

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

Belly Up To the Bar Today Only—April 1st Noon til 2p.m.

Come sample homemade bars from local bakers at our Belly Up to the Bar competition! Vote for your favorite. The winner gets a prize!



Poetry Night April 11th at 6p.m.

Brush up on your rhyming skills and join us for Poetry Night, where anyone can read their favorite poem(s) or their own creations.



Best Friends Fund Meeting April 15, 11 am

April 2023

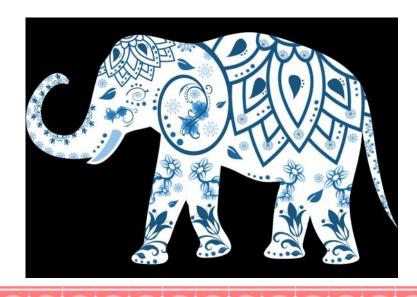
White Elephant Raffle Beginning Saturday, April 8th

Ending Saturday, April 22nd

Last year's White Elephant auction had some really interesting items and with your help, this year will be even better.

We are looking for donations of those loved but no longer wanted items sitting around in your closets. You know, like Aunt Tillie's floor lamp, or Uncle Albert's spittoon. Items should be in very good to excellent condition, and cleaned before you bring them to the library.

Please! NO clothing, books, and no broken or dirty items. The library reserves the right to refuse unsuitable donations.





Lynda Graham Barber—local author

Tuesday, April 18th at 6p.m.

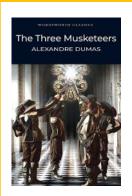
Lynda Graham-Barber's first children's book, *Who Lives Inside*, was illustrated by her husband Ray Barber, a professor of typography at Pratt Institute. She worked in publishing in New York City for over a decade before turning to a freelance career that included writing for national newspapers and magazines. Now a permanent resident of western New York, where vineyards meet the lakes, she lives with her sculptor-husband, David, and rescue dog, Pippa.

Lynda has published 10 children's books and is currently working on her next book, *Ten Dragon Eggs*.

Nutrition with Molly Thursday, April 6th @ 11am & Tuesday, April 25th @ 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

April 2nd @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing *The Three Musketeers*by Alexandre Dumas

Next month's choice is

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood



Come join us and wine a bit...





Friday Night Movie Now Showing The War with Grandpa

April 28th @ 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



Be a Library 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.

Thank you for being there for your Ripley Library!

Proud Supporters of the Ripley Public Library



Jane & John Doe

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!



Repeating History at Your Local Library

Do you know what a treasure trove exists at the Ripley Public Library? Ripley's Literary Club, now defunct, has three-ring binders filled with meeting notes and reports these ladies presented. Their purpose was to educate and inform their members of world and local events, and give book reports on literature they had read. These ladies formed their club in 1893! Imagine the wealth of information they shared! It's right here at the library, waiting for you to read about them.

There are a dozen or so family genealogies that local residents have shared. Think you might be related to some of our local families? (It's Ripley, of course you're related!) Come take a look at the family histories and consider adding your own family information.

How to research your own family genealogy information is also available! Of course, it is sorely outdated with the advent of the computer, but perhaps there is some information you might glean as to where to look.

Marie McCutcheon was the Town Historian for many, many years, and her articles and notes are here at the library as well. Stories of our founding families, and important events are chronicled in her writing. Sadly, the two books she published about Ripley's history are not in the library archives—that we've yet discovered—but much of the information she put in those books is here in a folder about Ripley!

Cemetery records list who is buried in the three Ripley cemeteries. These records were painstakingly compiled by Marie McCutcheon and Virginia Barden, but have not been kept up. Perhaps someone would like to take on that project?

There is an old Directory of the Village of Ripley in our collection of historical records. The Directory doesn't indicate the year it was compiled, but the Town Supervisor was Joseph A. McGinnies, and the Town Clerk was Ross D. Wolf. We had FOUR Justices of the Peace: C.R. Newbury, Clarence A. Patterson, Fred L. Johns, and Edgar S. Taylor. The Directory contains local businesses and there are no less than SIX-TY THREE businesses in Ripley! Every resident in the town is listed with their street address, which comprised around 400 households. Perhaps these are only the village residents? The booklet ends with nine church and society listings, such as the "Ripley Encampment of Patriarchs" and "Ripley Lodge No. 758, Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

And lastly, in the discovery of such historic gems (this month), is the Home Bureau scrapbook. The organization was started in 1919, in Ithaca, New York. The New York State Federation of Home Bureaus were established to bring opportunities to women who didn't have many opportunities to socialize outside the home, to learn new ways to better their lives. The Ripley chapter kept a scrapbook of magazine pictures, cartoons, and articles on child rearing, marriage, mental health, as well as many other topics. While sometimes amusing to look back at the expectations and goals of women of the past, some sage advise is hidden within the pages of the Home Bureau scrapbook, such as an article written by Edward V. Pope, Department of Child Development and Family Relationships at New York State College of Home Economics:

"One of the hardest things for parents to feel today is confidence in themselves. Someone is always coming around with 'have you read the latest article on how to raise your children?' In the face of this very widespread and understandable feeling of insecurity, we need to reassure ourselves that the important thing is not how many books we read (on child rearing), but rather the kinds of feelings parents and children have for each other. As Lawrence K. Frank writes, 'If there is to be mental health in our society, it must be provided not by psychiatrists and psychologists and social workers, but by parents in the home.' If parents would realize their central importance in satisfying the simple but basic needs of children in the home and the family, they may gain renewed confidence in themselves."

Sage advise from an old book.

Come take a look at our wonderful stash of history.

2023 Art Show

In case you missed it...



Leonid Afremov



Rachel Probst



Robyn Albright



Rachel Probst







Billie Reid

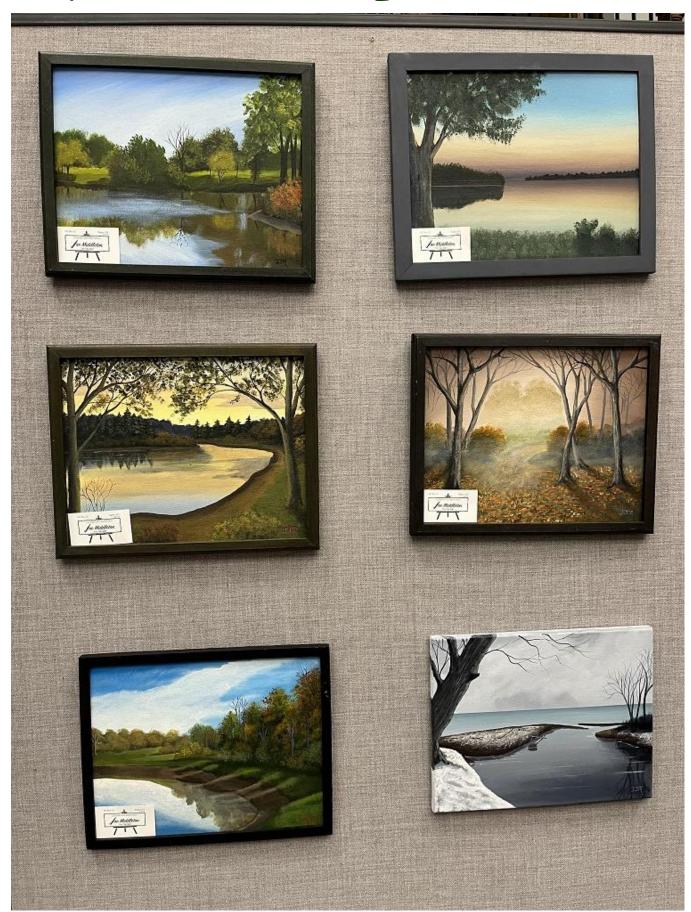
Linda Probst



Robyn Albright



Crystal K. Ellsworth



Joe Middleton

Last, but not least...

Internationally known artist James Prez stopped by the Ripley Library this past winter as he was passing through town. While he was here he was told about the upcoming art show that the library puts on every year and he offered to send a few of his works for the library permanent collection. James Prez was born and raised in Pennsylvania and received his MFA from the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, NY. He has shown at the Center for Book Arts, DUMBO Arts Center and Printed Matter, Inc among other venues. Prez's work can be found in major museums and artist's book collections throughout the world including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Internationale Bibliothèque in Paris, and the National Gallery of Canada. Drawing inspiration from the many places he has called home, Prez has lived in Denver, CO, San Diego, CA, Mexico, Jamaica, Tallahassee, FL, Santa Fe, NM & Port au Prince, Haiti. He currently works and resides in Brooklyn, NY.





Also, the Cotton Ketchie prints that were shown in the Art Show are now part of the library collection. They will be permanently hung soon.

From the Director's Deck By Rhonda Thompson



Come find me!

April Fool!



Only 5 second floor spots still available!

Spring Craft & Vendor Sale Saturday, May 27th 9 am to 4 pm

Give us a call to sign up!

RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

64 West Main Street - Ripley, NY

716-736-3913



Plant Sale May 27

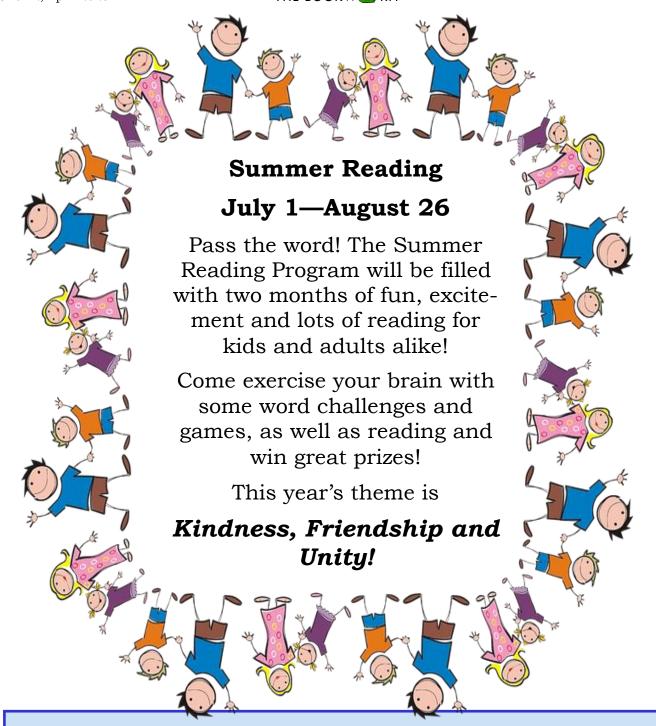


The Ripley Library will be holding its annual plant sale on May 27th. Now is the time when we turn to our neighbors and friends, asking you to germinate seeds (both vegetable and flowers), along with cutting clippings of your houseplants and other protected plants, and donate them to the library.

This is a great way for you to increase the variety of flowers and vegetables in your home while helping your local library with this worthwhile fundraiser. We ask that everyone maintain the growth of their plants at home until roughly one week before the Plant Sale.

We thank you for your participation and for your library support. Any questions, call the library at 716-736-3913.





Random Acts of Kindness:

In our everyday active lives, we need to take the time to share some kindness. Think kind thoughts for Spring.

Spend time playing with your pet

Say Good Morning to someone

Make someone laugh

Pick up trash that you find lying on the ground

Put a positive note in a library book

https://oneexceptionallife.com/spread-kindness/

Among Friends

Time to shake out the cobwebs that have gathered over the winter months.

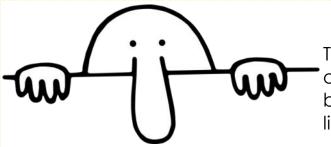
Our last BFF meeting was filled with excitement and fresh ideas. The White

Elephant Auction takes place on April 8-22. Gather up your gently used items and donate
them to the library now. Our Vendor Fair and Plant Sale in May will be here before you
know it. Have you started your plant clippings yet? Plus we discussed the costume jewelry
auction coming in July. Time to clean out your jewelry boxes. Does all of this sound a bit
scrambled?



That's because you haven't attended the Best Friends meeting lately. All of those topics were discussed along with a donation being made to the Summer Reading Program, the possible purchase of a heat press, volunteers for the summer and help in creating a Seed Catalog at our last meeting.

With so much going on at the library, wouldn't you like to be a part of it? Next meeting is on **April 15**th **at 11 am.** See you there!



Lost, Never to Return?

BFFs

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.



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.

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 helps prevent age-related cognitive decline.

The National Institute on Aging Trusted Source recommends reading books and magazines as a way of keeping your mind engaged as you grow older.

Although research hasn't proven conclusively that reading books prevents diseases like Alzheimer's, studies show that seniors who read and solve math problems every day maintain and improve their cognitive functioning.

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!

One thing to note: Don't read solely on a device. Flip through print books, too.

Studies have shown repeatedly that people who read print books score higher on comprehension tests and remember more of what they read than people who read the same material in a digital form. That may be, in part, because people tend to read print more slowly than they read digital content.



Weston and Sawyer reading to each other

New Book List April 2023

ADULT FICTION

Austin/Long Way Home

Child/No Plan B

Cooper/Swerve

Davis/The Keeper of Happy Endings

Grisham/Boys from Biloxi

↓ Hamid/Exit West

Hewitt/Beyond the Olive Grove

Hoover/Heart Bones

Jemisin/The Fifth Season

Jewell/Then She Was Gone

Kincade/The Distraction

Martin/The Librarian Spy

McFadden/The Housemaid's Secret

Midwood/The Girl in the Striped Dress

Patterson/Triple Cross

Penny/A World of Curiosities

Rutherfurd/The Forest

Sletten/The Women of Great Heron Lake

√ Stine/Red Rain

Woods/Wild Card

*** ADULT NONFICTION**

Advice for Working Moms

Cenziper/Citizen 865

Hannity/Live Free or Die

Jett/The Death of an Heir

Prince Harry/Spare

Writers Under Surveillance: The FBI Files

LARGE PRINT

Dellosso/Kill Devil

Griffin/Death Rides the Rails

Taste of Home/Budget Friendly Recipes

Trimble/The Man from Colorado

PAPERBACKS

Macomber/Out of the Rain Miller/At Home in Stone Creek Roberts/Graceful Hearts Rosenfelt/Dead Center Yates/Slow Burn Cowboy

YOUNG ADULT

Dickson/The Road to Amistad
Kemp/Valen and the Beast & Petra and the Sewer Rats
Kirkman/The Walking Dead: Something to Fear
Sanders/The Hanging Woods

JUNIOR BOOKS

Jones/Princess Pink and the Land of Fake Believe
Mews/Itty Bitty Princess Kitty
National Geographic/Just Joking 7
National Geographic/Ultimate Food Atlas
Pin/I Am Coco: The Life of Coco Chanel
Roeder/The Power of Architecture
Rosenblatt/Lost Boys
Sharp/The Wolf Suit

EASY READERS

Dean/Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure
Dillard/Extraordinary Warren
Livingood/Lucy: The Hiking Bunny
Markle/What If You Had Animal Ears
Maxwell/Fur, Fins, and Feathers
Ransom/Only Margaret
Yolen/What to Do with a Stick

MOVIES

American Hangman
Calendar Girl Murders
Hustle
The Good, The Bad and the Ugly/Hang 'em High
The Missing

You can also view the Bookworm and About Town on the library website:

https://www.ripleylibrary.org

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

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

If you are interested in virtually joining a Ripley Public Library Board meeting, please 736-3913 with your email address and you email her at director@ripleylibrary.org Leave a message. We will return your call.

Don't forget to check out the Ripley Public sands of books are available from our library. Books from the Chautaugua— Cattaraugus Library System (CCLS) can be ordered and picked up at the Ripley Library

contact the director, Rhonda Thompson, 716can be sent a link to the meeting. Or you can

https://www.ripleylibrary.org

Library website for up-to-date news and photos, as well as a complete list of books. Thouas well.

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. All levels welcome.



Sewing Group

meets Thursdays, noon until 3p.m.

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.



Ripley Writer's Group



Wednesdays at 11:30am

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.

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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

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



The e-mailing list for The Bookworm and About Town increased by over

20 recipients during the month of March!

Thank you so much for your interest and continued support!
Spread the word!

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 20223

| | Meetings are |
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| | open to the pub- |
| Apr 19 | lic, in person or |
| May 24 | via Zoom, and |
| Jun 28 | will be held at |
| Jul 26 | 6:30 p.m. Dates |
| Aug 23 | and times subject |
| Sep 27 | to change. |
| Oct 25 | _ |
| Nov 29 | |

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Ripley Public Library is Open for Business

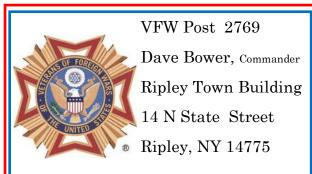
Mon. Wed. Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. Thu. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m-2:00 p.m.

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.

April 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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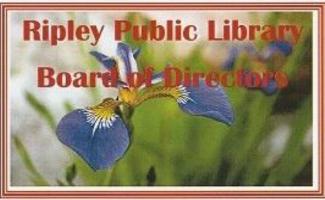


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All the Best for 2023! Bill & Pat Locke





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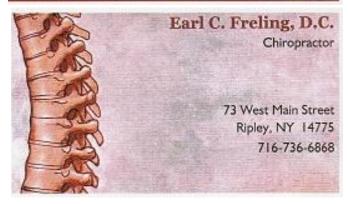
Brew Chamber at the Mill Boswell St., Ripley New York craft beer, wine & liquor

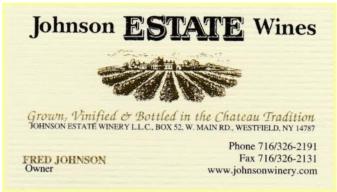


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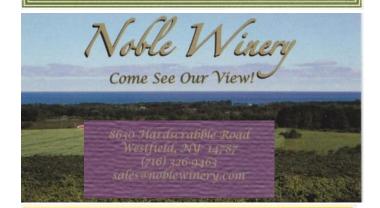
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