

Thank You, Mr. Fogle

The annual Fogle Author Series is made possible by the generosity of the late **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. He owned an extensive personal library which reflected his expansive reading tastes.

Upon his passing at the age of 86 on August 12, 2013, money was designated from his estate to the Greater Alliance Foundation to support worthwhile projects in the community.

In 2014, the Greater Alliance Foundation Trustees approved a proposal by Rodman Library to bring authors to Alliance to augment our outreach to the community, and to allow readers to connect with authors in an intimate setting and more personal way. Different genres of writing reflecting the varied reading tastes of Alliance area readers are represented by the visiting authors.

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

2024 Schedule

Fogle Authors will appear inside the RPL auditorium. Books will be available for purchase and authors will sign them at the conclusion of their program.

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Events are free and open to the public, however, registration is required at rodmanlibrary.libcal.com.

For more information, visit rodmanlibrary.com/fogle-2024, or call 330-821-2665, ext. 204.

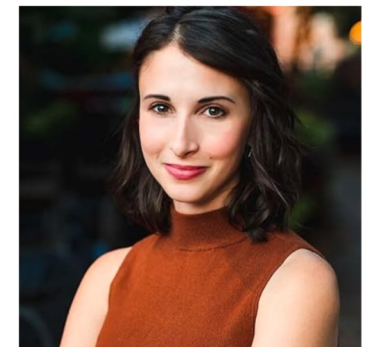


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Dean & Rose Waggenpack

Monday, September 9
6:30 p.m.

Alliance native Dean Waggenpack's near-death experience in 2022 led him to write his second book, which he co-authored with his wife, Rosaleen.



The Ledge and The

Abbyss: Near Death, Rescue and the Search for Meaning was released earlier this year and details a series of unforeseen events that led Waggenpack to being trapped in a small, pitch-dark cavern surrounded by a volcanic rock wall with no way out.

As the chest-high water lapped at him, waves battered him against the volcanic rock, leaving him bloodied and gasping for breath. Above ground, his wife has seen her husband disappear underwater. After no sighting of him for ten minutes, she makes the difficult decision to leave the harsh surf and unsafe rocks to call 911 and hope for a recovery of his body.

What follows is a story of resilience in the face of long odds. Of ordinary people making the decision to step in to help when there is no hope. A miraculous set of events leads to an odds-defying, daring rescue that reminds us of the goodness of people and of our ability to work together.

After the recovery, the incident led the authors on a search for meaning, striving to understand why this event happened, and pondering what to do about it.

Born and raised in Alliance, Dean graduated from Alliance High School in 1974 and from Mount Union in 1978. He finished his MBA at Duke in North Carolina and was hired in 1980 to work in Dayton for NCR as a financial analyst.

After a 30-year career, he taught personal finance and business-related courses at the high school level before he became a career/life coach, speaker, and blogger.

Prior to writing *The Ledge and the Abyss*, Waggenpack released *Doable Change: Practices for Making Incremental, Achievable Improvements in Your Career and Life* and was a TedxDayton 2019 speaker.

The father of three describes himself as a storyteller and has completed 15 marathons.

Scott Longert

Monday, October 7
6:30 p.m.

Scott H. Longert has combined his love of baseball, history and writing into a 30-year career in which he has written scores of newspaper articles and six books about America's pastime in Cleveland.

His latest work is a biography about Ray Chapman, who played for the Cleveland Indians and is the only player in Major League baseball to ever die on the field after being hit by a ball.

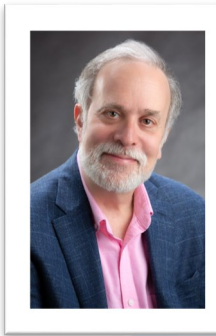
Love and Loss: The Short Life of Ray Chapman, set for release by the end of July, covers Chapman's life from a child to the big leagues and his tragic death in 1920 and its aftermath. Learn about Ray's closest friends, Jack Graney, Tris Speaker and Steve O'Neill and his marriage to socialite Katy Daly.

Longert has an undergraduate degree from the Ohio State University and an M.A. degree in American History from Cleveland State University. He has spent many years in the history field serving as the sports archivist for the Western Reserve Historical Society and site manager for Shandy Hall, an 1815 home in northeast Ohio. Longert was a park ranger for the National Park Service, stationed at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site until his recent retirement.

Longert has also been a freelance writer for thirty years, publishing news articles on baseball history for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine*, *The National Pastime*, *The Baseball Research Journal* and *Timeline Magazine*.

His other books include *Cy Young: An American Baseball Hero*, which is aimed for younger readers in the third through seventh grades. His Cleveland baseball works in order of publication are *Addie Joss: King of the Pitchers* (1999); *The Best They Could Be: How the Cleveland Indians Became the Kings of Baseball, 1916-1920* (2013); *No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression* (2016); *Bad Boys, Bad Times: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Prewar Years, 1937-1941* (2019); and *Victory on Two Fronts: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball During the World War II Years* (2022).

In addition to writing, Longert is an accomplished speaker, presenting talks on Cleveland baseball history and League Park. He spoke at the 100th anniversary ceremony of Addie Joss's perfect game, held on the grounds of historic League Park. In August of 2022 Longert achieved his dream by speaking at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.



Cassandra J. Kelly

Wednesday, November 13
6:30 p.m.

Cassandra J. Kelly describes herself as a professional marketer, storyteller, and changemaker.

Earlier this year, she also added author to her resume with the publication of her first novel, *The Clearing*.

Kelly holds a degree in Journalism Communications from Ohio University and began her writing career with a brief stint as a journalist in New York. However, Kelly soon moved back to her home in Columbus to serve her community as a nonprofit communicator. She has worked with multiple nonprofits to achieve visibility, and now runs her own marketing consulting agency, Like-Minded Marketing.

She also continues to write for national publications, including *Mechanical Engineering Magazine*.

Through her work, she hopes to empower others with knowledge and understanding about science, history, and above all, themselves.

She also has several new books in the works in various stages following the publication of *The Clearing*.

Set in rural Ohio, Kelly says that many of the moments in her book are inspired by her childhood while growing up in Wadsworth, the same place where Esmond Fogle completed his high school education.

The Clearing tells the story of twelve-year-old Sadie Watkins, whose world is being uprooted by her mother's disease: a severe form of multiple sclerosis.

As Sadie seeks solace in the woods behind her house, where she processes her overwhelming home life through traditional Appalachian herbology, pressing and cataloging flowers and plants like a budding scientist, she meets Cali, a barefoot wild child who seems to come from nowhere. The two become instant friends and Cali reintroduces Sadie to the wonders of the forest and gives her the courage she needs to face the future - the one without her mom.

The novel intertwines grief, love, nature, and wonder. It also acts as a time capsule of the healthcare crisis in the early 2000s, and the many American families like Sadie's who had to make great sacrifices when illness struck.

