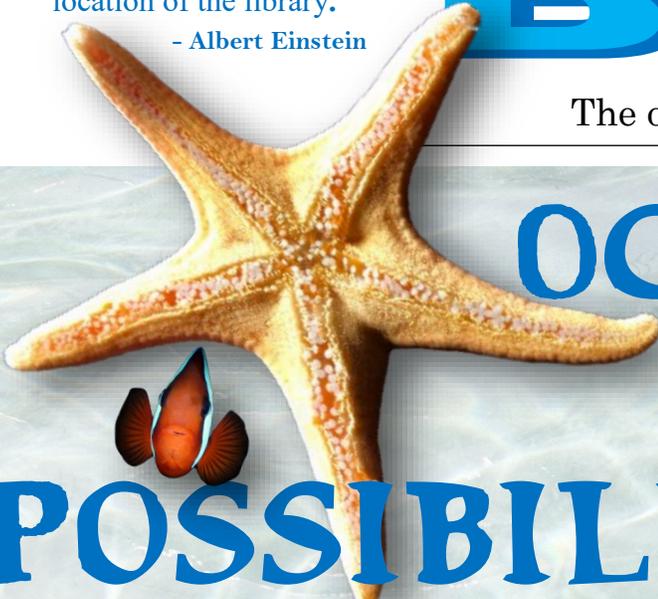


“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”

- Albert Einstein

# BUZZ

The official newsletter of Rodman Library



## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

### Summer Reading Program kicks off May 31 at RPL

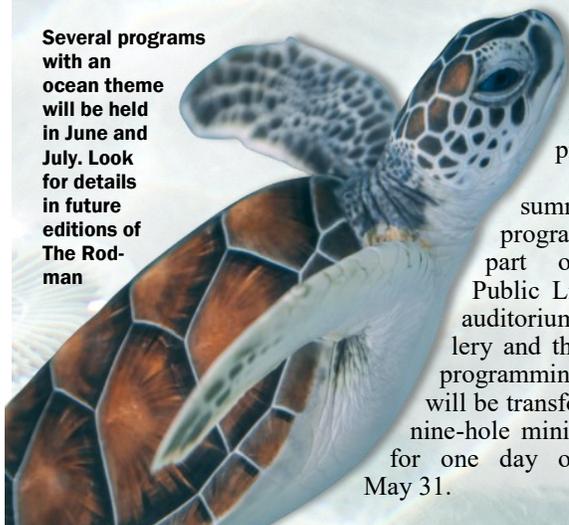
Rodman Public Library invites patrons of all ages to dive into the Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program.

The program, which will run from May 31 through July 30, will feature three divisions, including one for children (up to 12 years old), one for teens (ages 12 to 18) and one for adults (18 years and older). Patrons can sign up in person at the Main Library, the Branch Library, or on the Bookmobile. Patrons may also sign up online at [rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org](http://rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org), or through the Beanstack app, which they can download on a mobile device.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the two months and patrons will earn entries into grand prize drawings that will

Patrons who want to test their putt-putt skills can stop by the adult circulation desk any time that day to get a putter and a ball and work their way through the course that will feature an ocean theme at each hole.

Afterward, each golfer and spectator is encouraged to check out materials to get started toward their summer reading goals.



Several programs with an ocean theme will be held in June and July. Look for details in future editions of *The Rodman*

be held at the conclusion of the summer reading program. To get the summer reading program started part of Rodman Public Library – the auditorium, the gallery and the children’s programming room – will be transformed into a nine-hole mini-golf course for one day on Tuesday, May 31.

See *SUMMER READING* on Page 6

**“Advice from the Ocean:  
Be shore of yourself.  
Come out of your shell.  
Take time to coast.  
Avoid pier pressure.  
Sea life’s beauty.**

**Don’t get so tide down that you miss out on life’s beautiful waves.”  
– Unknown**

## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

For a look at future Book Club selections, visit [rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs](http://rodmanlibrary.com/Rodman-Book-Clubs)

### BOOKS & COFFEE

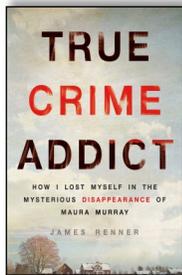


Meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Library.

**May 9**  
**The Reading List**  
**Sara Nisha Adams**

Call 330-821-1313 for information.

### TRUE CRIME JUNKIES

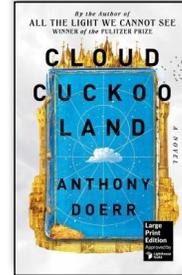


Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

**May 17**  
**True Crime Addict:**  
**How I Lost Myself**  
**in the Mysterious Disappearance**  
**of Maura Murray**  
**James Renner**

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 215 for information.

### RPL EVENING BOOK CLUB



Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

**May 23**  
**Cloud Cuckoo Land**  
**Anthony Doerr**

Call 330-821-2665, ext. 107 for information.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### TECH Time Thursday

A librarian is on hand each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to noon to answer basic questions about your electronic devices, such as phones, laptops and tablets. No registration is needed. For more information, call 330-821-2665, ext. 216.

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### Knit Wits Needlework Circle

The KnitWits, a circle for needleworkers of all types and skill levels, meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Main Library. The group is always seeking new members and donations of yarn.

**Mondays, May 9 & 23 at 10:00 a.m.**



### Maker Monday

Maker Monday crafters will decorate a red, white and blue vase (shown at left) when they meet in May. All materials are provided free of charge, thanks to Friends of Rodman Library, but space is limited. Registration

is required for each session. To register, visit our online calendar at [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup), or call 330-821-2665, ext. 107.

**Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

### Alliance Vinyl Club

If you collect vinyl records and like listening to them with others, then you need to join the Alliance Vinyl Club which meets at 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month in the Main Auditorium.

**Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

## 'Flags of the Americas' planned at RPL May 23

What was the first flag to fly on the North American continent?

What is the meaning of each fold of the United States flag?

How many different flags have flown over California?

Just in time for Memorial Day and ahead of Flag Day, Ed Stockli, representative of Deerfield American Legion Post 713, will answer those questions and more when he presents Flags of the Americas at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23 at Rodman Public Library.

During the hour-long program, Stockli will display 20 different flags that have flown over North and South America, dating from 500 B.C. to the present day.

With the help of members of Boy Scout Troop 355 from Edinburg, Stockli will begin the evening by explaining the items on a POW-MIA (Prisoner of War-Missing in Action) table and what each symbolizes. He will follow it up by describing the proper way to fold a U.S. flag and explain what each of the folds symbolizes.

He will then discuss each of the 20 historic flags prior to a question-and-answer session.

Registration is required for the event at [rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup](http://rodmanlibrary.evanced.info/signup) or by calling 330-821-2665, ext. 107.



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#### BRANCH LIBRARY

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Alliance, OH 44601  
330.821.1313

#### 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)

[rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com)

### Want to help support Rodman Public Library?

Join the 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



The library will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of

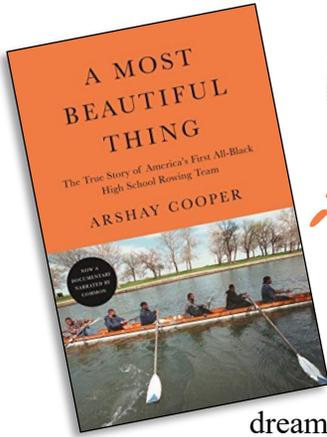
**MEMORIAL DAY**

# Quotes

## FROM THE Author



**One  
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*Arshay Cooper*

### ON MENTORING:

“If we can eliminate the small dream, there’s room for more dreams. There’s room for bigger dreams.”

“You have to leave it better than you found it because if you can leave it better than you found it, even if you didn’t make the mess, you make it easier for the next group. ... If we can leave the world better than we found it, even if we didn’t make the mess, then it makes it easier for the next generation that is coming up.”

“When you give what hurts, you see the results that you want to see. It’s the same thing whether it’s our time, our talent and our treasure. It’s the same when we decide to invest in our communities and our young people. We will truly see the results that we want to see when we give what hurts.”

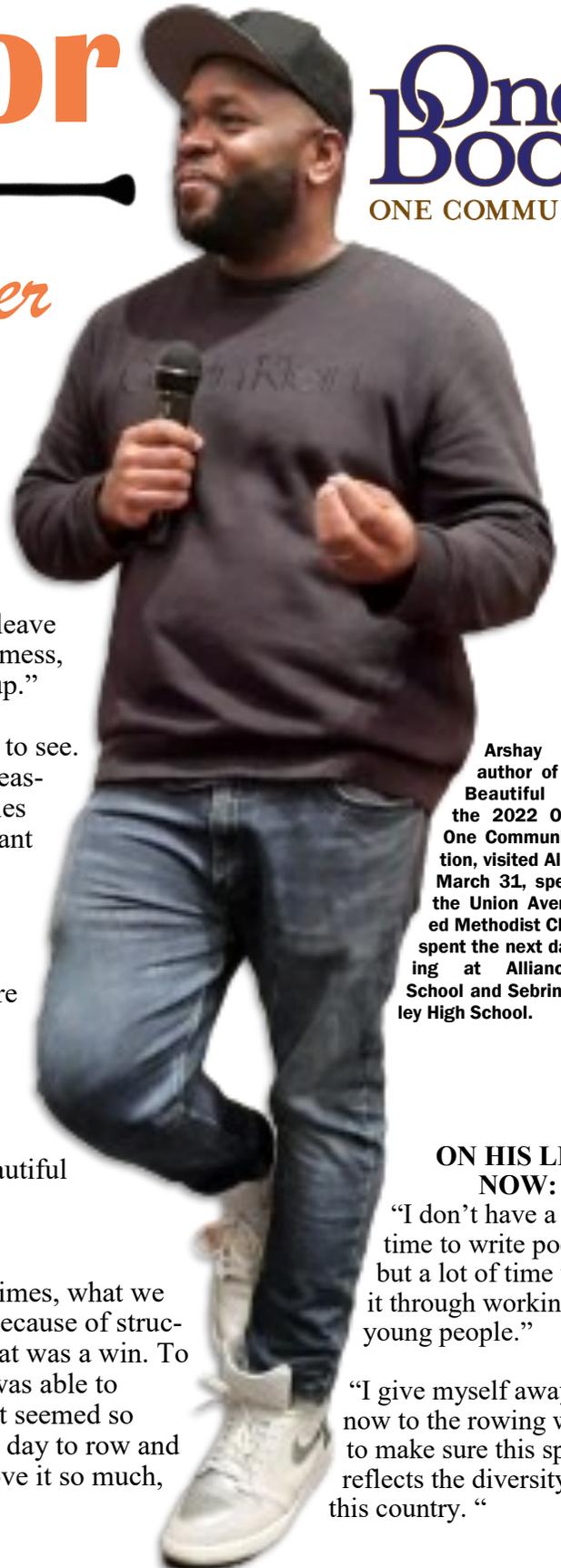
### ON ROWING:

“The very first lesson I learned is that I can’t do the work of eight. We need eight people to do the work, and we’ll get there much faster.”

“I went from loving the sound of the basketball net to dreaming about the echoes of the oar locks. It was in my head and with every stroke things were changing ... This sport was the only sport that calmed the storm in me. And it was a most beautiful thing. That was my introduction to wellness.”

### ON HIS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:

“In our sport, we measure success by gold medals. But sometimes, what we don’t understand is to culturally overcome the fear of water because of structural limitations and then have it become a place of refuge, that was a win. To get guys who did not like each other to become one, rowing was able to solve that, and that was a win. To be committed to a sport that seemed so foreign and so different and take an hour and a half trip every day to row and to break your back and to rip apart your hands because you love it so much, that was a win. Those were the wins I wanted to focus on.”



Arshay Cooper, author of “A Most Beautiful Thing,” the 2022 One Book One Community selection, visited Alliance on March 31, speaking at the Union Avenue United Methodist Church. He spent the next day speaking at Alliance High School and Sebring McKinley High School.

### ON HIS LIFE NOW:

“I don’t have a lot of time to write poetry, but a lot of time to live it through working with young people.”

“I give myself away right now to the rowing world to make sure this sports reflects the diversity in this country.”

# Rodman Staff Spotlight



**Becky Baddeley**

Circulation assistant at The Branch.

Celebrating six years with RPL this month.

**What is your most favorite part of your job?**

Our Branch patrons are awesome, and I love helping them find their next good read. I also love designing displays, bulletin boards, the chalkboard, and my favorite — storytime. Storytime is the absolute favorite part of my job. I have just as much fun as the kids!

**Who is your favorite author?**

Dr. Seuss

**What is your favorite movie?**

*Inside Out*

**What is your favorite song or musical artist?**

I am addicted to the *Hamilton* soundtrack

**Do you collect anything?**

I collect crazy pens. You can see some of them on my desk.

**What is something people would be surprised to know about you?**

I spent a year as a Rotary Exchange Student to Belgium in 2000.

**Do you have any saying or motto you try to live by—or a favorite line from a book?**

I try to live this every day: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” — Dr. Seuss

**If you could visit anywhere, where would it be?**

Australia

**Who is the biggest influence in your life?**

My children. They are all kind, caring and love to help other people. They inspire me every day through their talents, intelligence, and perseverance.



## A PEEK AT THE PAST

Three boys look at the display case that stood in front of the Carnegie Free Library from 1926 to 1954 in this photo taken sometime during the 1930s that is among many found on [alliancememory.com](http://alliancememory.com), one of several local history resources found at [rodmanlibrary.com](http://rodmanlibrary.com). Those interested in local history are encouraged to check out the genealogy and local history section of the website, especially [alliancememory.org](http://alliancememory.org), which was launched with the help of the Alliance Historical Society, another source for local information about the Carnation City’s past.

## SUMMER READING

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#### CHILDREN

Children who sign up for the Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program will be given a treasure map. With every 15 minutes of reading completed, the kids will color in a circle on the map. After coloring in 24 circles, which amounts to six hours of reading, the treasure map is complete and can be taken to the library for children to earn an entry into a raffle for one of ten different prizes, including a \$50 Walmart gift card, a \$50 Amazon gift card, a \$50 GameStop gift card, an Encanto playset, a karaoke system with LED lights, a Harry Potter Hogwarts Magical Trunk Lego set, a Kids Kindle, a youth scooter, a Magic Mixes Magical Cauldron and a Radio Flyer folding wagon.

Children will also be awarded a certificate of completion, a book of their choice, and coupons from area restaurants.

Young readers can earn an additional entry for every five additional hours of reading, which will be recorded on a supplemental sheet.

Another raffle entry can be earned by performing nine easy library challenges, which will be posted when summer reading begins and can be answered at the child’s own speed and in any order.

#### TEENS

Teens will have plenty of opportunities to earn entries into the grand prize drawings for

one of three prizes, including a Nintendo Switch, a \$50 Amazon gift card, or a \$50 GameStop gift card.

Teens who complete 20 hours of reading, which will be recorded on a reading log, will earn a book, a summer reading-themed prize and an entry for one of the three grand prizes.

Logging three hours of reading each week will earn teens extra entries. Weekly challenges, which will involve taking part in an easy activity or answering a simple question, can also earn another entry each week during the nine weeks of the summer reading program.

One more entry can be earned for reading an additional five hours over the initial 20.

#### ADULTS

For adults signing up in-person, any checkout transaction of library materials qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a canvas library bag filled with a variety of goodies, including a \$25 Amazon gift card. Patrons may have multiple checkouts per day.

Tickets from one week will not be added to the next week’s drawing. Instead, they will be entered into the grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

For those participating online, each book read qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. The online version will also have its own grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Those with questions about summer reading should call 330-821-2665.

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