



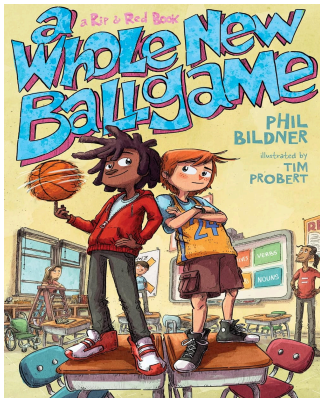
RMU Trees Network January 2024 Newsletter

IN-PERSON Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) Open House at RMU AT Lab

Monday, February 5, 2024



Join us, along with Marleah Herman-Umpleby and Stephanie Ekis of Interact Therapy, to learn about and get information on different types of Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC). Come explore AAC technologies and meet the compassionate professionals committed to empowering communication. We look forward to meeting you and your family! **To register for this IN PERSON event, please email Vicki at donne@rmu.edu or hiltzd@rmu.edu or complete the follow registration form: [Registration](#)**



Virtual Book Club

**Tuesdays from January 9 - February 20
6:00PM - 7:00PM**

We selected the book **A Whole New Ballgame** by Phil Bildner. The main characters, Rip and Red, are 5th grade best friends. They have a new teacher and basketball coach who is a bit unconventional. Rip is out of his comfort zone, and Red, who has autism, doesn't like change and likes things done in a certain way. This book is recommended for children ages 8-12 or grades 4th-6th but is a great read for all ages.

We provide illustrated read-alouds that families/students can read throughout the week. Then each week, on Tuesday evenings from 6PM-7PM from January 9th to February 20th, the Book Club will meet virtually. The book club meets to talk about the book, do fun activities, and socialize.

Sign up by emailing Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu

January Family/Parent Support Meeting



January's family/parent support meeting discussed services provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). Mr. Jim Lilley, the Assistant District Administration of OVR Pittsburgh, spoke with our families. He explained the services OVR provides, when to apply, and how their services differ from service coordination.

Resources for Parents and Educators

The Network provides resources for parents and teachers and these resources can be found at the [RMU Trees Network Website](#). Information on RMU Trees is also posted on the RMU website and the previous newsletters can be read and viewed at <https://www.rmu.edu/academics/provost/trees>. In each newsletter we provide links to resources of topics discussed in our parent meetings and workshops as well as other information that may be helpful to families, schools, and the community.



Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

OVR Directory by County

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/OVR-Office-Directory.aspx>

OVR Tips and Hints

<https://pafamiliesinc.org/understanding-systems/office-of-vocational-rehabilitation/office-of-rehabilitation-ovr-tips-and-hints>

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