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Newsletter from Best Friends Fund

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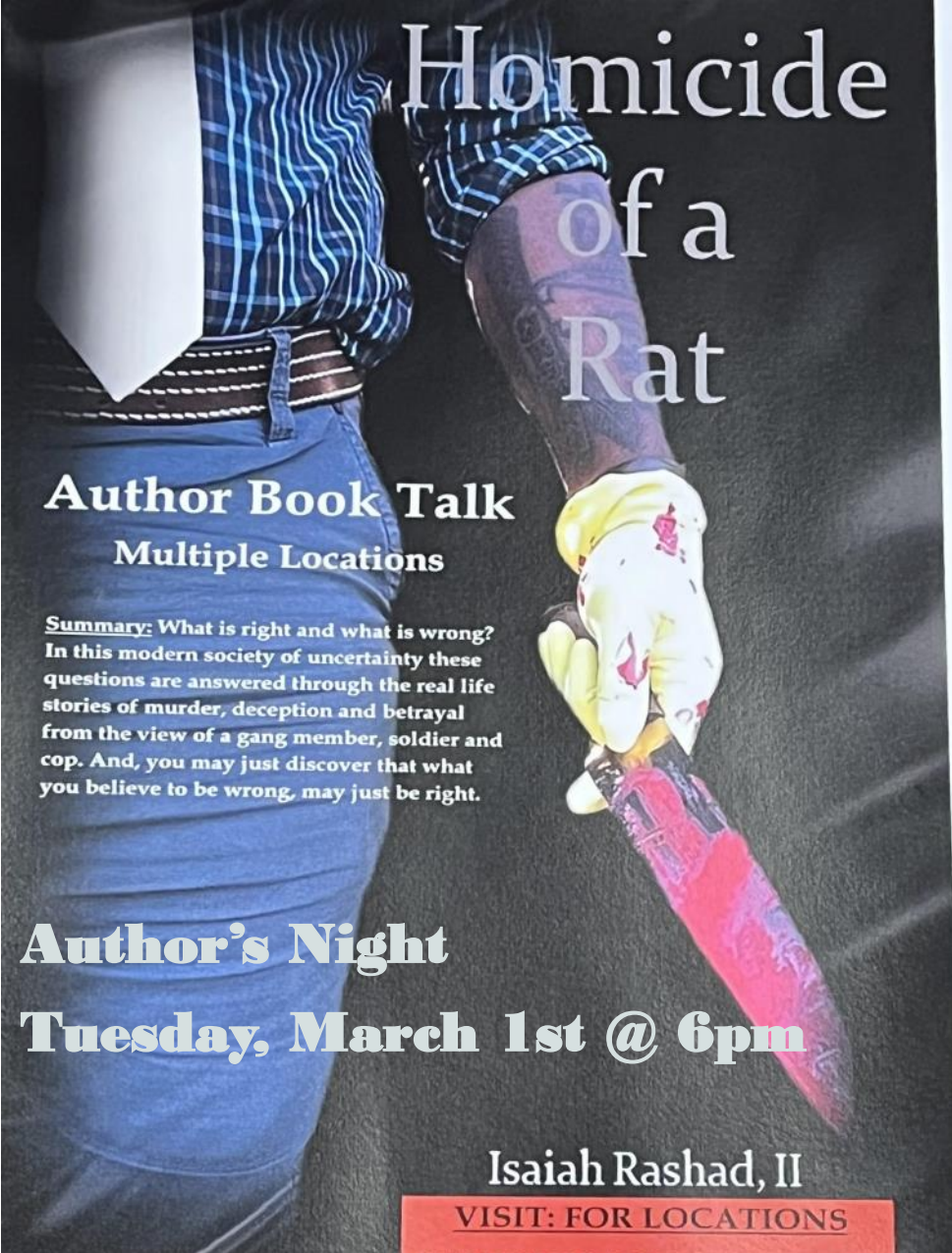
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**Best Friends Welcome**  
*You*

## 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



**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**



**Best Friends Fund Meeting:**  
**Saturday, March 19th 11a.m.**

# Art Exhibit

**The Ripley Public Library Art Exhibit is back! Opening Night is Saturday, March 12th from 6 til 8p.m. There will be appetizers, and wine to whet your appetite. The show will run from the 12th through Thursday March 24th.**

**Dozens of works from local artists will be displayed including paintings, drawings, sculptures and photography.**

A Big Thank You to those who attended our Valentine's Celebration! We had a small but friendly group of people, who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A special thank you to those who donated food for this event, and to Earl Freling for his contribution with cello music.



## Calling All Artists!

**There's still time to enter your art work for the library Art Exhibit in March. Paintings, photographs, sculptures, and drawings are all being accepted. Call the library at 716-736-3913 to register your work. All works should be delivered to the library by Wednesday, March 9th.**

## 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  
E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial**

**Friday Night movies!  
March 25th, 6p.m.**

Starting in March, join us for family friendly movies the last Friday of every month at 6p.m.

Popcorn, snacks & drinks will be sold at Intermission.

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

**Armchair Travels**

We have new 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**

## AMONG FRIENDS



Our name may be changed (to Best Friends), but the group is alive and filled with excitement as we take on new and innovative programs, all to benefit the library and its patrons. Two new members have stepped up recently, one to find more donations and the other to increase public awareness through public relations. Another member has started a painting class while, yet another, will begin a classics book club to meet at the Noble Winery.

These are exciting times, and the library is bustling with activity! However, there is still so much to be done. Won't you join us and become part of this energetic team? It's a great way to become an active member in the community. Call the library for more information at 736-3913 or attend our next scheduled meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and while you're at it, why not bring a friend?

**Upcoming Events**

March is loaded with Local Author's Night, an Art Exhibit and Movie Night, in addition to the Knitting Group, Sewing Group, and Painting Classes as well as Jewelry Classes; but wait until you see what's happening in April!

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 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 to reserve your seat

April 30 – White Elephant Auction Ends

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**

**SO MUCH TO DO!**

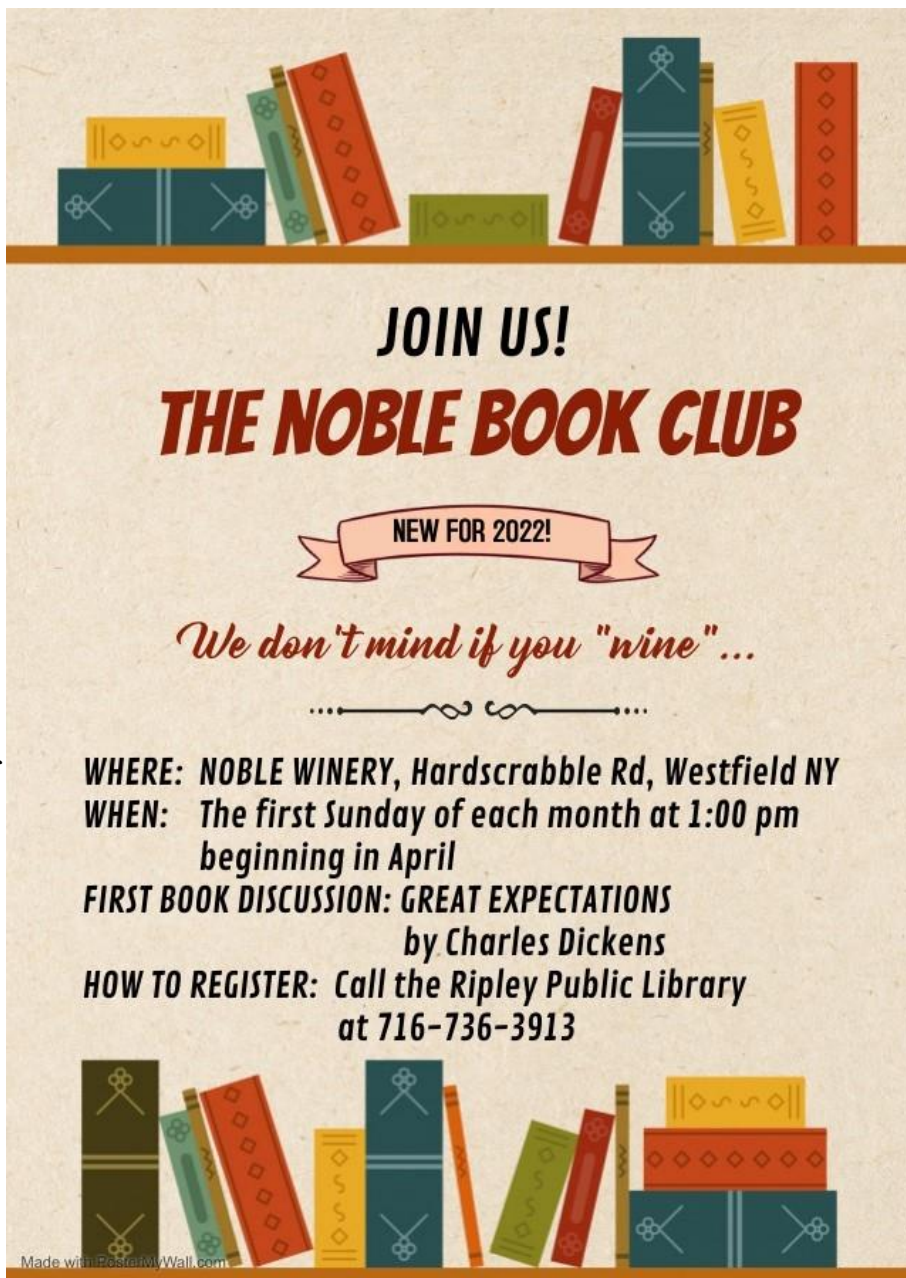


## Noble Book Club

New for 2022! The Ripley Library is launching a new book club at Noble Winery in Westfield the first Sunday of every month at 1p.m. Known as the Noble Book Club it will focus on the classics as well as contemporary selections.

The first book discussion will take place on Sunday, April 3rd. If you would like to be part of this meeting of the minds, register at the Ripley Library by calling 716-736-3913. If you do not have a library card in the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Library System, give us a call and we can arrange that, too.

The first book selection will be Great Expectations by Charles Dickens. Register now to get your copy.



## 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 every Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

Donations are requested to cover the cost of materials.



## NEW! JUST PAINT IT!

Ceramics painting sessions meet Wednesdays 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. Ceramic pieces are finished with sprays or varnish, not fired.



# 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](mailto: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.**

## Erin Go Bragh



## 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!

The following donations have been made over the last two years. Can you match or exceed them?

Connect Gen. . . . . \$2500

Anonymous . . . . . \$1000

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Pearsal/Rowland . . . . . \$1000

In Memory—Ralph Wakeley . . . \$ 700

Ripley Machine & Tool. . . . . \$550

Knight Farms. . . . . \$500

As well as numerous \$100-400 donations.

This is a great start, but we've a long way to go to our \$150,000 match!

**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!*



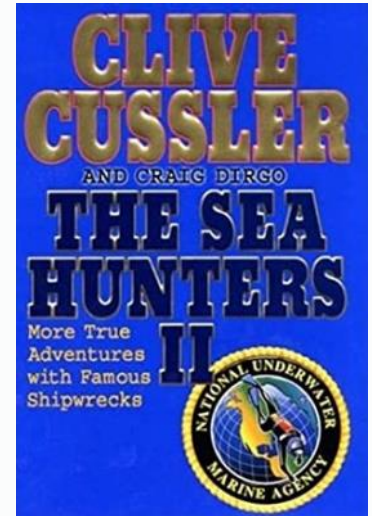
The Selection for Book Club is.....

## **The Sea Hunters II**

by Clive Cussler.

**Thursday, March 3rd at 11a.m.**

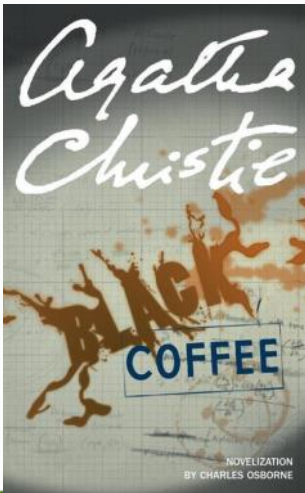
This is a non-fiction history and mystery of sunken and recovered ships over the years.



## **My Choice**

By Sharon McIntosh

**Black Coffee** by Agatha Christie



This is a murder mystery with Hercule Poirot.

Just as you think you know who the murderer is, another twist in the plot proves you wrong and takes you on yet another circuitous search through the characters.

## **Writer's Group**

After a Winter/Covid break, the Writer's Group will begin meeting again on Monday, March 14 at 1p.m. and every Monday thereafter.

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.

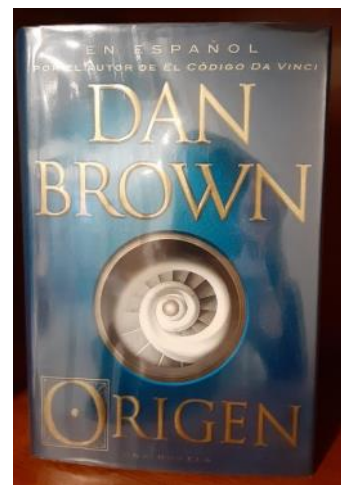
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## **LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPANOL NEW BOOKS IN SPANISH Spanish Language Books Now Available**

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.

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## From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

In Like a Lion and Out Like a Lamb: March is a fascinating month. Even though its still wintery, we get all excited about Spring. I call this the Clash of the Seasons—Spring wanting to move in and Winter wanting to hold on. And let us not forget the of wind. Interesting to watch the seasonal changes though. I was up early and the it had snowed and frozen on the trees. Nature painted a very beautiful picture that day, but it also was easy to see this was a late winter picture; time to tap the trees and prepare for maple syrup season. I also saw a skunk and heard birds singing. Spring is on the horizon and I hope we don't drown in the mud before warm weather gets here.

Just like the seasons are busy changing and making crazy weather, we are very busy here at the library as well. Please tune into the Bookworm, our website, [ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org), flyers posted around town, and social media. We have a great number of activities planned for our community. We would like all of you to have a chance to come on in and partake of these fun activities.

We have a wonderful group of people, the Best Friends Fund, who work to

make the library better for you. They hold fundraisers to help buy necessities for the library such as furniture and the like. They recently split the cost of the new computers with the library. We have eight new patron computers and it was made possible through this group of dedicated people. We are always looking for more folks who would like to become a "Best Friend" to our library. We have a good time and if we have more people, then the work is lighter for all. These folks also bring more ideas to the table for us to put out to the community. We always need more ideas and nobody ever has enough friends. Please consider joining our group and bring a little of yourself to the community.



[ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org)

## MARCH 2022 NEW BOOKS

### ADULT FICTION

Austin/Chasing Shadows  
Baldacci/Mercy  
Carey/The Lost Girl of Berlin  
Carr/The Devil's Hand  
Chang/Days of Distraction  
Clipston/An Amish Singing  
Davis/The Magnolia Palace  
Doerr/Cloud Cuckoo Land  
Fisher/A Season on the Wind  
Goldberg/Bone Canyon  
Hoover/Reminders of Him  
Humphrey/Faith  
King/Billy Summers  
McBride/We Are Called to Rise  
Moyes/The Lost Letter from Your Lover  
Nesbit/Beheld  
O'Conner/Murder on an Irish Farm  
O'Leary/The Lost Secret of Ireland  
Pataki/The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post  
Patterson/Fear No Evil  
Perry/Death with a Double Edge  
Preston/Bloodless  
Schott/The Willow Wren  
Shipman/The Secret of Snow  
Sparks/The Wish  
Taylor/Spring House  
Tenorio/The Son of Good Fortune  
Tinti/The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley  
Wallace/Madam President  
Wideman/Brothers & Keepers

### ADULT NONFICTION

Boehner/On the House  
Bolton/The Room Where It Happened  
Duster/Ida B. the Queen  
Fulson/The Mafia's President  
Miller/In the Land of Men  
Rowe/The Spider and the Fly  
Sagan/For Small Creatures Such as We  
Van Iperen/The Sisters of Auschwitz

### YOUNG ADULT

Card/Pathfinder  
Handler/Winter of the Wolf  
Hodkin/Mara Dyer Trilogy  
-The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer  
-The Evolution of Mara Dyer  
-The Retribution of Mara Dyer  
Nunn/Sugar Town Queens  
Sullivan/Golden Boy  
Vaughn/The Second Guard

### PAPERBACKS

Atkins/The Baby Connection  
Brenna/Her Sure Thing  
Macomber/Window on the Baby  
Roberts/Homeport  
Webb/No Darker Place

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Baskin/Basketball (or something like it)  
Boyne/The Boy at the Top of the Mountain  
Chipman/Cool Women  
De Angels/The Triangle Shirtwaist Company  
Fire of 1911  
Hill/The Year of Miss Agnes  
Nicoll/Slamdown Town  
Shen/Legendary Ladies  
Williams/Hooray for Inventors

### EASY READERS

Berger/A lot of Otters  
Deak/Your Fantastic Elastic Brain  
DeRolf/The Crayon Box that Talked  
Garland/Fish Had a Wish  
Harper/Miss Mingo and the Fire Drill  
Litwin/Groovy Joe  
Mills/The Good Dog  
Teckentrup/Bee  
Yorinks/Tomatoes from Mars  
Look and Find: Paw Patrol

### AUDIOBOOKS

Kleypas/Secrets of a Summer Night  
Peck/What Burns  
Rubin/The Happiness Project

### SPANISH LANGUAGE

Follet/ Nunca






## 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, 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](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. beginning March 14

*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.

## 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

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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**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**  
**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!**

**Plant, Craft & Vendor Sale**  
**Paint Night**

**White Elephant Chinese Auction**



# March 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>1 Knitting 3pm; Au- thor's Night 6pm</i>	<i>2 Painting 10:30am</i>	<i>3 Book Club 11am; Quilt- ing 12pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Wire Jew- elry 11am</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 Knitting 3pm</i>	<i>9 Painting 10:30am; Deadline Art Show Entries</i>	<i>10 Quilters 12pm</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Wire Jewelry 11am Art Exhibit Opening Night 6-8</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14 Writer's Group 1pm; Art Show</i>	<i>15 Knitting 3pm; Art Show</i>	<i>16 Painting 10:30am; Art Show</i>	<i>17 Quilters 12pm; Art Show</i>	<i>18 Art Show</i>	<i>19 BFF Mtg 11am; Wire Jewelry 11am Art Show</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21 Writer's Group 1pm; Art Show</i>	<i>22 Knitting 3pm; Art Show</i>	<i>23 Painting 10:30am; Art Show</i>	<i>24 Quilters 12pm; Art Show</i>	<i>25 Movie Night 6pm</i>	<i>26 Wire Jewelry 11am Board Meet- ing 12:30pm</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28 Writer's Group 1pm</i>	<i>29 Knitting 3pm</i>	<i>30 Painting 10:30am</i>	<i>31 Quilters 12pm</i>		

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