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## Online Holiday Auction

### Nov 22-Dec 5

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**Friends of the Library Meeting:  
To be Announced**



# SOLD!

## TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

The Ripley Library's Annual Auction is upon us. This year, the auction will be held online for the very first time. We love that we will be able to reach so many more people than before! Not only is this a great chance for the library to get more exposure, but it is also the chance for contributors to be recognized as well.

If you have not been approached by a Friends of the Library member, but you would like to donate, please contact the library. We are gratefully accepting handmade pieces, antiques, new items, services (ex. Snow plowing, gift certificates) and monetary donations.

Here is a list of just a few of the donations we have received: Splash Lagoon tickets, Dunkirk Lighthouse passes, Johnson Estate gift certificates, Comedy Center tickets, Oil Changes from Charlie's Auto, ServiceMaster carpet or upholstery gift certificate from Fred Higginbotham, several sets of Color Street items from Joan Fletcher and a donation from Knight Farms.

If you have a small business, this is a great way to drum up some new business. Do you clean houses, snowplow, sell Avon, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, create your own jewelry? Donate an item to the auction and we will make sure that your name will appear online. And be sure to check out the online site at [biddingowl.com](http://biddingowl.com) in November!



### *How to Use Biddingowl.com*

Making a bid on [biddingowl.com](http://biddingowl.com) is really quite simple. Pull up the website and type in library on the search bar. Scroll through until you find Ripley Library. Click on that box. Next, click on the View Items drop down. When you find an item you're interested in, hit the register button at the top of the screen and fill in your information. Then click on the items you like and you are ready to shop. Check back in frequently to see how the bidding is going.

You may preview the items beginning in November as we enter them.

The actual auction runs Nov 22 – Dec 5

## Playaway Launchpad!

Exciting news from CCLS! The library system has obtained several Launchpads that can be checked out for use. From the Playaway Launchpad website: "Pre-loaded with content for kids, Launchpads are designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface, and 100% secure. Launchpads are made to be passed from one set of hands to the next. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi. Access to powerful content is as simple as turning on each device."

Go to our website [ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org) for more information on this wonderful learning tool for your little ones!

## Among Friends

Nancy McIntosh

The Annual Auction is rapidly approaching. The Friends recently met at Coffee on Main to bring in some of their donations and to organize our plans to set the online auction in gear. As this is our first year having it online, be sure to tell everyone you know to check out the [biddingowl.com](http://biddingowl.com) site, coming in November. The auction will run Nov 22 - Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, but you may preview the items as they are entered.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson



Hello November!!! This is always a crazy month and since it is 2020, it will probably be even crazier than usual. First we have our Election that looks to be ground breaking and becoming a historical event. Then we have Veteran's Day. Be sure to honor our vets and teach our children and grandchildren about the meaning of honor.

Thirdly, we have Thanksgiving. Yaaaaaay. Lots of food, my favorite. This is actually the biggest travel time of the year, however this year, please stay close to those you have been with. We really do not need anyone getting sick. Take precautions and stay healthy. This year just zoom Thanksgiving dinner with your loved ones far away. That actually could be comical.

Fourth, if any of you are like my family, there are a lot of birthdays in November. Much to celebrate and be happy about. Next is Black Friday. Not one of my favorites as it is way too crowded for me and I do not like the chaos, but others like it. However, the same word of caution, maybe stay home and do this on the computer where you are safer.

Anyway we look at it, November is just a crazy month. There is so much to do trying to get ready for the winter season with furnaces checked, summer furniture put away, plants

taken care of etc.

Here at the library we are still renovating. The drywall takes a little while and we are busy choosing colors and patterns for walls and carpet. We will soon be entering phase two of the project. The whole process is so much fun to watch as it comes together. I have been working on this for so long. I cannot believe it is finally happening. Hopefully soon, we will have an open house when the phase one portion is complete enough for people to safely come in.

During all of this though, don't forget the Friends of the Library are still having their auction. Only this year IT IS ONLINE. Crazy huh? Hopefully this allows more people the opportunity to have fun, shop and support the library. I hope everyone recognizes how much work this wonderful group of people put into this. Show your appreciation of how much they do for your community by tuning into the auction at the Bidding Owl. You will have from November 22 - December 5 to decide what you just absolutely must have. There will be many lovely items; watch our website and Facebook for pictures of the available items.

I simply must wrap up this report as I could go on and on about this library and all the wonderful people who make it come together.

Take care and be safe, see you at the library.

## Join a Board Meeting

If you are interested in virtually joining a Ripley Public Library Board meeting, please contact the director, Rhonda Thompson, 716-736-3913 with your email address and you can be sent a link to the meeting. Or you can email her at [director@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:director@ripleylibrary.org) Leave a message. We will return your call.



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## Winterize Your Home

Nancy McIntosh

The temperatures begin to fall, the wind has a bit more of a bite to it and the autumn leaves fall away for another year. Now is the time to focus on preparing your home for winter. Here are a few suggestions to stay warm and cozy through the upcoming months:

- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Replace the filter in your furnace
- Close any vents in your home that may have been opened for warm weather
- Disconnect hoses from outside faucets and turn off the water
- Buy a snow shovel and other winter supplies
- Keep extra water and canned food in storage just in case
- Test your heating system
- Give your deck a fresh coat of sealer to protect it from the winter elements
- Install a storm door/storm windows
- Caulk any cracks around the outside of your windows and doors
- Put your outdoor furniture in storage
- Set up draft guards on any doors that go outside.
- Find the direction switch on your ceiling fans and turn them counter-clockwise. This will redirect warm air down instead of moving cold air throughout the room.

<https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-winterization-checklist/>

<https://dolly.com/blog/winterizing-your-home-checklist/>

## Looking Good on <https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

The CCLS (Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System) has dozens of magazines available to be downloaded from their collection. Find what you are looking for by going to the library website listed above. Then click on downloads across the top bar. Scroll down until you find magazines and simply click on the one that interests you. It's that simple!



## 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.

## We Get Letters...

*Thank you for your encouraging words. It means a great deal to hear from our readers. Keep those letters coming. We welcome suggestions for topics and ideas as well!*

Hello! I hope you're doing well! My name is Andrea and I'm working at home while my two kids are in online schooling. I've really enjoyed all of the extra time with the kids and with a little bit of online schooling under my belt from the spring, things have been much smoother this fall! I hope it's not too much of a bother, but I wanted to share a cool family story!

This pandemic has been super stressful and chaotic, but me, my husband, and the kids have really enjoyed all of the time we have been able to spend together. Between backyard games, movie nights outside, and crafts and activities (our favorite is tie dye clothing), we've actually been having a lot of fun! Since we are now in full swing of the fall season and the school year, I told the kids I would be finding some fun (and educational) games and activities to do inside.

The Virtual Tours/Cams page

<https://www.ripleylibrary.org/virtual-tours> led me to some awesome education-

al sites! This is exactly what I was looking for! Thank you so much for taking the time to make this page. What a huge help for families! My kids were really excited to find some new indoor activities and they found an awesome USA virtual tours page! Here it is:

<https://www.partsgeek.com/mmparts/a-virtual-car-trip-through-the-usa.html>

I'm really proud of the kids for finding an educational page, and I can't believe they did some research all on their own! They have already shared it with all of their friends and they seem to be having a blast with it too! Do you think you could add the link as an additional resource to the page? The kids would be thrilled to see it as a new addition on the page! Let me know what you think. :)

Thanks again for all of your help! It's always so helpful to find quality sites and pages all in the same place. I hope you find the page my kids found helpful! I know it would put a huge smile on their faces if it were added.

*\*See our website (listed below) for the addition of this great suggestion!*

<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

Many families have been seeking out educational as well as interesting sites for their children. The library website, listed above, has added a new category under Resources. Click on Virtual Tours/Cams. Once there check out our new Virtual Road Trips. One of them, A Virtual Car Trip through the USA, was recently submitted by one of our viewers. Take it out for a spin!

## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

### *First Among Equals*

by Jeffrey Archer

The trials and success of three very capable yet very different men who were driven to reach their personal and political goals.

The book spans a 26 year woven story of Raymond Gould, a scholarship student, born and raised in a flat over a butcher shop; Charles Hampton, Raymond's direct opposite and Simon Kerslake, the ambitious and hardworking statesman and their accomplishments and failures in the British government from 1926 to 1990.

The families, accomplices, supporters, failings and deceitful as well as honorable endeavors to reach the top before the other weave an interesting historical fiction.

## Time to Show You Care

The coronavirus has placed a great deal of stress on us all. Some people have gone above and beyond in their response during these troubling times.

To show your gratitude, here is a great activity for parents to teach their children how to appreciate the people who care for us.

Brighten the day of these special caregivers. Copy and paste this website ([eduatlasorg.wordpress.com](http://eduatlasorg.wordpress.com)). Then let the games begin.

Each child can show off their creative talents while showing how much they care.



## Advertising



The Bookworm and About Town are once again requesting a donation from our local businesses, and in return we will give you advertising space in the newsletters. Due to the pandemic, advertising was suspended because many of the businesses who help contribute to our local library were unable to open.

With things slowly returning to normal, whatever normal will be, we are once again asking for your support. \$10, the amount of donation requested is much lower than any advertising you can buy, and our newsletters reach approximately 300 subscribers.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to working with you again.

## BOOK CLUB

**The Book Club will meet at Coffee on Main on Friday, November 6 at 11 a.m. to discuss *Pretty Monsters*, by Kelly Link which was the Big Read selection for October.**

**November's Book Club selection is *House Rules* by Judi Picoult.**

## November New Books

### ADULT FICTION

Backman/Anxious People  
 Brunstetter/The Amish Millionaire  
 Butcher/Peace Talks  
 Carey/On a Wing and a Prayer  
 Clipston/A Welcome at Our Door  
 Foley/The Guest List  
 Gray/Christmas on Sugarcreek  
 Grisham/Camino Winds  
 Harris/Blackberry Wine  
 Hyde/Have You Seen Luis Velez?  
 Kirkpatrick/A Gathering of Finches  
 Lemmie/Fifty Words for Rain  
 Lewis/The Parting  
 Mantel/Wolf Hall  
 McCann/Apeirogon  
 Moore/The Holdout  
 Morris/Cilka's Journey  
 Morrison/The Bluest Eye  
 Patterson/The Summer House  
 Picoult/The Book of Two Ways  
 Robb/Shadows in Death  
 Roberts/Hideway  
 Sparks/The Return  
 Toussaint/Dreamed It  
 Ware/One by One  
 Wiseman/Hearts in Harmony

### ADULT NONFICTION

Cooper/Not Young, Still Restless

Hager/Everything Beautiful in its Time  
 Longbothom/Luscious Chocolate Deserts

Lubin/Who Knew?

Meaux/Dynamic Yoga

Merrill/Land of the Senecas

Osteen/Your Best Life Now

### ADULT LARGE PRINT

Daniels/Into Dust  
 McCreery/Go Big or Go Home  
 Sleeman/Fatal Mistake  
 Sokol/The Unprotected  
 Yoerg/The Middle of Somewhere

### ADULT PAPERBACK

Forsythe/His Twin Baby Surprise  
 Giusti/The Colonel's Daughter  
 Hubbard/Promise Lodge  
 Keller/His Unexpected Return  
 Moyes/Still Me

### YOUNG ADULT

Alloway/Dreamfire  
 Cashore/Bitterblue  
 Green/Let It Snow  
 Johnson/The First Part Last

### JUNIORS

Grimes/Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel  
 King/Star Wars: 3 Tales of Adventure  
 Osborne/Afternoon on the Amazon

Singer/Secret Agent Jack Stalwart  
 Twain/The Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
 Van Draanen/Shredderman: Attack of the Tagger

### EASY READERS

Freeman/Corduroy  
 Hammonds/My Snowman  
 Hazen/The Gorilla Did It  
 Miller/Sharing the Bread  
 Shulevitz/The Treasure

### AUDIOBOOKS

Hua/Deceit and Other Possibilities  
 Kleypas/Then Came You  
 Wiggs/Table for Five

### MOVIES

Cowboy Up  
 Love Story  
 Man About Town  
 The Man in the Iron Mask  
 Return to Snowy River



## A Thanksgiving Commentary

By Robyn Albright

*"A house divided against itself cannot stand." A. Lincoln*

Abraham Lincoln went on to say, in part, "I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other." These were Lincoln's words at the Republican Convention in 1858 after being nominated for the Illinois Republican U.S. State Senate seat, which he then lost to Stephen Douglas. He was, of course, referring to the practice of slavery in the United States.

Divisiveness in America during the 1850s and 1860s was visceral and violent. It set state against state, friend against friend, brother against brother, father against son. Division nearly broke our country apart.

There are parallels today. As a country we are so divided as to the direction we should go that friends no longer speak to each other; families are torn apart; harsh words are spoken and deeds done that cannot be undone. Each party has strayed far from the center where compromise can prevail. The politics of divisiveness have splintered our nation and some despair of it ever healing.

During this upcoming holiday season, where love and togetherness are the hallmarks, we are not only separated by our political beliefs, but by a pandemic virus. Getting together as family and friends to celebrate our thanks for all we have, and to recognize the birth of a Savior who preached love and forgiveness, is difficult, if not impossible this year. But perhaps sometime, during our name calling and squabbles, we can stop for a moment and remember what is important – people, loved ones, and relationships. After all, during this time of quarantine and isolation, what is it we miss the most? It is other people, the human connection, and the hugs and kisses of loved ones.

Whatever the upcoming election brings, we still have each other, if we can just get past our differences. The candidate or party who wins does not care about you, the individual, personally. Your mother, father, sister, brother, child or friend cares about you. Don't lose sight of what is *really* important. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us – EVERY – ONE."



## 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! Residency in Ripley is NOT required to be a member.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

- Curbside pickup will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10a.m. til 3p.m.

### 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 the email, About Town. For a monthly copy, send your email address to:

[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at [thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

**\*Also now available—The Bookworm and About Town on the library website <https://www.ripleylibrary.org>**

**All groups and activities have been suspended until further notice. COVID-19 guidelines are in effect. The library is open for curbside pickup only at this time. We hope to see you again soon!**



Please note: all letters and/or emails to the Library and staff **MUST** be signed. Those without a signature will not be recognized. Names will be omitted, to protect privacy, if published.

## Notes & Things

The list of book and movie titles available is now on the library website <https://www.ripleylibrary.org>. The library has over 1,000 titles to choose from, with more added each month. This is just a fraction of the total collection that will be available when construction is done. Books can be ordered by email ([clerk@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:clerk@ripleylibrary.org)) or a phone call (716-736-3913) and picked up during library hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We appreciate your continued patronage!