

"You can't try to do things; you simply must do them."

— Ray Bradbury



The official monthly newsletter of Rodman Public Library

2024 FOGLE AUTHOR SERIES

Baseball Historian to Detail Life of Cleveland Great Ray Chapman

Longert's Biography Gives Complete Look at Shortstop Who Died in 1920 from Injury Sustained During Game

With the success of the Cleveland Guardians this season, fans are dreaming of October baseball.

It's the perfect time for a visit from renowned baseball historian Scott Longert, author of half a dozen books about professional baseball in Cleveland, including his latest – *Love and Loss: The Short Life of Ray Chapman*.

Longert will visit Rodman Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

on Monday, October 7 as part of the 2024 Fogle Author Series to discuss his new biography about the Cleveland Indians shortstop who holds the distinction of being the only player to die directly from an injury received on the field during a Major League baseball game.

Registration is required to attend Longert's visit at rodmanlibrary.com.

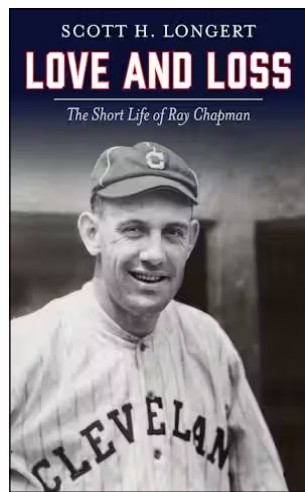
Chapman was in his eighth season with Cleveland on August 16, 1920 when he was struck in the head by a pitch at the Polo Grounds in New York City by Yankees pitcher Carl Mays, who had dirtied the ball. Mays threw the discolored ball with a submarine delivery in the late afternoon shadows, and presumably, all those factors combined made it difficult for Chapman to see.

In fact, eyewitnesses say that Chapman never reacted to the pitch. Reports said the sound was so loud when it impacted with Chapman's skull, that many thought it had made contact with his bat, including Mays, who actually fielded the ball and threw it to first base.

Bleeding from his ear, Chapman tried to walk off the field, but his knees buckled. He was taken to St. Lawrence Hospital, just a short distance from the field. Despite emergency surgery to relieve swelling on his brain, Chapman died in the early morning hours the next day.



Baseball historian Scott Longert's latest work is a biography titled *Love and Loss: The Short Life of Ray Chapman*, which details the highs and lows of the Cleveland shortstop whose 1920 death after being hit by a pitch has left a lasting influence on the game.



"Many people knew about Ray and that he was killed by a pitched ball in 1920, but few knew anything about his life, which was an exceptional one. I believed the public would be interested in learning about him and all he accomplished before he died."

- Scott Longert

on why he wrote *Love and Loss*

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Weber to Tell Story of 1919 Murder of Mattie Hayes

Mattie Hayes led a colorful life. Open about her transgressions, Hayes was front and center during an Alliance scandal involving corruption in city government.

It was when a bullet cut Hayes' life short in 1919 that a real mystery emerged and there are still unanswered questions more than a century later.

Using research compiled by Alliance Historical Society Vice President Michelle Dillon, fellow board member Jack Weber, the community relations manager at Rodman Public Library, will tell the story on Wednesday, October 30 when he presents "Only Murders in Alliance, Part II: The Life, Death, and Mystery of Mattie Hayes."

The program will be given at both 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Rodman Auditorium.

Due to the subject matter, the program is recommended for mature audiences 18 and older.

Register at rodmanlibrary.com to attend.

Carmichael to Discuss Miniature Gardens for Alliance Garden Club

They say it's a small world.

The Alliance Garden Club wants to help area residents learn to create tiny environs and is sponsoring "A Complete Guide to Miniature Gardens" with Paul Carmichael inside the Rodman Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9.

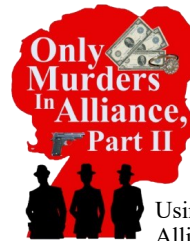
Carmichael, who describes himself as a self-educated naturalist/horticulturalist and is the former executive director of Beech Creek Botanical Gardens, will describe the process of selecting, planting, accessorizing and maintaining a miniature garden.

Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required to attend the free program at rodmanlibrary.com.



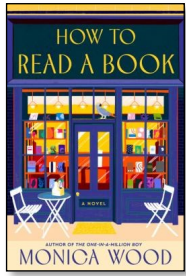
CARMICHAEL



BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

For a look at future Book Club selections, visit rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs

BOOKS & COFFEE



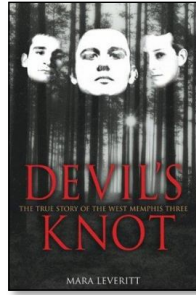
Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

OCTOBER 14
How to Read a Book
by
Monica Wood

Nov. 11: *The Women*
by Kristin Hannah

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

TRUE CRIME JUNKIES



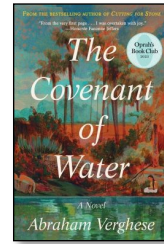
Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

October 15
Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis Three
by Maria Leveritt

Nov. 19: *Bringing Adam Home* by Les Standiford

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 215 for information.
Registration required at rodmanlibrary.com

EVENING BOOK CLUB



Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

October 28
The Covenant of Water
by Abraham Verghese

Nov. 25: *Celine* by Peter Hel-

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information

I READ YA

Meets every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

October 7
Fireborne
By Rosaria Munda



Nov. 4: *Small Favors* by Erin A. Craig
Call 330-821-2665, ext. 213 for information.
Registration required at rodmanlibrary.com

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Cookbook Club



The Cookbook Club, a group for cooking and baking enthusiasts, meets on the last Tuesday each month to discuss their experience creating a recipe of their choice from a selected cookbook or specific theme. Participants can bring in small samples of their recipes for the group to try. Members of the group will discuss their favorite recipe that contains the ingredient pumpkin in October from any cookbook they choose. Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and all are welcome, however, **registration is required**. Copies of the book are available at the Main Library adult circulation desk. For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 210.
Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m.



Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will create a Halloween wreath when the program is held in October. Maker Monday is an in-person craft program for adults that is held monthly on select Mondays. All materials are provided free of charge, thanks to Friends of Rodman Library, but space is limited and **registration is required**.
Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m.



Alliance Vinyl

Open to all music lovers, Alliance Vinyl Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each even-numbered month inside the Main Library auditorium. AVC provides the opportunity to listen to music, hang out, and make new friends. Those attending are encouraged to bring some of their favorite records. Although it is called a club, there is no formal membership and no registration is required.
Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.



TECH Time Thursday

A librarian is on hand each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Main Library Information Center to answer basic questions about your electronic devices. No registration is needed.
Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon

Want to help support Rodman Public Library?

Join Friends of Rodman Public Library by calling 330-821-2665 or by visiting any of the service desks.
\$5 for an individual membership
\$25 for a patron membership.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Wednesday: 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Sunday:
Main Library — Closed
Branch Library — 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
(October through April only)

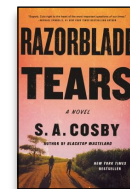
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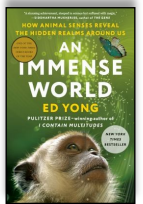
WOMEN'S MONDAY GROUP

Meets every first and third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Main Library.



October 7
Razorblade Tears
by
S.A. Cosby

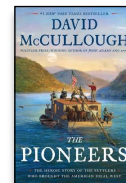
October 21
"So Cool"
(Chapter 5) from
An Immense World:
How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden World Around Us
by Ed Yong



Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for more information.

DAR BOOK GROUP

Open to all, the club hosted by the Jane Bain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets quarterly at the Main Library.



November 8
The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West
by David McCullough.

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 204 for information.
Registration required at rodmanlibrary.com

Rodman **BUZZ** For Kids

MONTHLY 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, October 2 at 4 p.m.

Kids Crafting

Rodman Public Library's monthly Kids Crafting program continues in October as children, ages 7-12, are invited to come to the Main Library to create sand spider webs.



Registration is required.

All materials and supplies are provided for free, thanks to the Friends of Rodman Public Library.

Thursday, October 10 at 4 p.m.



Lego Lab

Rodman Public Library's Lego Lab theme in October will be monsters. The program, intended for children ages 6-12, is free, thanks to Friends of Rodman Public Library. **Registration is required.** Lego Lab is held on the third Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m.

Some programs require registration at rodmanlibrary.libcal.com

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Registration is not required for these programs:

WEE READ

Wee Read is 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 Read includes stories, fingerplays, music and movement.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., caregivers and 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 includes stories and 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 that fall at Rodman Public Library. Morning sessions will be on **Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.** at the Main Library. Evening Storytime sessions will be held on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** as part of Family Fun Nights. Storytime sessions are intended to encourage lifelong readers through stories, music, movement and activities.

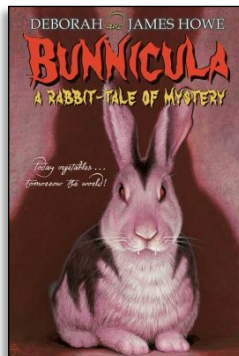
You're Invited!
CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday, October 19
Anytime between 1 & 3 p.m.
Rodman Main Library

TRICK-OR-TREAT AROUND THE LIBRARY
 Costumes urged, but not required
GAMES, CRAFTS & MORE

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 223 for information

Kids Book Club

Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 4:15 p.m. at the Main Library.



Next Meeting October 16

Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery
 Deborah & James Howe

Meeting includes a brief discussion of the book, a fun activity, and a snack.

Registration Required

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 223 for more information about children's programming at Rodman Library.

AT THE BRANCH



Pumpkin Painting
Saturday, October 5
Anytime between 12 and 3 p.m.
Rodman Branch Library

Families can visit the Branch to pick out a pumpkin to decorate. **All materials and supplies provided by Friends of Rodman Public Library.**

Call 330-821-1313 for more information

Hot Pots Storytime

Hot Pots Storytime, for children ages 2-12, will have a Halloween theme in October. Participants will enjoy a story at the Branch Library and then visit to Hot Pots, to paint a Halloween Pal figurine. The cost is \$15.99 per child. Patrons **must register** and make payment at hotpotspottery.com.

Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12 at 11 a.m.



Branch Take and Make

Starting **Tuesday, October 1** kids can stop by the Branch to pick up a Halloween pet magnet take and make craft (while supplies last). Monthly projects are free thanks to the Friends of Rodman Library.



FAMILY FUN

Movie Matinee



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All Ages

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Saturday, October 12
1:00 p.m.
Rodman Auditorium

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Rodman Chess Club

The Rodman Chess Club is open to patrons of all ages who have an interest in the classic board game. Come make new friends and explore the ancient game of strategy. The club, which has no formal membership, meets at 5:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month. Several boards are set up in the auditorium as players mingle to find opponents to play against. Players are welcome to come and go as they please throughout the two-hour program. No registration required. For information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216.



Wednesday, October 16
at 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Tabletop Gaming

A popular all-ages program is held monthly at the Main Library when a new game is featured. Of course, other games available in the library's collection will also be available for visitors to play and those attending are always welcome to bring their own games. The aim of the family program is to give area residents an opportunity to gather with others to play their favorite board games and make new friends. Light snacks will be offered and no registration is required to attend. Although the program is open to players of all ages, children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

Wednesday, October 23,
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Rodman **BUZZ** For Teens



APOCALYPTIC ESCAPE ROOM

Ages 12-18

Thursday, October 10
Rodman 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium

Registration Required
by calling 330-821-2665, ext. 217

Apocalyptic Escape Room

Rodman Public Library will host an Apocalyptic Escape Room for teens, ages 12-18, on **Thursday, October 3, from 3 to 5 p.m.**, teens competing in a group up to five will work in 30-minute increments to complete tasks in order to escape the room. Participants may sign up for a half-hour time slot individually or in groups. To register, stop by the Reference Desk at the Main Library or call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Teen D&D

Teens, 12-18, can sign up at Rodman Public Library to participate in an ongoing series of "one-shot" Dungeons and Dragons missions every month. Sessions are usually held on the second Mondays of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (NOTE: The September session is the third Monday due to a scheduling conflict.) Players do not have to play consistently to participate. Those interested can sign up via our online calendar on a month-to-month basis. Space will be limited each month to six players. A DnD Beyond account and email address is required to play. Before the day of the program, participants will receive a link to the campaign on DnD Beyond via email in order to add their character to the campaign page. Participants must create a character before the day of the program. For assistance creating a DnD Beyond account or a character, make arrangements with the Reference Department.

Monday, October 14
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Gaming

Area teens, ages 12-18, are invited to Rodman Public Library every other Thursday for Teen Gaming. Teens will be able to play on Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Playstation 4 & 5, Meta Quest 3, Nintendo Switch and Nintendo WiiU. Games with ratings from "E" for Everyone, up to "T" for Teen level will be offered. No registration is required.

Thursdays, October 3 & 17,
3 to 5 p.m.

(Teen Gaming will NOT be held October 31 due to Halloween)



ZOMBIE Nerf Night

Thursday, October 3
5:30-7 p.m.

Ages 12-18
Registration required at rodmanlibrary.libcal.com



More details in November Buzz

TEEN CHOPPED

will be held
Tuesday, Nov. 19
3 to 6 p.m.

LONGERT

From Page 1

He left a grieving, pregnant wife of less than a year, his teammates who went on to win the World Series that year, and many fans and friends – counting among those Ty Cobb, a person who counted very few fellow players among his pals.

Among the best at his position during his time, Chapman led the American League in runs scored and walks in 1918. A top-notch bunter, Chapman is sixth on the all-time list for sacrifice hits and holds the single season record with 67 in 1917. He batted .300 or better three times, and led the Indians in stolen bases four times. In 1917, he set a team record of 52 stolen bases, which stood until 1980. He was hitting .303 with 97 runs scored when he died.

Despite dying at such a young age, he has left an enduring impression on baseball. His death led to rules requiring umpires to replace the ball whenever it becomes dirty and led to the ban on spitballs after the 1920 season. Chapman's death was also one of the examples cited to justify the wearing of batting helmets, although it took more than 30 years to adopt the rule that required their use.

Acclaimed for his deep dives in Cleveland baseball history, Longert said his fascination with Chapman began with his visits to the baseball icon's final resting place in Lakeview Cemetery. Visitors leave balls, bats, and gloves at the grave, a tribute to Chapman and his influence on the sport.

While many know the story of Chapman's tragic end, Longert also wanted to tell the entire story of Chapman's brief life, which he says was marked by tremendous highs and devastating lows, offering lessons in resilience and the fleeting nature of success.

While he was in his prime, Chapman had indicated that 1920 was to have been his last season. His widow, Kathleen Daly Chapman, was the daughter of a prominent businessman. The couple wed shortly before the start of the season and Chapman had planned to devote himself to starting a family and the business into which he had married.

But Chapman's life was cut short and those plans were shattered by one pitch.

Ahead of his visit to Rodman Public Library, Longert shared some insights into his career and writing process. Here's what he had to say:

Q: You've had some interesting positions with a history bent. Can you talk a little bit about your varied positions as a park ranger at the James A. Garfield Site, at Shandy Hall, and as sports archivist for the Western Reserve Historical Society.

A: I have always had a dual interest in American history and baseball history, although the two do intersect. Working at Western Reserve got me the opportunity to do both. Shandy Hall is the 19th century home of Col. Robert Harper, a veteran of the War of 1812. I was fortunate to serve as site manager for the summers, and during the winter, manage the sports archives at WRHS. Around 2007, WRHS decided to turn over President Garfield's home to the National Park Service which created a need for park rangers. Since I was familiar with the site, I was selected to be a ranger which was quite an honor. In my time there, I started a Civil War encampment to honor General Garfield and I presided at the naturalization ceremonies each July and September.

Q: What got you interested in baseball history and how did you get your start writing about it?

A: When I was a child, I received a copy of a book titled *The Glory of Their Times* by Lawrence Ritter. A series of interviews with men who had played professional baseball at the turn of the 20th century. I was fascinated by it, particularly their recollections about Ty Cobb and Christy Mathewson, and after graduation from college, I began to study the subject seriously. I submitted several freelance articles, and after several years, I got published. That spurred me on to continue researching and writing, with full length manuscripts a few years later.

The annual Fogle Author Series is made possible by the generosity of the late Mr. Esmond E. Fogle.

Fogle was a graduate of Wadsworth High School and Mount Union where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Fogle was a past president of Robertson Heating Supply in Alliance. For sixteen years, Mr. Fogle served on the Board of Trustees at Rodman Public Library.

Upon his passing at the age of 86 in 2013, money was designated from his estate to the Greater Alliance Foundation. That funding was used to establish the Fogle Author Series.

Rodman Library is grateful to the Foundation and members of the Fogle family for their continued support of the series.

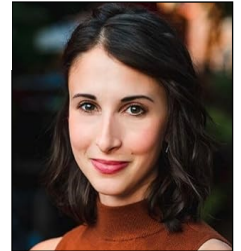


Final Fogle Author

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Cassandra J. Kelly

NOVEMBER
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Wednesday



Read about the 2024 Fogle Authors at rodmanlibrary.com/fogle-2024

Q: Did you always want to be a writer?

A: Not until I graduated college and had a day job. I then knew I could write on evenings and weekends and would not starve.

Q: What made you decide to write about Ray Chapman?

A: Many people knew about Ray and that he was killed by a pitched ball in 1920, but few knew anything about his life, which was an exceptional one. I believed the public would be interested in learning about him and all he accomplished before he died. He had a fairytale romance with a wealthy socialite which I am sure book buyers would enjoy reading. Plus he was a great shortstop, one of the best in my opinion.

Q: Can you talk a little bit about your research process and your writing process for the book?

A: I do all my research before I begin to write, including player's files from the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Newspaper research, periodicals and interviews with family members, if possible. I then sketch out chapters and how they should be framed, then it's about a year of writing and rewriting.

Q: What do you hope people take away from the book?

I hope people will learn what an extraordinary person Ray was and how he conducted his life up to his death. He was kind, considerate and a great storyteller, which endeared himself to many folks both ballplayers and non. He loved children and gave baseballs out to the kids who stood outside League Park in Cleveland because they could not afford admission to the games or the price of a ball.

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Rodman Staff Spotlight



JACK R. WEBER Jr.

Community Relations Manager who has been at RPL since May 2021.

What is your favorite part about your job?

I like everything from putting together The Buzz newsletter to arranging special adult programs to filling in at the reference desk to representing the library at various events and promoting our services and resources.

Who is your favorite author?

My two favorite classic authors are Ray Bradbury and F. Scott Fitzgerald. I also think Agatha Christie was brilliant.

What is your favorite food?

My wife makes the best Swiss steak.

What was your favorite subject in school?

History and English.

Are you a fan of any pro sports teams?

Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Guardians, and Wolverhampton Wanderers. (I follow Premier League Soccer)

Do you have any pets?

A dog named Willow. She is part beagle, part dachshund, and has some terrier in her, we think.

Do you have a motto you try to live by?

A good attitude will take you far.

Who is your biggest influence/inspiration?

My mom and dad were my biggest influence. My wife and son are my inspiration. They are the world to me.

What was your first car?

A silver 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme.

If you could go anywhere, where would it be?

I would tour Europe, especially the UK.

LOOKING BACK



The home of the Daniel Wilson family, off to the left of this image, was built by Dan Wilson in 1909. Dan's son, born there in 1917, is in the photo with his sister Arwilda and his dog, Bruno. Dan's father, John, contracted to pave Route 62 and Dan worked with the steam powered gear and a crew to do the job. Dan also worked with his father's company to help build South Liberty School, pictured in the background. This photo is among hundreds of items found on alliancememory.org, a collaboration between Rodman Public Library and the Alliance Historical Society, a proud partner of the Alliance Area Preservation Society and the Castle Crusaders in preserving Alliance's history. Alliance Memory offers a view of history through photographs, personal recollections, and documents. To access RPL's online local history and genealogy resources, visit rodmanlibrary.com/genealogy. For information about how Rodman Library can connect you to local history, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.

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For information or help accessing RPL's free databases, call 330-821-2665, ext. 217.



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MEETS EVERY FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6:30 P.M. AT RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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