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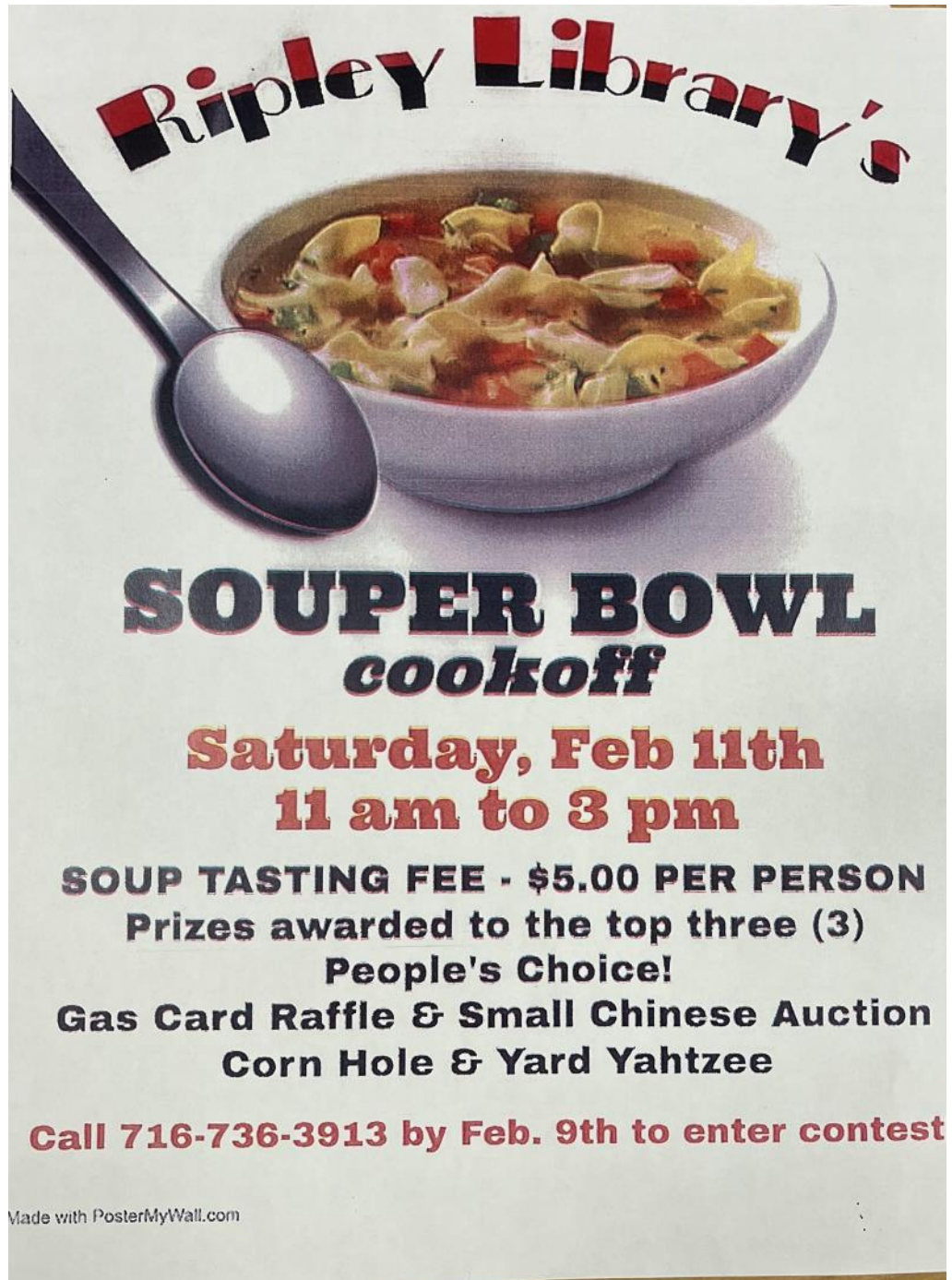
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Best Friends Welcome You

Hours of Operation

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



Ripley Library's

SOUPER BOWL
cookoff

Saturday, Feb 11th
11 am to 3 pm

SOUP TASTING FEE - \$5.00 PER PERSON
Prizes awarded to the top three (3)
People's Choice!
Gas Card Raffle & Small Chinese Auction
Corn Hole & Yard Yahtzee

Call 716-736-3913 by Feb. 9th to enter contest

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Best Friends Fund Meeting Feb 18, 1 pm
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!!!

February Author's Night

Kathy Joy Hefner

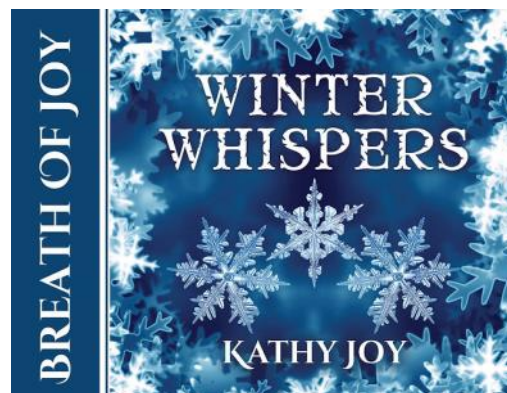
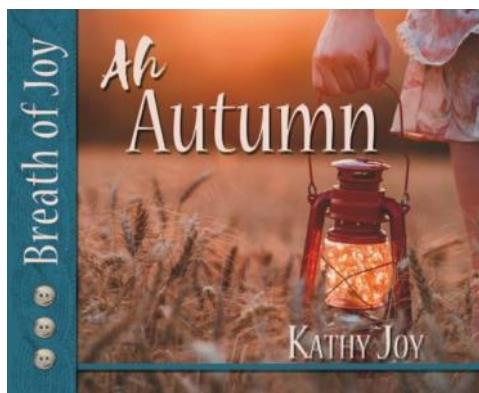
Saturday, February 18th at 11am



Kathy Joy soothed aching hearts with her four grief books of reflection and recovered hope. As she researched books that speak to children's grief, Kathy decided to write her own, with the powerful word picture of "bearing another's burdens".

When we offer to hold somebody's story, we do the loving work of bearing witness. When we are willing to listen to somebody's story, we create sacred space for shared memories.

Kathy lives in McKean, PA and authors books with a collaborative group in Colorado – www.CaptureMeBooks.com.



Author's Nights During January

January featured two author's night, first with James McQuiston and his *Oak Island* series; then Eve Taft stopped by with her book, *Looking-Glass House*. Eve is a former student here in Ripley, now living in Ireland. During her visit home she graciously made time to stop by the library. These author's books will be available to check out from the library.

SOUPER TUESDAYS!

Join us every Tuesday in February for soup!

Various varieties of soups will be offered every Tuesday from 11a.m until 6:30p.m. free of charge. Come make a meal of it and enjoy some good company as well.



Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, February 14 @ 11am & Friday, February 26 @ 6pm

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from the Cornell Co-Op Extension, visits the Ripley library twice a month to share recipes that are not only yummy, but healthy and inexpensive. Taste testing is always a component of her visits, and oftentimes she brings little goodies such as insulated grocery bags, measuring spoons, or refrigerator temperature indicators.

If you've never been, give it a try. Each session is different and always a rollicking good time!



Noble Book Club

February 6 @ 1 p.m.

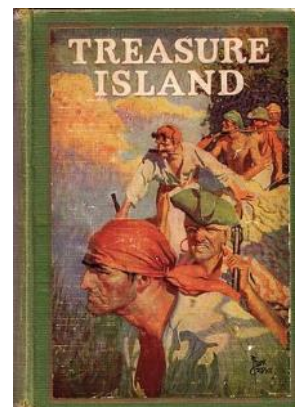
Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing Jane Eyre and A Man Called Ove.

February's book is

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Come join us and wine a bit...



Annual Month of the Arts Returns!

March is the Month of the Arts and the Ripley Library once again will host the Annual Art Show from March 17th through the 31st. If you have paintings or artful photography, please bring them to the library by the 15th of March so we can display them for the public!

Also, come see the beautiful water color prints done by North Carolina artist, Cotton Ketchie, that were donated to the library by Dan and Nancy Wakefield. These prints have been matted and framed, courtesy of the Best Friends group of Ripley Library and are ready to be hung—but first we wanted to display them in the Art Show.

Don't miss this returning event at the Ripley Public Library!

Sneak peek of a corner of one of Ketchie's paintings



Arm Chair Exercise Class!



Winter got you down? Join us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am at the Ripley Public Library for some Armchair Exercises. We're not as young as we used to be, or so our aging bodies tell us. This is a great way to get the heart pumping, stretch those muscles and put a little pep back in your step.

Plus think of all the fun you'll have groaning with everyone else. Low-impact stretching is the focus for now.

Can't make it 3x a week? That's ok too. Pop in whenever you can.

With any exercise program, there is always a slight risk involved. Safety comes first. Seek advise from your doctor when starting a new exercise program.

Friday Night Movie

Now Showing

The Never Ending Story



February 24th @ 6pm

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

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.



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

Ripley Resident Anita Donofrio to Speak at National Symposium

Anita Donofrio, a recent resident of Ripley, New York, is a history buff specializing in George Custer and the battle of the Little Big Horn. She has been invited to speak this summer at the National CBHMA (Custer Battlefield Historical Museum Association) Symposium in Hardin, Montana.

When asked how she became interested in Little Big Horn, she replied, “In 1976 the Buffalo Evening News had a program about Custer’s Last Stand. I was fascinated and wanted to know more.”

Ms. Donofrio has been a member of CBHMA since 1990. She was introduced to the organization through a teacher friend and it piqued her interest.

“My father and I took our first trip to Hardin, MT in 1995 to participate in the CBHMA symposium and field trip and visit the battlefield of Custer’s Last Stand,” she continued, “I’ve been (to the symposium) at least 20 times since then and made friends of authors and historians. I began my own research into the lives of the 7th Cavalry. I started collecting hundreds of books about the battle, Custer and the officers who fell with him. That led me to a deep interest in the widows and families and their stories.”

In 2019 Anita submitted a paper to the symposium regarding her research on Lt Algernon Smith and his wife, Nettie, and Nettie’s experiences as a widow.

“The organization usually asks for a submission,” she explained, “and if you think you have a good paper, you send them a blurb about the topic. I was accepted to speak. I was very nervous!”

“The first talk went so well I was invited to speak again this year by the Symposium Coordinator, Dale Ramsey. My topic is about Grace Berard Harrington, widow of Lt. Henry Moore Harrington. Grace could never accept her husband’s death. She disappeared for three years, supposedly in search of Henry. There were Indians at the time who remembered seeing a woman dressed in black wandering the battlefield where Custer and his men were killed. She eventually remembered snippets of those lost three years, wandering about. I find her fascinating!”

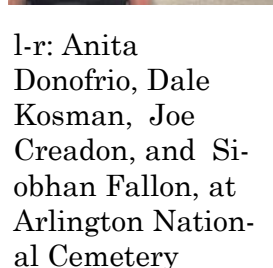
Last summer Anita attended the LBHA (Little Big Horn Associates) in Culpepper, Virginia, with friends Dale Kosman, Siobhan Fallon (Anita’s research partner), and Joe Creadon.

“The focus was on George Armstrong Custer’s illustrious career as the youngest general in the Civil War, 23 years old, in command of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade at Gettysburg. Culpepper is a horse town and it’s where Christopher Reeve, Superman, had his terrible accident while taking part in an equestrian competition, and was paralyzed. We also took a side trip to Arlington National Cemetery to find the graves of our beloved 7th Cavalry.”

Anita is an frequent participant at the Ripley Public Library and is an active member of the Ripley Library Writers Group.



Anita wearing a 7th Cavalry parade helmet. The helmet sports a dyed golden-yellow horse’s tail. Cavalry colors were navy blue and yellow.



l-r: Anita Donofrio, Dale Kosman, Joe Creadon, and Siobhan Fallon, at Arlington National Cemetery



From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Happy February everyone! This is the month of several things. We usually think of Valentine's Day, but I like Ground Hog's Day. This is the official half-way point of Winter, so we know it is all down hill from there. February is also the shortest month of the year and is the month that we really start to notice that the days are getting longer. We really need that sunshine too, as this can be a trying time of the year... cabin fever, Winter doldrums, lack of activity etc. This is why at the Ripley Library we are working to do things to change all of that.

We have Free Soup Tuesday all month long from 11:00-6:30 pm. Come warm up with a bowl of home-made soup and enjoy the company of the library. We are also starting Armchair Exercises. I have done it twice and it is not too taxing, but is enough that it perks you up. Check the newsletter for days and times and join us for a workout. Be sure to check with your doctor before starting any new exercise. We will have a one-time disclaimer for you to sign.

Remember Molly, the nutritionist from Cornell Extension? She is such an up-beat experience and you are really missing a treat if you do not come see her.

We also have a craft day this month. We are making a Spring wreath. We have a minimal charge of 5.00 to cover

the cost of the wreath, but the decorations and fun are free.

Kathy Joy Hefner is our local author on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 11 am. This should be an interesting presentation.

The end of the month will bring our next Movie Night in which we are showing a throw-back, "The Neverending Story". This is a classic all kids should see and it hits the nostalgia for we older individuals.

Remember, this library is here for you and we love your participation in all of our events. Sometimes we need a little in return too, such as your time. Right now, we are looking for at least two people to run for our library board. We have a 1-year position and a 3-year position. We would appreciate anyone who is willing to meet with us once per month. Allow your voice and ideas to help us move our library into the future.

Please join us for all of our activities!!!
See you at the library.



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.

Reading Exercises the Brain

While reading, we have to remember different characters and settings that belong to a given story. Even if you enjoy reading a book in one sitting, you have to remember the details throughout the time you take to read the book. Therefore, reading is a workout for your brain that improves memory function.

Reading Improves Concentration and the Ability to Focus

We can all agree that reading cannot happen without focus and in order to fully understand the story, we have to concentrate on each page that we read. In a world where gadgets are only getting faster and shortening our attention span, we need to constantly practice concentration and focus. Reading is one of the few activities that requires your undivided attention, therefore, improving your ability to concentrate.

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.



Library regulars Gracie, Kendra and ZJ.

Among Friends



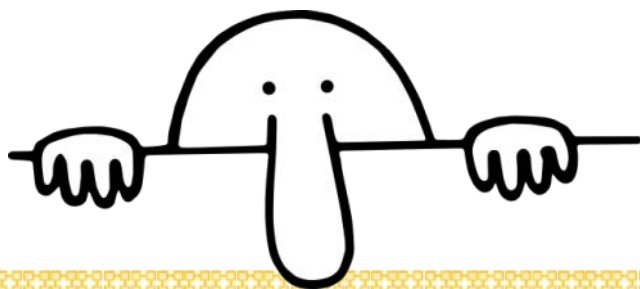
It's a brand new year with new faces, new ideas and new friendships to be made. Now is the time to join the BFFs. There are so many new programs that the library has sponsored and we are always looking for more. In the past year we have presented Local Authors, Noble Book Club, Nutrition with Molly, Annual Art Show, White Elephant Auction, Spring Vendor/Craft Fair, the Human Experience, Jig Saw Puzzle Challenge, Coat Drive, Bean & Rice Drive, Annual Online Auction, Christmas Vendor/Craft Fair and Adult Craft Time. A little something for everyone. Hope to see you this coming year!

Join us at our next Friends' meeting-Feb. 18th at 1 pm and share your ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

Lost, Never to Return?

The holidays are over, you've got time on your hands. Please look for any books you may have taken from the library and forgot to return!

\$5,000 in books have disappeared from the Ripley Public Library. That's a lot of money. If you find books that need to come home, no questions asked, no fine levied, just return them either in person or drop them in the drop box on the west side of the library building.



~~FINES~~

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.

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!

Be a Supporter!

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.

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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 Book List February 2023

ADULT FICTION

Alexander/The Dark Heart of Florence
 Arudpragasam/A Passage North
 Brant/Down the Darkest Road
 Brunsetter/The Mockingbird's Song
 Dobson/The Curator's Daughter
 Gibson/The Woman Who Met Her Match
 Grainger/The Existential Worries of Mags
 Munroe
 Harper/A Letter from Nana Rose
 Hazelwood/The Love Hypothesis
 Hughes/The Memory Box
 Limburg/A Want of Kindness
 Lowe/Home Fires
 Michaels/Curveball Book 1
 Montgomery/The Stills
 Noone/Vicious Creatures
 Patel/Tell Me How to Be
 Poston/The Dead Romantics
 Quinn/Of Mutts and Men
 Rosenfelt/Sudden Death
 Ryan/Lost and Found Family
 Schoenberger/The Liability of Love
 White/The Time Between
 Williams/The Glass Ocean
 Wiseman/An Amish Love

ADULT NONFICTION

Cohen/Accidental Presidents
 De Wind/Last Stop Auschwitz
 Kendall/Hood Feminism
 Lloyd/1,411 Quite Interesting Facts to Knock
 You Sideways
 Parr/One Week In America
 Reese/The Nam Within
 Zirin/Plaintiff in Chief

LARGE PRINT

Coes/The Russian
 Eide/The Memoir of Johnny Devine
 Goodavage/Doctor Dogs
 Turner/Wooing Cadie McCaffrey

PAPERBACKS

Hart/His Country Girl
 Mallery/Secrets of the Tulip Sisters
 Marr/Man of Her Dreams
 Perry/Always in Her Heart
 Rosenfelt/First Degree

YOUNG ADULT

Marion/Warm Bodies
 Roesch/Blowin' my Mind Like a Summer
 Breeze
 Velez/Lulu and Milagro's Search for Clarity

JUNIOR

Chang/Love, Love
 Coven/Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret
 Harper/Next Best Junior Chef: The Winner
 Is...
 Kaufman/Sardines
 Lai/Sunny the Shark
 Tripp/Izzy Newton and the S.M.A.R.T. Squad:
 Absolute Hero
 White/Wretched Waterpark

EASY READERS

Butler/Snow Friends
 Foy/The Scarlet Dragon
 Holl/One Kitten for Kim
 Long/Otis and the Kittens
 Manushkin/Katie Woo: No Valentines for
 Katie
 Roffler/Princess Naomi Helps a Unicorn
 Siomades/My Box of Color
 Tillman/Wherever You Are My Love Will
 Find You

MOVIES

ALL IN THE FAMILY: The Complete First
 Season
 CROSSFIRE TRAIL
 DUNE
 THE LAST RIDE
 OPEN SEASON
 REIGN OVER ME

Quilts Donated to Meals on Wheels

Members of the Sewing Group at the Ripley Library presented 27 beautiful lap quilts that they made to Meals on Wheels director, Barrie Yochim. These quilts were given to Meals on Wheels customers throughout the Ripley and Westfield area.



Shown in the photo :
Debbie Hubbard, Jo-
anne Morris, Sylvia
Lanphere and direc-
tor Barrie
Yochim. Missing
from photo are sew-
ers Sharon McIntosh
and Lou Ann Lyons.

National Random Acts of Kindness Day - February 17th

Share the love you have to give by:

Sending Valentines to Friends and Neighbors

Take someone special Out to Lunch

Tell a Friend or Family Member how much you love them

Send Flowers to a Friend

“Libraries are full of ideas- perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons.”

Sarah J. Maas, Throne of Glass

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.

Noble Book Club



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

Knitting & Crochet



Group meets Tuesdays, noon until 3:30.



<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 Writer's Group

Wednesdays 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 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.



Ripley Library Best Friends Fund Application

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Mailing Address: _____

Town/ZIP: _____

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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.



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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

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

Coming in March

Annual Art Show

Start collecting your artwork now, or get creative quick!



Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 20223

- Feb 28
- Mar 22
- Apr 19
- May 24
- Jun 28
- Jul 26
- Aug 23
- Sep 27
- Oct 25
- Nov 29
- Dec 27

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.



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.

February 2023

Sun

Mon

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			<i>1</i> Arm Chair Exercise 10:30; Writers Group 1pm	<i>2</i> Sewing 12	<i>3</i> Arm-Chair Exercises 10:30	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Noble Book Club 1pm	<i>6</i> Arm-Chair Exercises 10:30	<i>7</i> Soup's On 11am; Knitting 12	<i>8</i> Arm-Chair Exercise 10:30; Writers 1	<i>9</i> Sewing 12	<i>10</i> Arm-Chair Exercise 10:30	<i>11</i> SOUPER Bowl 11-3
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Arm Chair Exercises 10:30	<i>14</i> Soup's On 11am; Knitting 12	<i>15</i> Arm Chair Exercises 10:30; Writers 1	<i>16</i> Sewing 12	<i>17</i> Arm Chair Exercise 10:30	<i>18</i> Local Author 11am; BFF mtg 1pm
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Arm Chair Exercises 10:30	<i>21</i> Soup's On 11am; Knitting 12	<i>22</i> Arm Chair Exercises 10:30; Writers 1	<i>23</i> Sewing 12	<i>24</i> Arm Chair Exercise 10:30; Movie Night 6pm	<i>25</i> Spring Craft Workshop 10am
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Arm Chair Exercises 10:30	<i>28</i> Soup's On 11am; Knitting 12				

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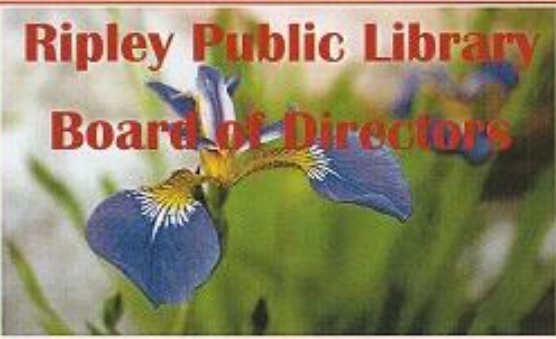


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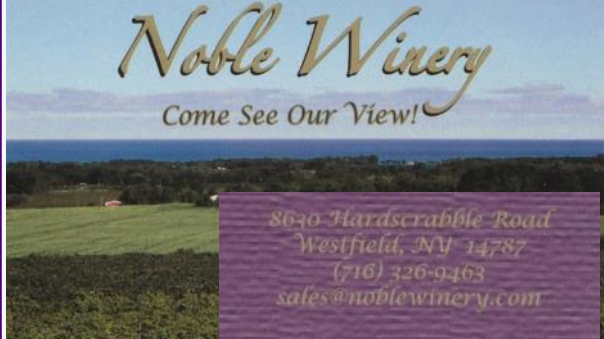


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