

The Bookworm

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

A Year in Review

The year 2022 certainly had its challenges but here at the Ripley Public Library the staff and volunteers went above and beyond to offer programs, activities, and fun for our entire community and patrons.

Activities like the knitters and quilters, as well as the local writers group are ongoing here every week. Movie Night, Author's Night, and a nutritionist from Cornell University Extension are monthly programs. Special fund-raisers and community activities are scheduled throughout the year, such as the Annual Online Auction, Art Show, Coat Drive, Used Book Sale, Rice & Beans Collection, Summer Reading Program, and Plant Sale.

Twice this past year the library hosted vendor and craft fairs, and the students Pre-K through 6th grade came to decorate classroom Christmas trees here at the library.

Spread the word to those who may not receive The Bookworm and About Town. There's a LOT going on in your Ripley Public Library!

Best Friends Fund Special Meeting Jan. 7th, 11am



AMONG FRIENDS



The Friends are holding a special meeting on Saturday, January 7th at 11 a.m.

This is a belated holiday get-together but we also have some business to attend to before the end of the month. We hope you can make it!

And Did You Know...the library checked out over 1000 books and gained 60 new patrons in 2022? Spread the word-this place rocks!

Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, January 10th @ 6pm &

Friday, January 27th @ 11am

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from the Cornell Co-Op 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!



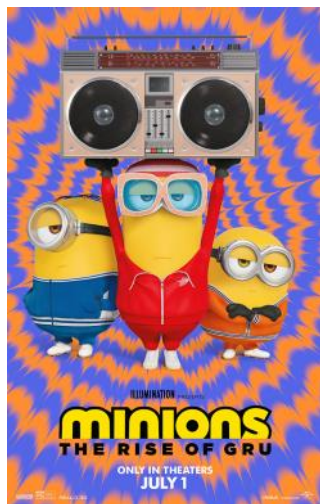
Lost, Never to Return?

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.

Please look around and if you find one of these lost books, please return it. No questions asked, no penalties levied.



Movies are BACK!

Now Showing

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Friday Night Movie, January 27 @ 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.

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 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

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Happy New Year!!!! The Ripley Public Library wishes all of you a Very Happy New Year. Let us hope this year will bring love and happiness to all who are ready to receive it. This has been an amazing holiday season. We had our online auction, decorated the library (that looks wonderful), had a Craft and Vendor Fair on Christmas in Ripley Day. That whole day was just marvelous and so much fun. If you did not get a chance to join in on the fun, be sure to mark your 2023 calendars for next year. We also had a craft day where 13 people came in and made their choice of a wreath or centerpiece. Folks in our town are really creative. Watch for when we do things and be sure to attend. There is always laughter and good times here at the library. Feel free to join in.

This holiday season seems extra special somehow. I was talking to a friend and I remarked how this year I did not get the Christmas let-down feeling that is so common. I am still bouncing around with Christmas in my heart. My hopes are that all of you also have that Christmas feeling and allow it to last all year long. Let's make 2023 a year to remember.

I feel very good about this coming year. There are many plans already made for

2023 here at the library. Be sure to stay tuned to The Bookworm and our website for information coming your way. Our clerk and Program Director really keep things hopping around here. Sometimes it is hard to keep up with them. With Author's Nights, and Molly from Snap-Ed to crafting, there is always something going on. We are in the midst of planning the Summer Reading Program already. Please remember to have your children involved. We have many things to do.

We are starting Movie Night up again this month with "Minions: The Rise of Gru." This was a children's choice. Our movies are family friendly and we offer free popcorn with drinks and snacks for a small charge. You are all invited to attend.

If you find yourself looking for something to do, our "Best Friends Group" could use your talents. We meet almost every month and plan things for the library. We could certainly use some more ideas. We are a very friendly bunch and would love to have you here with us. Get involved, it makes you feel better.

Hopefully, I will see you at the library!





Read Across America



Jewelry Making



Nutrition Classes



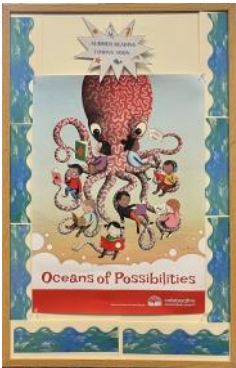
Student Volunteers

Words & Wine



Online Auction

Coat Drive



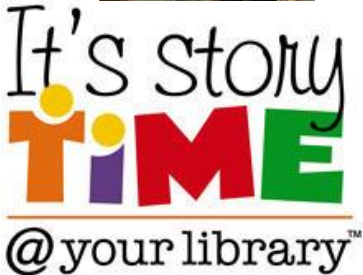
Summer Reading



Summer Reading party



Visitors



Paint Night



Movie Night



Craft & Vendor Fair

Annual Used Book Sale



Jig Saw Puzzle Contest

Christmas in Ripley at the Library—Face Painting!



FACE

PAINTING

Christmas in Ripley at the Library — Craft Fair, Christmas Story



Christmas in Ripley at the Library –Classroom Tree Decorating



For the second year each class at RCS was invited to decorate a tree at the library. The kids made their own decorations and hung them on the trees provided by the library.



Author's Night Last Month

With Robyn Albright, David Hawker, & Mary Ellen Humphrey

The book, *Musings*, is a collaboration between these three local people which includes poetry and artwork created by the authors.



Robyn Near Albright



David Hawker



Mary Ellen Humphrey

Noble Book Club

January 8th @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing
Jane Eyre

By Charlotte Bronte



*Come join us and wine
a bit...*



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.



Emmitt and Hayden kicking back with a book

~~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.

LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPAÑOL

NEW BOOKS IN SPANISH



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!

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.

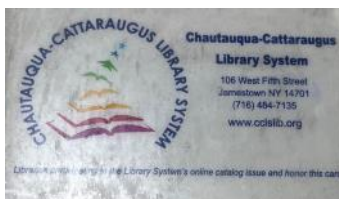
We are currently raising money for much needed new bookshelves.

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 Book List January 2023

Adult Fiction

Alexander/The Littlest Library
Alford/Clan Valor: Sequence
Beer/The Last Dress from Paris
Brooks/Cloudmaker
Burton/The Shark
Byler/Running Around (and such)
Chiaverini/Switchboard Soldiers
Coulter/Whiplash
Davidson/Damnation Spring
Eicher/A Heart Once Broken
Epstein/Hill of Beans
Erlick/The Measure
Gaynor/The Cottingley Secret
Hurwitz/Out of the Dark
McCloreys/Nobody, Somebody, Anybody
Mehl/Free Fall
Richardson/The Book Woman's Daughter
Roth/Poster Girl
Sandford/Righteous Prey
Smith/This Close to Okay
Turansky/Across the Blue
Yanique/Monster in the Middle

Adult Nonfiction

Broadmore/Life Came to a Standstill
Corera/Operation Columba
Paleo for Beginners
Schulman/Let the Record Show
Shultz/Nerves of Steel
Stashower/American Demon
Taliaferro/Grinnell

Large Print

Bischof/Daughters of Northern Shores
Farrell/BUCKO
Linden/Ascension of Larks

McCure/A Crimson Frost
Stone/Ride into Trouble

Young Adult

Alkaf/Queen of the Tiles
Baldwin/The Game and Other Stories
Kemp/Juno and the Lady
Matthews/How to Win at High School
O'Neil/Daughters of a Dead Empire

Junior Books

Arden/Empty Smiles
Avi/City of Magic
Guojing/The Flamingo
Haddix/The Secret Letters
Harper/The Heat is On
Incredible Great Hunters
Incredible Little Monsters
Phillipa/The Curious League Detectives
and Thieves

Easy Readers

Brown/My World
Butcher/Granite
Hoff/Danny and the Dinosaur
Lanan/The Fisherman & the Whale
LEGO: Mighty Machines
Maccarone/What is That? Said the Cat
McBratney/Guess How Much I Love You
Metzger/Five Little Penguins Slipping on
the Ice
Miller/The Bus Ride
National Geographic: We Love Babies!
Packard/Bubble Trouble

Movies

All About Steve
The Break-up
Derailed
Spy Game

"In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim."

— *Linton Weeks*

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues are \$5 annually in January

Print this portion and return it to the library, or pick up a form at the library desk.

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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:

thebookworm14775@gmail.com

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 March

Annual Art Show

Start collecting your artwork now, or get creative quick! More details in the February issue of The Bookworm.

A special thank you to all of you who supported the Ripley Library throughout the year! We appreciate you!



Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 20223

Jan 4 (special mtg)

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.

January 2023

Sun

Mon

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Sat

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3 *Knitting*
12p

4 *Writers*
1p

5 *Sewing*
12p

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7 *BFF*
11am

8 *Noble
Book Club*
1p

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10 *Knit-
ting* 12p;
*Molly
SnapEd* 6p

11 *Writers*
1p

12 *Sewing*
12p

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17 *Knitting*
12p

18 *Writers*
1p

19 *Sewing*
12p

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24 *Knitting*
12p

25 *Writers*
1p

26 *Sewing*
12p

27 *Molly
SnapEd*
11a; *Movie*
6p

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31 *Knitting*
12p

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