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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

A Tribute to Marion Pell

By Nancy McIntosh

It is with great sadness that I write this tribute for Marion Pell. She passed away at home, in her sleep, on June 30. Marion loved her family, her beloved cat Taffy, her friends, her country, her town, and the library. She was Valedictorian for her graduating class at Ripley Central School in 1946. She married her sweetheart Richard Pell in 1947.



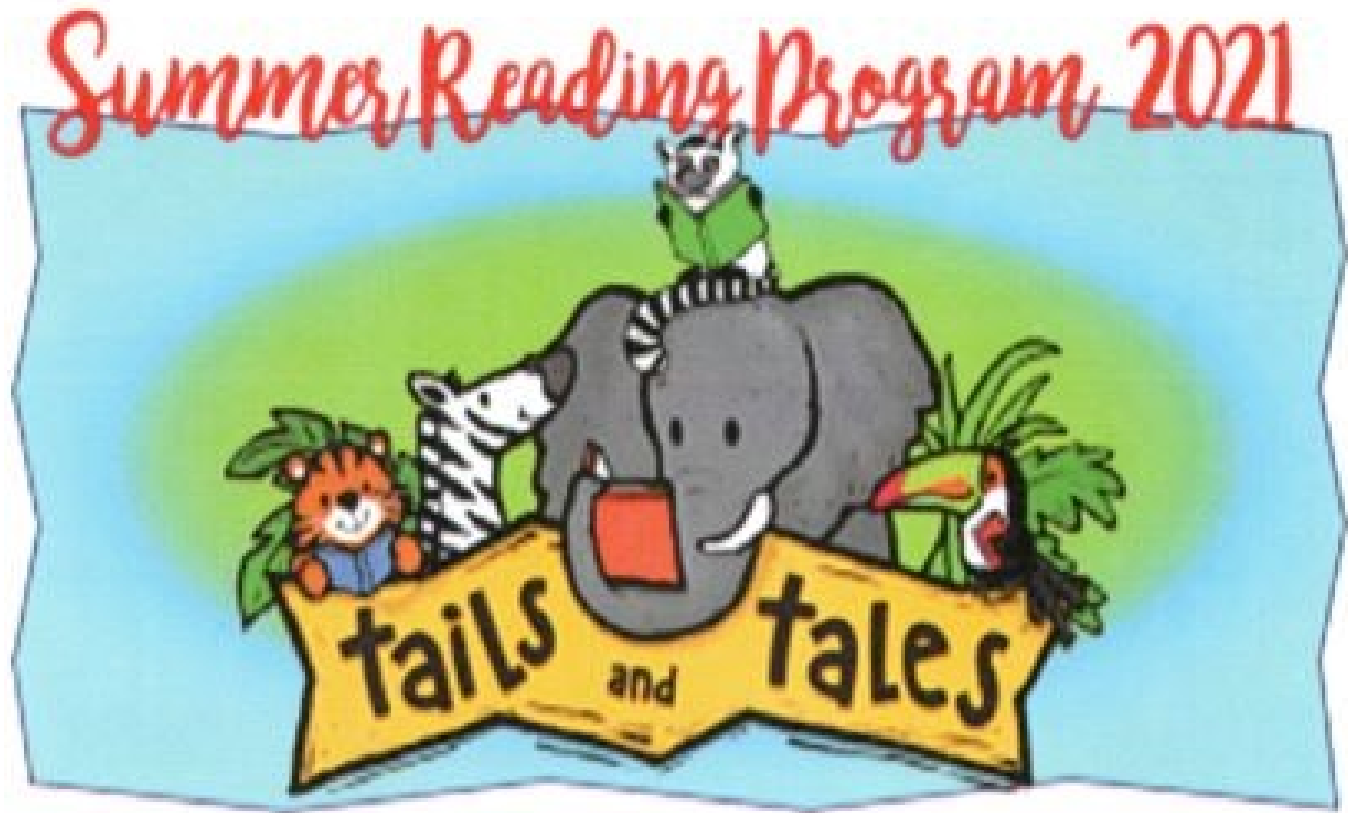
The love she had for books and libraries grew into a passion that never ended. Many people may remember her as the librarian at the Hamilton Estate as well as other locations around town, and her volunteer work at the current Ripley Public Library.

Marion led book clubs, worked the circulation desk, starred in murder mysteries, and assisted in genealogical researches for so many families, both local and those who traveled many miles to research their family's history. Marion was a librarian, a Civil War buff, an historian, a genealogist, and an avid reader. She was born in Ripley and never left. Her devotion to the library was unsurpassed as librarian, and after retirement she served many years as a volunteer.

Above all, she was a very dear friend who will be greatly missed. It is my greatest wish that she will always be remembered for everything she accomplished for this town and the library.



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



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING AT THE RIPLEY LIBRARY

PROGRAM RUNS FROM
JUNE 21ST – JULY 23RD

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REGISTER/ READ/ WIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE LIBRARY AT 736-3913

Join us at the Ripley Public Library as we launch our Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales.

Participants from Preschool to Adults are welcome.

Stop in to pick up your packet filled with games, coloring, puzzles and fun!

While the Ripley Library is being put back together, we want everyone to work on their packets at home.



Sign up now at the library! For more information, call us at 716-736-3913 or stop by during open hours.

Annual Book Sale

This year's book sale will be better than ever! A lot of books have been weeded from the collection and hundreds of books have been donated for the sale.

Come take a look at the progress on the library during the Car Show on July 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. and get first pick of the books!

Book Sale runs through Saturday, August 14th.



Come Join The Fun Ripley Classic Car Cruise In Friday July 30th 6-9 pm



Cars will be parking west of the redlight

Specials at:

~Coffee On Main~

~Cooneys Island Ice Cream~

~Main Street Pizza~

Popcorn provided by Ripley Hose Company #1

Music Provided by Cooneys Island Ice Cream

Come tour our newly remodeled Ripley Free Library

*Rain date Saturday July 31st

And get first pick of books in the Annual Ripley Library Book Sale!



From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Greetings to all and Happy July. Thankfully Covid is in the rearview mirror and let's hope it stays there. The country is opening back up and life is returning to normal. That feels so good. Libraries are allowed to be open to full capacity again and soon we will have our beautiful library back together for everyone to enjoy.

This month, the Summer Reading Program is going on. Stop in and register, pick up your packet and play along. We are holding this for adults as well as children. Be sure to join in on the fun. We have scaled it way back as we did not know during the planning stages what Covid was going to do. It is nice to know we can move forward with plans though.

We are joining in on the plans for an event on July 30th, the Cruise In Car Show from 6-9p.m.. The library will begin its book sale along with a bake sale. We will have a Book and Bake. Be sure to stop in and check out the books

and remember all the proceeds will go into our building fund to continue with our renovations.

If you haven't stopped in to see the wonderful changes, you should plan to do so soon. You will be pleasantly surprised at what we have accomplished and see why we need to continue. Ripley will have a community place to be proud of and can be used by all.

When you come in and look around, please remember the bulk of the money to renovate came from the NYS Library Construction Grant and was awarded to us by the CCLS board of directors. We are forever beholden to them for this as it never could have happened without them.

Rest assured we will carry on with our plans to put a second story on the circulation area and really turn our library into the community center that is so needed here in our town.

And now, I can finally say it...drum roll please.....

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

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!

Progress Continues...

Putting shelves and books back in their places has been a daunting task, but Stephanie Feiss and Nancy McIntosh have been the stars of the show! These two women have done the bulk of the work in getting things put back to normal, with the occasional help from people who drop by.

Thank you ladies!



Nancy arranging shelves in the children's section.



Rhonda, Robyn, and Nancy moving shelves to the second level, junior readers section.



Shelves are going up, and volunteers are putting books in place.

Among Friends

Robyn Albright

Between summer heat and humidity and COVID restrictions, the Friends of the Library have been taking cover most of the spring and early summer!

While the library is being put back together all events are on hold for now.

Help is always needed to put shelves back together, and then place the books back in their places. If you have an extra hour or two, please stop by and do what you can. Our library is becoming a place of which we are very proud! Please continue to contribute your time and effort.

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

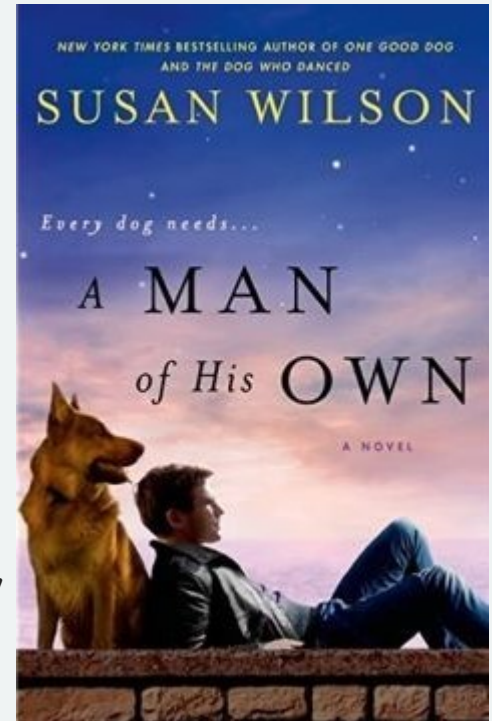
A Man of His Own

by Susan Wilson

Pax, a German Shepard puppy rescued from under a tavern porch by Rick Stanton, an aspiring pitcher, catcher for Baseball, grows up and becomes part of the growing family of Rick and his young wife Francesca and their children.

Follow these three through some funny, some serious and some heartbreaking life experiences and chuckle, fear for and mourn along with the characters.

Pax becomes part of the K-9 corps in WWII and is matched with Keller Nicholson, where a lifetime bond is formed. You can follow Pax through many experiences and watch the return and outcome of some difficult decisions and relationships.



ISO sturdy bean bag chairs, gaming chairs, teen appropriate video games and gaming systems.



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

*would be most appreciative!
(tax deductible!)*



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

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at the library on Thursday, July 8th at 11 a.m. to discuss ***The Four Winds*** by Kristan Hanah.

July's book is ***Summer People*** by Erin Hilderbrand.

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

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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

<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

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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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>**

Groups are starting again in August!

Writer's Group will meet Tuesday mornings at 11a.m. starting August 3rd.



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) 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!

For a \$5 per month donation, you can show your support as well!

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