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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

2021 Tribute Issue

During the past 18 months the library has undergone many changes, many of which may not have happened without the people highlighted in this issue. There are no doubt many others whom we have forgotten to mention. Apologies to them. Thank you is not enough but we know these contributions have been made out of love for our library. Join us in thanking them when you see them.

First and foremost on our list of thanks goes to **Dr. Earl Freling**, Ripley Public Library Board president.

Earl has contributed thousands of hours of labor as well as thousands of dollars in materials. He was there when the demolition of the old library took place, hammer in hand, tearing apart walls and beams, and hauling away the debris.

When construction started, he was there lending a hand wherever he could. The round window pictured above is original to the church. Earl bought it, refurbished it and donated it back to the library. He also made donations of the half circle windows and other features in the new library, including a baby grand piano!

It would have been done without you, Earl. But it would have taken longer, cost more, and not been as great!

Thank you!



Friends of the Library Meeting:
Saturday, August 14th @ 11a.m. in the library

Tributes and Thanks, continued



Two people in particular have been there almost every day, from tearing everything down, to putting it back in place and everything in between—our library staff, Rhonda Thompson and Stephanie Feiss. These two women have preformed their paid positions in total chaos for a year and a half, as well as

boxed up books, labeled supplies, carried shelves, moved boxes—you name it, they've done it with nary a complaint.

Along side of Rhonda and Steph has been a library staple, Nancy McIntosh. If there is work to be done at the library you can always count on Nancy to be there doing anything and everything. We also want to thank those long suffering husbands, John Thompson and Bob



McIntosh who have been so kind in volunteering their time and trucks to help when needed. They don't often get the praise they so richly deserve.



Our thanks go out to the following people. We apologize for not having photographs of each of you. We know how much you want your faces out there... Nancy & Darwin Rowe, demolition; Joe Gunther, demolition; the wrestling team, moving boxes and shelves out for the construction; Teresa Sculley, boxing thousands of books while keeping them in order; Nadine Stacy & Barbara Kittles, putting books back on the shelves; Knight Farms for the donation of their hired hands to move everything back into the library; the dozens of unnamed people who donated money to buy all the little "extras" to make our library beautiful; and lastly, The Friends of the Library, who purchased new leather chairs and antique-style cabinet for the new reading room, as well as all their financial support for more to come.

Surely we have forgotten to mention many people, and for this, again, our apologies. This has been a labor of love for so many people, and we thank you.



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 and pick up some great books!

Book Sale runs through Saturday, August 14th.



From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Hello Everyone! It is August and do you know what that means? BOOK SALE!!! Our Book Sale will start this year on July 30 at 6pm. This is to coincide with the other activities going on in town. We will continue to sell books until 9pm. Then the book sale will continue the following week during regular library hours. The book sale will last for about two weeks. This will be a little different from our regular book sale as we are still putting our library back together. We will still have a nice selection of books though.

I hope everyone stops in to buy books and look at our newly renovated pretty library. Once you see it, you will understand the need to move forward and finish the rest. We are creating a beautiful place that Ripley can be proud of. Within the next few years we will have a wonderful community center where there is something for everyone.

We are finally getting back to normal and hopefully Covid stays at bay and

does not set us back any further. Soon we will be back to our normal hours and I hope to see all those who used to come return to the library. We have missed you all.

As we take in the last month before the kiddos return to school, remember to stop in for a good book and just relax a little bit. Enjoy the rest of summer as it certainly goes way too quickly. Be sure to visit our website (ripleylibrary.org) for information and to just take some virtual tours. There are some awesome sites on there to check out. Our website is also where we will be posting our programs as we get to a point where we can have them.

These are just a few reasons to come out to the library. See you there soon!



Grant Writers Needed!

The library is at 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

The Library Grand Opening will be held in September! Watch your e-mails for details and how you can help organize this great event. Our new library has been a long time coming and we want to



Ripley Writer's Group will meet again on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m., beginning August 3rd.

New members are always welcome. Everyone has a story to tell. Come share yours.

Two of last year's group members have books being published this month! Look for an Author's Night featuring Mary Ellen Humphrey and Robyn Albright—coming soon!

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

Christmas on the Coast

by Lee Tobin McClain

Former Police officer and widower, Paul Thompson, has come to Pleasant Shores on Chesapeake Bay to recover and seek treatment for PTSD.

He and his son, Davey, are well received by the residents of the town, including author Amber Rowe, her sister, Julie and her husband Trey, who is the police officer in Pleasant Shores.

Paul recognized Amber as the author who had interviewed and written part of his wife's story before she had succumbed to cancer last year.

Friendships were formed with other members of the village. Paul and Davey seemed to fit right in and were accepted by the others.

During the interview, Amber had been told a secret by his wife and had promised to never share it. Amber agonized over whether to divulge the information to Paul. As they became better acquainted and Davey bonded with Amber and some of the children of the town, her decision became more difficult.

How all of this played out along with the involvement by the whole town to provide safe homes for PTSD and victims of violent crime, makes this book difficult to put down until you reach the end.

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, at 11 a.m.

August's book is The House at the end of Hope Street by Menna van Praag.

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.



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Dues are \$5 annually in January

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Library Calendar of Events

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If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at

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***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!

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