

# The Bookworm



Newsletter from Friends of the Ripley Library

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## **NOTE: New Temporary Hours of Operation**

Monday 10 - 5  
Tuesday 10 - 7:30  
Wednesday 10 - 5  
Thursday 10 - 5  
Friday 10 - 5  
Saturday 9 - 2  
Sunday Closed

## **2019 Year in Review at Ripley Public Library**

Great and wonderful things have happened at the library this past year. Although my Director's Report is about looking forward, I think it is important to cover some of the events and activities we brought to the community this past year even through the hardships we had to endure.

We started the year quietly as is characteristic for us. After the hustle and bustle of the last six months, it is nice to just wind down a little. Although it is quiet for the community, it is not so quiet in the library during January. This is the time when I am preparing for the annual report that must be submitted to the State every year. This is a mind boggling and lengthy process. Compare it to doing income tax for multiple businesses, and figures are not my forte. So January and February are taken up with that task for the library.

Last February, we had the wonderful quilt show with beautiful locally made quilts. We have a lot of talent in this town and it is nice that we can show it at the library. We also had a talk on Dementia. Nancy Dunbar always puts on a nice presentation for those who are struggling with their relatives who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, senility or dementia. There may be different causes and problems, but the symptoms remain the same. She has great advice for those who are going through this with a loved one. The Friends of the Library had their Valentine's Day Bake Sale. We love the turn out and support for this very tasty event. Who can resist home baked goods? Be sure to watch for this again. We also had our Thursday Soup Day. Every Thursday during the month of February the staff would make a couple of soups and have them here for anyone who wanted to stop in and have some. Great hot, homemade soups on a cold day sure warms a body and soul up. We have plans to do this again so mark your calendars for Thursday's at the library. The usual time for this is 11:00 am until we close at 5:00 pm or the soup is gone, whichever comes first.

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**Friends of the Library Meeting: February 1, Noon**

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March and April are when things got bazonkers. We had our Art Show and there was some of the most beautiful pieces of artwork on display; gorgeous work and much of it for sale at real starving artist prices. The night of the Art Show is when Robyn Albright noticed that the ceiling looked funny, right directly above our heads. It appeared that the wires had broken on the drop ceiling panels. So the following day Bob McIntosh tightened them up for us. The next day the ceiling had dropped even lower. Then we realized there was a problem. So the rest of this story has been told many times and the long and short of it is the ceiling was coming down. On the advice of the architect we closed the library for safety reasons until everything could be handled properly. With a couple of wonderful volunteers helping to get us a never ending supply of boxes and a few of the Friends of the Library, we boxed up almost every book in the library, so the ceiling could be removed. What was revealed was a stunning beaded board ceiling we wished did not have to be taken down. We re-opened in April when all the mess was cleaned up. We continued using the massive space for everything we could think of.

April brought Jim McQuiston in with his books on the Curse of Oak Island. This was a great talk with a large turn out of interested people. Practice for the Murder Mystery "The Curse of the Comet" began in April. What a success this was. Great acting talent in this town. Be sure to go to one of these Murder Mysteries when they do one again

May was our yard sale. We have had better yard sales, but we provided for the community anyway. We also had the first Murder Mystery up at Pine Junction. This was a wonderful event with a great venue with an even better audience. Two more shows would follow in June held at Quincey Cellars and Noble Winery. Great actors, great show, great food,

great venues and superb night out for those who came.

June and July were filled with the Summer Reading Program. There were many activities for the young ones. This program is not doing nearly as well as it used to. We still put in an enormous amount of effort, but people do not take advantage of it. I am not sure if there are too many other things going on or what the answer is, but I would love to see our numbers come back up. Watch for some of my ideas this summer. What we did offer were many activities, reading of course, crafts, relay races, a really cool reptile show, a pizza party, and so many prizes we couldn't count them all. This is a fun program, please be sure your kids or grandkids join in it.

May, June and July also kept a few people very busy making the outside look stunning. Laurel Adams had planted many spring bulbs the fall before and their beauty was captivating when they bloomed. Coralee Shearer did the flower boxes and we had stunning color all summer and into the fall. Take notice of how pretty our library really is.

August brought the annual book sale. We have many people just chomping at the bit for this. We field many calls for this. We still even had our Words and Wine night to kick it off. This is a fun fundraiser, hopefully we can do it again this year. I am not sure where we will be with the renovations, so it is hard to plan for this year.

September brought the Vendor Fair at Noble Winery. Such a good time and the weather as phenomenal. We couldn't have asked for a better day or view. Perfect day for a perfect event. Set your sights on this again this year. Vendors out there prepare now and be sure to get a table. A super time for early Christmas shopping.

With October comes the fall, a great time for sweaters and chili. That is exactly what we did for the Family Fun Run.

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Although not many people participated, it was a wonderful time. The ending spot was Noble Winery where a chili cook-off was being held. There were six different chilies and home-made bread. We also had a Chinese Auction. The day was great fun even if the weather did not cooperate. October allowed for us to also put on a great Halloween Party for both little and big people. We had games for all including indoor corn hole, pumpkin bowling and feed the monster. Super looking treats such as peanut butter cup brooms, Rice Krispie brains and, the best, Shrek's dirty Q-tips. The green punch was also a hit with the ghouls who came ready for the costume party.

November of course was the Annual Holiday Auction. We held this at Noble Winery and again it was a great success. So much work, but so much fun. We really could never do this without the help from so many. Great bargains for those who attend and lots of fun for us to put on. This event should be on everyone's list of things to do.

December was just as busy and fun filled. Each Saturday leading up to Christmas we had what we called Christmas Central. There were tables set up for kid crafts, adult crafts,

a table to wrap gifts on along with wrapping paper, tape, ribbons and name tags. We had a table with Christmas cards so people could send a card to that special someone. We had a table for kiddos to write a letter to Santa Claus and even the mail box to mail it in. Of course there was the letter writing to Santa where kiddos could get a letter back from an elf on the letter writing committee. We have a year-to-year agreement with Santa on this. Kids will write their letters and we mail them to the North Pole and the elves, if not too busy, will answer the letters. Seventeen kiddos received letters from the North Pole this year. The Traveling Lantern also performed here on December 8<sup>th</sup> with "The Story of Scrooge". This was an absolutely wonderful play put on free of charge by the Library for the community. About 25 people showed for the performance and nobody was disappointed. There was audience participation and a fun time had by all. Of course Christmas in Ripley was very good. Many folks came in, participated in the craft making, listened to the readings with the "Cajun Night Before Christmas" being the usual favorite.

With all of our setbacks, I would say this has been a very successful year and here is hoping for many more.

**Foresight in 2020**

The past year has been filled with unexpected twists and turns. We have seen new friends come and some old friends go. There have been some hard won victories and a few unfortunate losses. BUT, the Ripley Public Library is a beacon to other libraries in the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Library System. Librarians from other communities in our system have visited the Ripley Library or events we have sponsored and marveled at what we have done. Never let anyone tell you we are a second-rate library. What we have done with what little we have is an inspiration to others! Be proud!

Upcoming programs and wishes for 2020 include: A Genealogy/Ancestry Workshop; continued Writing Workshops, along with a workshop on publishing your work; our own version of NaNoWriMo—a six week challenge to write 20,000 words; Valentine's Bake Sale; Murder Mysteries; Holiday Auction; Vendor/Craft Sale; Summer Reading Program for both children and adults; and of course, continued fundraising and work on the restoration of the library ceiling and renovation for additional space.

These programs and wishes need YOUR support and participation. Please consider donating your time and efforts to make this truly the "Little Library That Could."

## From the Director's Desk

### By Rhonda Thompson



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** 2020, doesn't it sound great? A great sound for a new year and a new decade. Soon when we say "we are talking about the 20s," we will have to ask which ones. This is the time we need to think forward instead of reflecting. There are many changes going on here at the library and a lot going on in Ripley. Did you know looking forward is why we eat pork for New Years' instead of poultry? Pigs root ahead and poultry scratches backwards. We need to look ahead and not back. It is the time when we as residents of Ripley should be saying "now is our time and I will do what it takes to make good changes happen."

The new water and sewer going down Shortman Road has already paid off with Love's Truck Stop coming in. The articles in the paper are like a breath of fresh air. This is so exciting and we need to keep up the effort of making Ripley the gateway to New York State. This is one of the reasons Love's wants to come in here and bring 40-50 new jobs as well, because we ARE the Gateway!!!

I caution people to be careful of naysayers and negative people. If being grumpy and negative makes them happy, then "bully" for them. However, do not allow the negative naysayers to keep good things from happening. We have a future to focus on and we can put Ripley on the map, but we have to take the right approach. One of those approaches is to remember nothing good happens overnight. Ripley did not slip to its present state of being overnight and we cannot rebuild it overnight either. I remember always being told Rome was not built in a day, and our town will not be either. This is where we can become involved; go to Town Board meetings if you can. Some of us work at night and cannot attend, but there is always a write-up in the paper. Stay on top of things. Write letters to the town council and ask your questions that way if you cannot attend in person. Do this in a proper way, not a disgruntled way; that only stalls the process.

There are always committees being formed. If someone asks you to be on it, go for it. Don't pull back; get involved and help move this town forward. Be positive for the new decade! We can take a look at where we are now and see where we are in ten years. Let's set goals and work toward them and when 2030

gets here we can stand back and see all we have done. Then we keep at it for the next ten years. Ten-year goals are good. As we do this, our children watch us and they will learn to be proactive, positive and productive too. We are the teachers of the next generations, be sure to teach good habits. Working hard to be successful is like a habit. This is a good habit to have-we basically learn to never give up and make our successes happen.

Like here at the library, we, meaning myself, staff, the library board and the patrons who see us regularly, knew some changes had to happen here. We were striving to improve the library for the people who come in and for the community. Therefore, I wrote the grant and the board supported me and we were on our way. What I did not anticipate was how long the process takes, the steps involved, which are many, the additional costs and the ceiling coming down. The incident with the ceiling really was a blessing in disguise just as board president Earl Freling said, as this would force our hand to get moving on this project. We upped our game with fundraising; went looking for other avenues of revenue; I wrote the grant for the second phase before we even got the money for the first grant. But that is what we have to do if we are going to look forward instead of backwards. Set the goal and keep our sights on it.

The ceiling coming down has set us back a little, but we can deal with it. The third balcony will now be pushed into the second phase. The whole fiasco of the ceiling has tested who we really are. The other libraries in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties are shocked that we remained open at all! I told them we just boxed up the books (about 500 boxes of them), put them in every corner we could find and continued on. We have remained open for our patrons using the new books coming out, the computers, inter loan and we also kept all of our programs going. This shows very well the importance of libraries other than books. We are still progressing even when thrown a curve ball. This is why libraries are so important to EVERYONE. They have stood the test of time, adapted to change and continue to be there for the community. We didn't close, we stayed open for you and we are making it work, because Ripley people are strong and resilient. Let's move forward together into this new decade and show what we can do. There are great things waiting for us out there, let's go get them and "Bring them home to Ripley."

See you at the library!



## Write Letters to Help Your Library

Here is a way to get involved helping your library and all you have to do is write a letter. We will stamp it and mail it for you. Absolutely no cost to you except for the time it takes to write the letter.

We will have a box with paper, envelopes, writing utensil and anything else you need. Hand-written letters, not emails and phone calls are the most effective way for voters to communicate their needs to their legislators. Personal stories or anecdotes in support of the library help legislators understand the effect libraries have on communities. Please write a letter to your State Senator who in our case is Senator George Borello (57,R). Let him know what the library means to you, your family or loved ones. This will allow the library to keep the State funding that is so important in keeping taxes down.

Ripley Public Library will host a Letter Writing Campaign. You can stop in anytime we are open and write a letter. The directions will be left on the table for you along with some ideas of how to write your letter.

Select a sheet of paper, envelope and writing utensil from the letter box. Please include your full address at the bottom, especially if you want to receive a response; if nothing else please provide your name and town so they know you are in the district they represent.

Then after your salutation (Dear Senator Borello or Assemblyman Goodell) simply write your letter. If you feel stuck, here are a few prompts to help you:

What makes me so thankful that my library is here is...

My library supports my reading interests

The great programs they offer...

The great programs offered to my children...

I like to go there and do my homework

I can get the latest books for free

My \_\_\_\_\_ group can meet there

I can use the Internet for free

I can use the computers

I can go there to print or fax

I can go there and search for jobs or fill out an application

I go there to find the answers to my questions

It is a safe place for my children, grandchildren and myself to go

My library has really become the community center....

There are many things you can write about. Best of all, you are helping the library and yourself too. We will pay for the stamp and send the letter.

We can even win a prize if we come up with the most creative mailbox. Come give your ideas on a mailbox and see if we can win.

Thank you for your Support,

Ripley Public Library

## Among Friends

Nancy McIntosh, FOL President

Happy New Year Everyone! This is the year for everyone to get out of their chairs and take an active role in making Ripley Public Library the most exciting library ever! Want to see more programs taking place? How about requesting local authors to appear? What about programs for teens, tweens and children? Are computer classes on your list of things to accomplish? Need to update your resume in hopes of landing

that perfect job? The library needs to know what your interests are, and the Friends of the Library need your participation in our group to help make all of these things possible.

Make this the year to reach out and join us. The Friends are a wonderful group of people, dedicated in assisting the library through event participation, fund raisers and volunteering. The next meeting will take place the second Friday in February at noon. Everyone is welcome.

### Ancestry.com

You can now access **Ancestry.com** through CCLS (Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Library System) at our library. The website to access Ancestry.com will be posted at the library. Come on in and find your past.



### Speak Up for Ripley Library

*If you would like to advocate for our library in person, with someone who can directly help, Senator George Borello (57,R) will be at the Cattaraugus Free Library on Friday, January 24 at 10 a.m.*

The Cattaraugus Library is just over an hour's drive. If you would like to car-pool, please contact the Ripley Library at (716) 736-3913.

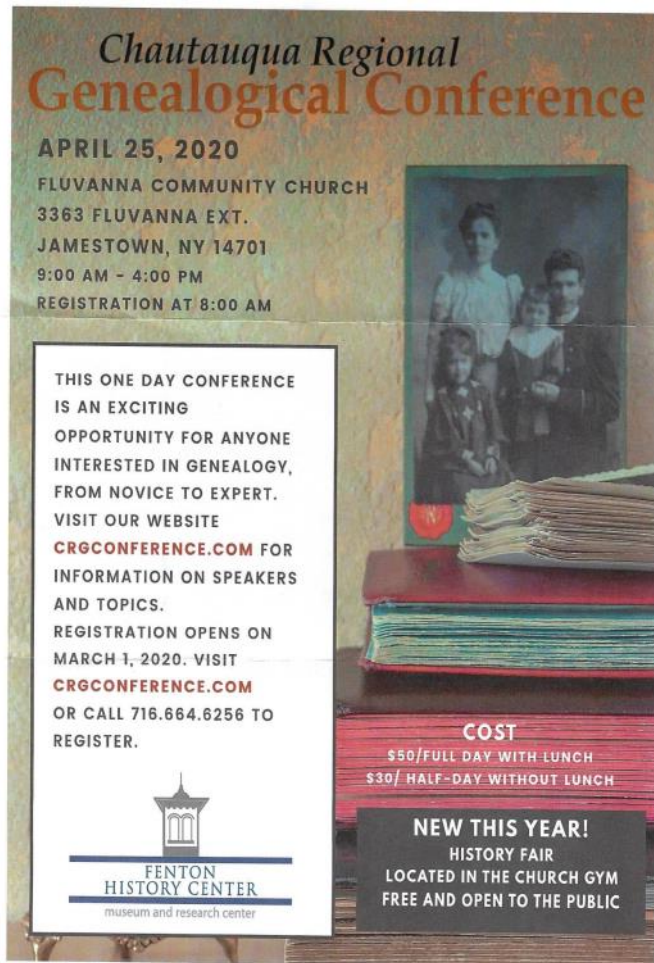
### One of a Kind

The One of a Kind Club continues to grow. Now more than ever, we need to share the concept of the Club. By performing one kind act on a daily basis, you have met the criteria. It's that simple. Many times throughout the year I have heard people say, "I just did my kind act of the day". It's not that they're bragging. They just have it in the back of their minds to do it.

Call the library and we'll add your name to the list, 716-736-3913 or email us at [clerk@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:clerk@ripleylibrary.org).

The library has One of a Kind t-shirts available. For only \$10 you can show that you are One of a Kind. Or join the new Walkers Group and get one with your fee! Available in sizes Small up to 3X. 2X and 3X sizes are \$12.





**Chautauqua Regional  
Genealogical Conference**

**APRIL 25, 2020**  
FLUVANNA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
3363 FLUVANNA EXT.  
JAMESTOWN, NY 14701  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM

THIS ONE DAY CONFERENCE  
IS AN EXCITING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE  
INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY,  
FROM NOVICE TO EXPERT.  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
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AND TOPICS.  
REGISTRATION OPENS ON  
MARCH 1, 2020. VISIT  
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OR CALL 716.664.6256 TO  
REGISTER.

**COST**  
\$50/FULL DAY WITH LUNCH  
\$30/ HALF-DAY WITHOUT LUNCH

**NEW THIS YEAR!**  
HISTORY FAIR  
LOCATED IN THE CHURCH GYM  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**FENTON  
HISTORY CENTER**  
museum and research center

The Ripley Public Library Director will be attending this conference and will present a workshop for the Ripley community on information learned at this Regional Conference. However, if you would like to attend the Genealogical Conference in Jamestown, you are invited to do so. The cost for the full day is \$50, lunch included, or \$30 for half-day.

## Writing Challenge

The Challenge is to write 20,000 words between Monday, January 13 and Saturday, February 24.

November is the annual NaNoWriMo writing challenge, but November is a very busy month for most of us, so the Ripley Library, under the direction of author Mary Ellen Humphries, is sponsoring their own writing challenge.

After the hustle and hassle of the holiday season, January and February tend to be a bit of a let down. Fill that void with a challenge to write your own great American novel.

What you write is up to you. No grades are given, no critiques to worry about. Just write what is in your head and see if you can meet the 20,000 word goal.

Kick-off meeting is Monday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. Weekly meetings will be held on Mondays during the challenge. Attend or not as you feel so inclined.

If this time is not convenient, let the library know and a second class time will be announced.

Write on!



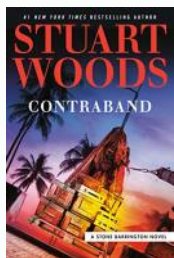
Saturday, February 1, 2020

9 am to 2 pm

Come check out books, make a craft, read a book, use the computer, play a game and just enjoy your time at the Ripley Public Library

## Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be **Friday, January 3** at 11 a.m. where we will discuss The Road Taken.



The book selection for January is **Contraband** by Stuart Woods.

Sharon McIntosh is the facilitator. Join us for a lively discussion. New members are always welcome.

## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

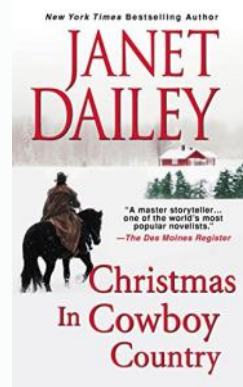
*Christmas in Cowboy Country* by Janet Dailey

Annie Bennett, a ski instructor in Aspen and Vail, injured in one of the events, goes home to the Colorado Ranch where she grew up to recover and finds more excitement than on the slopes.

A Company owned and operated by unkind and dishonest men were attempting to obtain, however they could, land in that Colorado area for development. Annie's father, Tyrell Bennett, was determined to keep the land and memories that had been his family's home for generations.

When a stranger, Marshall Stone, is discovered on the land with surveying equipment, the worst was easy to believe. Tyrell wanted him off the land and Annie found him interesting.

Marshall is discovered to have been sent to determine who was behind the land-grab and stop them. Throughout the book, with a number of exciting and sometimes dangerous events, everyone kept their land and had a quiet and friendly Christmas.



## Forgotten Books

The Ripley Library has the **Cart of Forgotten Books**. These are books that have not been checked out in the last ten years, and in some cases, never checked out! Some are fiction, some classics, some are young adult or junior books, and some are nonfiction. Please, help save the forgotten books!

## Workshop At Ripley Public Library

Ripley Public Library will hold a workshop January 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm on conducting a News Conference. We think it is vital for the recognition of our library in order to receive grants large enough to complete our project. This workshop is open to the public for whomever would like to attend and share their knowledge on such matters.



## CCLS 2020 Reading Challenge

The Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System has issued a challenge for all of us. Can you read 20 books in 2020? They have given us a list of genres to follow. Let's see if we can do it. If you need help finding the right book, just ask one of us to help. Through the system catalog and Google we should be able to find all that you need. The year 2020 is going to be so much fun!

1. Written by a local author
2. Local area mentioned in the book
3. Published the year you were born
4. Published in 2020
5. A story that takes place in a country you've never been to
6. A non-fiction book about science
7. A book being adapted into a movie/ TV show in 2020
8. An audio book from the library or Overdrive
9. A re-telling of a classic fairy tale
10. Book of short stories
11. A book you picked out because of the cover
12. A book with illustrations
13. About mental illness or a character dealing with mental illness
14. A book by someone in their 20s
15. Crime fiction or true crime
16. Book with "20" or "Twenty" in the title
17. Book that takes place in Japan (host of 2020 Olympics)
18. Book about a sport in the summer Olympics
19. Book that takes place in the 1920s
20. A Western

Of course one title can be used for more than one category! Join us on social media with #ccls20in20 You can post the title and/or picture of the book and what category you are reading. No prizes beyond self-satisfaction and connecting to the online community through #ccls20in20. Happy Reading!

## January New Book List

### Adult Fiction

\*Lock Every Door/Sager  
 \*Nothing to See Here/Wilson  
 \*Twisted Twenty-Six/Evanovich  
 \*The Giver of Stars/Moyes  
 \*Where the Forest Meets the Stars/Vanderah  
 \*The Night Fire/Connelly  
 \*Olive, Again/Strout  
 \*The Dutch House/Patchett  
 Never Look Away/Barclay  
 Cemetery Girl/Bell  
 Open House/Berg  
 The Winter Witch/Brackston  
 Burning Bright/Chevalier  
 The Lost Symbol/Brown  
 Women of Courage/Brunstetter  
 Force of Nature/Box  
 The Syndrome/Case  
 The Concrete Blonde/Connelly  
 The Café by the Sea/Colgan  
 Pirate Latitudes/Crichton  
 The Language of Flowers/Diffenbaugh  
 The Law of Love/Esquivel  
 Tricky Twenty-Two/Evanovich  
 Heart of the Matter/Giffin  
 A Plain Leaving/Gould  
 Gray Mountain/Grisham  
 Trouble/Kellerman  
 The Iceman Always comes on Tuesday/Masse  
 Window on the Bay/Macomber  
 Accidents of Marriage/Meyers  
 Rachel's Rescue/Miller  
 The Butterfly Box/Montefiore  
 Of Windmills & War/Moody  
 Beyond the Shadow of War/Moody  
 From the Ashes of War/Moody  
 Songs in Ordinary Time/Morris  
 Women of God/Patterson  
 The Huntress/Quinn  
 The Storm Sister/Riley  
 Speaking in Bones/Reichs  
 The Bone Labyrinth/Rollins  
 Echoes/Steel

The Accidental Tourist/Tyler  
 The Bourne Enigma/Lustbader  
 Bone Deep/White

### Adult Nonfiction

\*Me/John, Elton  
 \*If You Tell/Olsen  
 DIY Ideas: Projects and Tips for Every Room  
 Luscious Berry Desserts/Longbotham  
 Conservative Victory/Hannity  
 The 15:17 to Paris/Sadler  
 Finding Grace/VanLiere  
 A Man Named Dave/Pelzer  
 The Treehouse/Wolf  
 Jack Straight from the Gut/Welch  
 The World Without Us/Weisman  
 Call Me Ted/Turner

### Adult Large Print

\*The Deserter/DeMille  
 Disappearance at Devil's Rock/Tremblay  
 The Year We Turned Forty/Fenton  
 From Here to Home/Bostwick  
 The Haunting Ballad/Nethercott  
 Elementary, She Read/Delany  
 Justice Buried/Bradley  
 Murder at the Puppy Fest/Berenson  
 Women Talking/Toews  
 Shine Like the Dawn/Turansky

### Adult Paperbacks

Caught Bread Handed/Alexander  
 Wild Cowboy Ways/Brown  
 A Courtship on Huckleberry Hill/Beckstrand  
 Home for the Homicide/Bentley  
 Endless Summer/Roberts  
 Taken by the Night/Smith  
 Chain Reaction/Wyatt  
 Twisted/Kellerman  
 Last of the Breed/L'Amour  
 Pizza Bomber/Clark

### Young Adult

Fear of Missing Out/McGovern  
 Crying Laughing/Rubin  
 The Hectic Headspace Abigail  
 Squall/O'Neill  
 The Magnolia Sword/Thomas

### Junior Books

The Hunt for the Colosseum  
 Ghost/Stilton  
 The Books of UMBER/Catanese  
 Five Kingdoms/Mull  
 Roscoe Riley Rules #6: Never Walk in Shoes that Talk/Applegate  
 The Scary Snake Mystery/Adler  
 The King of Show and Tell/Klein  
 Junie b Jones has a peep in her pocket/Park  
 The Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue/Elliott  
 Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion/Kline  
 A Children's Book About:  
     DISOBEYING  
     BEING LAZY  
     TATTLING  
     FIGHTING  
     BEING A BAD SPORT  
     LYING  
     WHINING/Berry

### Easy Readers

The Hunchback of Notre Dame/Korman  
 Ben Franklin and his First Kite/Krensky  
 I Really Like Slop/Willems  
 Who Bob What Pants? /Sollinger  
 Behold, No Cavities/Willson  
 The Long Nosed Pig/Faulkner  
 Star Wars Look and Find  
 Pooh Look and Find  
 Thelma the Unicorn/Blabey

### DVDs

Dark Knight Rises  
 Aftermath  
 Silverado  
 The Bank Job  
 Twister  
 Hope Springs  
 Dolores Claiborne  
 The Sopranos/Third Season  
 The Sopranos/Fourth Season

### \*BESTSELLERS

## Bad Timing?

**If a class or event is taking place at bad time for you, please call the Ripley Library (716-736-3913) and request a time that is convenient for you. The Library tries to make events available to as many people as possible. Don't be left out!**

## Quilting & Sewing

The Ripley Library Quilters have been busy. They meet on **Thursdays at 1 pm**. If you've never tried quilting, there are seasoned quilters available to help you. If you are experienced, join in the social side of quilting.

Any sewing project is welcome as well. Open to all levels.

**Come sew or quilt! The group is back in session!**

## Meeting Space Available

Ripley Library has space available for events and meetings. The Community Room can accommodate approximately 30 people at tables and more if only seating is needed. Contact the librarian for available times.

**Knitters and Crocheters** meet every **Tuesday between 3-7:30 pm**.

Learn from experienced knitters or bring your own projects to work on.



**Open Craft** Can't make it for scheduled craft times? Come on in **Thursdays at 10:30 am**. Bring whatever craft you are working on and settle in with the rest of the group. Knitting, painting, sewing - or whatever your area of interest. Everyone welcome!

## Ripley Public Library Mission Statement

The mission of the Ripley Public Library is to promote life-long learning for all community residents, providing unrestricted free access to all printed and recorded material from its own collection as well as that of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. The Library will endeavor to create a community center that provides so much more than information for all of those who ask questions and seek answers.

## Advertising

You may have noticed that the advertising that helps support our library has been moved. The donation structure for ads is changing, and each advertiser is being notified regarding the changes.

If you would like to add your business or service to the list of valued supporters of the library, please contact Robyn Albright, (716) 736-3913 or [thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

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The Friends of the Ripley Library have made a huge difference in not only the library, but in the town as well. We need YOU to join us in doing something worthwhile that benefits our entire community. Membership is as simple as filling out your name, address and phone number and contributing a \$5 per year membership fee. From there you can be as involved as you want to be. We need cooks and bakers, someone to run a vacuum cleaner, shelve books, clip newspaper articles and a hundred other odd jobs around the library. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome. Even if you only want to pay your annual membership fee and not be heard from again—WE NEED YOU!



Membership dues are \$5 per year, regardless of age. We hope this amount will not cause undue stress on anyone's budget.

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### Friends of the Ripley Library Application

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## Library Calendar of Events

- Friday, January 3, 11am, Book Club
- Monday, January 13, 10:30am, Writing Challenge Starts
- Saturday, January 18, 12:30pm, News Conference Workshop
- Friday, January 24, 10am, Library Advocacy Meeting in Cattaraugus with George Borello
- Saturday, January 25, 12:30pm Library Board Meeting



### Email Newsletter

**We rely on email to get our newsletter out. We would like to increase our list of recipients but we need your help to do so. Please tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about The Bookworm and the fun things we're doing at the library. Each month you will also receive an email, About Town. For a monthly copy, send your email address to:**

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### Ripley Library Board Meeting Dates 2020

Jan 25	Jul 25
Feb 22	Aug 22
Mar 21	Sep 26
Apr 25	Oct 24
May 23	Nov 21
Jun 27	Dec 19

## Notes & Things

If you have a friend or relative who would like to receive cards, phone calls or visits, let us know here at :

thebookworm14775@gmail.com



Sharon McIntosh was recently hospitalized and is currently convalescing at home. If you'd like to send a get well card to wish her continued recovery, her address is:

Sharon McIntosh  
9669 East Sidehill Road  
Ripley, NY 14775



# January 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

			1	2	3 Book Club 11am	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Writing Challenge Starts 10:30am	14	15	16	17	18 News Conference Workshop 12:30pm
19	20	21	22	23	24 Library meeting in Cattaraugus 10am	25 Library Board Mtg 12:30pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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