

The Bookworm

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Friends of the Ripley
Library Welcome You

NOTE:
New Temporary
Hours of Operation

Currently closed
until further notice

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



Congratulations Ripley Seniors!



***Naomi Fisher**
Valedictorian

Dominic Fox

***Peyton D'Anthony**
Salutatorian

Trent Bolinger

***Phillip Maas**

Aiden Carson

Sebastian Lanphere

Richard Sprague

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Gabrielle Burkett

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Danielle Einfeldt

Mikala Parnell

Jeffery Mantsch

Devin Lindstrom

Elizabeth Gard

Brandon Rowe

Jasmine Treacle

Rachel Shiolen



Taylor Mantsch

Patrisha Elder

Mackenzie Rizzo

Elise Nellis

Daylon Utegg

Dustin White

Emerald Wiech

Betty Hamrick

***Logan Walczak**

Alyssa McKenery

***Top Ten**



Friends of the Library Meeting:
No currently scheduled meeting



To the 2020 High School Graduates

You may be the first class in our country's history to have your graduation ceremonies, as well as other benchmark Senior events, cancelled due to a virus. There must be disappointment on your part at having missed these important rights of passage. However, you have achieved the first step in becoming a productive, important, part of your country's growth.

Congratulations to you all for your achievements in your high school career. Wherever your path goes from here, we wish you success and fulfillment.

We are proud of you!

Congratulations to you all!

Bolinger, Trent	Mantsch, Taylor
Burkett, Gabrielle	Mason, Gryphien
Carson, Aiden	McKenery, Alyssa
D'Anthony Peyton	Nellis, Elise
Dorman, McKenna	Parnell, Mikala
Einfeldt, Danielle	Rizzo, Mackenzie
Elder, Patrisha	Rowe, Brendon
Fisher, Naomi	Saldana, Isai
Fox, Dominic	Shiolen, Rachel
Gard, Elizabeth	Sprague, Richard
Hamrick, Betty	Tolbert, Hailey
Hawkins, Avey	Treacle, Jasmine
Lanphere, Sebastian	Triana, Cody
Lindstrom, Devin	Utegg, Daylon
Maas, Phillip	Walczak, Logan
Mantsch, Jeffery	White, Dustin
	Wiech, Emerald

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Election

The Ripley Library has two Board of Director seats up for election this June 9th.

John Hamels is running for the seat he took up on Charlie Little's untimely passing. Violet Gard has completed her term on the board and does not wish to renew her seat on the board. However, the ballots were printed with Violet's name in error. That's where write-in votes come in.

If you, or someone you know, wants to run for the Board seat you can write their name in under Violet Gard where it says "write in."

Just to clarify: if Violet Gard has the most number of votes at the conclusion of the election, she will resign and the library board members will appoint someone to fill the three-year term.

2020 United States Census

"The Constitution requires that everyone living in the United States participate in the census every 10 years. People of color, those living in poverty, people experiencing homelessness, rural communities, religious minorities and immigrant communities often go undercounted. Fear, mistrust and lack of awareness about the process are among the reasons some don't participate." (excerpt from the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. [CLINIC] website).

The Census Bureau DOES NOT release your information to any other agencies. It is safe to be counted and it is necessary to be counted. Vulnerable individuals, i.e. those who are in this country without proper documentation, can safely be counted among the population, and SHOULD be counted.

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson



Hello Everybody!!! The month of June is finally here and with it a blast summer. Mother Nature just flipped of the switch and we went from winter to summer in a flash. This always catches me off guard. My body had no time to acclimate to the temperature change. That is okay though, at least it is nice out and we can get outside and do what we have been waiting all winter to do, and we don't need coats!

I have been busy getting my lawn in shape and with the rain and sun it is a full time job just mowing. Best of all, I have my husband busy building frames for me. Let me explain. A couple of years ago, our board president, Earl Freling and former board president Laurel Adams hosted a gardening session at the library for Earth Day. Earl showed demonstrations on how to put in raised garden beds. I loved the idea of the plastic barrels, so with a little help from my friends, I was able to obtain some barrels and my sweet husband built the frames. Each frame will hold four halves of the barrels. With these, I am going to plant my raised beds. I will have twelve of them and can't wait.

One of the greatest things is that they are high enough I do not have to bend over to work the garden and even better, this will help keep the little critters out of my vegetables. This is so exciting and I am very eager to get it going.

Hopefully all of you are outside digging in the dirt, planting flowers and gardens and just nurturing Mother Nature with your hands. Remember, nurturing her also nurtures us in return. We always feel so much better after working in the soil, enriching it as it enriches us in return. Right now we can all use a little

bit of that.

Sorry about the tangent, I just had to go on a bit. Of course there is library news as well. I will be putting separate articles in to cover the re-opening and how we have to do this. Additionally, I will explain what is going on so far as the renovations. Please be sure to read the whole newsletter, there is a lot of great news in it this month. Some important items are the Census, voting, write-in votes, the graduating Seniors, re-opening, and renovations to name a few. Remember, even though we are experiencing a new period in time, we will work out the best way to handle this. Using some scientists' visions I will quote Edison with "necessity is the mother of invention." If we want to make something work, we will find a way to do that. This is the way people are. And this is the way libraries are.

Then there is Charles Darwin, with his survival of the fittest. We will adapt to what life throws at us. This is how libraries work. We adapt to the changing of time. Many people think the internet has left the library outdated. Surprise! The library jumped on board with the internet and other technologies and they are just as important as they always were. Even a pandemic cannot keep us down. Work is still going on behind the scenes to ensure that the library adapts to this new way. Remember if we cannot adapt, we will die. There is no way libraries are going away. So sometime soon, I will see you at the library!

P.S. If you need to contact us, please email me at Director@ripleylibrary.org or thebookworm14775@gmail.com

ripleylibrary.org

The ripleyleylibrary.org website is shaping up nicely. Within the next few weeks, you will find some very new and exciting elements added to our site along with an entirely new format.

Not only will you find more up-to-date library information but you will also have access to The Bookworm and About Town, Story Time, The Kids Corner, Educational Links and so much more. Check it out every week to see what's been added. Although the library doors may still be closed, there are many new and wonderful things happening at the Ripley Public Library!

Renovations at the Library

This is great news!!! I have been working on grants for so long and the whole library support team has been working hard to raise money for our building fund. There has been so much work done in the background that I cannot believe actual construction is about to start soon. How does mid-July sound?? It sounds wonderful to me! Finally, we are going to see some advancement after all the work that has been done. A HUGE thank you to the support team who have worked crazy hours to raise money. This would never have happened without you.

The library board had a phone conference meeting last week which included Nuwood Creations, the construction group who will do the renovations on the library. They have agreed to work for time and materials. This is a good thing. If there is something we can do, we will save that much in money for the time and put it to more construction.

We are looking for a team to help move things out to the storage container. If we had a small team of about six guys, we could get this done in record time. The library would even have a cookout and we could have a social distance get together to finish up the day. We literally could get this done in a couple of hours if we had help.

If anyone out there would be interested in helping out, please let me know by calling the library at 736-3913 or email me at director@ripleylibrary.org.

Thank you!

Ripley Review Newspapers

Robyn Albright

Several years ago I contacted the Patterson Library in Westfield, looking for the old Ripley Review newspapers. I was told there were no newspapers from Ripley, only the one page inserts in the Westfield Republican. Well, I knew there were years of newspapers from Ripley, having read quite a few in my life.

Upon further searching, I found a motherlode of Ripley Reviews in the musty, dank basement of the Westfield Republican office on Main Street in Westfield. I asked the then editor of the Westfield paper if I could rescue my hometown papers from the basement. Permission was granted, and I was able to add years worth of Ripley news to the already stashed boxes at the Ripley town offices.

There are many early years of the old town rag still missing. Perhaps they'll turn up in time.

The Ripley Review papers have found a new home with John Hamels, Town historian, in

the Town office building. Storing these historic papers (more than 20 boxes full) from Ripley's past has been no easy task. They have been passed from the Town offices to the library, and now back again. Someday it is hoped to put them all on microfilm to preserve them for posterity. If you know of any old papers lying around in your attics or basements, and would like to give them a good home, let us know at the library or town building, and we will be happy to rescue them!



Library Re-Opening Guidelines

I know everyone is almost as anxious as I am for the library to re-open. Well, that time is upon us. However, there are guidelines we must follow that have come down from both the State and the CCLS library system. First and foremost, I must write a re-opening plan and keep it on file. This is done through the guidance of both the State and the System. Secondly, we are allowed to re-open for curbside service only. Now this poses an inconvenience for you as you will be limited to the books in our library. The System does not know when it will resume delivery services and you still cannot place holds on books. Hold placing will resume when the delivery resumes. So for right now, you can only take out books in your library. All libraries are working on curbside service only until we hear differently. All you have to do is call us 736-3913 and either speak to one of us or leave a message with your name, the title of the book and the author, email me at Director@ripleylibrary.org or clerk@ripleylibrary.org.

Now, I know some of you are saying, "I will just go to that other library and get out the book as my card works at any library." This is true, but we are encouraging people to not do that in order to keep the spread of the virus down and to keep our library's numbers up.

We at Ripley have an even greater issue, because of our problems with the ceiling; most of our books are still boxed up and will remain that way until the renovations of Phase One are complete. This will be explained in a separate article. However, as I stated in my Director's Report, libraries have an incredible way of adapting to all situations, along with a director who learned a long time ago that there is more than one way to skin a cat (just an old saying, I really have never skinned a cat).

What we are doing is putting out a list of our new books that we have purchased. Now this list goes back a ways and will be lengthy. Please hang onto this list. It may even be a good way to keep track of the ones you have read, just cross them out as you go along. You can also go online at the CCLS website at cclsny.org and find the book you want, look down the list and make sure that Ripley has the book and put in your request via the phone or email. We will get your books checked out and bagged up for you. Curbside times will be Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call us at 736-3913 when you are parked

near the door on Goodrich Street and we will bring your bag of books out to you. Simple as that.

For reasons of safety, we are asking that all returns are made through the drop box. There are strict protocols on how we handle returned books. First they must sit in quarantine for three days. Then we must wear a mask and gloves to handle them. They will all be sanitized and then checked back in and put back on the shelf. You will not be charged while your returned book sits in quarantine.

This is a time consuming effort, but it is something we must do for the safety of everyone. So if you talk to "Sally" down the street and she said she returned that book you want to read, you will not be able to get it out until it sits for three days, is cleaned, sanitized and checked in. This will go for DVD's and anything that gets brought to the library. We are requesting that you hold onto your donations for the time being. This will hinder our system of cleaning and of course where to store them during renovations.

So let's recap:

- Look to the list in the newsletter or online through cclsny.org.
- Call the library with your name and the Title and Author of the book.
- Or you can contact us at director@ripleylibrary.org or clerk@ripleylibrary.org. Give us your name and title and author of the book or movie.
- Pick-up times are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. Call us when you arrive.
- We bring your cleaned, sanitized, bagged books out to you.
- You place returned items in the drop box

Pretty simple and we will stay on this schedule through the renovation period. Even when other libraries change with the phases put forth by the State government, due to our renovations, we will have to continue with this schedule.

Stay tuned to our website at ripleylibrary.org for updates as they happen.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at the library or the best way is to email me at: director@ripleylibrary.org.

In this election year it is more important than ever to understand the process of politics. As much as we hope our politicians are honorable and working in our best interests, it isn't always that easy. The following is part of a series of articles written by Mary Ellen Humphrey who served as both a state representative and senator.

Adventures in Politics Land

**By Mary Ellen Humphrey,
former State House and Senate Member**

The Rules of Law

Freshmen legislators are often assigned to less desirable tasks and committees. JLCAR is one of those committees where people roll their eyes and look in the other direction. Pronounced JELL-KAR, it stands for Joint Legislative Committee for Administrative Rules. Rulemaking, how boring! When the committee was short a member, Mr. Chairman asked me to fill the slot. He assured me it only meets one Friday a month (he didn't say all day) and offered insights into the workings of government few ever witness. I said YES.

Wordsmithing may have originated with lawmakers. Take the words shall and may. If the text of a statute says may, then there are some options and wiggle room. But if it says shall, that's all there is to it. Resistance is futile! You shall comply. Words have true power.

Little known to most is this constitutional clause, found in both state and federal documents: "The rules **shall** have the force and effect of law." That means once a rule is approved and implemented, it is the LAW.

Turns out that JLCAR is extremely important. Here's how it works. The Legislature decides the policy through statutes, the creation of laws. Have you ever wondered what happens after a bill is signed by the governor or president? How does that bill become law? How is it implemented? That's where JLCAR comes in. And it is a wonderful, if sometimes tedious, insight into the checks and balances between the legislative branch and the executive branch.

Departments of state are assigned the job of writing the rules to implement the bills once they pass and become statutes. Think of your drivers license. A bill was proposed and passed into law allowing for licensing motor vehicle

drivers. It then went to the proper department, like the Division of Motor Vehicles, where government employees, often with the help of state attorneys, draft rules on how to implement that law. There are rules governing how you actually get a driver's license, things like driver tests, age restrictions, penalties for driving without a license, etc.

It's not a simple thing to hand the statute to a department and let them implement it because, human nature being what it is, administrators have to interpret what the legislators intended and draft rules to fit. And it's very difficult for us humans not to see things our way. So often the rules went too far, or not far enough, depending on the personal opinions of those drafting them. Lobbyists and interested parties are often present for the JLCAR public testimony to offer refinements and suggestions; and sometimes to make a final attempt to insert a point of view not intended by the legislature that passed the Bill.

It was our job, the JLCAR, to make sure the rules fit the intent of the legislature. We listened to the proposed rules and decided if they needed further work or if they were acceptable. In other words, we gave the final approval for all the rules.

Sometimes the rule writers saw the statute differently than the JLCAR members, and argued their point of view. Our chairman stood his ground telling them the proposed rule wasn't consistent with the statute. The role of the legislature is to make policy. The role of the executive branch is to administer that policy. Here was a check and balance between those two, and if the rule drafters couldn't make their case, there was great frustration. Great drama!

So one day, when we reached an impasse on a proposed rule, I asked the chairman what the consequence was because it didn't appear that we had power. We either voted the rule as correct and acceptable, or we refused to approve it. He explained that no department would risk implementing a rule without JLCAR approval because if it was ever tested in a court, the department would lose. I have to admit, even today, I wish it was a little stronger than that, because it means that a citizen who feels a rule is unfair has to sue in order to correct a mistake in rule making. But he was correct, without JLCAR's approval, departments rarely, if ever, went forward with the proposed rule.

This is a two-part look back at a memorable trip, with lasting impressions and memories. I hope you enjoy a trip down memory lane. ra

Travel Logue-A Trip to Florida

by Sharon McIntosh

“There, the bedding’s all folded up, the pop cans are back in the lunch container and I think everything is ready to go, we should get started if we don’t want to be late getting to Connie’s.”

That was me, with it all packed up and ready to roll the rest of the way to Florida for a visit with my brother and his wife in Cape Canaveral.

“There’s no hurry, we can’t leave until 9”, said my husband in a matter of fact tone.

“Nine O’clock? Why on earth can’t we leave until nine? We planned on being back on the road around 6 and it’s almost seven thirty now, what’s this 9 o’clock business.”

“I guess we should have read the signs when we came in last night. This is a State Park and the gates are locked from nine at night to nine in the morning and patrolled by Rangers for camper safety.” remarked Bob in his maddeningly unperturbed manner.

Yesterday we had driven from Western New York to South Carolina and stopped at this park to get a good night’s rest before finishing the trip.

I was working the 3 – 11 shift at the hospital, had been up most of the day before getting everything packed that we wanted to take with us, the items all crossed off the list and I thought things were pretty much taken care of. We had discussed leaving on the trip a little after I got home from work. When I did get home, Bob was sound asleep and I saw some things that could be done and taken care of before we left. As I pattered and wondered and peeked into the bedroom and wondered some more, should I wake him up, no probably not, let him sleep as long as he wants to, he’ll be up pretty soon. Well, pretty soon dragged on and on until it became not so soon and then turned into I have no idea what the plan is, maybe I should go to bed. No, if I go to bed, that will wake him up and I might just as well stay awake and get a little more done.

The plan, when we travelled, was to pack a lunch, stop at a rest area that had picnic tables, eat a leisurely meal and be on the way again. Well, that part of the trip was perfect, nice table, we watched ducks playing in the pond and kids having a good time running and laughing while their parents took a leg stretching walk along the parking area. I love people-watching at these stops; older, stiff folks limbering a little as they make their way to the building. Nattily dressed folks preening for each other and gushing about where they had been and no nonsense truck drivers nodding to each other and taking that rolling gait they develop back to their rigs and on their way again.

When we finally decided to stop for the night, we were in South Carolina and saw the sign for Colleton State Park. We were travelling in Bob’s big red Ram Charger, with everything packed either in the cargo area or the back seat. We planned to sleep a few hours, Bob on the front seat and I on the back. There were plenty of pillows and blankets along with boxes and crates to make a pretty comfortable bed in the back and I was ready for bed with a capital SLEEP on my mind.

One of the drawing points of the 35 acre park is its access to the Edisto River which runs through the grounds, with hiking trails, nature walks and occasional benches to rest or watch the resident wildlife. Bob elected to take a short walk to limber up a bit before turning in for the night. Not my first choice, but what to heck, we were on vacation, in a faraway state, on the way to Florida and it was an adventure and I didn’t want to miss anything. I have gotten older, but have never grown up and do not plan to start at this late date. As we walked along, there were very few hikers and we could watch the slow current of the small river as it lazed along in the setting sun. We noted an occasional circle and a few bubbles on the surface as a small fish snapped at a low-flying insect and hear a frog splash into the water as we disturbed his realm. Bob held up his hand to stop and we both watched a mama coon and her 4 babies scamper up a partially fallen sapling and play at almost falling off, but not quite, here I am over here, can’t catch me, oops, there I almost fell again, now I’ll jump over you and you can fall off. It was almost mesmerizing to watch their antics and a perfect ending to a long day.

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We Asked—You Responded

We wanted to know what you wanted to read about and several requests came in for historical stories about Ripley. Thank you to those who took the time to let us know what interests you! Keep the requests coming!

Excerpts from "Our Town," by M.S. Niebauer November 10, 1971

"Someone made the suggestion that the school use their front lawn as a town park—all it would need is benches and a few other things. That is a possibility which should be considered."

(Was it ever considered? Should it be considered now?)

"There are lots of people doing all kinds of things who could use a pat on the back. If you let me know we could even have a "Tip of the Hat" or "Pat on the Back" section. You let me know what people are doing for the good of the town and I'll give them credit in the paper."

(This is still a good idea! Let The Bookworm know and we'll give credit where credit is due.)

"Too often I hear what people are doing which they shouldn't be doing. And invariably someone will say 'Why don't you put that in the paper?' Well for one thing there are libel laws and we have to be very careful. But the main reason is the 'accentuate the positive' idea—not ignore the negative, but just play up what is good about the town and try to overlook the bad and hope for improvement."

(Still a policy of this newsletter—accentuate the positive)

"Of course if something is going on that could definitely be improved, we should all be made aware of it too. There are so many things which could be improved if an organization or just a few interested people could get behind it.

"For instance, a new library building (which the library association has started a fund for—but it needs a lot more help), perhaps a community swimming pool (which the town board has discussed) - and there is a definite need for a community building (the Hamilton House is long gone for that purpose

now). "

(The library building became a reality with the purchase of the Baptist Church on Main Street. Sadly a community pool has not happened, nor has a community building, although the Ripley Library is striving to reach that goal.)

"If there were enough push from enough people and a little organization—many things which the town needs could be accomplished. Extension of sewer and water facilities are definitely needed too, but that takes a lot more in the way of funds than some other town projects."

(Extension of water and sewer has finally been achieved...)

"Just a simple plaque with our servicemen's names, to be placed in front of the town hall, is something the American Legion has been working on, but they need cooperation of all the people to make such an idea a success. Are people willing to do a little community work. Are they asking too much?

"If you think any of these things sound worthwhile, get a group together, attend some board meetings, find out what has been done, what can be done, and how you can help. Or is it true? Don't people like to be involved in anything anymore????"

These questions and remarks were made almost 50 years ago. How much has changed in Ripley? Or more accurately, how much has changed for the better? Certainly there have been good changes, such as the library building, the sewer and water lines being extended, and a few new businesses in town.

However, Ripley businesses, ALL Ripley businesses need the support of the residents of our community. Further growth of taxable businesses is a necessary change if we are to prosper as a community.

Please give some thought as to how YOU can contribute to Ripley's growth and prosperity. Send us your ideas and thoughts and we'll publish those that are positive.

My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

I took my own advice last month, which does not happen regularly. (Taking my own advice, not last month)

I started going through cook books and looking at copies of recipes I've saved on numerous and sundry bits of paper, the inside blank page of another cook book and several recipe cards. Some of them were old, some very old and others almost illegible from use and age.

I rummaged through my several recipe card boxes and that was truly a trip down memory lane. White sugar cookies made with lard, "my grandmother's recipe for mince meat pie" written to me by a lady who was in her nineties when I was a child.

Then I started searching through the book shelves and found a two-volume cook book by Meta Given which I had purchased through a book club when I was a teen ager. This I gave to my grand daughter, Andriel, who is an avid cook. She, along with her husband, Chris own and run a business and for relaxation do gourmet cooking. Looking through that book, before gifting it, I was reminded that I've been setting the table for years and years with way too few utensils and the water glass was not in the correct location. Not sure how so many folks have survived my lackadaisical hostessing (if that's even a word)

Next, I unearthed "The Good Sam RV Cookbook" which contains recipes collected from campers and full timers; easy, quick, nourishing and using common and usually on-hand ingredients. I got lost in that one for a while, remembering camping all over the country and using some of these ideas while out in the wilds or in campgrounds just off the I- whatever on our way to the final destination.

Then I discovered "Country Flavor Cookbook" by Haydn S. Pearson, delightfully written in the expected New England vernacular and with their values described in the country tales found on almost every other page between recipes. One allusion to contentment was that spending a July evening outside brings happiness "not found in the coinage of the market place".

I found "Making Homemade Soups & Stews" by

Phyllis Hobson, having been copyright@1977 and purchased from Crolle's Agway. Directions and ingredients for Soups, Stews, Bisques, Chowders and Chili were all viewed and enjoyed until I came to the one that gave me the real belly laugh for the day "Cream of Leftover Soup" Just too good not to take a little coffee break and imagine what all you could use up to produce this.

Then I uncovered "The Farmer's Meat Book", copyright @1939 so now I have learned how to cut up a pig, and how much Sterling Sugar Curing Meat Salt I need and what seasoning to use for 100 pounds of ham or sausage. This is right in line with the directions in Jim's folks cook book for curing bacon and dried beef.

I have also taken the time to consolidate the two cook books that I have accumulated over the 9 years we spent wintering in Florida. I had recipes here that I made copies of to take there, I had some from there that I copied to bring back here. What I ended up with was some duplicates, some new to only one location and now, they are all copied in large font and stored in only one loose leaf notebook in page protectors. To use them, I take the whole page out, use it for a splash and drip protector on the counter. I can easily read the ingredients from a standing position and just wash it off and return it to the book, no worse for wear.

My suggestion for June, if we are still being careful and not rushing right out there every day; go through all your picnic, outdoor cooking and grilling supplies and equipment. Find out if you really do need to buy more napkins, table cloths, paper plates or plastic glasses and tableware. Maybe you can save enough for an even bigger steak.....Enjoy the month and each other. Take care to stay safe and stay healthy.



Bad Timing?

If a class or event is taking place at a 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!

Meeting Space Available

Until such time as the Library renovations are finished, meeting space is limited. Please check with the library if you need a space to meet. (716)736-3913

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.

Please Note

All groups and activities have been suspended until further notice. COVID-19 guidelines are in effect and the Ripley Public Library is closed until the "self quarantine" is lifted. We hope to see you again soon!

Join Friends of the Library Now!

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. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome. WE NEED YOU!



Thank you so much for your past support. We hope you will become a member and contribute to another great year.

Friends of the Ripley Library Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues are \$5 annually in January

Print this portion and return it to the library, or pick up a form at the library desk.

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Library Calendar of Events

- **No activities or meetings will take place until further notice, due to the coronavirus.**
- **Curbside pickup will begin Thursday, June 4th and after that pickup of materials will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10a.m. til 3p.m.**

Library Board Seats

Two Ripley Public Library Board seats will be up for election this June, term beginning July 1st.
Please Vote!

**Notes & Things****E-Books**

E-books have been available for quite awhile, and many of our patrons “check out” e-books from the Ripley Library. But did you know e-books are not free to the library? The library needs to buy a license to have these books for their readers. And unlike purchasing a book, where you pay for it and it's yours, the license is only good for a specified period of time. If the library wants to renew its license, it must pay again.

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Books Available to Check Out

Adult Fiction

The List/Fletcher
The Night Fire/Connelly
The Strange Case of the Alchemists Daughter/Goss
Winter/Smith
The 19th Christmas/Patterson
Spring/Smith
Someone Knows/Scottoline
If Beale Street Could Talk/Baldwin
A Place for Us/Mirza
Contraband/Woods
The Last Widow/Slaughter
The Whisper Man/North
My Brilliant Friend/Ferrante
The House Next Door/Patterson
The Nickel Boys/Whitehead
The Bitterroots/Box
Tidelands/Gregory
A Seaside Christmas/Woods
An Orphan's Wish/Green
Love Rekindled/Miller
The Forgotten Garden/Morton
The Girl in the Letter/Gunnis
Mistletoe Murder/MacInerney
Safe at the Edge of the World/Grainger
Hidden Among the Stars/Dobson
The Outcast/Petersheim
Hard Cider/Nemon
Lake of Destiny/Boone
Our Last Goodbye/Dickson
Lilac Lane/Woods
Widow/White
Silent Night/Steel
White Fire/Preston
The Blind Assassin/Atwood
The Most Fun We Ever Had/Lombardo
A Wicked Gentleman/Feather
One Good Deed/Baldacci
The Midnight House/Berenson
Blue Moon/Child
A Place at our Table/Clipston
The Water Dancer/Coates
The Titanic Secret/Cussler
Damage Control/Dugoni
A Visit from the Goon Squad/Egan
The Hunting Party/Foley
What Once was True/Grainger
The Patient One/Gray
The Smallest Part/Harmon
The Warehouse/Hart
The Institute/King
On Christmas Eve/Kinkade
A Season of Angels/Kinkade

This Tender Land/Krueger
The Wish/Lewis
The Wartime Sisters/Loigman
The Amish Christmas Candle/Long
The Soldier's Girl/Maas
Fatal Frost/MacInerney
Coming Home for Christmas/Michaels
To Hold the Throne/Okun
Gingerbread/Oyeyemi
Killer Instinct/Patterson
The Love Letter/Riley
The Things We Cannot Say/Rimmer
Vendetta in Death/Robb
A Gift of Hope/Steel
The Little Orphan Girl/Taylor
The Space Between Us/Umrigar
All is not Forgotten/Walker
The Turn of the Key/Ware
Good Grief/Winston
The Doctor's Daughter/Wolitzer
The Christmas Bouquet/Woods
Christmas Jars/Wright
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

Adult Fiction, continued

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
Africaville/Colvin
*The Revisionaries/Moxon
*The Guardians/Grisham
*When We Believed in Mermaids/O'Neal
*A Minute to Midnight/Baldacci
*All That's Bright and Gone/Helluma
*Just Watch Me/Lindsay
*The Testaments/Atwood
All the Flowers in Paris/Jio
The Lost Recipe for Happiness/O'Neal
The Darwin Affair/Mason
True Women/Windle
The Flight Attendant/Bohjalian
P.S. I Love You/Ahern
Nell and Lady/Farley
Word from the Heart/Fuller
It All Comes Back to You/Duke
Now and Forever/Steel
Chocolate Covered Murder/Meier
The Middle Heart/Lord
The Pearl Sister/Riley
There'll be Blue Skies/Dean
Where the Heart Is/Letts
The Amish Bonnet Sisters Series Books 1-6/Price
Every Breath/Sparks
American Dirt/Cummins
The Unsuspected/Armstrong
Treachery/Parris
*The Playground/Shemilt
Echoes Among the Stones/Wright
Exact Revenge/Green
*First Cut/Melinek
The Missing Ones/Hill
Nine Elms/Bryndza
Trace of Evil/Blanchard
The Rise of Magicks/Roberts
The Farmer's Daughter/Peterson
Gold of Kings/Bunn
The Good Girl/Kubica

The Sisters of Sugarcreek/Liggett
The Tinderbox/Lewis
The Lost Soldiers/Trenow
The Garden of Happy Endings/O'Neal
Good Girl/O'Malley
The Pursuit/Arbor
The Prussian Captain/Brough
44 Irish Short Stories/Garrity
Running Barefoot/Harmon
The Dark Half/King
Desired/Devine
The Other Side of the Street/Carey
Good Guys Love Dogs/Cooper
The Girls of Pearl Harbor/Lane
The Homecoming of Bubbles O'Leary/Grainger
The Shamrock Shore/Dengler
The Lochness Papers/Shelton
The Protective One/Gray

Adult Non Fiction

Land of Tears/Harms
Just Mercy/Stevenson
My Favorite Senior Moments/O'Conner
Spirit Guides & Angel Guardians/Webster
The Cat in the Window/Grant
What Every Senior Should Eat
Book of Dreams/Brown
The Year I Was Peter the Great/Kalb
The Plot to Kill Hitler/McCormick
Give It Up/Carlomagno
A Day in the Life of the American Woman
The Cool Girl's Guide to Knitting/Trench
After Diana/Andersen
Succulent Wild Woman/Sark
Luscious Lemon Desserts/Longbotham
Treasury of Needlecrafts
Journey of Souls/Newton
Packinghouse Daughter/Register
Rising/Rush
Talking to Strangers/Gladwell
The Only Plane in the Sky/Graff
Necessary Dreams/Fels
Exploring the Levels of Creation/Browne
The Time of our Lives/Brokaw
High Calling/Husband
Martha Stewart Living Annual Recipes/Stewart
The Martha Stewart Christmas Cookbook/Stewart
Permanent Record/Snowden
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/SadlerLand of Tears/Harms

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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
Labyrinth of Ice/Levy
This Is Going to Hurt/Kay
Disney's Land/Snow
Never Say Goodbye/Anstey
Committed/Gilbert
Churchill/Jenkins
Reading Lolita in Tehran/Nafisi
Riding the Bus with my Sister/Simons
K-9 Korea/Reed
The 5 Love Languages/Chapman
Walking in the Garden of Soul/Anderson
The Quilter's Block Bible/Eddy
America Alone/Steyn
New Complete Dog Training Manual/Fogle

Young Adult

Eleanor & Park/Rowell
Cured/Wiggins
Ashes of Roses/Auch
Hungry Hearts/Chapman
Far from the Tree/Benway
Becoming Beatriz/Charles
Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy/Clare
White Fang/London
Fear of Missing Out/McGovern
Crying Laughing/Rubin
The Hectic Headspace Abigail Squall/O'Neill
The Magnolia Sword/Thomas
Children of Blood and Bone/Adeyemi
*Children of Virtue and Vengeance/Adeyemi
*Tell Me Three Things/Buxbaum
*The Beautiful/Ahdieh

Dangerous Alliance/Cohen
This Was Our Pact/Andrews
Dear Evan Hansen/Emmich
*One of Us is Lying/McManus
Five Feet Apart/Lippincott

Junior Books

Zelda and Ivy/Kvasnosky
The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits/Sachs
Papa's Angels/Paxton
Okay for Now/Schmidt
Bravelands: Code of Honor/Hunter
Dogman and Catkid/Pilkey
Pretty Things/Manning
Messenger/Lowry
Another Quest for Celeste/Cole
The Fright Before Christmas/Howe
Homework Hassles/Klein
Centerfield Ballhawk/Christopher
Heidi Heckelbeck has a Secret/Coven
Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia/Parish
Jolly Old Santa Claus
Over the River and Through the Snow/Child
Sausage and Biscuit/Sceiford
I Survived: The Children's Blizzard, 1888/Tarshis
Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven/Salisbury
Going Home/Mohr
The Floating Island/Haydon
Animal Stories/Yolen
The Boxcar Children/Warner
The Unicorn's Secret/Duey
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
Rules/Lord
Hank Zipzer/Winkler
Clubhouse Mysteries/Draper
The Summer of Riley/Bunting
A Guide to the Universe/Sutherland
The Six Crowns/Jones
Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Getaway/Kinney
The Cat on the Mat if Flat/Griffiths
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood/Rogers
Hurricane Heroes in Texas/Osborne
Old Yeller/Gipson
Cam Jansen: The Mystery at the Monkey
House/Adler

Junior Books, continued

Panda Panic/Rix
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot/Pilkey
Dear Dumb Diary, Year Two/Benton
Stargirl/Spinelli
Zapato Power/Jules
Computer Virus/Stitt
Gunpowder Girls/Anderson
Earth: My First 4.54 Billion Years/McAnulty
Home in the Woods/ Wheeler
Aquaman: Death of a Prince/Levitz
Spider-man: Inside the World of Your Friendly
Neighborhood Hero/ Manning

Movies

Dark Knight Rises
Aftermath
Silverado
The Bank Job
Twister
Hope Springs
Dolores Claiborne
The Sopranos/Third Season
The Sopranos/Fourth Season
Unconditional Love
Akeelah and the Bee
The Sixth Sense
Goldfinger
Along Came Polly
Enough
Super Troopers
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Joker
Harriet
BumbleBee
Casino
Gunfight at the O.K. Corral
Long Shot
The Marksman
Megamind: The Button of Doom
The Man from Snowy River
The Mule
Spy Game
Wonder
The 6th Day
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Though None Go with Me
Love's Long Journey
Four Christmases
The Help
Rocketman
A Walk to Remember
A Chorus Line
Goodnight of Justice
I Don't Know How She Does It

Saving Flora
16 Blocks
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch
The Night Before Christmas and more Classics
The Little Drummer Boy
The Penguins Whacked-out Holiday
The Women
Monster Family
Monster High Ghouls Rule
The First Purge
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial
Pet Sematary
Avengers End Game
Godzilla
A Dog's Journey

Audio Books

Midnight in Death/Robb
A Heartbeat Away/Palmer
Full Bloom and Full Scoop/Evanovich
Chesapeake Bay Collection/Roberts
The 5 Wave/Yancey
The Children's Crusade/Packer
Year One/Roberts
An Irish Country Practice/Taylor
The Good Earth/Buck
Tell Me/Jackson
Fly Away/Hannah
Letters to my Daughters/Matalin
The Shack/Young
Bad Luck and Trouble/Child
When We Left Cuba/Cleeton
Arrows/Gorzalanczyk
Dutch Girl/Matzen
Dead or Alive/Clancy
Under Occupation/Furst
Can You Keep a Secret/Kinsella
Deep River/Marlantes
Crazy House/Patterson
Troublesome Creek/Richardson

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