

# 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

## Christmas in Ripley Craft/Vendor Fair info on Page Two!

## Hurry! The Ripley Public Library Annual On-line Auction is coming to an end!

**Once again this year the Ripley Library is using the website [biddingowl.com](http://biddingowl.com) for the auction. There are some really nice items, many for your Christmas shopping list.**

**You're 2 clicks away on the web site [ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org). Click Annual Online Auction, then on the blue Biddingowl-Ripley Public Library. Or find it on Facebook and click the link to take you right to the auction site!**



**Auction ends Saturday, December 4th so HURRY!**

*Thank you for your support!*



**Friends of the Library Meeting:  
No December meeting scheduled**

## Christmas in Ripley Vendor/Crafters Fair!

 The Ripley Library is participating in *Christmas in Ripley*, Saturday, December 4th with a Vendor and Craft Fair, as well as a Christmas Bake Sale and Chinese Auction, held in the newly renovated library, 10am til 6pm. 

Christmas is almost upon us! Shopping local is always a good idea. Come find some great items for your Christmas giving and help support your friends and neighbors at the same time! (P.S. This is the last day of the Library Auction! If you need help bidding, we'll be glad to help!)



See the Christmas villages!

Christmas Bake Sale

Chinese Auction

Decorated Christmas trees done by students

Christmas stories and movies!

All at your Ripley Public Library, Saturday, December 4th

## Christmas Decorations



The Ripley Central School classes, Pre-K through 6, are decorating Christmas trees at the Ripley Public Library! Each grade level will have a fiber optic 3' tree to decorate.



In a cooperative venture with the school, the classes will decide on their decorations and put them on the trees. The trees will be on display throughout December. Be sure to stop by and see their handiwork. (And it's a great time to visit the Vendor/Craft Fair on the 4th as well!)



December 21, 2021 at 1 pm at the Ripley Public Library

Brush up on your holiday knowledge and come show off your stuff with us on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is going to be a great time. Come enjoy some hot chocolate, friends and a great game of trivia that focuses on the best

time of the year—**CHRISTMAS!**

Isaac Phillips, a representative of **Connect Gen Solar Company** is pictured here with Director Rhonda Thompson. Connect Gen has generously donated \$2,500 to the Ripley Public Library. This money was put in as part of the matching funds for the renovations and earmarked to be used towards the lighting. Many thanks are given to Connect Gen for their help in achieving our goals.





## 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

December will end the year filled with our regularly scheduled programs plus these additions:

**Saturday, December 4**

Vendor & Craft Fair and Bake Sale 10am—6pm

**Saturday, December 4**

Annual On-Line Auction Ends 8pm

**Saturday, December 18**

Around the World and in your Backyard, Christmas in the US

**Tuesday, December 21**

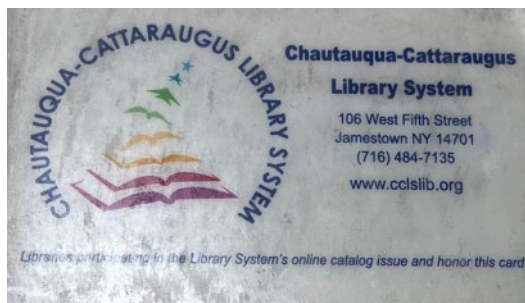
Christmas Trivia Contest 1pm

**Friday & Saturday, December 24 & 25**

Library Closed

## Library Cards—Your Passport to Adventure

Twenty-One people signed up for a library card during the month of November! Outstanding!



If you need a library card, come see us and we will help get you into the IN crowd.

## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Merry Christmas! I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone by. Even during a pandemic, the time seemed to go by so fast. I think about it and it seems like the days can sometimes seem long and tedious, but the weeks go rather quickly, the months even faster and the years seem to fly by. Perhaps this is what comes with age. I remember my mom and grandma talking about the same thing, that the older you get the faster the time seems to go. I suppose we can talk about it all we want, but we are not going to slow it down and Father time is going to keep marching even as we turn the season to winter and change the calendar page to December.

We normally slow down at the Library during December, but we are still going strong through the first part of December. The Annual On-Line Auction closes December 4<sup>th</sup>, so if you have not placed your bid, please do so soon. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We are also hosting a Vendor & Craft Fair and Bake Sale at the library on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 10am until 6pm. Be sure to stop in to do some Christmas shopping or even some shopping for yourself. Buying local helps so many, especially during this time of economic instability.

This year I would like to hold a fun little game of Christmas Trivia. I have

thought hard about this, especially about what time of the day would be best to hold this event. I normally lean toward the evening for it, but something is telling me to do this earlier in the day. So, I decided on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. We can plan for it to last two hours and be over in time for the knitters and crocheters to begin their session at 3pm. We will just wait to see how many show up and split folks into groups and start the trivia. The questions will all be based on Christmas. I think it sounds like fun. I really hope you take the time to do this. Just relax and have a good time.

I am looking for a piano player. I would like to have Christmas carols and hot chocolate around the Christmas tree, like an old-fashioned Christmas. However my piano skills are, well, non-existent. If there is anyone out there that can play and would like to take an hour sometime this month, preferably after school so kiddos can join in, please let me know and we can set up a time for "Carols Around the Tree".

Remember, our pretty new library is really yours. We do this for the community. Please come join us for the many programs, to relax, converse, read, borrow books and movies, join in with other groups, form your own group or whatever your pleasure. The Library is a great place to be.

So, until next time, See you at the Library.

## My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

### The Lost Gardens

by Anthony Eglin

Young Californian, Jamie Gibson finds herself the new owner of Wickersham Priory and its many derelict gardens in England. Along with the property she has also inherited a large sum of money which she intends to use to restore the gardens to their 1930's Glory.

Jamie procures the knowledge and experience of Lawrence Kingston, a retired professor of botany as well as an amateur sleuth. He is able to discover maps, drawings and history of the original gardens. He hires crews to begin clearing and returning the plants and sculptures to their original places and condition.

When the Healing Garden, which has a dug well, is cleaned out, a human skeleton is discovered. The remains are checked by the police and determined to be old and not of much value in determining exactly how long the bones have been in the well. Jamie and Lawrence are not satisfied with this decision and take it upon themselves to contact local people who had known the owner of the Priory and others who had served with him in WWII.

At about this time, several unexplained deaths and injuries occur that may or may not be connected to the findings in the garden. The police, Jamie, Lawrence and numerous local people find ways to come up with enough information to solve the mystery, discover the distant relative from whom Jamie inherited the gardens and who had been behind the several deaths and injuries.

## Among Friends

Robyn Albright

The Friends of the Library have sponsored many programs throughout the years. This year we are sponsoring the Vendor/Crafter Fair during the **Christmas in Ripley** festivities on Saturday, December 4th. There will be a fabulous Christmas bake sale as well as Chinese auction that day. The Annual Online Auction, sponsored by the Friends, and the Christmas in Ripley events overlap on the 4th, so you're in luck! If you haven't placed any bids on auction items, or don't know how, someone at the library will be there to help you place bids. Bring your pocketbook—there's a lot of Christmas shopping to be done!




## Ripley Public Library Has Become a Safe Place Location

What is a Safe Place Location, you might ask. A Safe Place works with the Safe House out of Jamestown and is part of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. This is a program for runaway or homeless youth under the age of 18. If this youth needs help, all they do is enter the facility with the yellow sign that reads SAFE PLACE. They let someone in charge know they need help. The person in charge will contact the Safe Place Agency and someone will come out to talk with the youth. This counselor will talk with the youth, provide shelter and transportation if necessary.


Stop into the Library for more information or pick up a brochure.

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city and state to 44357

## Ripley Public Library Hosted Author's Night

On November 16, 2021 these two young men spoke about the books they have written. Robert Alford (l) and Richard Maverick (r) spent a wonderful evening talking with about 16 guests and sold several books. Both plan to write more. If you are interested in purchasing any of the books written by these local authors or any other local author, please let us know and we will get you in touch with them.





## BOOK CLUB

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

January Book Club Selection:

**The Friday Night Knitting Club** by Kate Jacobs

## Ripley Writer's Group

Writer's group is on hiatus until January 2022. You can still get information about joining the group by contacting the library at 716-736-3913.

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

## 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.

**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.

**Knitting & Crochet Group** meets Tuesdays, beginning at 3p.m.

**<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!



## December Book List

### ADULT FICTION

Alexander/What Happens at Christmas  
 Alford/ Clan Valor: Pieces  
 Austin/If I Were You  
 Baldacci/Zero Day  
 Barton/The Child  
 Blake/The Holy Road  
 Cameron/A Dog's Perfect Christmas  
 Chiaverini/New Year's Quilt  
 Cole/The Christmas Dress  
 Evans/Grace  
 Goldenbaum/A Holiday Yarn  
 Goldman/The Likely World  
 Gray/Manchester Christmas  
 Grisham/Skipping Christmas  
 Hauck/The Wedding Dress Christmas  
 Hogan/The Keeper of Lost Things  
 Madeleine/The Confectioner's Tale  
 Majumdar/A Burning  
 McMahon/The Invited  
 Quindlen/Blessings  
 Schindler/Christmas at Ruby's  
 Squires/An Heirloom Christmas  
 Towles/The Lincoln Highway  
 Vernal/The Promise  
 Wheeler/In Our Other Lives

Williams/The Echo Chamber  
 Wingate/The Prayer Box  
 Wiseman/A Picture of Love

### ADULT NONFICTION

Albright/Jump on the Runnin' Board  
 Johnson/Night in the American Village  
 Olson/Last Hope Island  
 Puri/That Good Night  
 Rosenthal/Words Whispered in Water  
 Wickenden/The Agitators  
 Yang/Somewhere in the Unknown World

### LARGE PRINT

Afshar/Thief of Corinth  
 Evans/Finding Noel  
 Fraser/lost in Lumby  
 Macomber/The Perfect Christmas  
 Pears/The Horseman  
 Tompkins/The Last Days of Magic

### PAPERBACKS

Daley/Her Holiday Hero  
 Jones/Somebody's Santa  
 Mason/Christmas on Reindeer Road  
 Springer/The Holiday Secret  
 Taylor/An Irish Country Christmas

### YOUNG ADULT

Andreu/Love in English  
 Calame/Dan vs Nature

De Vinck/Mr. Nicholas  
 Kessler/Read Me Like a Book  
 Mejia/Miss. Meteor  
 Young/The Complication

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Braswell/Stuffed  
 Eagle/The Secret Starling  
 Earhart/Race the Wild: Arctic Freeze  
 Mendez/Blizzard Besties  
 Schroeder/Wish on All the Stars  
 Turnage/Three Times Lucky

### EASY READERS

Barbo/Clifford: Deck the Halls  
 Hale/Danny and the Dinosaur: A Very Dino Christmas  
 Hartmann/The Cure for the Christmas Crazies  
 Prokop/The True Story of Santa Claus  
 Tiernry/How to Change the World in 12 Easy Steps

### Audiobooks

Owens/Where the Crawdads Sing  
 Towles/The Lincoln Highway

## 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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# 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! 716-736-3913**



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 thousands of 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!

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Arlene DeMarco. She was an avid reader who would come frequently to the Ripley Library to fill up on books. She loved life and enjoyed talking to others. She will be sorely missed.





# December 2021

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			<i>1</i>	<i>2 Book Club 11am; Sewing Group 12-3p</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 Christmas In Ripley-Events All Day; End of Library Auction</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Knit &amp; Crochet 3p</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 Sewing Group 12-3p</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Christmas Trivia contest 1pm; Knit &amp; Crochet 3p</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 Sewing Group 12-3p</i>	<i>24 Closed</i>	<i>25 Closed</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Knit &amp; Crochet 3p</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 Sewing Group 12-3p</i>	<i>31 New Year's Eve</i>	

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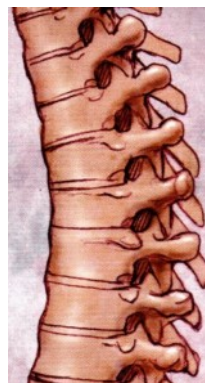
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