

# 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**

Monday Closed  
**Tuesday 10am-3pm**  
**Wednesday 10am-3pm**  
**Thursday 10am-3pm**  
**Friday 10am-3pm**

Saturday Closed  
Sunday Closed

## ***Moving Back in...***

Thanks to the efforts of Ripley's Mexican migrant workers, employed by Knight Farms, the books and shelves have been moved back into the library. The following people deserve our utmost thanks for the work they have done in moving hundreds of boxes of books, and thousands of pounds of shelving, all for the benefit of a community where they are only part-time residents.

Elias Quintero

Celin Perez Munoz

Felipe Fernandez

Jose I Jimenez Solis

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Reynaldo Fernandez

Adrian Dominguez

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And thank you to Rhonda and John Thompson, Robyn and Bob Albright, and Stephanie Feiss for their help as well.

A **special thanks** goes out to **Knight Farms** for their VERY generous donation of their workers, their truck and trailer, and the great pizza party! Without your generosity, we would be struggling with one box at a time over countless weeks.

Projected reopening of the library is the end of June.



**Friends of the Library Meeting:**  
**Watch your email for updates on fundraisers**



### Volunteerism at its finest...

Moving back into the library was a herculean task. Our ten volunteers formed a bucket brigade and in 2 1/2 hours brought roughly half the number of books and shelving into the library—all this while having worked an eight hour day in the vineyards! A second day was required to remove everything from Richard Eimers' building on Main Street, where he generously donated space for storage while construction continued.



Once the trailer was loaded they then had to unload the trailer and carry each box of books to their designated areas, some upstairs to the left, (arriba a la izquierda), some upstairs to the right (arriba a la derecha), and some just in the corner (recoveco).

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Thousands of pounds of shelves, all broken down, had to be brought into the library, where they will be painstakingly put back together. (volunteers anyone?)

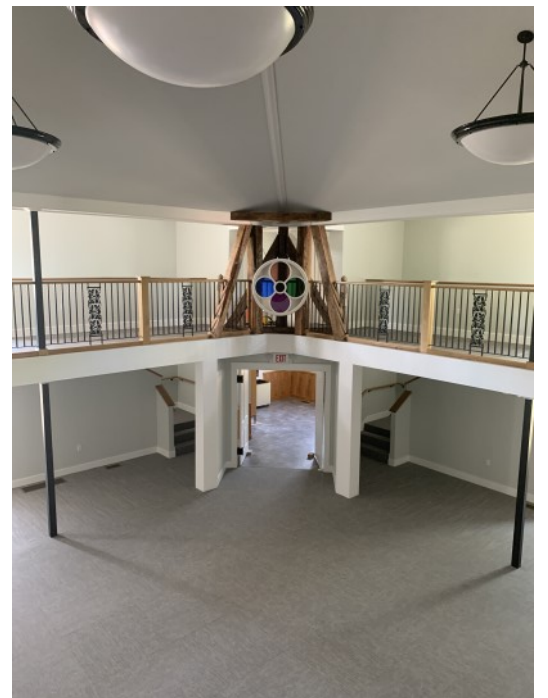
One of the existing doors on the front of the building was hanging by one hinge, so new doors

were installed on the Main Street side.



A focal point of the new library is the refurbished stained -glass window salvaged from the original Baptist church by Robyn Albright, who then sold it to Earl Freling. Earl painstakingly stripped layers of paint, replaced broken panes of glass, repainted and finished this priceless piece of memorabilia and donated it back to the library.

The Sneak Peek open house, which took place on Saturday, May 22nd, brought in 50 curious residents of not only Ripley but surrounding communities. Thank you to everyone who came out to see the progress. Anticipated full time opening will be the end of June, after all the shelves and books are put back in place. See you then!



## Ripley Public Library Budget Vote

- ♦ Budget Vote to be held Tuesday, June 8th, 2021, at the library.

### Please Note:

There has been no increase in tax revenue for the library in 5 years.

The proposed increase amount is \$0.02 per thousand of home assessed value.

Example: \$50,000 home will pay \$1.00 in additional tax, annually, to fund the library.

No renovation costs have come from tax revenue

Maintenance of the building, including outside maintenance, DOES come from tax revenue.

- ♦ Two Library Board seats to be filled, one currently held by Linda Lowes, one currently vacant. Candidates are Linda Lowes and Linda Probst.



## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

As I am sitting here preparing to write this month's report my heart is full of gratitude for the help provided by the wonderful group of men who work for Knight Farms. For two evenings in a row, they worked to bring everything back to the library. They moved approximately 600 boxes of books and all the shelving and tables we had stored. These guys worked so hard doing all the heavy lifting. They said they like to help people and boy does it ever show. They are extremely hard workers with great attitudes. We needed so much help and they really came through for us.

The guys were fun to watch. They set up an assembly line and tossed the boxes to each other smiling and laughing all the while they were working. They make work look like play. I really do not know what I would have done without them. Those of us who work at the library are older and our backs cannot do what they once did. We could find no one to help and then this crew just

stepped up to the plate and helped out. They have my thanks for ever more and I hope one day I can do something to repay them.

Now that the furniture has been moved back to the library, the next big job is to get all of the shelving put back together, get the library arranged and the books back on the shelves. Once this is all done, we can go back to regular hours. Between the ceiling falling down and the pandemic, I cannot remember when we had a full schedule of hours. This is exciting too. Just getting things back to normal will be wonderful.

We are going to try for a Summer Reading Program this year. It will be scaled down due to the pandemic, but we will have some things here for the kiddos to at least pick up and do at home. There will be prizes and children will work for Chinese Auction tickets for the final prize give-away.

We are getting closer and soon everyone will be able to join in at the library again. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

## Grant Writers Needed!

The library is nearing the end of the monies available for the renovation project, but there is a lot left to do. If you have experience in writing grants, or know of grants available, we welcome you to become part of the team who are making this library/community center real.

Please contact Rhonda Thompson at (716) 736-3913 with suggestions or to volunteer. Help support your library without spending a dime!



## Among Friends

Robyn Albright

Dear Friends, and friends of Friends—the library needs your help! If you are handy with a screwdriver, help is needed to put the shelves back together. Then, help is needed to resshelf the thousands of books in our collection. This is a time consuming, but not terribly difficult task. Can you carry more than one book at a time? Can you put things in alphabetical order? Then you're the person we need!

Please call the library (716) 736-3913 to schedule a time to help out. If there is no answer, leave a message. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

### 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.

<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

Don't forget to check out the Ripley Public Library website for up-to-date news and photos, as well as a complete list of books available during construction. Even though the library has limited hours for now, thousands of books are still available from our library. Books from the Chautauqua—Cattaraugus Library System (CCLS) can be ordered and picked up at the Ripley Library as well.

### Show Your **SUPPORT**

Would you like to show your support for the Ripley Public Library in a tangible way? For ONLY \$5 a month donation you can post a personal message or business card in The Bookworm, letting people know you are helping to make our library great!

You can scan a business card or write a message and send it to: thebookworm14775@gmail.com and checks can be made out to Ripley Library, mailed to P. O. Box 808, Ripley, NY 14775 or call the library at 716-736-3913 to arrange a time to drop off the information and donation. Thank you for being there for your Ripley Library!

## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

### Prairy Erth, from the Cherokee meaning Deep Map

written by William Least Heat-Moon.

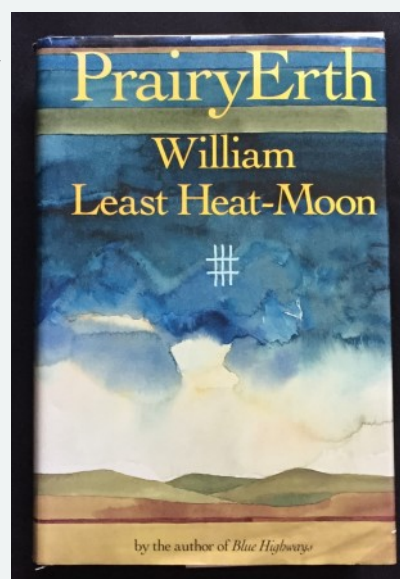
The entire book is the history, present day activities and projected future of one county in Kansas, Chase County.

The author broke the county into 9 quadrants and traveled each by car, by horseback and by foot, met, interviewed and spent time with some of the oldest remaining settlers or their descendants.

They talked of the hardships, the natural disasters, the railroads and agricultural changes they have seen and lived through. Some the memories shared were heartbreaking, some hilarious and others thought provoking.

They visited cafes resurrected from old stage coach stations and toured the remains of towns built, lived in and abandoned over the years.

They investigated areas mentioned in the stories of cattle drives, such as the best water hole on the trail, the cave where men and animals could shelter in a storm. Interspersed throughout the book are writings from travelers, hunters and trappers and professors of history, all written in the 1800's.



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***If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the library we***

***would be most appreciative!  
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## 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.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at the library on Thursday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. to discuss ***Tripwire*** by Lee Child.

June's book is ***The Four Winds*** by Kristan Hanah

## 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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Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Library Calendar of Events

All groups and activities have been suspended until further notice. COVID-19 guidelines are in effect. **The library is now open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10a.m. until 3p.m.** We hope to see you soon!

Projected full time opening by the end of June.



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. Books can be ordered by email ([clerk@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:clerk@ripleylibrary.org)) or a phone call (716-736-3913) OR you can come browse in person, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, Friday 10a.m. til 3p.m. We appreciate your continued patronage!

The library is looking for two gaming chairs for the new teen room. Do you have chairs you no longer want or use that you could donate?



A BIG Thank You, to the businesses and individuals on these last two pages who have made a donation to show their support of Ripley Public Library. Please let them know you saw their card in The Bookworm!

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