

# Wavelength

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## Demolition slated for November

The annex building east of the main library will be torn down in November, to make way for Ritter's building expansion project.

The project calls for construction of a 17,000-square-foot addition to the east side of the main library.

The first step in the demolition process will be to fence off the area around the annex for safety, according to Tim Rini, construction manager. Then equipment such as a big backhoe and a bulldozer will be brought in to tackle the job.

Seventy-five percent of the materials from the demolition will be recycled.

Rini said he will seek bids for the job in October, and expects a contract to be awarded by November.

"I imagine they'll bring in something like a track excavator," he said, which looks like a big backhoe with tracks like a tank. He said the job could also require a front-end loader, large dump trucks and dumpsters.

But no wrecking ball will swing. "No," he said with a laugh. "It's too

small a job. No dynamite either."

The demolition crew will probably use lots of water to keep the dust down, he said. "Every effort will be made to keep the environment safe for the neighbors and the community."

In keeping with Ritter's decision to seek LEED certification for the expansion, building materials will be sorted for recycling.

Concrete block will be crushed for re-use, probably in the library's own project, and steel will be melted down. Rini said copper and aluminum can also be recycled. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design awards are granted by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Janet Springer, facility manager for Ritter, said arrangements are already being made to relocate utilities that run across the property.

Once all the paperwork and permits are in place, Rini said, physically tearing down the building should only take about a week.

## Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar now for these special events. Call the library to register, or sign up online at:

[www.ritter.lib.oh.us](http://www.ritter.lib.oh.us)

- **Backyard Birding**

Get a free bird call CD and identification book when Lorain County Metro Parks presents this special program Tuesday, Sept. 30.

- **Magical Weeds & Pods**

Learn about local plants to use in your fall arrangements Tuesday, Oct. 21.

- **Children's Book Sale!**

The Friends of Ritter Public Library present a book sale just for kids Saturday, Nov. 1.

- **Online Shopping Safety**

Start your holiday shopping with safe, reliable sites and tips on secure payment methods Monday, Nov. 3.

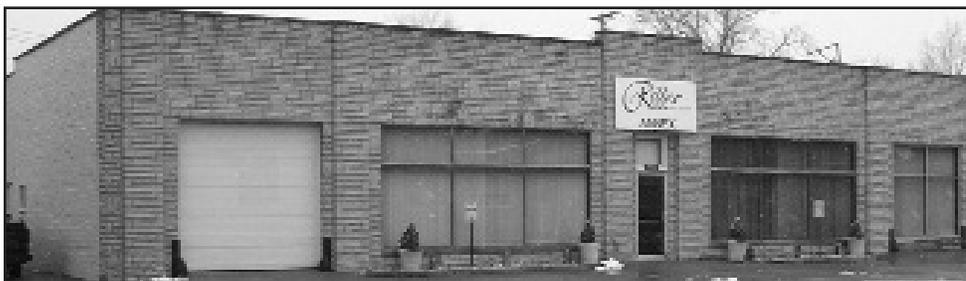
- **Making Holiday Labels**

Bring your address book and create mailing labels and gift tags for the holidays Saturday, Nov. 22.

- **Wonderful House Plants**

Master Gardener Mary Strayer shares her expert knowledge of what's best for your home on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

... see our online  
calendar for details!



Material from the demolition, such as concrete and steel, will be recycled.



*This computer-generated design shows windows surrounding the upstairs reading room for adults, which will look out over a green roof. The centerpiece will be a cozy fireplace.*

## Peek at the possibilities!

*Computer-generated pictures show design concepts*



*This possible design shows how the new computer room could be configured. It will face Liberty Avenue and will include more than 20 Internet-access computers.*

**A**n upstairs reading area, a computer room are all part of the plan for the new Public Library.

Construction of the addition, which will begin in November, is expected to begin even if Mother Nature behaves this winter. The new space will provide more room for teenagers, more space for early childhood books, and the library's collection.

Architects from CBLH Design of Chicago are now touching on the plans now, and expect to release the documents soon. As part of the process, they produced the computer-generated design to illustrate some of the possibilities for the new building.

### Above the treetops

The second-story reading room will provide a place where readers can look out over the trees.

It will also overlook a green roof, which will be on the second-story front of the addition. Everyone will be able to observe the roof-top garden as it grows. The new building more environmentally sensitive.

Another exciting feature of the new building is comfortable seating. The reference room will be on the first floor, which will be accessible by a ramp.

### Watery fun

The fish tank in the expanded Children's Center will be on all four sides and will be filled with water. The tank will include "bubble tubes" designed to create a waterfall. The "S.S. Niagara", will remain in the building.

A separate room in the Children's Center will be for sessions and crafts. It will be big enough to fit into two smaller rooms with a partition wall at the same time.

Another room will be a dedicated space for teaching pre-literacy skills for the youngest children. It will provide privacy when caring for infants and toddlers.

### For the community

A brand new community room will be located in the old annex building. The room will have a kitchen with a sink, refrigerator and stove.

Sliding panels will mean the space can be used by small sized groups. And natural daylight will be provided from the street-level.

Two more, smaller meeting rooms will be added, each about a dozen each. The room will be used for meetings and events.

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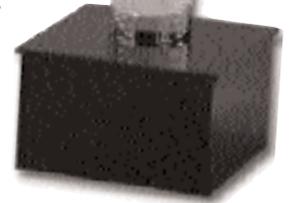
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*Plans for the Children's Department include a fish tank and "bubble tubes" that could look like the ones shown in the design above.*



verted into a group-study room, and the Ritter  
Room will be devoted to local history.

### **A space of their own**

Teen-agers will enjoy a larger area of the library for their very own. The current magazine area that looks out over Ferry Street will be transformed with furniture and shelves that can be moved around to suit all kinds of activities.

It will include a separate section of computers as well as wall-mounted television screens and video game stations. A half-height wall will define the teen space and will also provide some acoustic boundaries for the area.

### **Vending area**

Near the main entrance, a special area will be set aside for refreshments so that customers can grab a cup of coffee, a juice drink or a healthful snack.

### **More parking**

A second parking lot will be added on Liberty Avenue east of the library. It will be situated about where the annex is currently located. Customers will be able to drive up to a covered, handicapped-accessible entrance to drop off or pick up people.

A landscaped walkway will lead from Liberty Avenue to Ferry Street and will include outdoor seating.

### **Self check-out**

Customers will be able to check out their own materials at new self-service stations. "But staff will still be available to help, as always, or to handle the check-out for you," said Director Janet Ford.



## Endowment Gifts

### *In memory of Carol Brownell*

Friends of Ritter Public Library  
Al and Lois Hubler

### *In memory of Lin Creel*

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# Book sale will go on!

## *Friends determined to hold sale in new location*

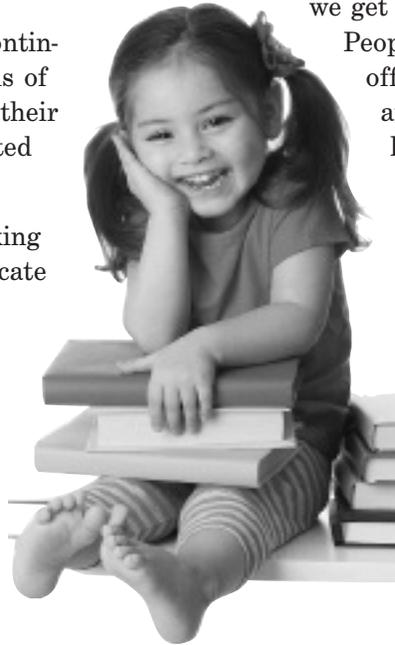
The Friends of Ritter Public Library will continue to accept donations of books and videos for their annual book sale, slated for this coming June.

The Friends are working hard on plans to relocate the sale, possibly in another public building in town, said Joette McDonald, president.

The sale has been held the last few years in the annex building, which will soon be torn down.

"We're going to move the sale," McDonald said, "and we'll let people know our new location just as soon as

we get the details worked out." People may continue to drop off their gently used books and videos at the main library as usual, she said.



## Children's Sale!

The Friends are also preparing for their special Children's Book Sale. It will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 inside the library.

Please separate and mark your donations for the children's sale and drop them off at the library by Oct. 25.

Every child who attends the children's sale will receive one book free. Last year, nearly 50 books were given away to children.



Voters in Precinct 1-A who previously voted in the annex, will vote this November inside the main library building.

The library will be open to voters at 6:30 a.m. on election day, Nov. 4.

Precinct 1-A will be in the Ritter Room. The Community Room will continue to serve Precincts 2-A and 2-B.

Pick up a voter registration form at the library and file it by Oct. 6 to be eligible for the coming election.

## Ritter's reading groups

### *Choose afternoon or evening meeting*

Would you love to be part of a book discussion group? Ritter offers two different clubs and they're both open now to new members.

Shorelines Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the library.

Some of the titles they've read recently include "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen and "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews.

The club's choice for next month is "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See.

The evening book club is called Classics Plus. It meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library.

Recently, they've enjoyed "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde. Right now they are reading "The Illustrated Man" by Ray Bradbury.

Ruth Felix, who works at the library's information desk, leads the clubs.

She's been at Ritter for three years and previously worked at Elyria Public Library for 25 years. She has a degree in education.

# Going Green at Ritter

*Making changes to improve our environment*

**T**his year the library has worked hard to become more environmentally responsible.

## Green Certification

Trustees have committed to seeking LEED certification for the building expansion project.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design award is granted by the U.S. Green Building Council. It emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for water savings, energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality.

Ritter is in line to be one of the first libraries in the state to win such an award.



## Green Cleaning

Ritter has switched to cleaning supplies that are non-toxic, biodegradable, hypoallergenic and contain no perfume. All the

packaging is made from recyclable material.



## Green Programs

The library co-sponsored a special "Go Green" program with Main Street Vermilion Inc.

that focused on restoring and rehabilitating your home.

As a service to the community, Ritter hosted a public paper-shredding event last spring.

Forty-five people brought cartons and bags of their old documents and records to be safely and securely shredded, adding up to more than two tons of recycling!

According to Allshred Services, shredding that much paper means saving 35 trees, 14,300 gallons of water and 6.7 cubic yards of landfill space, and keeping 123 pounds of air pollution effluents out of the air!



## Bring Your Own Bag!

Help us cut down on the plastic bags we use! When you bring in your own bag, you can enter to win a coupon for \$5 off any overdue fines.



## Green Printing

Even this newsletter is earth friendly! It's printed with soy-based ink on paper with a content of at least 30 percent post-consumer waste.

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We're also making plans to replace our plastic bags with reusable bags. And books are always ordered with an eye toward how much recycled content they contain.

## Green roof will save energy and serve as teaching tool

Ritter's expansion project includes plans for a green roof. It will be above the single-story area of the addition facing Liberty Avenue, and it will be visible from inside the second-story adult reading area.

Take a look at the benefits for our community:

- lower heating and cooling costs
- storm water management
- improved air quality
- longer life-span for the roof

The roof will serve as a model of sustainable design for the community and it will also be available as an educational tool. The layers of a green roof include the vegetative matter, a growing medium, a drainage layer, an insulating medium, and structural support.



*An example of a green roof system.*

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The Ritter Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of every month, except August, at 7 p.m. at the library. The meetings are open to the public.

### Hours

Monday–Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

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*Hundreds of residents gathered for one last blast in the annex last month, to celebrate Ritter's 50th anniversary on Liberty Avenue.*

## Holiday Closings

Woollybear	Oct. 5
Veterans' Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27
Christmas	Dec. 24, 25
New Year	Dec. 31, Jan. 1

*see our online calendar*

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