

The Bookworm

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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

The Joy of Reading...

starts young.



1-year-old Gabe and his dad

For the next several months we will be featuring someone, be they old or young, reading! We invite you to send in a photo of someone you love, either reading or being read to. Can't wait to see your entries!

When was the last time you read to your children? Reading together is one of the most beneficial things you can do for your child and, surprise of all surprises, for you too!

From the time they are born, children enjoy listening to and looking at books. It may be the sound of your voice or the beat of rhyming lines and the visual aspect of bright colors and pictures that they delight in. Perhaps it's the peaceful times that usually occur around reading time, but best of all it is a bonding time for you and your children to be close no matter how busy or disruptive your day might have been.



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

Sip N Paint

Ripley Library

64 W Main St, Ripley, NY 14775

Friday September 9th

"Pumpkin
Fest"



Class Includes All Art Supplies, Step by Step Instruction and a Pre-Sketched Canvas

Cost 35.00 per person - Reservation Required - Event is BYOB

Payment due at time of Reservation

To Purchase Seat Visit

www.paintologypa.com/classes

or sign up through Rhonda Thompson (Checks made out to Paintology)

6-8 p.m.



Human Experience

Carmelo Hernandez

- **Saturday, September 10 @ 11a.m.**
- **Director of Community Mental Hygiene Services**
- **Will speak on Overcoming Trauma**
- **Served 16 months in Iraq and 12 months in Afghanistan**
- **Bachelor Degree in Social Work and Master's in Organizational Leadership and Social Work**
- **Advocate for promoting social & emotional development for children and teens.**

Armchair Travels

Try the virtual tours on 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 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

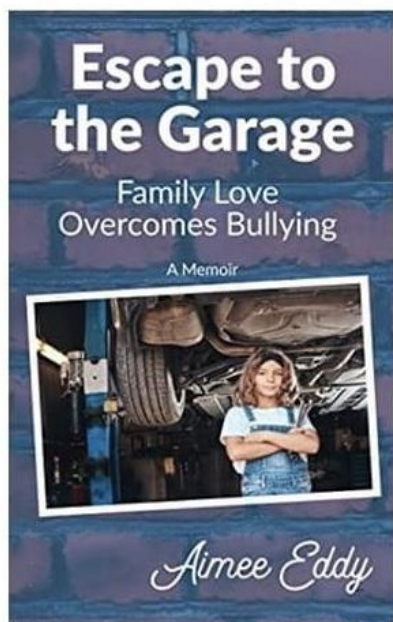
Devil's Tower

Dubai Museums

Route 66

San Diego Zoo

New England Aquarium



Author's Night, September 13 @ 6p.m.

Aimee Eddy will be speaking, selling, and signing her book at Ripley Library at 6pm September 13th. Unable to do classwork in first grade, Aimee is called a retard by her teacher. This label follows her throughout elementary school and forces her to endure daily bullying from classmates and teachers alike. Low self-esteem and hopelessness threaten to swallow her.

Despite the hardships at school, she finds love and acceptance in one place—the family garage. Aimee, her siblings, and cousins disappear into their imaginations. There they build forts in the junkyard and roll down hills in inner tubes. The love her family shares with her at the garage gives her the courage to withstand the deep depression school produces. Then tragedy strikes, and the family loses the garage. Without this place of refuge, how will she find

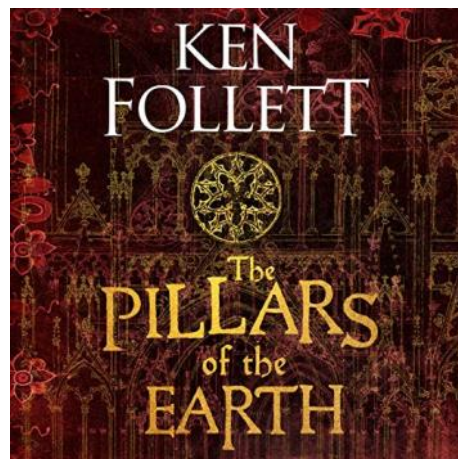
the strength to stand up to bullies?

Noble Book Club

September 11th @ 1 p.m.

We will be discussing the second half of *Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett.

Come join us and wine a bit...



Self Publishing—a How-to Workshop

September 24 @ 10a.m.

Join Mary Ellen Humphrey and Robyn Albright for an informative session on how to self publish. This step-by-step workshop will guide you through Kindle Direct, where you can finally see the finished book you've always thought about.

If you have a lap-top, bring it with you so you can follow along during the session.

From the Director's Deck

By Rhonda Thompson



Happy September!!!

This is a lovely month; children are back to school and a regular routine resumes. The busy summer season comes to an end. The air is filled with the scents of bountiful harvests. The apples are getting ready, the grape pickers are busy, we are finishing up the peaches and preparing for the best time of the year. AUTUMN. Yayyyy. This begins my favorite time of the year. The weather grows crisp, the food is amazing and the leaves begin to show their true colors.

Here at the library we always show our true colors as we strive to make everything good for the community. Remember, everything you give to the library goes back to you in some way. This month is very active as usual. Be sure to read the Bookworm from beginning to end so you don't miss a thing. Additionally, be sure to join in the activities and the events we plan. You are the reason the library can and does exist! Please come join in and see what we have to offer. You will be glad you did.

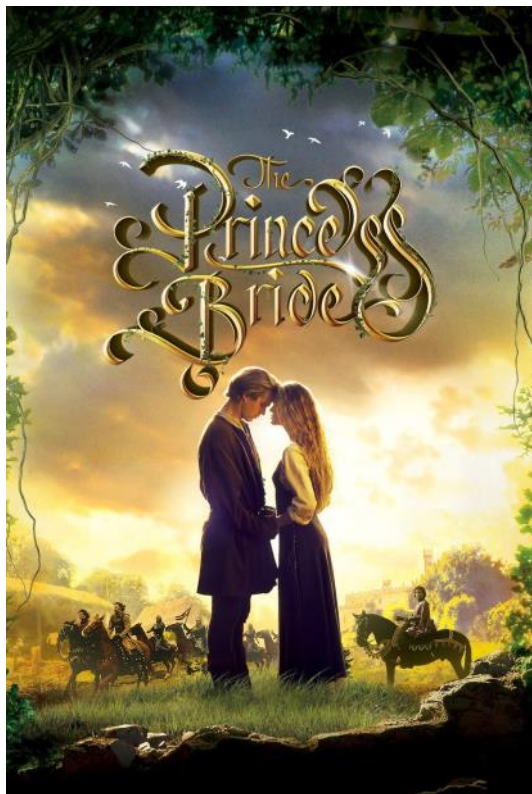
This month there will be another Paint Night on September 9th. We will be painting pumpkins, so appropriate for the time. We have sewing and knitting groups, and the Human Experience this month is Carmelo Hernandez who will speak on the dealing with mental trauma such as he did during his tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. This proves to be a very interesting event and I hope you can attend. We will also have Aimee Eddy here talking about and selling her book, "Escape to the Garage". This is a must-see Author's Night. Be sure to mark your calendars. Movie Night is always a fun time. We have free popcorn and other snacks and drinks for purchase. And, have you ever wanted to write a book and get it published? Even just for yourself? Be sure to attend the September 24th How to Publish a Book by those who have gone through the process.

There is so much to do and we want to share it with all of you, so please come to the library for a lot of fun and learning. So I will see you all at the library!

Now Showing

Friday Night movies!

September 30th at 6p.m.



October is the 35th Anniversary of the release of *The Princess Bride*. It has become a classic! If you haven't seen it before, that's "inconceivable!" Come join us for this timeless film.

"As you wish...."

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



A good behavior award was given out for the young person (or people) with the best behavior at movie night. There were multiple winners this time! The winners of a chocolate bar for August were James, Fay, Skylar, Emmitt, Hayden, Kendra, and Braeden.

Congratulations!!

READING ROOM



Have you visited the cozy reading room on the second floor? It's the perfect place to cuddle up in a comfy chair and read a book.

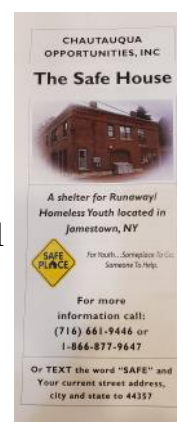
Historical documents and photos are also stored in the Reading Room.



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.



Plan now for the Christmas in Ripley Craft/Vendor Fair At the Ripley Library!

Calling all crafters and vendors ... the Christmas in Ripley celebration is Saturday, December 10th. As last year, the Ripley Public Library will be hosting a vendor and craft fair from 9a.m. until 4p.m.

Table space is \$20 per table if you bring your own, \$25 if you'd like to use one of the library's tables. If you'd like to reserve a table (or 2) call the library at 716-736-3913.

Winter Coat Drive

The Library will have another Winter Coat Drive this year. Start bringing in good condition, clean coats between October 15 through the 29th. The coats will be taken to Noah's Ark at the Presbyterian Church in Ripley for distribution.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone warm for the winter!

Summer Volunteers

School age volunteers help the world go ‘round... This summer two high school girls, Chloe O’Dell and Rachel Czerkies, put in dozens of hours shelving books, cleaning and dusting, helping with Summer Reading crafts and events, as well as other much needed work around the library. Students are required to donate

community service hours as one of the graduation requirements and we’re glad to have them here.

Thank you ladies!
Your help was very much appreciated!



Chloe O’Dell

Rachel Czerkies



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

Food Pantry at 14 North State Street is open Tuesdays 2-4p.m. and Saturdays 10-12 noon. See information in About Town for eligibility or call Phil Chimera at 716-969-8344.

Help is available for those high food costs!

No more late fees on overdue books starting immediately!



However—if fines would have accumulated to \$10, or if the book is lost or damaged, the library must be reimbursed for the cost of the book.

Random Acts of Kindness

Try doing a few of these this month and make someone's day a little brighter:

1. Put dishes in the dishwasher and clear off the table
2. Stop complaining and criticizing
3. Ask someone how they are doing and then really listen to what they have to say
4. Use your turn signal while driving, giving others the time to adjust
5. Give someone the benefit of the doubt

“How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time.” --Morgan Freeman

<https://mhf.prod.acquia-sites.com/explore-mental-health/articles/random-acts-kindness>

AMONG FRIENDS

The Best Friends meeting in August was very busy. We discussed the success of the Bake Sale and the Jewelry Auction on Cruisin' Day. The Friends will hand out Teacher Appreciation Bags at the start of the school year but the biggest item of all was the discussion of our upcoming Annual Online Auction coming in November.

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Letters have already been drawn up along with stamped envelopes. A list consisting of over eighty businesses have been compiled. Several members have already chosen which businesses they will send letters to but there are still many that are unclaimed. Please stop at the library and choose which ones you would like.



Friends are being asked to address the envelopes, mail the letters and then in October, call back those businesses and ask if they would be interested in donating an item for our auction. It's that simple. Please stop in at the library in the very near future. All letters need to be mailed before our next meeting on September 17th.

Upcoming Events

As the summer winds down, the library continues to offer more programs aimed at all age groups. September is filled with the return of the Writer's Group on Monday afternoons. Paint Night is back and Carmelo Hernandez will talk of his time in Iraq and Afghanistan for the Human Experience Program. Local Author Aimee Eddy will appear plus Movie Night and Learn how to Publish Your Own Book are also on the agenda. So many fun filled things to do!

9/9 Paint Night 6 pm

9/10 Human Experience w/Carmelo Hernandez 11am

9/11 Noble Book Club 1pm

9/12 Writer's Group Mondays at 1pm

9/13 Local Author Aimee Eddy 6 pm

9/23 Movie Night The Princess Bride 6 pm

9/24 How To Self-Publish 10 am

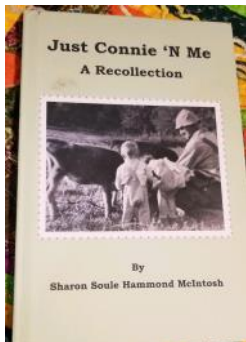
Sneak Peak for October:

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge— 4 players to a team, starting Oct 22nd.

A Halloween movie!

Coat Drive

Writer's Group Mondays @ 1p.m.



Writer's Group will begin again on Monday, September 12th. This past year we worked on publishing Sharon McIntosh's book, *Just Connie and Me*. We will be brainstorming ideas for this year's goal.

New members are always welcome!

End of Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading ended on August 27th with Prize Day. Participants turned in their packets and received tickets for the Chinese Auction.



Top Reader was Lulu, with a total of 258 books read during the Summer Reading Program! She won a Kindle Fire plus gained a whole world of stories!



Three of the big winners in the Chinese Auction were Hayden, Skylar, and Lulu! Congratulations kids!

Free Magazines

Did you know the Ripley Library has dozens of donated magazines and they are available to take? In the front foyer you will find copies of Smithsonian, People, DAV, Car & Driver, Time, Paw Print, Reminisce, and Hagerty Drivers Club, as well as many, many more! They are free and you can take and keep them.

Check them out next time you come through the front door.



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.

Thank you for being there for your Ripley Library!



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.

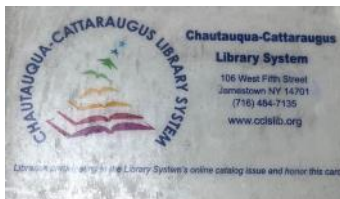
We are currently raising money for much needed new bookshelves.

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.



Welcome to a world of adventure!

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.

New Books for September

ADULT FICTION

Armas/The Spanish Love Deception
 Austin/Legacy of Mercy
 Baldacci/Dream Town
 Brown/Arctic Storm Rising
 Brunstetter/ Twice as Nice
 Camden/A Desperate Hope
 Clarke/Accidentally Perfect
 Dyer/The Cutting Room
 Graham/Deadly Touch
 Harmel/The Forest of Vanishing Stars
 Hauck/The Memory House
 Hewitt/The Edelweiss Sisters
 Jackson/The Girl Who Survived
 Lagercrantz/The Girl Who Lived Twice
 Lane/Hearts of Resistance
 Lester/The Paris Secret
 Mason/A Registry of My Passage Upon the Earth
 McFadden/Do Not Disturb
 McIntosh/Just Connie 'n Me
 O'Leary/The Lost Girls of Ireland
 O'Rawe/Northern Heist
 Ono/At the Edge of the Woods
 Poyer/Violent Peace
 Purcell/The Silent Companions
 Riley/The Missing Sister
 Roberts/Nightwork
 Sharer/Setter's Life
 Steel/The Affair
 Tremblay/The Pallbearers Club
 Ware/The It Girl

NONFICTION

Acosta/The Enemy of the People
 Cohn/Behind Enemy Lines
 Fein/Fear City
 Garbus/North of Havana
 Manne/Down Girl
 Oufkir/Stolen Lives

Szereto/The Best New True Crime Stories
 Serial Killers

LARGE PRINT

Clay/Gunfighter's Revenge
 Gross/Button Man
 Metz/Mac on a Hot Tin Roof
 Mukherjee/A Necessary Evil
 Souza/Pray for the Girl

YOUNG ADULT

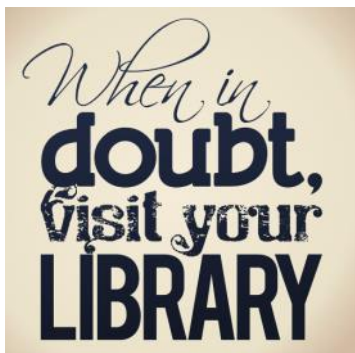
Gray/Star Wars the High Republic
 Into the Dark
 Hand/The Last Time We Say Goodbye
 Nijkamp/This is Where it Ends
 Riggs/Hollow City

JUNIOR BOOKS

Abdo/Barb and the Ghost Blade
 Bauer/Almost Home
 Gibbs/Once Upon a Tim
 Goodman/How Do You Burp in Space?
 Knisley/Apple Crush
 Trump/Lincoln's Little Girl
 Who Was Series
 -Blackbeard
 -Bill Gates
 -Marco Polo
 -Nikola Tesla
 -King Tut

EASY READER


Ehlert/Nuts to You!
 Faatz/Now What
 Kraegel/Green Pants
 McClatchy/Eloise and the Dinosaurs
 McPhail/A Bug, a Bear, and a Boy go to School
 Pinkney/Three Little Mittens
 Scarry/Watch Your Step, Mr. Rabbit!
 Weston/Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill
 Yolen/How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad



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

Noble Book Club



1st Sunday of every month at Noble Winery, Hardscrabble Road, Westfield, NY (date subject to change due to holidays)

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.

Knitting & Crochet Group meets Tuesdays, noon until 3:30.



All levels welcome.



<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.

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.


Ripley Writer's Group


Mondays at 1p.m. starting September 12th





Hold in your hands the book in your heart.





Ripley Library Best Friends Fund Application 


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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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Notes & Things

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 thebookworm14775@gmail.com

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

Coming in November Annual Online Auction

Letters will be going out soon asking for donations from local businesses for the Annual Online Auction. If you have a new item you would like to donate for this annual fund raiser please let the library know!



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.

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2022

Note: Meeting day and time has changed.

**September 29
 October 27
 November 17
 December 29**

Meetings are open to the public, in person or via Zoom, and will be held at 6 p.m. Dates and times subject to change.

October 22nd brings Ripley Library's first **Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge**. Each team will consist of 4 members. Every team will put together a different 500 piece puzzle chosen by the library within a certain amount of time. Depending on the number of people who sign up, will depend on how many will participate in the tournament playoffs.

Start putting your teams together now or sign up as a single. Call the library at 716-736-3913 to register.

September 2022

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<i>11 Noble Book Club 1p</i>	<i>12 Writers Group 1p</i>	<i>13 Knitting 12; Author Night 6p</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Sewing 12</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
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<i>25</i>	<i>26 Writers Group 1p</i>	<i>27 Knitting 12</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Sewing 12</i>	<i>30 Movie Night 6p</i>	

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