jodi McCullough, who will share more pictures during an family friendly program March 23.

On April 8, a solar eclipse, will occur and Alliance is close to the area of totality.

On **Wednesday, March 27** at 6p.m., an astronomy educator from the Wilderness Center will visit RPL and explain to young patrons why eclipses happen, and how to safely view this eclipse.

Registration is required.

### NEED GLASSES?

Eclipse glasses will be passed out at all RPL eclipse programs.

They will also be available starting April 1.



Rodman Public Library's Lego Lab will continue in March with a mini-golf party. Each participant will design a hole and then the group will play a round. The program, intended for children ages 6-12, is free, thanks to Friends of Rodman Public Library. The March program will be the final session of the winter and will take a break during the spring and summer with a planned return in the fall.

**Registration is required.**

**Wednesday, March 13 at 6 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 in March at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays in March 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 in March 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 in March at 10:30 a.m.**



# OBOC Author Lynne Kelly to Visit Alliance March 21

Neither being a sign language interpreter nor a writer was really in the plans for Lynne Kelley, the author of the 2024 One Book One Community selection *Song for a Whale*.

"I'd planned to take just one sign language class as an elective in college, then enjoyed it so much, I took another class the following semester," explained Kelly. "That was all the college had at the time, but I wanted to continue learning more. I started taking community education classes taught by deaf people, and that's where I learned the most. I did that for about a year and a half. By the time I graduated, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in something related to sign language. I still interpret, usually in college classes or public schools, along with the occasional medical appointment."

Writing came along while she was working as a teacher.

"Like interpreting, [writing] was something I stumbled into and fell in love with enough to do forever," said Kelly. "I've always been a big reader, but writing a book was never something I'd considered. I was a special ed. teacher for third- through fifth-grade students when I got the idea for my first novel, *Chained*, about a captive elephant. At first, I was thinking it'd make an interesting story to tell my students, but later I wondered if



To read a conversation with Kelly, visit [rodmanlibrary.com/oboc24-preauthorvisit](http://rodmanlibrary.com/oboc24-preauthorvisit)

could turn into something for a larger audience. I had a lot to learn about writing and publishing, but the book was published six years later. Though it took a lot of time and work and patience, I found that I liked taking an idea and turning into a story."

And although Kelly describes her writing method as a "scattered mess that usually settles into shape," she said she likes to talk about it when she appears in public as she will at the Brush Performing Arts Hall inside the Giese Center on the campus of the University of Mount Union at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

"I like to talk about the idea-to-publication journey and show some behind-the-scenes things about the book, like character brainstorming, fun facts I picked up while researching, etc.," said Kelly. "I also love answering readers' questions, so I hope to have some Q&A time!"



LYNNE KELLY

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## Make a mug pie on Pi Day

Patrons **ages 10-18** are invited to celebrate Pi Day on Thursday, March 14 by making a pie at Rodman Public Library.

At 4 p.m., the youngsters will gather in the Main Auditorium to create a microwave mug pie to enjoy at the library. Following the program, participants will be given their own mug to take home.

The program is free, thanks to support from the Friends of Rodman Public Library. No registration is required, but supplies are limited so the program is first come, first served.

For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.



## ON THE RPL BIG SCREEN IN MARCH

**All Ages**

**PG-13**  
1 Hour, 55 Minutes  
Movie Licensing USA

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN**

Tuesday, March 5  
5:30 p.m.  
Rodman Auditorium

**CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**All Ages**

**PG**  
1 Hour, 35 Minutes  
Movie Licensing USA

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN**

Saturday, March 30  
1:00 p.m.  
Rodman Auditorium

**CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**All Ages**

**PG**  
1 Hour, 31 Minutes  
Movie Licensing USA

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN**

Saturday, March 9  
1:00 p.m.  
Rodman Auditorium

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