

# 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.

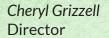


Coats, gloves, and more are offered during the cold months

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 Pet food and supplies pantry 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 Spring into your library! see you soon!





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



# **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.





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.

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.



THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:





#### 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!

