

The Bookworm



Newsletter from Friends of the Ripley Library

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Friends of the Ripley
Library Welcome You

NOTE:

Hours of Operation

Monday 10am-5pm
Tuesday 10am-7:30pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm
Thursday 10am-7:30pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm

Join Us for Our...
Grand Re-Opening!

It's been a long time coming and it's finally here! Ripley Public Library invites you to attend the Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, September 18th from 4-7 p.m.

Come see before and during photos and marvel at the "now!"

Speakers, refreshments, information about what comes next—The library board, staff, Friends of the Library and volunteers are proud of what has been accomplished. We hope you are too!



Friends of the Library Meeting:
Saturday, September 4 @ 10a.m. in the library

Open for Business

The Ripley Library is open for regular hours as of Tuesday, September 7th—

Mon. Wed. Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tue. Thu. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Don't forget about the Grand Re-opening on September 18th! Check out our beautiful renovations.

Among Friends

Robyn Albright

The Friends held a very productive meeting in August and have made plans for the upcoming months and year ahead. Nancy McIntosh will head the annual auction, to be held online again this year. If you'd like to obtain items for this big fundraiser, please let the library know (716-736-3913). Help is needed in all kinds of areas, so please volunteer an hour or two.

Left-over auction items will be kept for our new Spring venture, the *White Elephant Chinese Auction*.

Volunteers are needed to clean, dust, check out books, answer the phone, shelve books, etc. Please donate an hour or two of your time each week/month to keep our library beautiful and running smoothly.

New programs are being planned such as Author's Nights, Armchair Travel, and Ted Talks to mention a few. If it has been awhile since you volunteered, come back. There's a new energy and focus at the Ripley Library!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ripley Library is all abuzz with its **Open House** scheduled on **September 18th at 4 pm.** Not only does the library have a bright, new, modern look to it, but it also has so many exciting programs for you to enjoy.

Let's begin with our casual yet informative kick off to **Ted Talks**, shown every **Monday morning at 10:30a.m.** right after Labor Day. Your opinion counts too so be sure to fill out a form letting us know how you feel on a variety of subjects.

This will be followed by **Writers Group** which meets every **Tuesday at 1p.m.** Always wanted to write but never felt like you could? Join our creative group to get you on the "write" track. Speaking of writing, two members of our writer's group will be available to sign their books on **Author's Night, September 21, at 6p.m.**

Book Club meets the **first Thursday of every month at 11a.m.** for a lively discussion.

Sewing/Quilting classes will be resuming on a soon to be announced time and date. Check The Bookworm for updates.

There will be least 2 additional programs given each month. Check the Bookworm Calendar so you won't miss any of them. Great things are happening at the Ripley Public Library!

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

Craft exchange coming in October

In time for Christmas crafts, the library will host a Craft Exchange! This isn't to buy already made craft items, this is an exchange of craft supplies. Bring in that collection of Styrofoam balls you aren't going to use, and exchange them for paints or material, or any other craft material someone else has contributed.

For every item, or group of items you bring in, you will receive play money to spend on other craft materials. What a great way to stretch your craft supplies and share what you don't use or want with someone who does!

Watch for more details in the October newsletter!

New Position

Nancy McIntosh has been named the new Program Director for the Ripley Library. In true Nancy style, for those of you who know her, she is full of fresh new ideas!

Nancy's love for our library is widely known and she works tirelessly to bring new events and workshops to our community.

A monthly calendar will be included once again in the newsletter, filled with things to do!

If you have ideas, let Nancy know!

Honorable Mention

There are unsung heroes among us. We have seen their efforts almost every week here on the grounds of the library. You can find them digging, planting, mulching, trimming, and weeding the library property. This is their contribution to our library, in a town where they do not reside. Their pride in Ripley is shown in many ways and we thank you **Coralee and Bob Shearer.**

Author's Night

Tuesday, September 21st at 6 p.m.

The Ripley Public Library is proud to kick off it's first Author's Night with presentations by two local authors, Mary Ellen Humphrey and Robyn Albright.

Mary Ellen moved to South Ripley three years ago. She has been writing books for several years, primarily for her own pleasure, but now she is ready to share her talent with the rest of the world. She will be presenting her book "My Mountain Friend, Wandering and Pondering Mt. Major."

Ms. Humphrey hiked this mountain in New Hampshire a thousand times, and while doing so, came to terms with events during her childhood that left an indelible mark. "Write the book that's in your heart," she says. And she has.

Robyn Albright is a Ripley native with a 30 year absence. She has only recently found her calling as a book writer and has published her first book, "Jump on the Runnin' Board: A memoir of my father, Bill Near."

"It's been 10 years in the making," she admits. Mr. Near recorded his childhood memories onto cassette tapes, and this became the basis for the book.

Both of these authors will have books available for purchase that evening, and would be happy to sign them.

Reservations are not necessary to attend but would be appreciated.

Tuesday, September 21 @ 6p.m.

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Can you believe how quickly summer has gone by! Now it is time for the children to go back to school. Let us hope it goes as smoothly as possible as Covid is still with us.

This is the time to start thinking of apples and cider, corn mazes and hay rides. I enjoy watching camp fires and bon fires during the cooler weather. This is also a huge time for the library as we celebrate our Grand Opening on September 18th. I am so excited about this! My wish is that our entire community turns out for this event. There will be live music and refreshments. This evening will show everyone that Ripley really is alive and well with its own unique culture. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this function..

This is also the month we return to our regular hours. I am so happy that we can finally get back to normal (whatever that may be).

We need to apply for more State

Library Grants. We are planning more fund raisers to reach our building goals. None of this would have been possible if it were not for State Library Grants and the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Library System, along with many gracious donations from businesses and individuals alike, but we have a long way to go and we still need your support. In time, we will have a community center here that can be accessed by the entire town and used for the benefit of all.

All of this comes with a price, however. Not only are monetary donations needed, but there is a need for volunteers as well. Like every other organization, the library needs volunteers to help keep running smoothly. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please see me or call the library at 716-736-3913.

<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at the library on Thursday, September 2nd at 11 a.m.

September's book is Untamed by Glen-non Doyle.

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.

Ripley Writer's Group is meeting on Tuesdays, at 1p.m.

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

Two of the group members have books being published this month! Look for Author's Night featuring Mary Ellen Humphrey and Robyn Albright, coming **September 21st at 6p.m.**

Hold in your hands the book in your heart.

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. Thousands of books are 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

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

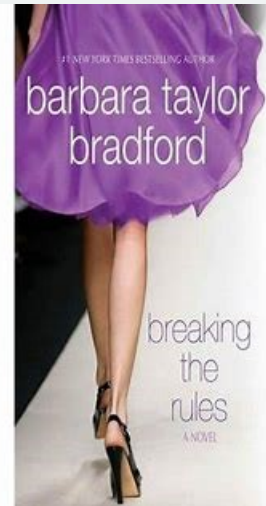
Breaking the Rules by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

After a terrifying attack in the English countryside,, a young woman flees to New York to start a new life.

She has always yearned to become a model and attempts to break into the fashion and modeling business. Adopting just "M" as her name, she looks at the papers, visits modeling agencies and talks with friends she has met since coming to New York.

She meets and marries Larry Vaughn, who has been her idol in the theater and show world and they become the revered couple of the international fashion and modeling world.

M believes she has left the demons of her past behind, but when bizarre events suggest otherwise, she realizes that you will Break the Rules to protect those you love.

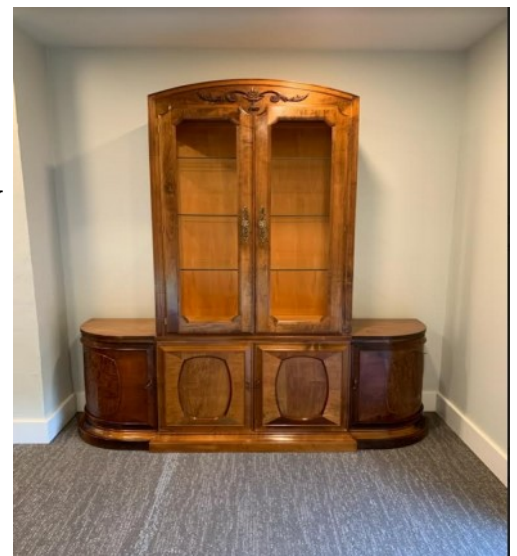


READING ROOM



Here's a sneak peek at the reading room! While there is still work to do, such as hanging photos/artwork, getting throw cushions for the chairs, and filling the beautifully refinished cabinet (thanks Earl!) with historical documents and family histories, the room already feels cozy and inviting. A couple of informal meetings have already taken place here, and it promises to be a wonderful corner for research and reading.

Be sure to check it out during your next visit to the Ripley Library, or during the Open House!



September Book List

ADULT FICTION

Ardone/The Children's Train
 Armstrong/The Unsuspected
 Barfield/The Book of Colors
 Bruce/In The Garden of Spite
 Dalton/Waiting for the Night Song
 Falvey/The Titanic Sisters
 Giordano/Your Second Life Begins When
 You Realize You Only Have One
 Gruber/The Forgery of Venus
 Harper/The Survivors
 Hauck/The Writing Desk
 Hepworth/The Good Sister
 Iles/Turning Angel
 Iggulden/The Gates of Athens
 Jenoff/The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach
 Kiernan/The Baker's Secret
 Lapena/Not A Happy Family
 Macallister/The Arctic Fury
 McKenzie/You Can't Catch Me
 Patterson/Blindside
 Robotham/The German Midwife
 Slaughter/False Witness
 Topp/Perfectly Impossible
 Quinn/Bridgerton

ADULT NONFICTION

Bellesiles/A People's History of the U.S. Military
 Cannon/On This Date
 Christie/Before and After
 Donati/Eagle Down
 Kimmer/Braiding Sweetgrass
 Thompson/Working in the Shadows
 Zucchini/Wilmington's Lie

LARGE PRINT

Barthel/Ziegfeld Girls
 Branard/Traveling Light
 Cognetti/The Eight Mountains
 Ganshert/No One Ever Asked
 Risen/Unearthed

PAPERBACKS

Baldacci/The Innocent
 Child/Jack Reacher One Shot
 Iles/The Quiet Game
 Miller/The Yankee Widow
 Patterson/The Family Lawyer

YOUNG ADULT

Ember/Ruinsong
 Hesse/Girl in the Blue Coat
 Johnson/This is my America
 Tyndall/Who I Was with Her

JUNIOR BOOKS

Balliett/Hold Fast
 Brown/Breaking the News: What's Real, What's
 Not
 Kingsley/Erec Rex the Monsters of Otherness
 Rotner/Hello Autumn
 Selden/The Cricket in Times Square

EASY READERS

Buchmann/Who Wants to Play with Little Mouse
 Depken/Sing Your Song
 Howell/A Flock of Fun
 Perley/The Violin Family

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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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

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

Groups are starting again! If you'd like to start a group, let Rhonda or Stephanie know and a time will be reserved for you!

Writer's Group meets Tuesday afternoons at 1p.m.



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. 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?



September 2021

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Sep 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
		● 12pm WRITERS GROUP		● 10am BOOK CLUB		● 10am FOL MTG
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		● 12pm WRITERS GROUP				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	● 9:30am Ted Talks	● 12pm WRITERS GROUP				● 3pm LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	● 9:30am Ted Talks	● 12pm WRITERS GROUP ● 5pm LOCAL AUTHORS				● 11:30am BOARD MTG
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
	● 9:30am Ted Talks	● 12pm WRITERS GROUP				

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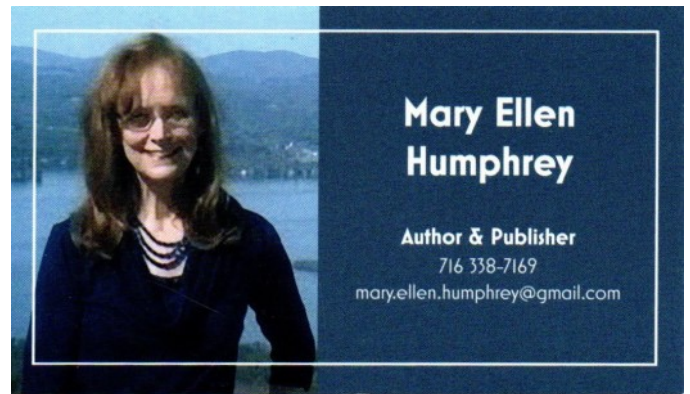


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**Best Wishes to the Ripley Library
For a Great New Year in 2021!**



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