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

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Author's Night

**Tuesday, February 1st @
6p.m.**

Shannon Reber

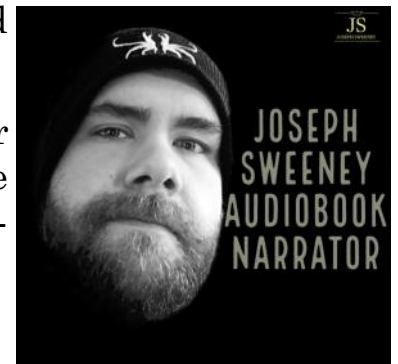
Shannon is a prolific writer of young adult fantasy fiction, having published fifty-five titles on Amazon, and another fifteen titles on

Audible.

Her latest venture into the audiobook world is **The Light Bearer** series, beginning with Book 1- **In Their Midst**. This trilogy tasks teenagers with saving the world. The audio books will be available on Audible.

Ms. Reber operates Genres Bookstore in the YWCA in Westfield, New York, where her books as well as other local authors and thousands of new and used books are available.

Joseph Sweeney is the narrator for The Light Bearer series. He will be attending the Author's Night presentation via Zoom.



Best Friends Fund Meeting:
Saturday, February 19 11a.m.

Friends of the Library Name Change Best Friends Fund

A new year, a new name and fresh ideas is what's in store for 2022 at the Ripley Public Library. Our group, formerly known as the Friends of the Library, has a new name - **BFF (Best Friends Fund)**.

Because "Friends of the Library" is a sanctioned group name for volunteers who work closely with the American Library Association (ALA) in various libraries across the country, and we, in Ripley, do not have this affiliation, we are changing the name.

We are stepping up to meet the needs of a growing community. No longer will we be known exclusively for our bake sales and Annual Online Auction. Our volunteers work many hours, often unseen and definitely unpaid. We work behind the scenes, volunteering to clean, dust, cook/bake, raise funds and create new programs and being active members in the growth of our beautiful library.

It's a fun group, with a fun name, helping the Ripley Public Library become even better than it already is! Join us now and be a part of this exciting new group. Call 716-736-3913 or email us at the-bookworm14775@gmail.com or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it in on your next visit.



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.



Valentine CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm



Please join us at

Ripley Public Library
64 West Main St.

for an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres and music!

Admission (at the door):

\$10/single

\$15/couple

*This fundraiser is sponsored by the
Friends of the Library and will benefit
Library Phase 3 improvements!*

Jewelry Making Class

The beach glass wire jewelry making classes offered during January brought many people out in the cold to learn how to make bracelets, necklaces, rings, and keychains. The instructor, Barb Legge, has agreed to continue these classes during February. Join this creative class every Saturday morning at 11 a.m.



Upcoming Events

- Love is in the air as we enter the month of February. Stop in at the library to fill out a heart listing your favorite all time book. Soup Tuesdays are back as the library welcomes everyone to stop by for a bowl of homemade soup—several varieties to choose from. The soup is free, but donations are gladly accepted.
- Local Authors Night returns on February 1st. A new Painting Class begins every Wednesday and Love is in the Air with an evening filled with wine, punch, appetizers and live music.
- Tuesday, February 1st thru 14th -**Pick a Heart** (stop at the library to list your favorite book)
- Tuesday, February 1st-11 am-7 pm **Soup Tuesday** (every Tuesday in February)
- Tuesday, February 1st 6:00 pm **Local Author Shannon Reber**
- Wednesday, February 2nd 10:30 am **Just Paint It**, Paint ceramics and other projects every Wednesday in February.
- Friday, February 11th 5 - 7pm **Love is in the Air** – An evening to meet and greet your neighbors. Wine, punch, appetizers and live music. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

NEW! JUST PAINT IT!

Ceramics painting sessions will meet Wednesdays starting February 2nd at 10:30a.m.

A limited number of ceramic pieces are available at the library for purchase, or bring your own. Paint and brushes will be provided.

Some instruction will be given for first timers but the class is open to everyone, experienced or new to ceramics, or any other paint project you'd like to do.



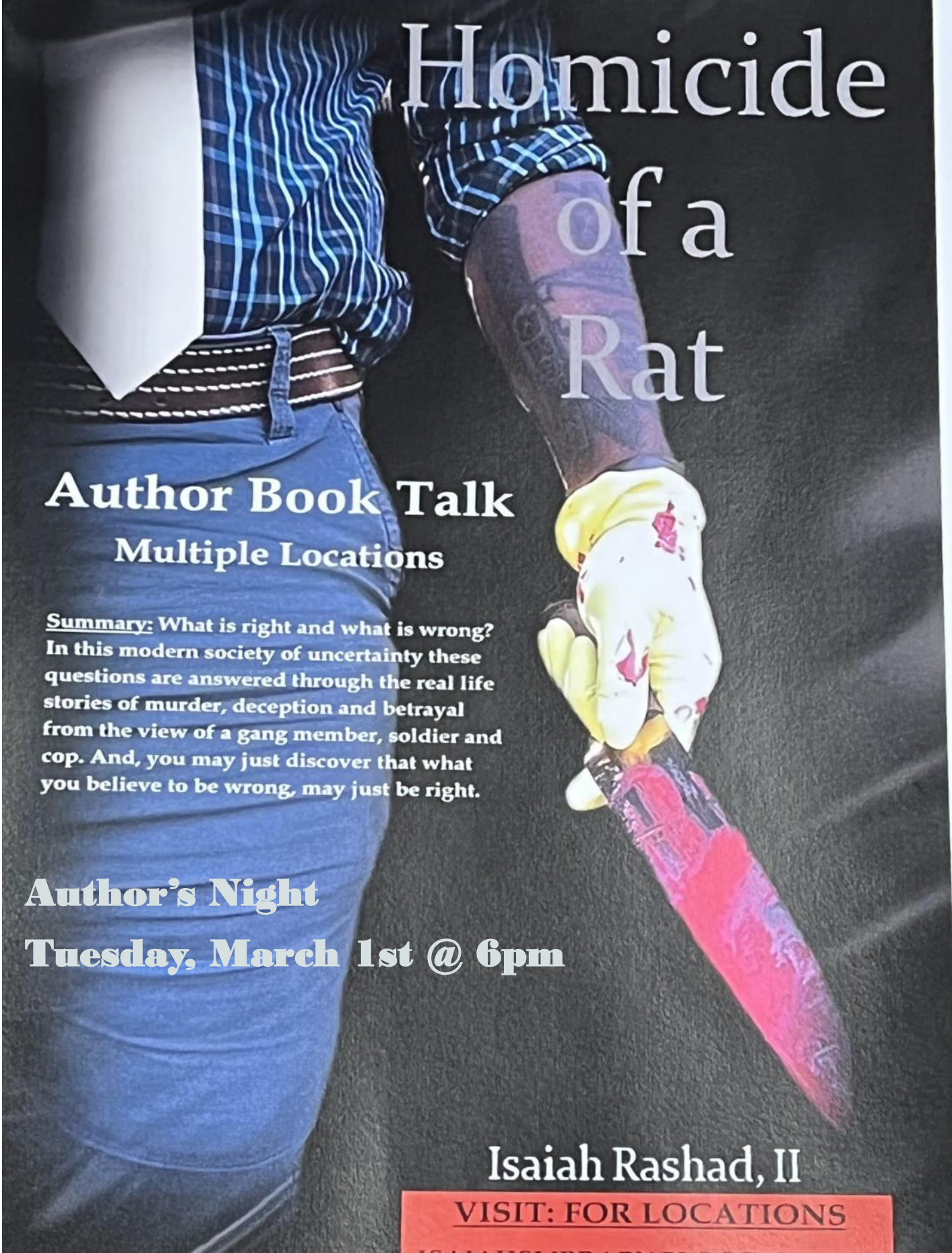
THANK YOU!

The Ripley Public Library offers many classes and events, and YOU have taken advantage of them in numbers! We appreciate your response and will continue to bring you as many quality programs as we can.

SUPPORT

Would you like to show your support for the Ripley Public Library in a tangible way? A \$5 per month donation will give you space for 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 to Ripley Public Library, P.O. Box 808, Ripley, NY 14775. Call the library at 716-736-3913 to arrange drop off.



Homicide of a Rat

Author Book Talk Multiple Locations

Summary: What is right and what is wrong? In this modern society of uncertainty these questions are answered through the real life stories of murder, deception and betrayal from the view of a gang member, soldier and cop. And, you may just discover that what you believe to be wrong, may just be right.

Author's Night

Tuesday, March 1st @ 6pm

Isaiah Rashad, II

VISIT: FOR LOCATIONS

February is in the Soup

What better time of the year to eat soup and stay warm than February? We thought you would agree. Therefore, Ripley Public Library will have soup on board every Tuesday in February from 11 am to 7pm. This will be a chef's choice. What do you have to do? Just come try it. The soup will be provided free. Stop in, eat some delicious soup, warm up and enjoy great conversation and relaxation at the library. Donations are always welcomed. See you there!

Now Showing E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial

Friday Night movies!

Starting in March, join us for family friendly movies.

Popcorn, snacks & drinks will be sold at Intermission.

Bring your blankets and jammies and enjoy an evening out with the entire family!

Friday, March 25th, 6 p.m.

Library Cards—Your Passport to Adventure



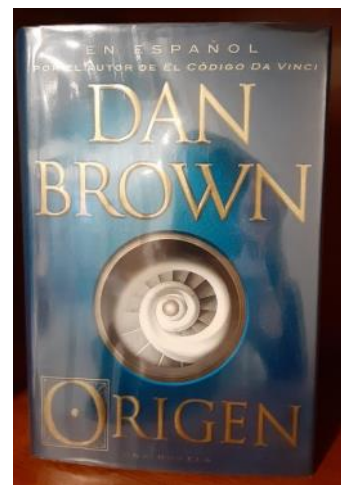
If you need a library card, come see us and we will help get you into the IN crowd.

Thank you for your support!

LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPANOL NEW BOOKS IN SPANISH Spanish Language Books Now Available

The Ripley Library has now begun to purchase books in Spanish for our local Hispanic population. While books have always been available through the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System (CCLS) the library will now have its own collection of titles. Currently in the collection are the following:

Dan Brown/Origen
John Steinbeck/Viajes Con Charley
Patterson/ Besa a Las Mujeres
Reid/ Los Siete Maridos de Evelyn Hugo
Wright/ El Dia Del Fin Del Mundo



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 displaying 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. 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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From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Happy February!!! Hard to believe the year is already a month old. Hopefully you have had a chance to get into the library and take part in some of the activities we have going on. If not, you are in luck because we have a lot of things happening this month too.

We have many activities and events, such as February 11th we will be having a Valentine Event. We also have a group of painters starting on Wednesdays this month. This will be called the Just Paint It group. Be sure to stop in for all of the fun.

We are also having soup at the library every Tuesday through February. Warm up with a hot bowl of soup during one of our coldest months. Enjoy great conversation with the library staff as well.

Book Club is on Thursday, February 3rd at 11 o'clock. This month we will be discussing "When She Woke" by Hillary Jordan and the next book we read will be "Unwind" by Neal Shusterman. These are two great books with a

near future setting.

Shannon Reber will be here on the 1st for Authors night. She was scheduled for January 18th but had to postpone due to weather. She is very interesting to talk to. Her narrator for this Audible book will be joining in via Zoom.

On March 1st Isaiah Rashad will be here for Authors Night. He will be discussing his book "Homicide of a Rat". This is also a very interesting book from a very interesting man. Be sure to clear your calendar for both of these great authors. We really have so much talent right in our own backyards.

This is annual report time of the year, so I will be very busy working on this report. Thankfully I have a couple of friends who help me out with this. My everlasting gratitude goes out to them.

Library School starts soon. I am really looking forward to this. This is just part of that life long learner in me.

As you can see, there is so much to do at the library so be sure to stop in and join us.

See you at the library,

ripleylibrary.org

Armchair Travels

This month we will be adding new virtual tours to our web page, ripleylibrary.org. Once on our website, scroll to the bottom of the page and under Resources, select Virtual Tours/Parks/Cams. We are expanding our already impressive collection with many more sites to explore, including virtual road trips, museums, national parks and introducing 360 degree tours. It's a wonderful collection to explore by yourself or invite the entire family! Examples of tours:

Boston Children's Museum

Old Faithful

Devil's Tower

Dubai Museums

Route 66

San Diego Zoo

New England Aquarium

The February Club Book is.....

“Unwind” by Neal Shusterman

Connor, Risa, and Lev are running for their lives.

The second Civil War was fought over reproductive rights. The chilling resolution: Life is inviolable from the moment of conception until age thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, parents can have their child “unwound.” Whereby all of the child’s organs are transplanted into different recipients, so life doesn’t technically end. Connor is too difficult for his parents to control. Risa, a ward of state, is not talented enough to be kept alive and Lev is a tithe, a child conceived and raised to be unwound in the name of God. Together, they may have a chance to escape and to survive.

This is a Young Adult genre, but captures some real-life problems and gives us a glimpse of a world where technology could prevail to this point, but do we want it to? This book will definitely make you think.

Thursday, February 3rd at 11a.m.

My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

Whisper in the Dark

by Anne Maybury

When Olivia’s Husband was murdered and she was the logical suspect, there was a trial but no proof was obtained to convict her.

As the days passed, she experienced several incidents that could have been fatal had she not escaped.

After trying to establish her innocence and searching for whom she could trust, her first true love appeared in the town, stating that he had received a message from her to come at once.

The truth did, in the end, reveal itself and the mystery was solved. Interesting read with numerous sub plots and leaving you sure you knew who the culprit was, only to have that proven wrong.



We Get Letters...



Awhile back the Ripley Library received a letter from Ripley Library—in Derbyshire, England! Through a series of events the librarians there (Ashley and David) researched the name Ripley and found “nine Ripley Libraries; seven in the United States, one in Canada, and our library in the United Kingdom. So we thought then we would write and say hello.”

The contents of the letter continued in part as follows:

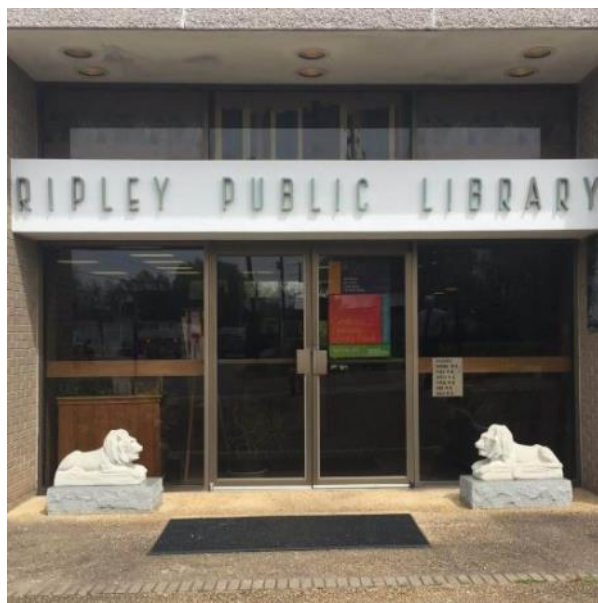
“Enclosed is the town guide to Ripley, Derbyshire, and a library card, so if you are ever passing you can come and borrow a book. You can borrow up to 24 books at a time for three weeks, and the overdue fee is 10p per book per day.

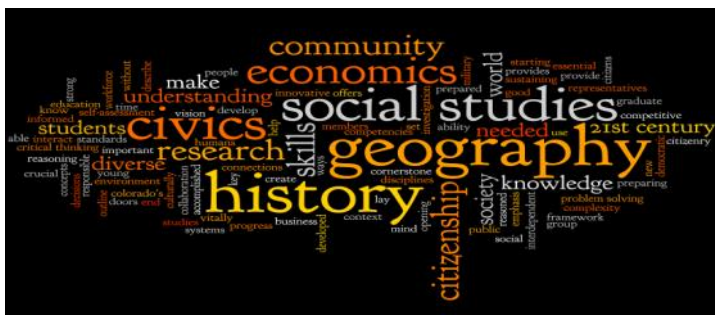
“Ripley is quite a small place with little to recommend it (except for the library), but in the area we have connections to the Peak District—the UK’s first National Park, the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, D.H. Lawrence, Florence Nightingale and some of George Stephenson’s early railways. Ripley was also, for a time, home to Barnes Wallis, the inventor of the ‘bouncing bomb.’”

“Yours bookishly,

“Ashley and David”

How fun would it be to research the places mentioned, and learn about another country? If you find any interesting facts or stories about Ripley, Derbyshire, please let us know!





Just Paint It Ceramics, etc.

Ceramics and other painting projects will begin February 2nd at 10:30a.m. Paints and brushes will be provided for those who don't already have some. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on! A limited number of ceramic pieces are available for purchase from the library.

Knitting & Crochet Group meets Tuesdays, beginning at 3p.m. Open to beginners as well as those with experience. Come learn and/or create!



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.

<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.

New Activities & Classes

Is there an activity or class you'd like to see offered at the library? Can you teach a class or give a talk about a topic? Let the library know if there is something new you'd like to add to the many programs and classes already offered. 716-736-3913

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

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.



Ripley Writer's Group

Due to the increase in Covid cases, the writer's group will remain on hiatus until March. 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.***

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.

February Book List

ADULT FICTION

Archer/Turn A Blind Eye
Berry/The Malta Exchange
Bivald/Welcome to the Pine Away Motel
and Cabins
Black/Holding on Tighter
Bonidan/The Lost Manuscript
Brunstetter/A Sister Test
Byler/A Second Chance
Cobb/The Hunting Wives
Cooper/And Then You Loved Me
Dean/The Last Thing to Burn
Guillermo/All Flowers Bloom
Han/Nights When Nothing Happened
Hart/Adelaide Piper
Hauck/The Wedding Chapel
Jones/Love Gives Us One Death
Kelly/The Last Garden in England
Kingsbury/A Distant Shore
Krueger/Lightning Strike
Marshall/Friend Request
Masterson/We Were Killers Once
McConaghy/Migrations
McFate/Deep Black
Mirabelli/Renato!
Patterson/The Noise
Rosenfelt/Animal Instinct
Steel/Nine Lives
Taylor/Real Life
Wahrer/The Damage
Weinstein/Universal Love
Williams/A Certain Age

ADULT NONFICTION

Abramson/The Puppy Diaries
Alpert/Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow
Up to Be A-Holes
Copriola/The Addicted Child
Gaddis/ Asking for a Pregnant Friend

Henderson/The Ugly Cry
Hochschild/Rebel Cinderella
Korten/Into the Storm
Lidell/The Book of Massage
Wertheim/Glory Days
Woodward/Peril

LARGE PRINT

Beauregard/The Whale
Benjamin/The Girls in the Pictures
Day/I'll Stay
Domet/The Guineveres
Johnston/Tyranny
Rowling/The Casual Vacancy

PAPERBACKS

Andrews/Her Valentine Family
DeSmet/Five-Alarm Fudge
Iles/Third Degree
Shalvis/Playing for Keeps
Woods/A Slice of Heaven
Yates/Untamed Cowboy

YOUNG ADULT

Glasgow/Girl in Pieces
Hawkins/Demon glass
Nielsen/Tremendous Things
Quach/Not Here to Be Liked
Russo/If I Was Your Girl
West/Lucky in Love

Join Best Friends Fund Now!

The Friends of the Library, and now the Best Friends Fund 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.



Ripley Library Best Friends Fund Application

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Phone Number: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

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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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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! 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**Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2022**

January 22
February 26
March 26
April 23
May 28
June 25
July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22
November 26
December 17

Meetings are open to the public, in person or via Zoom, and will be held at 12:30pm. Dates and times subject to change.

Coming Soon!

Art Show
Mother's Day Vendor Sale
Paint Night
White Elephant Chinese Auction

February 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>1 Pick a Heart; Soup Day 11; Knitting 3:30; Local Author 6</i>	<i>2 Paint It 10:30</i>	<i>3 Book Club 11; Sewing Group 12</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Jewelry Making 11</i>
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<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>March 1st Author's Night: Homicide of a Rat</i>				

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