

# The Bookworm



Newsletter from the Best Friends

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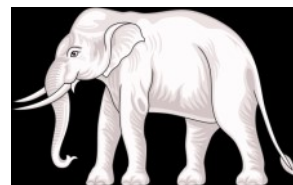
## Hours of Operation

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

## White Elephant Chinese Auction

**Friday, April 15 thru Saturday April 30**

Part Chinese Auction, part garage sale, part White Elephant sale, this event will have something for almost everyone!



Ticket sheets (25 tickets per sheet) are \$5 each. Like any Chinese Auction, put your tickets in the bag corresponding to the prize you want and take your chances.

What makes this auction different is that not all items will be NEW. There will be gently used and like-new items available, as well as a few gift certificates.

The auction will end on Saturday, April 30th, when the....

**...Vendor/Craft/Plant Sale** takes place



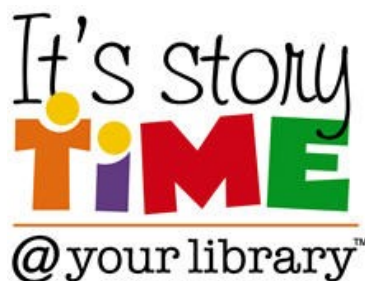
On Saturday, April 30th the library will host a vendor & crafter fair, along with a plant sale. The library will be filled with tables of homemade crafts and vendors selling their wares. In addition, there will be a variety of plants for sale, from house plants to early garden plants ready to plant when the weather permits.

If you have plants you would like to donate please contact the library at 716-736-3913. We will gladly accept any flowering or vegetable plants. All proceeds from the plant sale will be used for new materials at the library.



**Best Friends Fund Meeting:**  
**Saturday, April 16 @ 11a.m.**

## Craft & Story with Lori



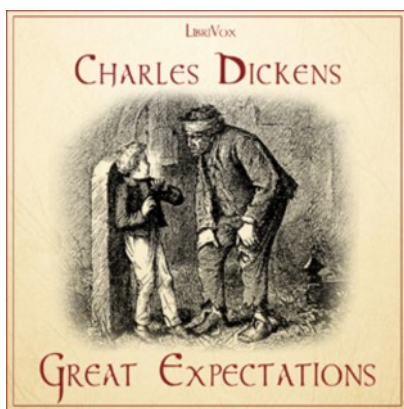
Calling all 5 to 8 year old children—starting April 7th, at 3:35-5p.m. Lori Fisher will make reading fun! Children will enjoy a story, work on crafts and have a snack every Thursday at the library. Register today!

## Sip 'n Paint

Tuesday, April 5th, 6 til 8 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun night of painting with Rachel Wilson. The cost is \$35 per person which included all art supplies plus step-by-step instruction. Space is limited. To reserve your seat visit [www.paintologypa.com/classes](http://www.paintologypa.com/classes) or call the library at 716-736-3913 and pay there. BYOB



## Noble Book Club



Sunday, April 3 at 1 p.m. join us at Noble Winery on Hardscrabble Road, Westfield for Noble Book Club as we discuss Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

This group will meet the first Sunday of every month at the winery, discussing many classics as well as a few contemporaries. We don't mind if you "wine" a bit. Call the library at 716-736-3913 for more information or to sign up.

## 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.

## **Now Showing On the Big Screen**



### **Friday Night movies!**

**April 22 , 6p.m.**

Join us for family friendly movies the last Friday of every month at 6p.m. (one week earlier in April due to Vendor Sale)

Popcorn, snacks & drinks will be sold at Intermission.

**Kids are welcome to bring sleeping bags or blankets and wear their jammies to enjoy an evening out with the entire family!**

### **Jewelry Making Class**

The beach glass wire jewelry making classes continue. Learn how to make bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings and keychains. Join this creative class. Call the library for dates and times.

Donations are requested to cover the cost of materials.



## JUST PAINT IT!

Ceramics painting sessions meet Wednesdays at 10:30a.m.

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. Ceramic pieces are finished with sprays or varnish, not fired.

## Armchair Travels

Try the virtual tours on our web page, [ripleylibrary.org](http://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**

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer reading program will be upon us sooner than you know! If you have any of the following items, we'd love to have you donate them for the program!

shoe boxes

curly ribbon

crepe paper rolls

old crayons

clothes pins

snack items

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



## What You Missed...



The annual Art Show was a great success with ten local artists and photographers displaying their work, and the students from RCS created their own works of art to be entered into the show. Thanks to everyone who participated and to those who attended. See you next year!

Read Across America was loads of fun, fun, fun—excuse the pun, pun, pun (as Dr. Seuss would say)! Pin the tie on the Cat in the Hat and fun stories kept each of the students occupied throughout the week.



Author's Night with Isaiah Rashad was an eye-opening evening with revelations from the author about gang life, military service, and law enforcement. Mr. Rashad will be back in June for another talk. Don't miss it!

## Community Table



The Ripley Public Library welcomes community groups who would like to set up a table in our lobby to promote their business or group. Examples: VFW Poppy sales, Girl Scout cookie sales, as well as distribution of pamphlets or information about your group or activity. The library staff will not be responsible for the manning of these tables, and the table cannot be left unattended. A representative for the table must be present for items to be displayed.



Reservations must be made to establish specific dates and times. There is no cost, it's just our way of giving back to the community. 716-736-3913

## AMONG FRIENDS

Spring has arrived and the library is abuzz with activity. There will be six new events in April alone! Now is the time for our Best Friends group to step up and volunteer. Enlist your time for an hour, a day, or an event. We can **always** use the help.

Let me tell you a few of the things we've accomplished within the past year. The Friends have purchased new furniture and artwork for the Quiet Room upstairs. We have donated money to the Summer Reading Program, bought the large screen television and shared the cost of our new computers. We also provide food for special events and try to assist whenever possible. And we're just getting started! Next month we'll begin programs to help serve the community even more. Join us now as we continue to grow.



### Upcoming Events

So much is happening at the library! There are six new programs coming in April alone, including:

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Noble Book Club – meets at Noble Winery in Westfield the first Sunday of each month at 1 pm. This group focuses on Classic and Contemporary works. Call the library to register now

April 7-Craft & Story with Lori, for ages 5-8, story time with related craft activities, 3:45p.m.

April 15 – White Elephant Chinese Auction begins – sponsored by the Best Friends group – tickets are \$5 a sheet

April 15 – Paint Night with Rachel Wilson -includes art supplies. \$35/per person- BYOB – call 716-736-3913 to reserve your seat

April 21-Poetry Night, 6p.m. original works or your favorites

April 30 – Vendor Fair - Applications now being accepted - \$20 fee and donation of at least one item for our Chinese Auction. \$25 if we supply the table - Bring Extension Cord if necessary - Electricity supplied.

For more information on any or all of these events, call **716-736-3913**

Then just when you try to catch your breath, wait until you see what's coming in May! Change the World; Rice & Bean Food Drive; Budget Meals; and Stretching Your Dollar

## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Happy Spring!!!! Isn't it marvelous how just a few nice days can cheer up everything and everybody? Even the birds and the animals are in a better mood. The flowers will soon be here and we will be planting before no time.

Speaking of planting, I hope you read the newsletter to see that we will be having a vendor fair and plant sale. These will be seedlings that you will have to nurture until it is time to put them in the garden. I am so excited and looking forward to this.

We have SOOOOO much going on this month. Get your own calendars out and mark down everything that is going to happen. I am really hoping the community will get involved with what we are doing. We are trying to have something for everyone. Please join us whenever you can.

Be sure to check for flyers around town and at the Post Office. Also check social media. We have a Facebook page so friend us and we will add you. It is also a good way to find out what is going on. Hopefully, you are spreading the news about our newsletter. Tell your friends to call and give us their email and we

will add them to the list, or they can email the newsletter directly at [the-bookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:the-bookworm14775@gmail.com). There is so much information in the newsletter of what is going on around town. We like to think of it as the town newspaper. In some ways it really is.

Please get involved in at least one of the programs this month. We have many. There is Poetry Night which is always a blast. Write your own or just come read a favorite poem. We have a Sip and Paint Night April 15, 2022 at 6pm. Come paint a picture and have a lot of fun. The cost is \$35 and you can register and pay online or reserve a spot and pay when you get here. The library number is 716-736-3913.

If you want to learn how to use Libby, bring your device and come on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. We will have a class on it. A White Elephant Chinese Auction is going on this month. There literally is something for everyone here, so.....

I will see you at the library,



# LIKE TO READ?

**BRING YOUR DEVICE**

## TAKE THIS CLASS

AND LEARN HOW TO USE LIBBY  
on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

### “Meet Libby”

The one-tap reading app from your library!

## RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

64 West Main St.

Libby is a program that lets you borrow books digitally through your local library. Find out how to use this app on your phone, tablet, etc.

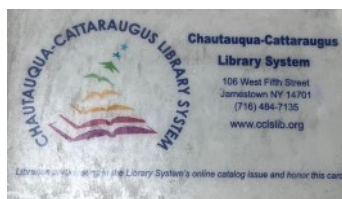
## DONATIONS!

As you know, the Ripley Library has been undergoing some major changes over the past two years. More is needed, however. The goal is to make our library a true community center with meeting rooms, private office rental spaces, and banquet facilities. Grants supply most of the monies needed for these projects, but matching funds are required as well.

That's where you come in! Please consider making a donation to make this happen!

**Please help!**

## 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!*



## The April Selection for Book Club

### **The Year of Miss Agnes**

by Kirkpatrick Hill

a short tale written from children's perspective

**Thursday, April 7th at 11a.m.**

### **My Choice**

By Sharon McIntosh

### **Act of Will**

by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Audra Crowther, now a grandmother, had married the most gorgeous man she had ever seen. Although he was handsome beyond words, he was also a playboy and gambler who gave her many years of heartache, abuse, poverty and a beautiful daughter, Christina.

Audra swore to do everything in her power to give Christina all that she wished for and all that Audra dreamed of for her. Through hardship, abandonment, family strife and sickness, she saved each penny she could make from her job at a hospital and housecleaning to make the dreams for her daughter come true.

At the beginning of this tale, she is in the apartment of her daughter and her granddaughter. She has been asked there the "talk some sense into" her granddaughter, Kyle.

Audra is very aware that it is not her place to make these decisions but yearns to see peace and contentment return to the two women she loves most in the world. She is watching history repeat itself but also knows that these two women must make their own decision as to the next move in their lives.

The family dynamics and the final outcome for all the problems and decisions make this a story well worth reading.

## Writer's Group

Mondays @ 1p.m.

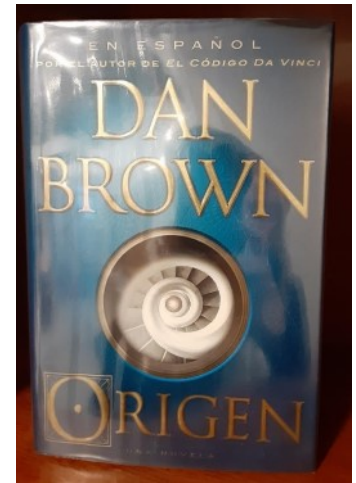
This group is for all levels of writers—never written but want to, beginners, experienced, and published authors. Create, learn, explore with this great group of people.

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

## **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  
Follet/ Nunca



## **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.

CHAUTAUQUA  
OPPORTUNITIES, INC

### **The Safe House**



*A shelter for Runaway/  
Homeless Youth located in  
Jamestown, NY*



*For Youth...Someplace To Go.  
Someone To Help.*

**For more  
information call:  
(716) 661-9446 or  
1-866-877-9647**

**Or TEXT the word "SAFE" and  
Your current street address,  
city and state to 44357**

## April New Book List

### ADULT FICTION

Beck/The Happy Accidents  
 Box/Shadows Reel  
 Connelly/The Dark Hours  
 Cooper/That Weekend in Paris  
 Cullen/The Storm Beyond the Tides  
 Davis/The Masterpiece  
 De Smet/Pages in the Wind  
 Erdrich/The Sentence  
 Foley/The Paris Apartment  
 Gabaldon/Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone  
 Hirsch/The Devil's Half Mile  
 Hoover/Reminders of Him  
 Lewis/The Beginning  
 Morley/The Last Blue  
 Nunez/The Friend  
 Parini/The Damascus Road  
 Parton/Run Rose Run  
 Phan/The Mountains Sing  
 Royce/Finding Mrs. Ford  
 Sexton/The Revisioners  
 Spalding/A Reckoning  
 Stapley/Lucky  
 Treanor/Testimony  
 Woliter/The Female Persuasion

### ADULT NONFICTION

Bartlett/Architects of Death  
 Brennan/Undaunted  
 Brown/The Boys in the Boat  
 Fowler/Whistleblower  
 Kaplan/The Better Brain  
 Philbrick/In the Heart of the Sea  
 Rademacher/From the Lake House  
 Woodward/Fear

### LARGE PRINT

Karon/These High, Green Hills  
 Li/Dark Chapter  
 Orchard/Over Maya Dead Body

### PAPERBACKS

Anderson/Huckleberry Lake  
 Harper/Falling Darkness  
 Wiggs/Between You & Me

### YOUNG ADULT

Albertalli/Simon vs The Homo Sapiens Agenda  
 Bloor/Story Time  
 Flores/Diamond City  
 Haydu/Lawless Spaces  
 Stamper/Little Black Dress, Little White Lies  
 Terzis/Frayed

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Brown/Jedi Academy: Return of the Padawan  
 Davies/Longbow Girl  
 Mazer/A Boy No More  
 Mitchell/Biggest vs. Smallest: Creepy, Crawly Creatures  
 Schaefer/Roller Coasters  
 Wallace/Bump  
 Xu/Tidesong

### FOUNDATION CLASSICS

-Black Beauty  
 -A Christmas Carol  
 -The Count of Monte Cristo  
 -Little Women  
 -The Phantom of the Opera  
 -Robinson Crusoe

-The Secret Garden  
 -A Tale of Two Cities  
 -Treasure Island  
 -White Fang

### EASY READERS

Bertram/The Best Place to Read  
 Gray/The Egg-cellent Mama Hen  
 Gutman/Babe Ruth and the Ice Cream Mess  
 Henkes/Jessica  
 Jordan/Salt in his Shoes  
 Loehr/Dragon Egg  
 Milgrim/Moo Bird  
 Parish/Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower  
 Pilkey/The Paperboy  
 Yogis/Mop Rides the Waves of Change

### BOARD BOOKS

A Birthday for Cow!  
 Cheeky Monkey and Friends  
 My First Book of Animals





## Just Paint It Ceramics, etc.

Bring your ceramics and other painting projects on Wednesdays 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, noon until 3:30.

All levels welcome.



## 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.

<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


716-736-3913

Mondays at 1p.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.



# RIPLEY

## WE NEED YOUR HELP



Ripley Library's BFF group (Best Friend Fund) is looking for more members to JOIN US and HELP US with fundraising and program support for OUR local library.










Dues are just \$5 per year. All we ask is that you attend monthly meetings as often as you can, and occasionally help with fundraising events. Funds raised by BFF are used for library equipment and supplies, upgrades, etc.

There are many things to be proud of in Ripley, and YOUR beautiful library is one of those things. Please call 716.736.3913 for more info or contact Nancy McIntosh/Robyn Albright.


**"Many hands make light work"**

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A sample Bookworm and About Town is being mailed to all Ripley residents soon. If you do not already subscribe to these newsletters, we hope you will send your email to [thebookworm14775.com](mailto:thebookworm14775.com) to sign up for these monthly informative emails. Spread the word! This is the only printed news source in town!

### Ripley Library Best Friends Fund 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.

**BEST FRIENDS**

Best Friends Fund of Ripley Library  
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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:

[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at  
[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

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

**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**

**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.

**Business Cards**

Because the response to supporting the library through a small annual donation has been so good, we are now sending the business card pages in a separate email.

When you go to these places or see the people who have donated, be sure to let them know you saw their card in the library newsletter!

Please consider supporting your library with a \$5 per month donation. Thank you to those who do!



# April 2022

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3 Noble Book Club 1pm	4 Writers Group 1pm	5 Knitters 12-3:30pm; Sip & Paint 6-8pm	6 Paint 10:30am	7 Quilters 12-3pm; Story time 3:45-5pm	8	9
10	11 Writers Group 1pm	12 Knitters 12-3:30pm; Libby 1pm	13 Paint 10:30am	14 Quilters 12-3pm; Story time 3:45-5pm	15 Chinese Auction	16 Chinese Auction; BFF Meeting 11am
17	18 Chinese Auction; Writers Group 1pm	19 Chinese Auction; Knitters 12-3:30pm	20 Chinese Auction; Paint 10:30am	21 Quilters 12-3pm; Chinese Auction; Storytime 3:45-5pm; Poetry Night 6pm	22 Chinese Auction; Movie Night 6pm	23 Chinese Auction; Library Board Meeting 12:30pm
24	25 Chinese Auction; Writers Group 1pm	26 Chinese Auction; Knitters 12-3:30pm	27 Chinese Auction; Paint 10:30am	28 Quilters 12-3pm; Chinese Auction; Storytime 3:45-5pm	29 Chinese Auction	30 Chinese Auction Ends; Vender / Craft / Plant Sale