

# The Bookworm

Newsletter from Friends of the Ripley Library

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**Friends of the Ripley Library Welcome You**

**NOTE:**  
**New Temporary**  
**Hours of Operation**  
**Open Tues & Thurs**  
**10am-3pm for**  
**pickup only**

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

**Renovations** continue and one of the most prized components of the old church, hidden for decades, was the oak ceiling medallion that was fixed to the peak of the vaulted ceiling.

Earl Freling, Ripley Library Board president, put his considerable woodworking skills to the task of stripping the layers of paint from the medallion and re-finishing it to its original natural beauty.

"They put it up with spikes," Earl exclaimed "and I still have some work to do to fill in the holes,"

This medallion will be one of several focal points of the renovated library.



**Friends of the Library Meeting:**  
**Friday, October 23, 10 a.m.**  
**Location to be determined**



## **Annual Auction**

Now is the time of year to start thinking of cooler temperatures, apple picking, pumpkin pies and the holidays. It is also the time to be thinking of donations for the Friends' upcoming Annual Auction coming up in early December. Look for some unique differences in how the auction is run this year!

We are accepting any new items that you would be willing to contribute. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and with the library undergoing construction and renovations, the library will be in need of many items for its new look. Can you help us out? The Friends of the Library are working to raise enough money to build or buy a new circulation desk.

We are accepting donations in three ways: monetary, a service (snow plowing, gift certificates, etc.) or actual items (including baskets filled with goodies). You may drop off your items at the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10-3 or call 736-3913 and we will make arrangements to pick it up.

## ***Board Notes***

The Ripley Public Library Board of Trustees met on September 26 where the members talked about the continuing process of renovation. The construction of a custom circulation desk was discussed, along with the possibility of laminate flooring to be installed at the entrances to the library. With the framework and sheet rock completed, colors for the new look will be picked out soon.

Sexual harassment training is a requirement from the State and must be completed and signed off by each board member as well as the librarian and clerks no later than October 9th.

David Prenatt from the Dunkirk Observer interviewed librarian Rhonda Thompson and Board president Earl Freling regarding the library building project. Watch for his article in the Dunkirk Observer.

Discussion was held regarding a "grand re-opening" event when Phase I is completed. The date will be set when the finish date is determined.

Applications for grant money is ongoing, the latest being for new windows where needed.

Library Board meetings are open to the public. For information about the next meeting, call the library at (716)736-3913 and leave a message for a return call.

## FOL Update

It's time to update our email listing for the Friends of the Library. Anyone who would like to remain or be added to our list to receive any updates, messages, planned group meetings or fundraiser information is being asked to send their names and email addresses to:

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

## Among Friends

Nancy McIntosh

The Friends recently gathered to catch up on each other's lives and upcoming events. As stated in last month's Bookworm, the Family Fun Run has been cancelled as well as our regular Silent and Live Auctions. We discussed the need for donations and new avenues to pursue for the upcoming Online Auction as well as a local Chinese Auction. This is a great time for businesses to get their names out to a much larger audience. In the past we have been limited to revealing contributors only to those attending our auction in person. Now is the chance to get all contributors listed. The actual dates of the auction have not been finalized but we will be sure to post them well ahead of time.

Excitement grows as the renovations on the library proceed. It will truly be something the town can utilize and admire. Let's all work together to make this a library that we can be proud of. Stop sitting on the sidelines and become a Friend today!



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## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Oh!!! It is Autumn! This is my favorite time of the year. I just love the air getting crisp. The colors are spectacular and it is leading up to the holidays. I hope all of you are enjoying the start of Autumn as well.

The library has been filled with a lot of activity as the first phase of the renovation project is coming to completion.

Although not done yet, the process is really moving along. I hope you have been watching the web page and keeping up with the newsletters to see the pictures.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us when we had our mini bake-n-book sale. This was fun for us and we enjoyed seeing everyone. The sales helped towards our building fund.

Covid-19 has made it difficult to raise funds for this, but then again it has made it difficult for everyone. Remember, the library will be here to fulfill your needs as much as it can.

Speaking of fundraising, the Friends of the Library will once again host their annual Holiday Auction. This year it will be done online. Watch the website for updates on the auction. Funds raised from the auction will be used to provide a new circulation desk. We need your support. Remember, investing in libraries is never a waste. They always exist and adapt to change. Libraries never get old or go out of style. They are here for all of us, so we need your support..

We are planning a big celebration when the first phase of the library is completed. This will be on the order of a semi-formal to formal event. We have not worked out the details yet, but it will be worthy of what the library has to offer to the community. When Phase I is complete, we will finalize the details and let you know when we will hold this event. I hope you will be able to attend.

Signing off now and soon I will be able to say "see you at the library" again!

## 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.

## Board of Trustees

The Library is still looking for someone to fill the one-year opening on the Board of Trustees.

**If you are interested, please** send a letter of interest to:

Director  
Ripley Public Library  
P. O. Box 808  
Ripley, NY 14775

OR [director@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:director@ripleylibrary.org)



## October Gardening

October brings cooler temperatures along with the need to prepare your garden for winter and make plans for your spring gardening.



- Divide crowded clusters of perennials
- Plant more spring bulbs
- Collect seeds from your favorite plants
- Cut back your perennial plants that have started to die back.
- Lay a heavy layer of mulch to protect tender perennials
- Clear away old vegetation.
- Plant onions and garlic now.
- Continue to water newly planted plants
- Repot your potted plants. Add new potting soil and increase your pot by one size before bringing them indoors.
- Mulch your beds and borders.
- Apply your second application of lawn fertilizer.
- This is a good time to prune “most” of your deciduous trees. Please take the time to research before you prune.
- Perform oiling, sharpening and sanding maintenance on your garden tools.
- Work on your power equipment including filter changes, sharpening blades, check tires, pull cords, lights, etc.

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/october-gardening-chores-19365>

Frost, Adam. How To Create Your Garden. DK Publishing.

Next Month: Look for ways to Winterize your Home.

## 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!*

Every month we get at least one new subscriber request. Thank you for spreading the word about our newsletters and especially about the Ripley Public Library. When the renovations and new construction are done, our library is going to be a showplace for what can be done to an old historic building to make them relevant and usable for years to come.

Did you know that from the library website, <https://www.ripleylibrary.org/> you can access past issues of The Bookworm and About Town? Simply scroll to the bottom of the opening page of the website to "Resources." There you will find a link to those past newsletters.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

## 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. Until the completion of the December issue, businesses will be able to place an eighth page ad for only \$5 per month. 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.

P.S. If you, the reader, would like to donate and place a message of support, or encouragement, we would welcome your input!

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## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

### ***Extreme Prey***

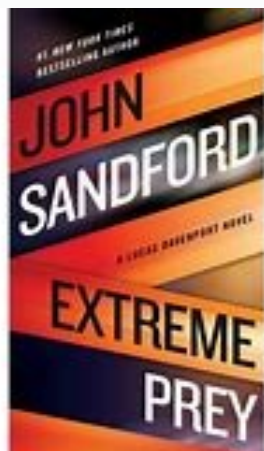
by John Sanford

Marlys Purdy and her two sons, Cole and Jesse, were hatching a plan to assassinate a Presidential candidate. Cole was a military man who had suffered trauma in battle and was very focused and determined to carry out the plan. Jesse was the son who worked the farm, sold the produce and eggs at local markets and was mostly unaware of his brother's and mother's plan.

Lucas Davenport was a retired police detective hired to identify and arrest perpetrators.

Using numerous police and military agencies to determine if there was in fact a plot, and if so, how could the public, the candidates and their entourage be protected, Lucas was able to prevent some, but not all, of the plans of the Purdy family.

It was a riveting story line, great plot, clearly defined characters and a nice ending.



## 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.



## BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

The Book Club will meet at Coffee on Main on Friday, October 2 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Wild*.

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

## October New Books

### Adult Fiction

Baldacci/Walk the Wire  
 Bennett/The Vanishing Half  
 Bradley/Speaking from Among the Bones  
 Brooks/Devolution  
 Brunstetter/The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club  
 Connelly/Fair Warning  
 Crouch/Recursion  
 Evans/The Sunflower  
 Feather/Kissed by Shadows  
 Freeman/The Gospel of Mary  
 Goldenbaum/Angora Alibi  
 Gray/Her Fear  
 Greaney/One Minute Out  
 Harmon/Where the Lost Wander  
 Harris/Secrets in the Stones  
 Hawker/The Ragged Edge of Night  
 Hudson/The Last Letter from Juliet  
 Hughes/The Coroner's Daughter  
 Lewis/The Road Home  
 Maden/Firing Point  
 Meissner/The Girl in the Glass  
 Patterson/Woman of God  
 Pine/Crooked Paths  
 Price/His Amish Nanny Book 1  
 Price/The Amish Maid's Sweetheart Book 2  
 Rice/The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty  
 Robinson/Children of the Revolution  
 Rooney/Normal People  
 Villasante/The Grief Keeper  
 Weiner/Big Summer

### Adult Nonfiction

Brinkley/Saved by the Light  
 Coates/Between the World and Me  
 Collins/Service Tails  
 Ensler/I Am an Emotional Crea-

ture  
 Graybill/The Red and The White  
 Letts/The Eighty-Dollar Champion  
 Olson/Those Angry Days  
 Simon/Homicide  
 Thorndike/The Last of His Mind

### Adult Large Print

Casey/Patterned After Death  
 Day/Sherlock Holmes and The Apocalypse Murders  
 Maine/Beyond The Wild River  
 Maxwell/Murder at Chateau Sur Mer  
 Perry/A Small Town  
 Wells/The Devils Range

### Adult Paperbacks

Archer/A Broth of Betrayal  
 Connolly/Monument to the Dead  
 Giusti/Amish Refuge  
 Hamilton/Bran New Death  
 Lavene/Looking for Mr. Good Witch  
 Morgan/Death by Jack-o-Lantern  
 Sandford/Phantom Prey

### Young Adult

Fitzpatrick/Silence Ireland/Deathless Divide  
 Leech/In Another Time  
 McNamara/Lovely, Dark and Deep

### Junior Books

Adler/Cam Jansen and the Mystery at the Monkey House  
 Milway/Operation Robot Storm  
 Naidoo/Journey to Jo' Burg  
 Rylant/The Van Gogh Cafe  
 Sharmat/Nate the Great and the Halloween Hunt  
 Stine/Goosebumps-Weirdo Halloween

### Easy Readers

Higgins/Hotel Bruce  
 Landers/Lead the Way  
 Rusu/Ashlyn's Fall Fiesta  
 Shea/The Happiest Book Ever  
 Talkington/BOO to You, Winnie the Pooh

### Audiobooks

France/Signs of You  
 Johansen/Silent Thunder and Storm Cycle  
 Follett/World Without End

### Movies

Against the Dark  
 The Amityville Murders  
 Luis and the Aliens  
 The Manson Family Massacre  
 The Sopranos Season 6, Part 1  
 Unbreakable  
 Vertigo



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**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:

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

**Library Calendar of Events**

- Friends of the Library meeting October 23, 10a.m. Location to be announced
- Curbside pickup will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10a.m. til 3p.m.

**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!**



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://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!