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Coming Soon!

Help for Research Projects

Students in sixth and seventh grades who are working on National History Day projects can get help with their research Sunday afternoons this fall at Ritter. Meet in the computer lab Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. to get tips about using Ritter's valuable databases. Then stay to work on your project.

Come back for another session Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. to make steady progress on your project.

Your Family Tree

Get help researching your family tree and digitizing your material at a series of free, hands-on classes at the library this fall. Look inside for program details including a chance to make an appointment to get individual assistance.

Remembering the Civil War

Learn more about the times and the minds that shaped our country when Ritter hosts Dr. George Vourlojianis, chair of the history department at Lorain County Community College, for a community-wide discussion of the political genius of Abraham Lincoln Monday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

More Military History

Dr. Vourlojianis returns Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. for another talk about the battle between "The Monitor" and "The Merrimac".

up-to-date details
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Lorain County Reads...Local

Take a trip with Neil Zurcher

Enjoy an afternoon with Neil Zurcher, popular travel reporter, at a special event celebrating "Lorain County Reads...Local", a county-wide reading program from Ritter and other area public libraries.

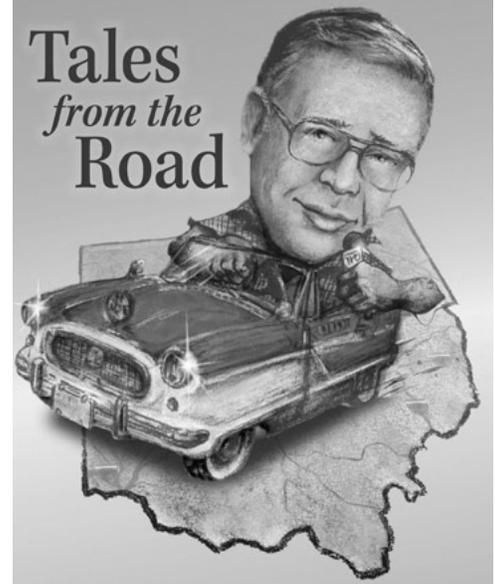
Zurcher will speak Thursday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Stocker Center at Lorain County Community College. This event is free and open to the public but seating is limited and registration is required. Call 1-800-322-READ to register.

Bring your camera and don't miss an opportunity to have your picture taken next to his little red roadster, a 1959 Nash Metropolitan.

Local history groups will also be on hand to share information about their organizations and interesting stories from the areas they cover.

Neil Zurcher

Tales from the Road



Watch for other local travel and history programs throughout the month at all Lorain County libraries.

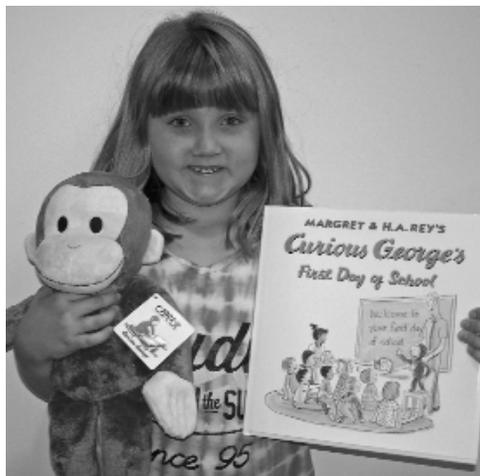
Use your credit card at Ritter

Customers can soon start using their credit cards at Ritter – without having to go online. The library will start accepting credit cards at the



customer service desk this month. Customers will be able to use any credit card to pay for late fines, charges for lost materials, copies, faxes and other purchases. Debit cards will also be accepted. There will be no minimum required.

"We're pleased to finally be able to offer this service," said Janet Ford, director. "We hope it will make it easier for our customers to get the most out of their library."



Emma Mullins won a book and a toy in the Friends' free monthly drawing in the children's department. Stop in anytime to enter your child for a chance to win.

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Friends making friends at Ritter

Every month, a lucky child finds a new friend at the library. The winner of the free monthly drawing in the children's department gets to take home a brand new, hardcover book as well as a cuddly, plush toy version of one of the book's main characters.

The drawing, which is for children ages 10 and younger, is just one of many projects by Friends of Ritter, the volunteer group that works to promote reading and raise awareness of the library. So far, dozens of children have a special reason to love reading and the library, thanks to the Friends' prize give-away.

The Friends board meets the first Monday of the month at the library at 2 p.m. President is Karylle

Wetzler and Robbie Brown is vice president. Sereta Vallo serves as treasurer and Marilyn Brill is secretary. Other board members are Genie Tedford, Phyllis Nabakowski, Jean Rice-Watson, Dee Stinson, Nancy Wendt and Pam Reese.

In addition to holding annual events such as the book sale and the popular Chocolate Festival, Friends also manage an on-going book sale, available every day just inside the main entrance. They raise funds that help support Summer Reading Clubs and also contribute to each of the departments at the library.

Friends call on their general membership throughout the year for help with various projects. If you'd like to be part of this very successful group, call 967-3798, ext. 13.

Focus on science boosts school lessons

Students working on new STEM curriculum in the schools this fall will find that technology is loads of fun at new, hands-on programs at Ritter.

Focusing on STEM skills – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – helps students be better prepared for their future job market. Ritter's new programs take a fun twist on the subjects.

Tech Tuesday is for students in grades four through seven and is held the first



Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. So far, they've looked at robotics and computer programming. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, they'll make a stop-motion video.

Lightbulb Lab is for kids ages 7 to 12 and is held the third Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. On Oct. 19, they'll do some bridge building and on Nov. 16, it's all about chain reactions. Join us if you're the kind who wants to know what will happen if...

Call 967-3798 to let us know you're coming or sign up on the online calendar. Hover over the program name to get to the registration screen.



Endowment Gifts

In memory of Nancy McClimans

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Memorialize a loved one or honor a friend with a donation to the Ritter Public Library Endowment Fund. The fund is dedicated to providing for the library's future needs, stability and growth. Donations to the endowment fund are permanently recognized at ritterpubliclibrary.org/endowment

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Chat live with a librarian 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week – even on the holidays – and get help finding the answers you need!

KnowItNow24x7 is an online reference service available from Ritter and public libraries throughout Ohio. Professional librarians are available to answer your reference questions and to assist you in finding information. The service is one of the busiest of its kind in the United States. Find the easy-to-use link at www.ritterpubliclibrary.org.



Try before you buy at new tech table

Get your hands on a new Kindle Paperwhite or an iPad and try before you buy! Our new “tech table” has various electronic devices – including eReaders and tablets – that you can pick up and practice with. The table is upstairs in the adult reading area across from the fireplace.

Try two different versions of the Kindle eReader. The new Kindle Paperwhite features a built-in light that prevents eyestrain and allows you to read outdoors and at night. The Kindle Fire HD is color and you

can use it to watch videos, play music and run Amazon apps.

The tech table also has two different tablets. The Google Nexus 7 has a 7-inch screen and runs Android programs. The Apple iPad tablet is a fourth generation with a 10-inch screen.

Stop in and spend as much time as you like handling the devices and practicing. Call ahead and make an appointment if you'd like individual assistance.

Preserve and share your family history

October is National Family History month and Ritter has lots of programs and classes to help you get started researching your family tree.

Start an enriching new hobby, then preserve your research and share it with family and friends.

Make an appointment for individual assistance on Saturday, Oct. 19. We'll have several computers set aside to help you get started and help answer your research questions.

We'll show you how to use the scanner and microfilm and how to use programs such as Microsoft Word and Powerpoint and Google's free, photo-editing program Picasa to digitize your material.

Enjoy the popular television show “Who Do You Think You Are?” We'll show you how to use the same research tool they use, at a hands-on class in the computer lab at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23. Ritter subscribes to Ancestry.com Library Edition and it is available free with your up-to-date library card.



Shipwrecks, Sears homes & more!

Hear fascinating stories of Vermilion's local history at two entertaining programs this month as Ritter joins in "Lorain County Reads...Local".

Hear the tale of the "The Anthony Wayne", the side-wheel steamer that sank six miles off the coast of

Vermilion in 1850. Join Carrie Sowden, archeological director of research for the Great Lakes Historical Society, on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

Come back on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. to hear about the homes in our area ordered right from the

pages of the Sears and Roebuck catalog. Between 1908 and 1940, Sears sold more than 70,000 kit homes in 48 states through their mail-order Modern Homes program.

Find out where they were built in Lorain County, including in Vermilion on

Main Steet and Jerusalem Road. This interesting presentation also includes a special photo display.

Lorain County Reads is a community-wide reading program sponsored by public libraries and designed to get neighbors reading together, learning together and talking together.



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Thanksgiving, Thurs, Nov. 28
closing at 5:30 pm Weds, Nov. 27

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Mon – Fri 9:30 am – 8:30 pm
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