

Newsletter from the Best Friends

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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 Ripley Library Annual Online Auction Is HERE!

All auction items are on display at the library.
There are some great gift certificates and items again this year! Come check them out.

Bidding began November 25th and will continue until Saturday, December 10th. If you've never participated before, there will be volunteers at the library to help you sign in and place your bids. OR you can log onto the Ripley Library site (ripleylibrary.org), click on Annual Online Auction, then click on "Click here to access the Online Auction"

Start browsing now!

BID EARLY! BID OFTEN!

P.S. The auction ends the same day as the Christmas in Ripley event. If you haven't put in any bids by then, you can always stop in and place bids here!





Best Friends Fund Holiday Party! Saturday, December 17 @ 11a.m.



7:30- noon Breakfast Specials @Coffee on Main

9-4 Craft/Vendor Fair at Ripley Public Library

9:30-11:30a Face Painting by Robyn @Ripley Library (face painting is free, but donations for the library will be gratefully accepted)

10-12 Noah's Ark open @ Presbyterian Church

10-12 Presbyterian Church showing <u>The First Christmas</u>, a 20 minute movie, every 30 minutes

11:30a until gone -Meeder's Chicken BBQ

12p Santa Parade line up at Ripley Town Barn on Ross Street

12:30-2p Face Painting by Robyn @Fire Hall (face painting is free, but donations for the Fireman's Auxiliary will be gratefully accepted)

12:30-3:30p Wine Country Alpacas Ripley Fire Hall

12:30p Parade starts

1-4p Free Cookies and hot chocolate from the Baptist Church @the old Ripley Post Office

1-4p Main Street Pizza, Decorate your own Christmas Cookie

1-4p Santa and Mrs Claus at Ripley Fire Hall (pet pictures 3-4pm)

1p Cooney's Island Ice Cream opens

6-6:30p Still Waters Mennonite Church Singers @Ripley United Methodist Church

6:30p Christmas Candlelight Service at Ripley Methodist Church (non-denominational)





Looking for a unique Christmas gift for the readers in your life? The Ripley Library had many local authors present their books here over the last year. Here's your chance to pick up books by local authors for those on your gift list. Authors are:

Robyn Albright -Jump on the Runnin' Board, Musings

Elaine Brautigam -I am Sho-Sho Too

David Hawker - Musings

Mary Ellen Humphrey -Norumbega, The Palimpsest Journal

Sharon McIntosh –Just Connie & Me

Nancy Wakeley—Heritage, The Legend



Sip & Paint Saturday, December 3rd, 5-7 p.m. \$35, please register in advance 716-736-3913



Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, December 6th @ 6pm & Friday, December 16 @ 11am

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from the Cornell Co-0p Extension, will be at the library to show us meals you can make from items that you receive from the mobile food pantry and more. Molly has taught several classes at the library and is always a delight. Her dishes are delicious, and her handy tips will help you serve healthier meals. Mark your calendars!



Christmas Craft!

Ripley Library will hold a Craft session on December 17th at 9:30 am. We will be creating festive centerpieces for your holiday ta-

bles or wreaths for the spirit of the



season. There will be NO charge for this craft, but you must register ahead of time as seating is limited to ten people.



Author's Night

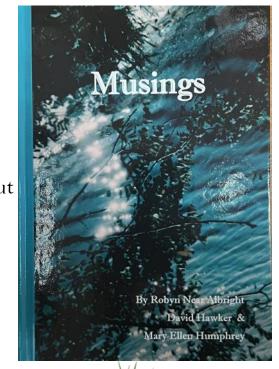
Tuesday, December 13th @ 6p.m.

The newly released book, *Musings*, will be the featured book for the December Author's Night.

This is a collection of poetry and art by Robyn Albright, David Hawker, and Mary Ellen Humphrey.

Poetry is everywhere; in the songs we sing, the emotions we feel, the sway of the trees, a warm summer day or a dazzling sunset. Oftentimes we cannot express the poetry that lives within us, but every once in awhile, it comes flowing out.

These authors have distinctively different styles which makes this collaboration even more interesting. Come hear them speak about their book and get your signed copies.







Noble Book Club December 4 @ 1 p.m.

We will be discussing *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck



Lost, Never to Return?

Since 2018 over \$5,000 worth of books have not been returned to the Ripley Library! That's a lot of investment, GONE!

Ripley Library runs on a tight budget and part of that budget is buying books for our patrons to enjoy.

The library's new policy is no fines for late returns, unless the fines add up to \$10 or more, then you may not borrow any books from the library system until the book(s) is returned, but the library will even waive THAT fee if you just return the books you borrowed.

We understand: life happens. You moved things around, you let a friend read the book you borrowed, you hid the book from your spouse and/or kids... hopefully the dog didn't eat it. Whatever happened, we forgive you! Please look around and if you find one of these lost books, please return it. No questions asked, no penalties levied.

Speaking of Lost Books...

Received in the mail recently, in an unmarked, unaddressed envelope, was Tsars, Mandarins, and Commissars, A History of Chinese Russian Relations by Harry Schwartz!

This book was printed in 1964, and it's marked as belonging to the Ripley Library, but there is no record of it being checked out, presumably because it was so long ago!



THANK YOU to whomever returned this book, although you needn't have been so secretive. It does make us wonder, however, what those comrades have been up to since 1964!

From the Director's Desk By Rhonda Thompson

Happy December!!! I can hardly believe we are at the end of another year. Just a couple of months ago we were busy crocheting sea life for the Summer Reading Program. Suddenly, it is Christmas time and we are smack dab in the middle of our Annual Auction.

With all the busyness going on, please do not forget your local library. We are still here bringing many great activities and fun things to do. We cannot do this without your continued support. Presently, we have our Annual Auction going with over 100 items listed with something for everyone. Don't be shy about using the computer, we are here to help you with that. You will discover how much fun it can be to go on there and bid.

Please do not forget Christmas in Ripley Day, December 10th. The Lady's Auxiliary works especially hard to bring Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with all the gifts to your children. Several organizations work together to make your day in Ripley very special. Please come out and take part in it. Here at the library we will be hosting the Vendor Fair. Support these local folks and use this opportunity to get some very Junique gifts for your loved ones. I am Inot sure where we will fit in the Christmas Readings, but rest assured we will figure it out. We just cannot have Christmas at the library without the

"Cajun Night Before
Christmas." This is
going to be a great day
at the library. We will
have the vendor fair,
the auction, Chinese
auction, readings, and
also a bake sale and raffles. Please
come prepared for a marvelous Christmas Time.

Looking for something fun to do, attend the Sip-n-Paint on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 5-7pm. Rachel Wilson will return to the library to show us how to paint "Christmas in the Forest". If you have been to the library, you will have seen this painting on display and know that it is perfect for any wall at Christmas.

We will also be having an Ugly Sweater Contest for those who come to paint. The winner will be judged by the participants. The winner will receive a free picture previously painted by Rachel. So, don your old ugly sweaters and come on out for a really fun time.

As this year comes to an end, remember to enjoy the little things and not stress the things that cannot be changed anyway. This is a time for joy and happiness. If you start to feel a little blue, come on out to the library and we will cheer you up. The library is the perfect place for everyone. See you there.

AMONG FRIENDS

Happy Holidays! So much excitement is happening at the library. The Annual Online Auction has begun with roughly 100 items to choose from. Please be sure to sign up as a bidder even if you don't wish to bid on anything. And be sure and tell family and friends to check it out!

On December 10th, the library will sponsor a Vendor Fair in conjunction with the Christmas in Ripley events. The BFF group will hold a bake sale along with a raffle. Friends' elves are needed to bake and help with the tables. We also need volunteers to help people sign up for the online auction. Mark your calendars now!

There will be a get-together at our regularly scheduled meeting on December 17th at 11 am - just a nice time for the Best Friends to grab a bite to eat and enjoy each other's company. Lunch will be provided.

Random Acts of Kindness

During the holiday season, try performing some of these acts of kindness

Donate to your local food bank

Gift toys to a children's hospital

Donate new stuffed animals to police and fire departments to be used during an emergency

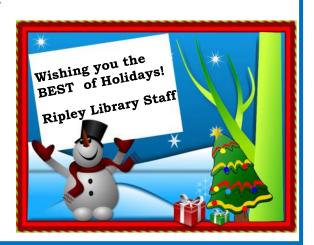
Invite someone who might be alone for the holidays, to join in your festivities

Sign up to ring bells for the Salvation Army

Don't forget to smile and always say thank you

https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/random-acts-of-christmas-kindness-printable/

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



Benefits of Reading:

There's nothing like the smell of old books or the crack of a new one's spine. (Plus, you'll never run low on batteries.) As it turns out, diving into a page-turner can also offer benefits for your health and happiness. Although more and more people own e-books, it seems safe to say that *real* books aren't going anywhere yet, and these benefits of reading are here to stay. Every month we'll tell you about another benefit of reading, for yourself or to your children.

The Joy of Reading...

starts young.

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!

Reading Sets a Positive Example

Reading is a key component of early literacy development and you can set an example of just how crucial this is by modeling the behavior yourself. Children are excellent at mimicking the adults around them which means that if you regularly set aside some "me time" for reading, your children will learn to do the same.



River reading Goldilocks



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.

Now Showing

Friday Night movies will return in January!

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.

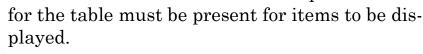
The Safe House

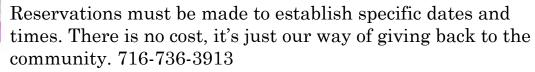
Stop into the Library for more information or pick up a brochure.

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







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!

LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPANOL NEW BOOKS IN SPANISH













Recent visitors to the Ripley Library took full advantage of the children's area, playing games, putting puzzles together, and reading.

"We don't have libraries like this where we are (Niagara Falls). This is really nice!"

Those were just two of the compliments paid by our guests. Stop by and see if you don't agree!

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 December 2022

ADULT FICTION

Angoe/Her Name is Knight Archer/Next in Line Atkins/Bye, Bye Baby Bowen/Where the Sky Begins Brunsetter/The Apple Creek Announcement Cole/The Christmas Dress Colgan/The Christmas Bookshop Connolly/The Furies Dobson/Beneath a Golden Veil Gaus/Harmless as Doves Gaynor/Last Christmas in Paris Harrington/Every Time the Bell Rings Itami/Fault Lines Kirkpatrick/Everything She Didn't Say Lewis/Ghost of New York Lourey/The Quarry Girls Michaels/The Brightest Star Mills/Oath of Loyalty Mottley/Nightcrawling Patrick/The Messy Lives of Book People Picoult/Mad Honey Ryan/Christmas by the Book Sacks/City of a Thousand Gates Score/Things We Never Got Over Shavlis/Holiday Ever After Sparks/Dreamland Thayne/Christmas at Holiday

House

Williams/People Person

ADULT NONFICTION

Ford/Somebody's Daughter Graubart/Three Simple Rules McCullough/In the Dark Streets Shineth Rice/Tough Love Romesha/Red Platoon Sohn/The Man Who Hated Women

LARGE PRINT

Bybee/Faking Forever Cass/Booking the Crook Crouch/The Last Town Gross/The Fifth Column Thayer/Let it Snow

PAPERBACKS

Daley/Her Holiday Hero Harris/Christmas Witness Pursuit Mason/It Happened at Christmas Stover/Silent Night Suspect

YOUNG ADULT

Adrian/The Second Season Grant/Alien Echo Raye/The Colors of Friendship Walton/Anything Could Happen

JUNIOR BOOKS

Bradford/Ruby Finley vs The Interstellar Invasion Burks/Agent 9 Mind Control Eagle/The Pear Affair Herman/Who Is Derek Jeter? Khan/Amina's Voice Probert/Lightfall: Shadow of the Bird

EASY READERS

Black/Home for the Holidays
Bratun/Gingerbread Mouse
Cali/Too Many Pigs and One
Big Bad Wolf
Hobbie/I'll Be Home for
Christmas
Johnson/Do Like Kyla
Leeson/The Gift of Christmas
Marzollo/I Am Snow
McCourt/Merry Christmas,
Stinky Face
Wilson/Dinos in the Snow
Sonneborn/The North Police
Wood/What Santa Can't Do



"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

Sidney Sheldon



Noble Book Club

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



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



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

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.





Ripley Writer's Group Fridays at 1p.m.

Hold in your hands the book in your heart.

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

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.

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 Chautau-qua-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 Friends Fund) is looking for more members to join us to help with fundraising and program support for OUR 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 information.

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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

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2022

Note: Meeting day and time has changed.

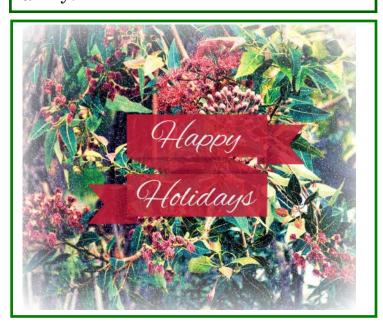
Meetings are open to the public, in person or via Zoom, and will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dates and times subject to change.

December 21



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!



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.

December 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Local Author Book Sale; Sewing noon; Online Auction | 2 Writers group 1p; Local Au- thor Book Sale; Online Auction | 3 Sip &Paint 5-7; Local Au- thor Book Sale; Online Auction |
| 4Noble Book Club 1pm; Onlin Auction | 5 Writers 1pm; Online Auction | 6 Knitting noon; Nutri- tion w/ Molly 6pm; Online Acution | 7 Craft w/ Lori 3:45p; Online Auc- tion | 8 Sewing noon; Online Auc- tion | 9Writers group 1p; Online Auc- tion | 10Christ mas in Rip- ley/Library Craft Fair; Online Auc- tion ends |
| 11 | 12Writers 1pm | 13Knitting noon'; Au- thor's Night 6pm | 14 | 15Sewing noon | 16 Writers group 1p; Nutrition w/Molly 11am | 17Creative Craft 9:30a; BFF Mtg 11am |
| 18 | 19Writers 1pm | 20Knitting | 21 Library Board Mtg 6:30pm | 22Sewing noon | 23 No writers group | 24 CLOSED Christmas Eve |
| 25 Christmas | 26 Closed Christmas Monday | 27Knitting | 28 | 29Sewing noon | 30 Writers group 1p | 31 New Year's Eve (Open regu- lar hours) |

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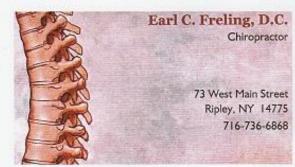
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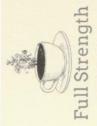


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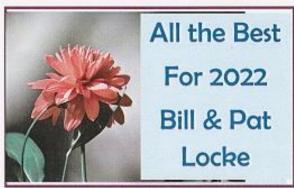
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