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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

Online Holiday Auction

Nov 22-Dec 5

RIPLEYLIBRARY.ORG OR

BIDDINGOWL.COM



Home Décor

Holiday decorations

Kids toys

Animal baskets

Baby items

Kitchen ware

Camping gear

Men's items



Just 5 more days to bid on auction items!



Friends of the Library Meeting:
To be Announced

Biddingowl.com login help:

If any one is having trouble logging in to the auction, here's an easy guideline to go by:

Click on the bidder sign in board at the top of the biddingowl.com screen

Next click on the Not a Bidder yet? Sign in line

Fill in the Bidder Sign Up Sheet. Click on Send Test Text Message to see if you are connected. Remember your password.

You have the option to receive a text message or an email when you are outbid if you choose, simply by clicking on the box of your choice.

Click on the I'm not a robot box

Click on the terms and private policy agreement if you agree.

Finally click on Sign Up

You should receive an email from biddingowl telling you click on the line to begin.

Once you've joined the auction, you can bid on any item in the Ripley Public Library auction simply by clicking anywhere in the chosen box. This leads you to a second screen where you may bid, get a full description on the item and see who donated it. Done shopping? Click on your account and log out.

There's Still Time!



The Annual Ripley Library Auction, online this year, is still running until the 5th of December. If you haven't stopped

by the website, please check it out. Think outside the box. Items are grouped together for auction, but there's no reason you can't split things up to cover several people on your gift list. Go to:

Ripleylibrary.org

Click on **Sold to the Highest Bidder**

Then click on **Annual Holiday Auction**

Click the green box that says **View Items**, then select **All**.

All items in the auction will appear on the screen. Once you've selected something of interest the site will direct you on how to register and purchase.

It's not too late to pick up items for Christmas!



Last minute Christmas MiniSpecial!

\$25 off session fee and free Classic 8x10 portrait when you're photographed before December 16th.

By appointment only.

716-736-9669

New sessions only. Groups limited to 12 adults. Credit cards accepted on large orders.



Stephanie Cunningham Photography

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Greetings and Merry Christmas Everyone! It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us already. Here at the library, renovations have slowed, mostly due to Covid-19. The virus has put a strain on readily available building resources.



We're sure it seems like ages since the library has been open and available for use. It feels like that to us too. But progress IS being made!

The walls and ceiling have all been sheet rocked and painted. New stairways have been constructed. Railings, lighting and carpeting have all been ordered. Work is progressing, but there is still much to do. Hang in there. 2021 will bring a whole new library for your use and discovery!

With all this going on in the library the Friends have been busy with their annual holiday auction. Go online to biddingowl.com to be a part of our virtual auction. The proceeds will be used to purchase items for the library not covered in the budget. This year the Friends are hoping to buy a new circulation desk for our newly renovated library. We are really hoping for your support with this. Please join in on the fun.

Our next library board meeting is December 19, 2020 at 12:30. This is an open meeting and you are free to join in. We can also do this remotely and if you let me know ahead of time, I can send you a zoom invitation to the meeting.

From Me to You, Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Among Friends

Nancy McIntosh

The Holiday Auction will continue to run through Saturday, December 5th at 5 pm. Many thanks to everyone who collected donations, helped with the photo shots, added data into the auction software and created baskets and groupings for some great buys. As if that weren't enough, you are bidding on the items too! There is still time to call your family and friends and tell them to check it out, but don't delay.

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 Leave a message. We will return your call.

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Christmas Thoughts

Merry Christmas!!! The best time of the year has arrived and as usual, most of us are not ready. When you think of Christmases past, smile and laugh at the warm memories made like playing with cousins, sled riding and snowball fights. Then we warmed up with hot chocolate with marshmallows and Christmas cookies to eat. Those were perfect times in our perfect worlds and we never wondered how things could ever go wrong. Perhaps it was the wonderful loved ones in our lives helping to produce those perfect times that we remember most.

Have you ever wondered if the adults during our childhood really had it all together? It sure seemed like they did. Christmas always seemed perfect when we were children. Now as an adult, I never feel like everything is going right. I have either forgotten to do something or I ran out of time to do what I think will just make Christmas perfect. I wonder if my mother, my wonderful grandmother or my aunts actually were perfect after all. They seemed to be, but did they get everything decorated the way they wanted to, or make that special cookie that took hours to prepare just to have it flop on the cookie sheet? Did their fudge ever get too hard or too runny? Did they forget to send a Christmas card to someone? Did they run out of time to decorate each and every room? I suppose they did.

We expect too much out of ourselves. We remember Christmases of our childhood and everything seemed perfect and every get to-

gether was the best yet. That's because we were with loved ones and encircled by that wonderful feeling of Christmas. As kids we did not care if the cookies flopped or if the fudge was runny. That's what spoons were for. We didn't care if the fudge was hard. God gave us teeth to chew with and that's what we did. If we ran out of hot chocolate, that was okay, I'll have tea, no marshmallows please. Who cares about a Christmas card? They just get thrown away anyway. Today we have the ability to send a text or an email and it really means just as much.

This year will be different for everyone. None of us have lived through a real pandemic before and we must do what we can to keep it from spreading. I am sure our usual Christmas gatherings will look a little different from last year or years prior, but we can probably still expect our feelings of not doing enough. Stop that. We all do what we can and you know what, that wonderful Christmas feeling will still enter your home, swarm around your Christmas tree and be felt by everyone in the house. Then you'll know everything you forgot to do really doesn't matter. Allow the love and the spirit of Christmas to surround you and your loved ones. Things will fall into place and everything will be perfect just like it was when we were kids.

Here's hoping you allow the joy of Christmas to enter into your lives during this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the Ripley Library.



Sun-Sat 6am-3pm

Serving coffee, iced coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate, doughnuts, muffins, bagels, sandwiches, and more!

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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.

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!



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](https://www.ripleylibrary.org) for more information on this wonderful learning tool for your little ones!

<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 readers. Take it out for a spin!

My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

Whitewater by Paul Horgan

Three young people of Belvedere, Texas, were a close knit threesome, exploring Whitewater Lake and all its many islands. The town of Whitewater was now in the flooded depths of the lake and held many rumored and perhaps some factual mysteries of the history and one-time residents of the town.

Philipson Durham, William Breedlove, usually referred to as "Billy", and Merilee Underwood were nearly inseparable all during that summer vacation and were seldom seen apart by the town folks. As the summer progressed and the three became a little bored, they investigated numerous leads, a few residents, and the town water tower.

This story weaves the dreams and problems of teenagers; it lets you enter the minds and plans of all three and leads you to experience love, loss and tragedy among them, families and the town.

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). 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 print your business card and name you as a supporter of the Ripley Public Library.

With things slowly returning to normal, whatever normal will be, we are once again asking for your support. \$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.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at Coffee on Main on Friday, December 4 at 11 a.m. to discuss *House Rules* by Judi Picoult.

December's Book Club selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

DECEMBER BOOK LIST

ADULT FICTION

Card/Children or the Fleet
Clipston/The Bake Shop
Eisher/Book 1 Silvia's Rose
Book 2 Phoebe's Gift
Book 3 Mary's Home
Estes/Today We Go Home
Ferrante/The Lying Life of Adults
Fisher/Stitches in Time
Fowler/A Good Neighborhood
Gray/An Amish Second Christmas
Kedar/In Two Worlds
Kwan/Sex and Vanity
Lane/The Spitfire Girls
Macomber/A Walk Along the Beach
Moyes/The Horse Dancer
Paolini/To Sleep in a Sea of Stars
Peterson/A Matter of Heart
Ragan/Don't Make a Sound
Riley/The Sun Sister
Rix/The Photograph
Roslund/3 Minutes
Schone/Awaken, My Love
Walsh/Remembering Christmas
Ward/The Jackel
White/The Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street

ADULT NONFICTION

Borling/Taps on the Walls
Brown/Spiritual Connections
Feldman/Imponderables
McQuiston/Oak Island: 1632
Oak Island: Missing links
Oak Island: Knights
Owens/The Eye of the Elephant
Wilkerson/Caste

LARGE PRINT

Best/Crossing the Animas
Carey/The House by the Lake
Daniels/Hard Rain
Jewell/Then She Was Gone

Russell/Jane Russell: An Autobiography
Thompson/Murder on St. Nicholas Avenue

PAPERBACKS

Blackburn/Hidden Legacy
Hamilton/Muffin to Fear
Nelson/Rocky Mountain Sabotage
Patterson/Jack & Jill
Price/Ella

YOUNG ADULT

Arnold/Red Hood
Cast/Untamed
Meyer/Midnight Sun
Summers/Sadie

JUNIOR BOOKS

Dowswell/True Survival Stories
Giff/Garbage Juice for Breakfast
Kirby/Last Descendants Tomb of the Khan
Thomas/Joe Devlin and the New Star Fighter
Stories for a Teen's Heart

EASY READERS

Buehner/Snowmen at Night
Shea/Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great
Willems/We Are in A Book!
Peppa Pig: George's New Dinosaur

MOVIES

Absolute Zero
Bridesmaids
The Magic of Belle Isle
The Musketeer
Where Eagles Dare

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.

FRIENDS OF THE RIPLEY LIBRARY

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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

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at 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) or a phone call (716-736-3913) and picked up during library hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We appreciate your continued patronage!