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Friends of the Ripley
Public Library Welcome
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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



Author's Night

January 18th @ 6pm

Featuring 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.



Friends of the Library Meeting:
January 29th at 12:30p.m. meeting scheduled
Luncheon Served!

Wire Wrapped Jewelry

Have you ever wanted to learn to do this?

Now you can.

Lessons by Barb Legge

At the Ripley Public Library

The last four Saturdays of January 2022

(January 8, 15, 22, 29)

At 11:00 am

Come sign up at the library

Hurry

Space is limited to 8 people



Table Talk - Development of Our Town

Saturday, January 15th at 9:30a.m.

Join us for a lively discussion and exchange of ideas on how the town of Ripley could be invigorated. This is not a political agenda of any sort, but rather a sharing of positive thoughts and ideas from which the town could be developed in the future. Not only will your ideas be discussed among the group but you will be asked what you personally can do to contribute. Seating is limited to eight people. Call the library (716-736-3913) to reserve your seat.



Upcoming Events

January is loaded with some special programs that should interest everyone. A panel of community members will gather to discuss the **Development of our Town** and how they can help to make it happen.

The last 4 Saturdays in January hosts Barb Legge's class on **Wire Wrapped Jewelry**.

Shannon Reber from the Genres Bookshop in Westfield will be joining us for Local Authors. What a way to start the New Year!

Saturdays January 8, 15, 22 & 29 – 11 am -Wire Wrapped Jewelry w/ Barb Legge (limited to 8 people)

Saturday January 15 – 9:30 am – Table Talk (discussion limited to 8 people)

Tuesday, January 18 – 6 pm – Local Authors with Shannon Reber from Genres Bookshop

(Any programs that have limited seating must be signed up for in advance by calling 716-736-3913 or stopping in the library to register.)

Ripley Public Library is Open for Business

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

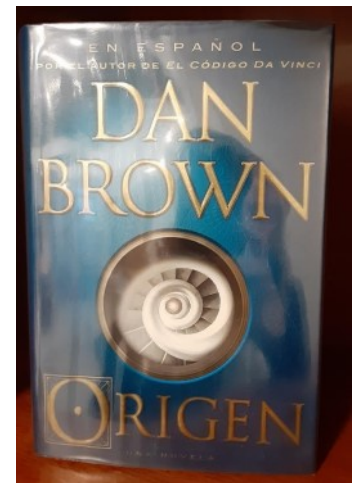
Tue. Thu. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

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 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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From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Every year I am amazed at how quickly the last year passed us by. Time really seems to go by more quickly when you get older, I wonder why that is? If someone has the answer to that age-old question, please be sure to let the rest of us know.

This is the time of year for new starts and beginnings and we often do that with resolutions. Normally I do not make them for fear of breaking them. However, this year I am going to try out two of them. Number one I will prioritize my life and that may include saying NO once in a while. Secondly, I am going to try very hard not to procrastinate.

I have decided to go to Library School and work towards my masters of Library Information Science. This first semester I will only take one class and depending if I can transfer my Advanced Librarian Certification credits, perhaps I can finish in about two years. However, with all my responsibilities, time management, prioritizing and no procrastinating is an absolute must.

I am hoping my new way of doing things will help to benefit the library as well. I want to work towards improving the library and the way we do functions at the library. Some of the plans for this year is a new gaming system. I have written a grant for one so hopefully we will get it. I would love to see

some programs on how to budget our finances, ways to improve our town and showing people how to participate in community service.

I have wondered why more people do not participate in community service, and I have come to the conclusion that many just do not know how. Some feel shy about asking how to help or what they can do. Just know that we all have talents and the ability to share them with others. If you have a special type of talent you think would go over well in the library, let us know. We can all work together to make this a better community for all involved.

This might just make a good resolution for a lot of you. Say "I propose to lend my time to helping the community." Then find a way to do this. Stop in and see us. We may have some ideas for you.

However you plan to spend 2022, try to make it a wonderful one. Despite the pandemic, we can still move forward and make life better for ourselves and everyone else. Use the library as your inspiration; look at the transformation we made DURING a pandemic! We are a community where we can do just about anything when we set our minds to it. Stay positive this year and I will see you at the library.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My Choice

By Sharon McIntosh

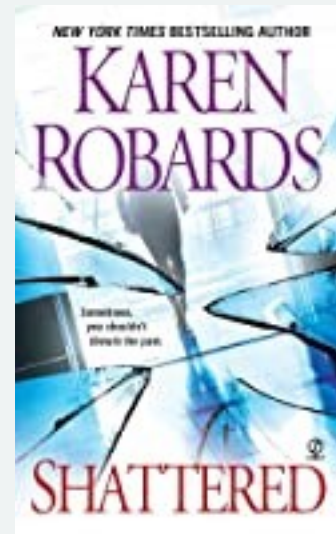
Shattered

by Karen Robards

When Lisa Grant lost her job with a prestigious law firm in Lexington, Kentucky, she was able to find work as a research assistant for District Attorney, Scott Buchanan. Lisa was late for a court appearance and as discipline was sent to the basement to search through and enter information into the computer of old unsolved cases. Lisa was looking at a case of a missing family from her hometown. The family of parents and two children had disappeared thirty years ago and there were no leads. There was, however, a blurry photo of them with the little girl holding a large

doll. The girl looked so much like Lisa she was stunned. Through her search to find answers to her questions, she encountered close calls to her life and destruction of property.

Well worth the read to learn the truth.



Among Friends

Nancy McIntosh

Happy New Year to one and all! The past year has brought many blessings to the library including a Grand Reopening after many months of renovations, leaving us with a beautiful new library. Several exciting programs have been introduced to the public including Local Authors night, Armchair Travel, Senior Safety Program and so much more.

The Friends have played an important role in supporting the library, in particular with our Annual Online Auction in November. Many thanks to Stephanie Feiss, Rhonda Thompson, Sue Yokum and Linda Probst who went above and beyond the call in putting it all together. In 2022, make this the year to join this wonderful group of people who really do make a difference at the library.

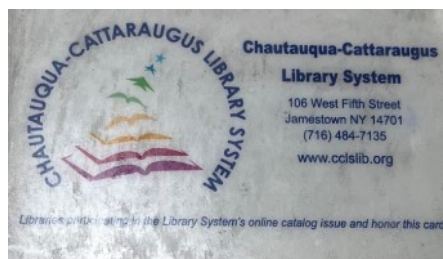
Holiday Traditions

We asked people to share some of their holiday traditions with us and these are some of the ways they celebrate Christmas. Thanks to all of you who shared with us!

- *On Christmas Eve we order in Chinese Food
- *We drink a bottle of wine while decorating the tree
- *We created our own family tradition by having Lobster Newburg for Christmas
- *Each child gets to open one present on Christmas Eve and they get a personalized ornament to hang. We spend the rest of the night playing games.
- *We sing Happy Birthday to Jesus before we open gifts
- *Midnight Mass with family
- *Baking cookies with my grandkids and kids
- *Christmas Eve with family
- *The Christmas Elf brings new pajamas on Christmas Eve
- *We eat quiche and make gingerbread houses
- *My sister and I were very sneaky. We'd open and rewrap our gifts at the beginning of December. Our tradition as kids was pretending to be surprised by our gifts!



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!

2021—A Year in Review

Even though the year 2021 shut down many businesses and venues due to Covid-19, the Ripley Public Library soldiered on. Construction resumed on the renovations in February, while books were ordered online or by telephone and delivered to patrons in their cars.

In May the shelves and books, as well as furniture, were moved back into the building. It took three months to put everything back into place, including the thousands of books.

A smaller than usual Book Sale took place in August, giving people a sneak peek at the changes made to the library, and the Grand Re-opening was held in September to great reviews.

As part of the new programming for the library, the first Author's Night was held in September as well. The hope is to feature a local author every other month.

The Annual Auction in November took place for the second year on-line, and was a great success.

After a year of construction and confusion, the year ended with a wonderful Christmas in Ripley celebration which included a Vendor/Crafters Sale held in the library.

Plans for the year 2022 are already in the making. The hope is that YOU will join us for learning and fun opportunities in the coming year.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 1st Annual Vendor/Crafter Fair and Online Auction at the library during the Christmas in Ripley event. It was a great success.

We will make this a yearly part of the library's celebration of Ripley and the holidays. Next year will be even bigger!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at the library on Thursday, January 6th at 11 a.m. The January Book Club Selection:

When She Woke by Hilary Jordan.

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.

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.

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 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!

January Book List

ADULT FICTION

Ackerman/ Red Sky Over Hawaii
 Akpan/ New York, My Village
 Allende/ The Japanese Lover
 Bass/ Tale of the Winter Lands
 Bond/ Assassins
 Carr/ The Angel of Darkness
 Coben/ Home
 Druart/ While Paris Slept
 Frankel/ This is How It Always Is
 Freedman/ House of Smoke
 Gelman/ Class Mom
 Godwin/ Old Lovegood Girls
 Gray/ Eventide
 Gregory/ Dark Tides
 Grisham/ The Judge's List
 Harmel/ The Sweetness of Forgetting
 Hauck/ The Fifth Avenue Story
 Society
 Heller/ The Paper Palace
 Hoover/ It Ends with Us
 Kagan/ My Son's Secret
 Leavitt/ Cruel Beautiful World
 Lowe/ Just an Ordinary Family
 Moriarty/ Apple Never Falls
 Penny/ The Madness of Crowds
 Rytkenen/ The Other Child
 Schwab/ The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
 Steel/ Complications
 Todd/ A Fatal Lie
 Whitehouse/ Keep You Close
 Woods/ Stealth

ADULT NONFICTION

Alter/ The Ones We've Been Waiting For
 Alterman/ Let's Never Talk About This Again
 Andersen/ The Heart and Other Monsters

Atleework/ Miracle Country
 Drury/ Blood and Treasure
 Ehrman/ Heaven and Hell
 Fiddler/ Western New York and the Gilded Age
 Mancuso/ Coldspring
 Coldspring: The Trial
 Morse/ The Spiral Shell
 Nolt/ A History of the Amish
 Shah/ The Next Great Migration

LARGE PRINT

Ackerman/ Waiting for Eden
 Barnes/ The Only Story
 Dave/ The Last Thing He Told Me
 Pekkanen/ The Ever After
 Ruchti/ Song of Silence
 Tuck/ Sisters

YOUNG ADULT

Gratz/ Code of Honor
 Mason/ Mason
 Riggs/ Miss Peregrine's Home of Peculiar Children
 Sheinmel/ Faceless
 Watkins/ Great Falls
 Yoon/ The Sun is Also a Star

PAPERBACK

Coco/ OH, Fudge!
 DeSmet/ First Degree Fudge
 Lewis/ Main Street
 Palmer/ Wyoming Legend
 Sands/ Runaway Vampire
 Woods/ New York Dead

JUNIOR BOOKS

Gardner/ 7th Grade Revolution
 Percival/ Little Legends: The Secret Mountain
 Riordan/ The Son of Neptune - Book 2
 Riordan/ The Mark of Athena - Book 3
 Smith/ My Brother's Secret

Watson/ Loot

EASY READERS

Belle/ Freeda the Cheetah
 Cox/ Sheep Won't Sleep
 Diesen/ The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School
 Disney/ Princess Storybook Collection
 Greaves/ Henrietta: The Clumsy Hippo
 Rabbit/ Dynamike : Love Bug
 Rey/ A Treasury of Curious George

LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPAÑOL

NEW BOOKS IN SPANISH

Patterson/ Besa a Las Mujeres
 Reid/ Los Siete Maridos de Evelyn Hugo
 Wright/ El Dia Del Fin Del Mundo

NEW AUDIOBOOKS

Hannah/ The Nightingale
 Rickstad/ I Am Not Who You Think I Am

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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Phone Number: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

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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! 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	Meetings will be held at 12:30pm. Dates and times subject to change.
February 26	
March 26	
April 23	
May 28	
June 25	
July 23	
August 27	
September 24	
October 22	
November 17	
December 17	

The Ripley Library has Spanish Language books!

Let your Hispanic friends know about the selection of books available locally.

LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPANOL

January 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

						<i>1</i> New Year's Day/ Closed
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Knitting 3p	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Book Club 11a Quilters/ Sewing 12-3	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Wire Jewelry 11m
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Knitting 3p	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Quilters 12-3p	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Table Talk 9:30a; Wire Jewelry 11a
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Martin Luther King day CLOSED	<i>18</i> Knitting 3p; Author Night 8p	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Quilters 12-3p	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Wire Jewelry 11a
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Knitting 3p	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Quilters 12-3p	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Friends meeting 12:30; Wire Jewelry 11a
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					

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