



power and PEACE!

Kids stretch and strengthen, relax and seek peace with simple meditation practices at a monthly yoga class every first Saturday at 10 am.

Instructor Heidi Boone, a longtime teacher at Vermilion Elementary School, leads children ages 2 through 12 in basic poses, fun partner poses and finishes with relaxation and creative meditation. Registration is not required. Join us when it suits your schedule.

Building connections to grow our community

I clearly remember a sunbeam-filled room with wooden floors and a kind woman singing and reading - my first connection with a library. Today we expect connections to occur much faster and I would like to pause for just a moment. The sunbeam-filled library I sit in today holds many of those slow and sure connections that first brought me into the library world.

Everyone holds a picture in their mind when they hear the word 'library'. Often it is rows of books or a computer, a movie or a speaker. Maybe the connection you make will be with information through a book or a staff member. Maybe you will find a program that suits your interests or your needs. We are growing and changing as a library but we continue to provide the information, spaces and people with whom you have always connected.

Look for new programs that offer interesting authors, technology information and fun for kids and teens. Each fall as the season resets, we bring you programming that reflects the new pace of a school year and a slower time. It's the perfect opportunity to try out a new book club or bring the little ones to our music and movement storytime.

Maybe you will connect to us this winter from your home away from Vermilion. What a wonderful world we live in that allows us to stay in touch through our Facebook page



Director Joy K. Walk, center, meets with library staff from across the state at the Ohio Library Council conference in Cincinnati last month.

and our website. Please remember that we offer services no matter your location. Stop in before your travels to learn more about OverDrive, hoopla and Kanopy.

I am excited to say that our spaces will soon allow even more sunbeams as we replace the skylights in the childrens' area. Above the ramp and boat you will notice that we are working hard to make sure the building looks and functions at its best. From a new handicapped-access ramp at the east entrance to improved lighting, we ensure that the space we provide works well for you.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the library soon. If you are not quite sure what the library of today looks like or has to offer, I would love to chat with you. When we connect with one another, we create a strong community.

Joy K. Walk, director

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All this fall, classes will be held every month with both morning and evening

sessions, every third Wednesday at 11 am and every third Thursday at 7 pm. If that doesn't work for you, schedule a personal, one-on-one appointment at your convenience by calling 440-967-3798 ext. 6411.



Resident Cindy Brown works with Julie Sayers from Ritter's adult services department



Letting the sun shine in!

Pardon our dust while we make improvements to the library building. Aging skylights in the youth services department will be repaired and replaced, allowing more natural light to shine into the spaces. The project is set to begin at the end of this month and is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.

The library will continue to be full service during the project and will not close, says Fred Ostrander, facility manager. But parts of the area will be roped off at various times. The skylight panels were installed during expansion projects in the 1970s and '80s and are well past their expected life.

Need a ride to Ritter?

If you need a ride, don't forget about Vermilion's Share-A-Ride program, which provides accessible and affordable transportation to the general public. The service area includes Vermilion, Vermilion and Brownhelm townships, Erie County and 10 miles into Lorain Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm To schedule a ride, call 1-855-612-5176.



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Library Closings

Monday, Oct. 14

Staff Training

Monday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 27
closing early at 5:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving

Books, books

Let's talk about books! This season, there are lots of chances to join the conversation.

Classics Plus Book Club takes on all those titles you never read in high school, every first Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Literature Post WWII explores the changes in writing when society emerged from the war years, every first Tuesday at 7 pm.

Tuesday Night Mystery is for all you arm-chair detectives who love true-crime stories, every second Tuesday at 7 pm.

Shorelines Book Club is our afternoon group for those who don't care to drive at night, every third Thursday at 1 pm.

Plus, don't miss an author talk Monday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm featuring Amanda Bibbo. Her book "Why Am I Here?" leads us to seek our own purpose in life.



STORYTIMES HERE & THERE

Children do better in school when they love the library! Get them started on the right foot with storytimes. At Ritter, preschool storytimes are Mondays at 10 am for ages 3½ to 5 with an adult. Learn Through Play storytimes are Wednesdays at 10 am for birth through preschool with an adult. Music & Movement storytimes are Fridays at 10 am for the whole family.

Our storytimes also travel! Every month, staff take stories out to Vermilion Elementary School, Sailorway Middle School, two local preschools, St. Mary School and the Vermilion Family Y.

Lorain County reads crime

James Renner, the investigative journalist who wrote about the murder of Amy Jo Mihaljevic, will speak at a free program Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 pm at the Spitzer Center at Lorain County Community College in Elyria.

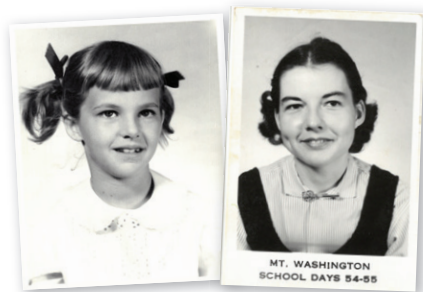
His talk is part of this year's Lorain County Reads project. Tickets for the event are free but must be reserved in advance. Get yours today by calling 440-244-1192 or go to www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events/renner.

Friends Present: harpist, concert

The lovely sounds of the harp take a turn toward pop, big band, blues and more when Cecilia Ilg McKay plays Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 pm at a free concert presented by Friends of Ritter Public Library.

Also, mark your calendar now for Friends' annual holiday concert Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm.

Celebrating and honoring your special connections



Debby Zanglin, far left and her teacher

As an 8-year-old in the 1950s, Debby Zanglin fell in love with her second-grade teacher. Today, Debby is still in touch with Mrs. Merton, who has been sending out hand-written notes to former students for years. So to celebrate her teacher's 90th birthday, Debby made a donation in her name to the Ritter Public Library Foundation.

"Giving is a great way to honor someone special in your life," says Debby, who is a founding member of the foundation board. "You can celebrate a special occasion like a birthday or remember a loved one with a gift that serves the whole community."

The foundation was formed last year to bridge the gap between dwindling state funds and the cost of maintaining the library as a vital community resource. Donations are used for materials and services that support the families of Vermilion.

Libby Davis Williams, another member of the board, gives because she cares about the youth of our town. "Although lots of kids have after-school activities planned for them," she says, "there are plenty of other kids who find a fun and safe space to be with their friends" in the teen department at the library.

Ritter trustee Zack Dolyk helped set up the foundation last year because he knows the aging library building faces needed maintenance. "The building's getting older and repairs will be costly," he said. Donations to the foundation will help offset these expenses.

To celebrate your own special connections and support the community, find a donation form on the back of this newsletter.



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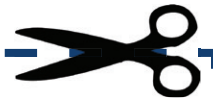
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