

January 2024

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

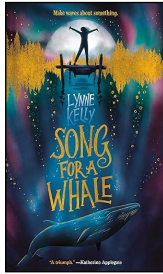
Next Meeting: January 17

Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

2024 One Book One Community selection



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



Little Ones' Favorites Return for Winter Run

Three of Rodman Public Library's most popular programs for children return to Rodman Public Library in January, including Wee Read, Family Fun Night, and Storytime.

No registration is required for the three weekly programs.

Wee Read



Read includes stories, fingerplays, music and movement.

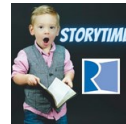
WEE READ

Winter Wee Read will run between **January 15 and March 27**, offered on **Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** and **Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.** Children, ages birth through two years, and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend. Wee

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Each Tuesday between **January 16 and March 26**, parents or caregivers and their children, ages 3 to 12, are invited to participate in an entertaining and educational evening in Rodman Main Children's Department as part of Family Fun Night. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. with stories and includes STEAM activities that are fun for the entire family.



STORYTIME



Children, ages 3-5, and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend Storytime sessions this winter at Rodman Public Library. Morning sessions will be on **Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. between January 18 and March 28** at the Main Library. Evening Storytime sessions will be held on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. between January 16 and March 26** as part of Family Fun Nights at the Main Library. Storytime sessions are intended to encourage lifelong readers through stories, music, movement and activities.

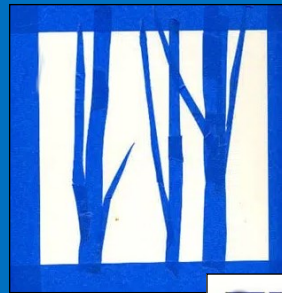
ONGOING PROGRAMS

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, January 3 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 create a hand print winter painting. **Registration is required.** All materials used during monthly kids crafting programs are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library.
Thursday, January 4 at 4 p.m.



Kids and parents will use painters' tape to create birch tree paintings during a Paint With Me program January 8.

Paint With Me

Rodman Public Library will host a Paint With Me night on Monday, January 8.

Children, ages 7-12, and an adult caregiver are invited to the Main Library at 6 p.m. and each will create a painting of birch trees on their two canvasses. All materials will be provided thanks to Friends of Rodman Public Library.

Registration is required for both the child and their adult companion at rodmanlibrary.com.



WINTER WORKOUT

**Wednesday,
January 24
6 p.m.
Auditorium**

Stories and songs
to get kids and their
caregivers moving

No registration required.

**Some programs require
registration
at rodmanlibrary.com**

**For information, call
330-821-2665, ext. 223.**

Hot Pots Storytime

Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 3-12, will feature penguins in January. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit to Hot Pots, to paint a penguin figurine that they will adopt as their own.

Each figurine comes with an adoption document so kids can name their new penguin pal. The cost is \$15 per child. Patrons must register and make payment at hotpotspottery.com.
Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m.



Branch Take and Make

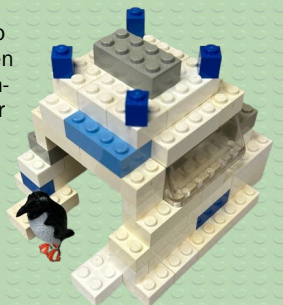
Starting **Tuesday, January 2** kids can stop by the Branch to pick up a Dr. Seuss Winter Thing Magnet take and make craft while supplies last. Monthly projects are free thanks to the Friends of Rodman Library.



LEGO LAB

Rodman Public Library's Lego Lab will continue in January when the theme will be igloos and penguins. The program, intended for children ages 6-12, is free, thanks to Friends of Rodman Public Library.

**Registration is required.
Wednesday, January 10
at 6 p.m.**



REMEMBERING Gertrude Alice Kay

JANUARY 30, 1884 - DECEMBER 17, 1939



Gertrude Alice Kay is shown in her Alliance studio while working on the May 1924 cover of the Ladies' Home Journal.

One of the brightest stars of America's Golden Age of Illustration, was Alliance's own Gertrude Alice Kay.

Best known as a children's literature illustrator and author who worked in fairy tales and beginner novels, much of Kay's work was produced inside her studio at her family home located at 133 South Union Avenue. The building, which later served as the Myers-Israel Funeral Home, was razed in 1996 to make way for expansion of the Alliance YMCA.

Kay was born 140 years ago this month on January 30, 1884 in Alliance, the second daughter of Charles Young Kay and Gertrude Cantine Kay. Her parents, born of pioneer Alliance families, supported her creativity as a child and encouraged her to secure an education in the arts.

After graduating from Alliance High School in 1902, she attended the Philadelphia School of Design for Women as well as Drexel University, where she studied under Howard Pyle alongside many other prominent female illustrators such as Jessie Wilcox Smith, Elizabeth Shippen Green, and Violet Oakley.

She eventually graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and established her art studio in Alliance, where she remained for the rest of her life – besides occasional travel to Europe and Asia for inspiration – and a career that spanned three decades.

Beginning in 1906, she regularly exhibited her work at various galleries, but her illustrating career began with *Down Spider Web Lane*, a *Fairy Tale*, written by Mary Dickerson Donahey in 1909. That was one of nearly two dozen that Kay is known to have illustrated for other authors.

In 1916, Kay published the first of her ten original books in which she authored and illustrated, which include:

- ◆ *When the Sandman Comes*, 1916
- ◆ *The Book of Seven Wishes*, 1917
- ◆ *The Fairy Who Believed in Human Beings*, 1918
- ◆ *The Jolly Old Shadow Man*, 1920
- ◆ *Helping the Weatherman*, 1920
- ◆ *Adventures in Our Street*, 1925
- ◆ *The Friends of Jimmy*, 1926
- ◆ *Us Kids and the Circus*, 1927
- ◆ *Adventures in Geography*, 1930
- ◆ *Peter, Patter and Pixie*, 1931

Kay regularly contributed illustrations to periodicals such as *Ladies' Home Journal*, *McCall's*, *The American Girl*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Everybody's Magazine*, *Outlook*, and *Pictorial Review*.

Beginning in 1923, Gertrude created illustrated paper doll inserts for magazines that became quite popular with different themes.

Sadly, Kay's brush was stilled on December 17, 1939 when she died from injuries suffered in a car accident near Canfield.

Although Kay never married or had any children, her legacy was carried on through her influence on another Alliance-born children's author/illustrator – Brinton Turkle.



All Ages

PG

1 Hour, 35 Minutes

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Saturday, January 6
1:00 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



All Ages

PG-13

1 Hour, 49 Minutes

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Tuesday, January 9
5:30 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Learn to Play Day

Rodman Public Library will host a Magic and Pokémon Learn to Play Day from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23.

A representative from Fandemonia, a hobby store in Alliance, will be on hand to teach participants, ages 10 to 18, how to play the popular card games.

Experienced players are also invited to bring their cards and play with others.

Door prizes will be handed out.

Registration is required online at rodmanlibrary.com

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

