

# The Bookworm



Newsletter from Friends of the Ripley Library

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## Hours of Operation

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

## ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

**Craft exchange October 16th**

**Starting at 10a.m.**



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 or yarn

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!



**Friends of the Library Meeting:**  
**October 16, 1 p.m. at the library and ZOOM**

## Ripley Public Library is Open for Business

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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Along with our regularly scheduled programs, the month of October welcomes the following programs:

#### **Saturday, October 9th at 11am**

The history of Indigenous People of America: Enjoy a documentary of how our country was settled and by whom.



#### **Saturday, October 16th from 10am til noon** Craft Exchange:



Bring your unused crafts to the library and trade them for something you could use.

#### **Saturday, October 30th at 11 am**

Around the World & In Our Backyard: Explore the sights and tastes of other lands as you take an armchair tour to places around the world. This month we will be traveling to Mexico for the celebration of Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos).



#### **Coming Soon!**

Watch for selections of family friendly movies on the marquee in front of the library.





**Master Gardeners** presented local libraries books for kids to appreciate gardening and how to care for growing things.

Betty Perkins presented Library Director Rhonda Thompson with three books that will be added to the library collection. They are *One Little Lot: the 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden* by Diane Mullen, *Butterflies Belong Here* by Deborah Hopkinson, and my favorite, *Mae the Mayfly* by Denise Brennan-Nelson.

Bring your little ones to the library and check out these new books. They really are fascinating!

Master Gardener Betty Perkins presenting books to Rhonda Thompson



# Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Let's have some fun this month. There are thirteen (notice the number-bwahaha) ghouls or scary pictures that are hidden around the library. You will have one month to find all the ghouls and mark on your check sheet where you found them. Have your checklist approved on October 30th between 9a.m. and 2p.m. Bring your kiddos and help them find the ghouls hanging out in the library. Children will receive a prize upon completion. Adults will have their name entered in a drawing.



## We Need Your Help...

Our **Annual Auction** will take place Online Nov. 21 – Dec. 4. Last year we tried a new approach and had an online auction raising \$3,000 thanks to the generosity of local businesses, donators and our bidders.

Our goals are set even higher, but we can't do it without your help. We rely on donated items to keep our costs low. With all the renovations recently done at the library, we are reaching out to the public for donations.

Would you consider donating an item for the auction? We are looking for:

- Items that must be new

- Items that have a market value greater than \$20

If you would like to donate an item that fits these guidelines, please drop it off at the Ripley Library during our regular hours of operation or call (716) 736-3913 to make arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

\*The Friends of the Library have sponsored this program for many years. Though we are small in number, we are dedicated to supporting the Ripley Public Library in ways that are not included in the annual budget. If you would like to join us, please contact the library for more information. Everyone is welcome.





## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Things have gotten exciting here at Ripley Library. We will soon have new computers for patron use. They will run more efficiently and be so much faster. Our future hopes are to have a gaming system upstairs for the teens or anyone who wants to play. We will start having movies on Saturdays at 11am. We are looking into projects or classes for people. What you think about an Economic Development Night? Think about it, let us know. Is there something else you would like to see? Let us know and we will try to get it in here. This is your library, please help make it wonderful for everyone.

Can you believe how quickly the time goes? Summer went by so fast I hardly remember it, now it is Fall. This is my very favorite time of the year. I like the cooler weather, the harvest, the colors, the smells, the feel and especially the color of the sky. October skies can be so blue and beautiful. Take notice of the sky this month. Actually, take notice of the many things around you and how they make you feel. Do you see the birds who have stuck around? They sound so nice. What about the squirrels? Have you seen them squiring here and there, rustling through the leaves and climbing up the trees? The late summer flowers whose golden yellow and purple hues blend into nature's beau-

ty. This is the time of year that lets us know how alive we really are.

I know we are told the Spring is the beginning, the summer is for the young, the fall is the aging and the winter is the sleeping. However, I think the fall lets us know how alive we really are with the gathering of the harvest bounty and giving thanks for all the abundance we have in our lives. I will continue this part next month with November being the month to give thanks. For this month though enjoy all the sights and wonders the world has to offer. Sink into them and let them rejuvenate you as we do head into the cooling off period of winter.

The newness of the library and being back to regular hours has certainly rejuvenated me. If you have not stopped in yet, be sure to fit it into your schedule. The beauty of the building is certainly worth a visit. I am in awe every time I step into this building. It took the work of so many, so please come reap the benefits this facility has to offer.

See you at the Library,



<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

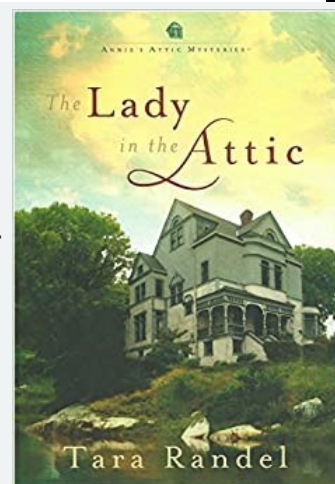
### The Lady in the Attic by Tara Randel

Widow, Annie Dawson, who lived in Texas and had a close relationship with her daughter and grandchildren, received a call from an attorney in Stony Point, Maine telling her that her grandmother had left her home and all its contents to Annie. Annie had spent her summers growing up in this Victorian home, Grey Gables, with her grandmother and had fond memories and yet mixed feelings about what to do with the house and contents.

Her grandmother had been an accomplished designer and creator of cross stitch and needlepoint pieces. Annie found a partially finished,

large piece in the attic and noticed there was a picture of a lady in this work which presented a mystery as gram had never used people, only landscape to design her pieces.

While in Maine, Annie attended several of the meetings of The Hook And Needle club in the town. The mystery deepens and is discussed at the meetings and the members were helpful in discovering who the woman in the attic was.



## Among Friends

Robyn Albright

At recent Friends of the Library meetings, putting a "business" card in the supporters group was a no brainer. Why didn't we think of that before!?

Fundraising remains an integral part of the Friends. So many things are still needed to make each section of the library fully functional. We want to serve all of our patrons, young and old, therefore things like gaming chairs and a game system, comfortable cushions for arm chairs, and genealogy templates are on the wish list.

The Online Auction is coming up fast. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need volunteers for many parts of this fundraiser. The auction will open on November 21st and end December 4th. There is more in Nancy McIntosh's article. Please take the time to read and then volunteer.

We need our old Friends to come back! Rhonda is compiling a list of jobs that need to be done. Most of these things need to be done either weekly or monthly, such as dusting, vacuuming, and putting books back on the shelves. Other things need multiple volunteers to cover daily tasks, like answering the phone and giving Stephanie a break. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to keep our library looking fabulous!

New programs are coming to the library! We hope to see you at Armchair Travel, or Saturday movies. Check out the calendar in The Bookworm every month to see what's being offered.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at the library on Thursday, October 7th at 11 a.m.

October's book is The Keeper's Son by Homer Hickam.

## 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.

**Ripley Writer's Group** meets Tuesdays, at 1p.m.

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

*Hold in your hands the book in your heart.*

**Sewing Group** meets Thursdays, noon until 3p.m.

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.



## 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 **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](mailto: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!

## **Ripley Public Library celebrates its Grand Re-Opening!**

We hope you were there for the re-opening of the library, but if you weren't, here are some highlights.

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on the steps of the Main Street entrance with library board members as well as County Executive Paul Wendel present. Over the course of the evening about 80 people stopped by to take a look around at the incredible change that has taken place in the last 18 months. Speeches were made, applause was frequent, and the music of a string quartet from SUNY music program was played throughout the evening.

Barbara Kittles, President of the Chautauqua County Library System, spoke very graciously about the renovations that have taken place, with a great amount of help through the system.

John Thompson, Rhonda's husband, surprised her with a lovely bouquet of flowers—a small token of the countless hours she's put into this project. Flowers decorated many spots in the library as well, along with table decorations, courtesy of Linda Probst.

One of the visual highlights was the cake made by Thelma MacDonald. The book decorations on the cake even opened up!

Impromptu tours were held all evening and excited conversations were heard everywhere. The new reading room was a big hit, with several people commenting how nice it was to have a semi-secluded area to quietly read or have a conversation.

One gentleman, in awe of the change, remarked that he was more than pleased to see his tax dollars at work this way. It was pointed out to him that, in fact, this wasn't a result of his property taxes but rather from donations and various grant monies available for such projects.

Ripley residents can be proud of their new library. It is a showpiece that will be remarked on throughout the county. The collection of books continues to grow monthly, along with audio books, videos, and magazines. Classes and workshops are being planned as well as movie nights (days?) and media events.

Please stop by. Visit with the staff. Look around. Be a part of this vibrant facility that is here to serve YOU!





## Ripley Public Library celebrates its Grand Re-Opening in Pictures!



Rhonda Thompson, Librarian, welcoming guests



Earl Freling, Library Board President with some opening remarks



Barbara Kittles, CCLS Board President congratulating Ripley Library on its renovation



Chautauqua County Executive Wendel, remarking on the beautiful building



String quartet (and friend) from SUNY Fredonia provided music for the evening



Rhonda Thompson presented with flowers for her great accomplishment

Beautiful cake donated by Thelma MacDonald



Conversations throughout the library



## October Book List

### ADULT FICTION

Ackerman/2034  
 Arlidge/Pop Goes the Weasel  
 Baldacci/A Gambling Man  
 Bock/Alice & Oliver  
 Brown/The Alibi  
 Bryce/Wild Women and the Blues  
 Cherezinska/The Widow Queen  
 Dugoni/The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell  
 Glass/As Good As Can Be  
 Grisham/Sooley  
 Hankins/A Blood Thing  
 Harmel/The Book of Lost Names  
 Hyde/Brave Girl, Quiet Girl  
 Jensen/Dream Waters  
 King/Later  
 Lewis/The Stone Wall  
 Michaelides/The Maidens  
 Ryan/The Kitchen Front  
 Sandford/Ocean Prey  
 Weiner/That Summer

### ADULT NONFICTION

Billman/The Cold Vanish  
 Bown/White Eskimo  
 Lawson/Broken (in the best possible way)  
 Levy/Ages of American Capitalism  
 Mondavi/Harvest of Joy  
 Montalvan/Tuesday's Promise  
 Moreno/The Colorful Family Table  
 O'Reilly/Killing the Mob

### LARGE PRINT

Dobson/Beneath a Golden Veil  
 Drangsholt/The Marvelous Misadventures of  
 Ingrid Winter  
 Gist/Maid to Match  
 Kendig/Crown of Souls  
 Palahniuk/Adjustment Day

### PAPERBACKS

Bradley/Viking Warrior Rising  
 Carr/A New Hope  
 Hannah/Waiting for the Moon  
 Rains/Snowfall on Cedar Trail  
 Stone/Plain Cover-up  
 Vaughan/Mission: Memory Recall

### YOUNG ADULT

Alley/The Ballad of Ami Miles  
 Haddon/The Curious Incident of the Dog in  
 the Night-time  
 Le/A Pho Love Story  
 Patterson/Daniel X: Game Over  
 Vrettos/Burnout

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Barry/The Worst Night Ever  
 Estes/The Moffats  
 Fry/The Odd Squad: Bully Bait  
 Northrop/Tombquest: Amulet Keepers  
 Tarshis/I Survived the Great Molasses Flood,  
 1919  
 Warner/Ellray Jakes is a Rock Star

### EASY READER

Benatovich/C is for Courage  
 Bergstresser/Lila Lou's Little Library  
 Clark/Tiny, Perfect Things  
 Edward/ Frozen 2  
 Henkes/Chrysanthemum  
 Kim/Cat on the Bus  
 Miller/Sharing The Bread  
 Tourville/Albie's First Word

### MOVIES

The Curse of La Llorona  
 The Intruder  
 One Remains  
 St. Agatha

## 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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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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**\*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!**



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. We appreciate your continued patronage!

**Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, or items to make the Ripley Public Library look so spectacular!**

**And thank you to those who came to the Grand Re-Opening. It was a great success with over 80 people in attendance.**



# October 2021

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI Oct 1	SAT 2
	● 10:30am Ted Talk	● 1pm WRITERS GR				
3	4 ● 10:30am Ted Talk	5 ● 1pm WRITERS GR	6	7 ● 11am BOOK CLUE ● 12pm Sewing Gro	8	9 ● 11am Indigenous
10	11 ● 10:30am Ted Talk	12 ● 1pm WRITERS GR	13	14 ● 12pm Sewing Gro	15	16 ● 10am CRAFT EXC ● 1pm Friends Mtg
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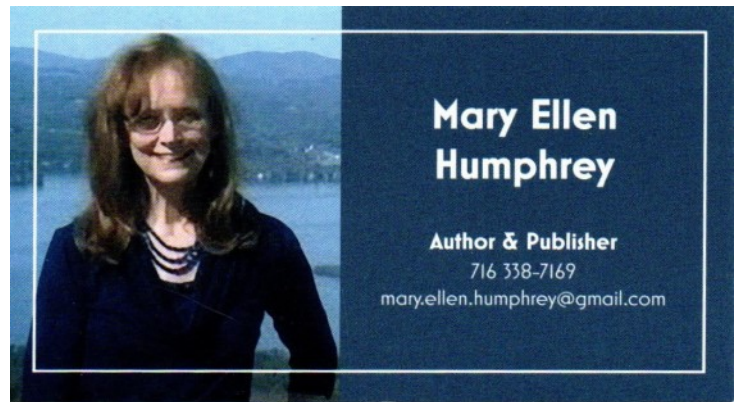
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