



CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2025

For our community, by our community



Hello again! Your friends at Ritter Public Library hope to find you happy and healthy as we look forward to warmer weather and sunny days ahead.

In the short time that I've been at the Library, I've learned so much about what makes Vermilion so special, but the thing that has stood out to me the most is the compassion and generosity that abounds within the community. We at Ritter Public Library are lucky enough to see it in action every day through the all the ways, big and small, that you support our Little Free Fridge.

For those who don't know, the Little Free Fridge (LFF) is a community effort within the walls of the Library to help address food insecurity and provide immediate relief to those in need. The LFF, which is discreetly accessible during all operating hours, consists of two refrigerators, a freezer, and a pantry stocked with an assortment of food staples.



Coats, gloves, and more are offered during the cold months

The amazing part is that it is supported by donations from the community. This winter, the response has been overwhelming. Not only have community members continued to provide essential food items, the donations have allowed

the LFF to expand to include coats and winter wear for those in need.

We welcome you to stop by so you can see the community's good work in action. You can even check out a book or two and pick up some information on our wonderful programs while you're here. Don't forget to say hello, and see you soon!

Cheryl Grizzell
Director



The Little Free Fridge is located near the audio/visual materials



Pet food and supplies pantry



Spring into your library!



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

See details and more events at ritterpubliclibrary.org/events

Children

Storytimes

Age: Birth - 5

Storytimes make learning fun with books, music, crafts, & play.

Family Storytimes: Mon & Tue at 10 AM, Through April 29

Learn Through Play: Weds at 10 AM, Through April 30

Saturday Stories: 1st & 2nd Sat at 10 AM

Tales with Teachers

Weds, April 16 at 6:30 PM

Age: Grades K - 3

Your teachers have escaped their classrooms to be special guests at this storytime!

Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt*

Fri, April 18, by appointment

All Ages

Big egg hunts can be overstimulating! Enjoy hunting in a dim & quiet environment.

Teen

Dungeons and Dragons Campaign Week*

March 24 - 28 from 2 - 4 PM

Age: Grades 8 - 12

Join us during Spring Break for a week-long Dungeons & Dragons adventure. Beginners welcome.

Senior Poster Workshop

Thurs, April 3 from 6 - 8 PM and
Fri, April 25 from 3 - 5 PM

Celebrate your soon-to-be graduate with a free custom poster printed on our Large Format Printer. Bring a digital photo and we handle the rest.

Adult

Beginner Sign Language*

Sat at 10 AM, March 22 - May 3

Join June Pritchard for a journey into American Sign Language!

Learn at your own pace as we learn together in a friendly, interactive group setting.

Tech Help

Tech @ Ten: Every Thurs in March from 10 AM - 12 PM

Tech @ Two: Every Mon in April & May from 2 - 4 PM

Drop in for one-on-one tech help with your Kindle, tablet, computer, phone, and more!

Craft Swap

Sat, May 24 from 11 AM - 1 PM

Donate gently-used craft supplies between May 17th & 23rd to gain early entry at 11 AM. The swap is open to everyone to take free items starting at 11:30 AM.

APOLLO'S FIRE BACH'S AMAZING MUSICAL FAMILY

FREE ALL AGES CONCERT

APRIL **30** WED
6:30PM

 VERMILION ON THE
LAKE CLUBHOUSE
3780 EDGEWATER DR



BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
jeannette sorrell

Bach's house was overflowing with kids and musical instruments. He boasted that he could make "both an instrumental and a vocal ensemble" from his family. Meet Lieschen, Bach's rebellious teenage daughter who likes to drink coffee – and she always outsmarts the adults. In this zany program, the audience joins in too! Helpers under 12 lead our interactive performance of highlights from Bach's Coffee Cantata.

Courtesy of the Erie County Community Foundation and the Friends of Ritter Public Library, join us at the Vermilion on the Lake Clubhouse for this spectacular family concert and interactive program featuring the Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra.

Registration is required.



THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:

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HOURS

Mon - Thurs
9:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Fri & Sat
9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Sun
1 PM - 5 PM

CLOSURES

Sun, April 20
Easter
Mon, May 26
Memorial Day

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Rooted by Ritter Seed Library

Now open for the season!

Take home free vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower seeds for your home garden. Do you have extra seeds to donate? Drop them off at the main desk to be sorted.

Be a VolunTeen!

Need to complete your community service hours? Students in grades 8 - 12 may volunteer at the Library. Volunteers must attend an orientation session on Tues, May 20th or 27th at 3:30 PM.



Compete in the Battle of the Books

Students in grades 4 - 8 can join our team for the quiz bowl-style competition this summer. Attend an orientation session at Sailorway Middle School on May 22nd at 2:30 PM or at the Library on May 29th at 3:30 PM. Practices will be held at the Library on Weds June 18th, July 16th, & Aug 20th at 5:30 PM. The competition will be Sat, Sept 6th, time & location to be determined.



SAVE THE DATE
**Summer Reading
Starts June 1st!**

