

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 Because the Ripley Library hosts so many great programs each month, we're going to try listing them on the front page so you can readily go to information that interests you. Do you like this change? Let us know!

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Best Friends Fund Meeting March 18th, 11 am

March Speaker Isaiah Rashad II Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Rashad will present a workshop, "How to Write Your Empire Plan."



Are you attempting to find your self-worth or trying to reignite it? This course, "How to Write Your Empire Plan" will lay out the foundation for personal growth, affirmation and reflection to grow your personal empire. Every successful empire has a strong written plan. Now, it's your time!"

A former gang member, police officer, and professor, Isaiah Rashad has been a frequent speaker in the western New York and Pennsylvania area.

Author's Nights During February

February featured Kathy Joy Hefner with her books of reflection and hope. Her presentation was very well attended as she read two of her children's books, *Will You Hold My Story*, and *Will You Share Your Story*.

Kathy Joy's books can help children as well as adults deal with loss, whether it be a death, or moving to a new place, or coping with school issues.

Kathy Joy can be reached through her email: jazzy.java406@gmail.com







RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
is seeking artists to display
their artwork in our annual
ART EXHIBITION
March 17th to April 1st

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: Painting / Drawing / Sculpture / Photography

Items entered should be art show quality; photography submissions should be at least 8x10 size and matted/framed. Entries must be submitted by March 12th

Submitting artwork? Give us a call to let us know!

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March is Month of the Arts!

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. Appetizers and beverages will be served during special extended hours on March 17th, from 5 until 7:30p.m. No charge.

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.

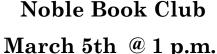


Don't miss this returning event at the Ripley Public Library!

Nutrition with Molly Tuesday, March 21st @ 11am & Friday, March 30th @ 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!



Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing Treasure Island.

Come join us and wine a bit...





SIP N' PAINT MARCH 18th

5:00pm - 7:00pm

RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY 64 West Main St. Ripley, NY



or



Class Includes All Art Supplies, Step by Step Instruction

Cost is \$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 at the Ripley Library (Checks payable to Paintology)



Friday Night Movie Now Showing Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

March 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

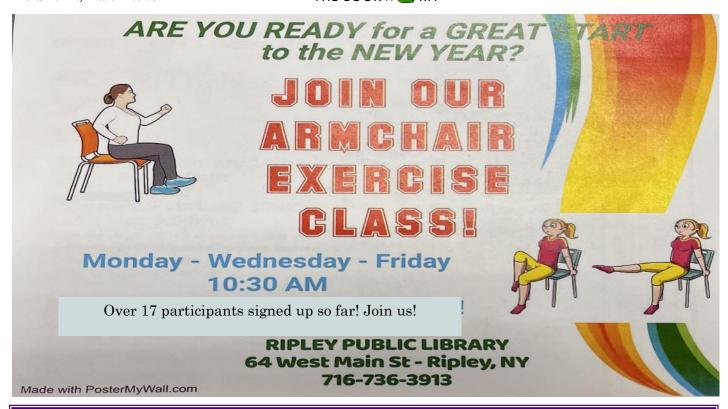


The Ripley Public Library welcomes community groups who would like to set up a table in our lobby to promote their business or group. Examples: VFW Poppy sales, Girl Scout cookie



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



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!

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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!



Belly Up to the Bar April 1st at 1p.m.

The Ripley Library will end our annual Art Exhibit on Saturday, April 1st. In conjunction with this event, we will sponsor our first "Belly up to the Bar" Challenge. All patrons are invited to join us as we sample delectable dessert "bars" and select a winner. Refreshments will be served.

If you wish to enter the 'Belly Up to the Bar" challenge, please register at the library by March 29th to reserve your spot. A complete set of rules and FAQs can be found in the Bookworm or at the circulation desk.

"Belly Up to the Bar" Recipe Challenge

Do you have the best dessert bars in town? Bring them along with your recipe, to our "Belly Up to the Bar" recipe challenge!

Participants will sample (while supplies last) and vote on their favorite dessert bars. The winner will receive a prize.

Registration is required.

Recipe MUST be submitted to participate. This is so anyone with allergies is aware of the ingredients.

This is not an allergy-friendly program.

"Belly Up to the Bar" Challenge Rules and FAQs

April 1st at 1 pm @ the Ripley Public Library

How does it work?

Bring in a pan of your BEST dessert bars (think lemon bars, blondies, brownies, etc. – whatever you love to bake).

Contestants may submit up to two entries.

Submissions must be home baked, not store bought.

Bakers must use their own dish and/or decorations.

Any leftover items are the property of the contestants.

Bring the recipe you used along with your bars. Recipe needs to be available for those with allergies or food aversions.

Bars will be divided into bite size pieces. The library will provide small plates.

Belly Up to the Bar, continued

Everyone present (bakers and non-bakers) will have an opportunity to taste each bar and will receive a voting ticket.

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The winner will be the baker with the most votes and receive a prize.

FAQs

Can I use peanut butter or other nuts? Yes. This challenge is not allergy friendly.

Can I drop my bars off ahead of time? We would prefer that you bring them in at event time (12-1 pm), but should you need to drop them off sooner, you can arrange with the library staff.

Will refrigeration be available? Yes

How many bars do I need to bring? Bring a pan/dish full so we can cut them into bite size pieces.

What if my bars have a secret ingredient? All bars must be submitted with a full recipe to participate.



White Elephant Chinese Auction 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 and no broken or dirty items. The library reserves the right to refuse unsuitable donations.

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. More information next month!



TIME TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

for the Ripley Library's
Spring Craft & Vendor Sale
Saturday, May 27th
9 am to 4 pm

Give us a call to sign up!

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Plant Sale Coming Soon

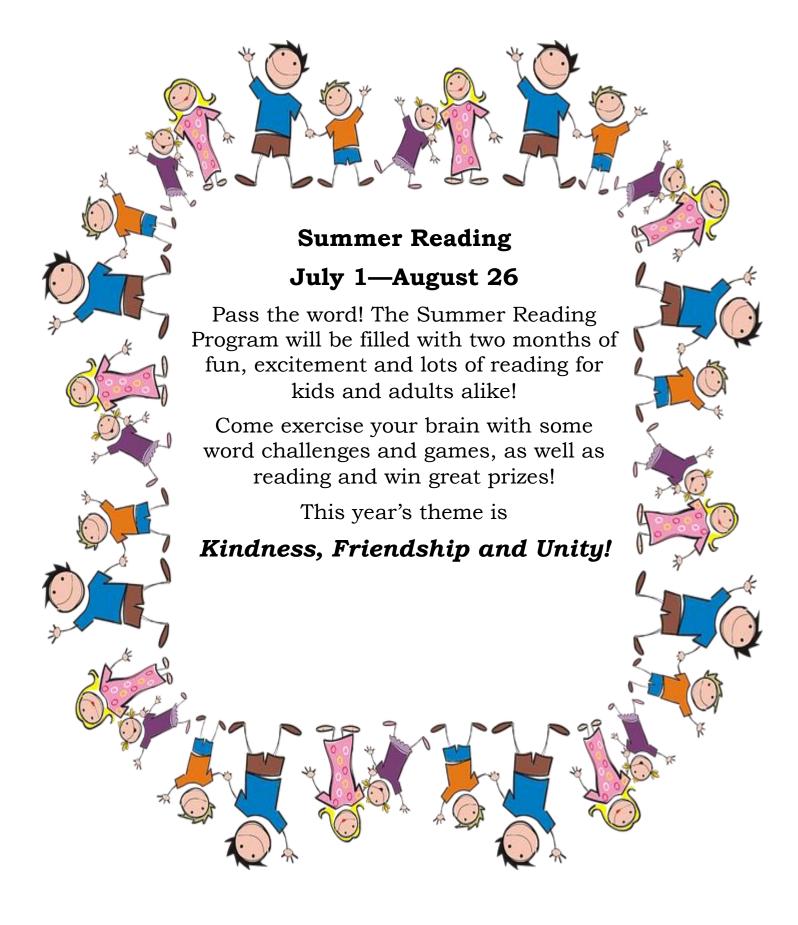


The Ripley Library will be holding its annual plant sale on May 27th. Now is the time when we turn to our neighbors and friends, asking you to germinate seeds (both vegetable and flowers), along with cutting clippings of your houseplants and other protected plants, and donate them to the library.

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.





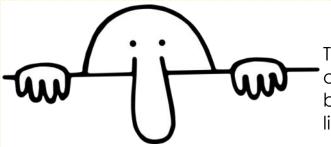
Among Friends



Busy times at our last meeting. We talked about an upcoming White Elephant Auction in April, a Vendor Fair and Plant Sale in May and a Costume Jewelry Auction in July. Start going through your closets and jewelry boxes for donated items and take clippings of your house plants. To learn more, call the library or start attending our meetings and you'll know what's going on.

We need your help. Have you thought about donating a business card in the Bookworm? It costs \$60 a year. That's only \$5 per month to keep our library filled with exciting programs and new materials. You don't have to be a business to participate. Several individuals have already signed up to show their support. Check them out at the end of The Bookworm.

(If you need help designing a card, we can help with that too! No charge.)



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.



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:

In our everyday active lives, we need to take the time to share some kindness. Make someone's day by trying the following:

Let the manager of the store know when an associate gives you exceptional service.

Leave a positive note on the bathroom mirror.

Smile at someone because you can.

Put your phone down and listen.

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

What if we stopped celebrating being busy as a measure of importance? What if we instead celebrated how much time we had spent listening, pondering, meditating, and enjoying time with the most important people in our lives?

GREG MCKEOWN

THE SIMPLICITY HABIT

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.



Bill from Chautauqua Rails to Trails reading to his grandchildren., Loretta, Macy and Ellis

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New Book List March 2023

ADULT FICTION

Bruen/The Emerald Lie Brunstetter/The Brides of the Big Valley Cain/The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle Carrasco/The Best Bad Things Clipston/The Farm Stand Dobson/The Stranger Dylan/End Game ♥ Faulkner/Greenwich Park Flowers/All Good People Here Gaynor/Meet Me in Monaco [⊮] Hannah/Distant Shore Harmel/The Room on Rue Amelle Harris/A Narrow Door King/Fairy Tale Marwood/The Poison Garden ♥ McGee/The Cedar Key Miranda/The Girl from Widow Hills Monson/The Gnome Stories Patterson/The House of Wolves Ryan/Three May Keep a Secret √ Scott/The Rising Storm

*** ADULT NONFICTION**

Woods/Distant Thunder

Taylor/The Irish Nanny

Wiseman/Plain Perfect

Asim/Boyz n the Void
Cahalan/The Great Pretender
Hamlin/Free Thinker
Leakey/The Sediments of Time
O'Reilly/Killing the Legends
Sugden/Nelson
Thurow/Can It & Ferment It
Tye/Demagogue

Tanabe/The Price of Inheritance

LARGE PRINT

Brower/First in Line
Dugoni/The Eighth Sister
Lingerfelt/Alabama Irish
Jackson/A Season in Hell
Jeffries/Project Duchess

PAPERBACKS

Eason/Honor and Defend Minton/Her Small Town Secret Rosenfelt/Bury the Lead Wiggs/The Oysterville Sewing Circle Woods/Double Jeopardy

YOUNG ADULT

Grey/Leonardo's Shadow Kemp/Miles and the Soldier Kirkman/The Walking Dead #15 & #16 Westerfeld/Specials

JUNIORS

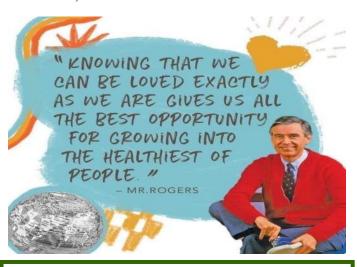
Barkley/The Critter Club: Ellie and the Good Luck Pig Jefferson/Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories Marci/The Avengers: The Kree-Skrull War Marsh/Butterflies Nicholas/Leon: The Extraordinary Reynolds/As Brave as You Weird but True World 2023

EASY READERS

Bo/The Little Fire Dragon
Disney/Alice in Wonderland: Magical Story
Collection
McQuinn/Lola Loves Stories
Sisulu/The Day Gogo Went to Vote
Stamper/The Red Hen
Willems/Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
Zenz/The Hiccupotamus
Zolman/Are You a Pineapple?

MOVIES

Anne of Green Gables: The Sequel
Conagher
The Forgotten
Grown Ups & Grown Ups 2
Jeff Foxworthy: You Might Be a Redneck If &
Check Your Neck
Meet the Fockers
To Have and Have Not
The Weather Man



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.

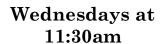
Sewing Group

meets Thursdays, noon until 3p.m.

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.



Ripley Writer's Group



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.



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THE BOOKW RM

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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.

Cell:
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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



Sincere Thanks to:

Connect/Gen South Ripley Solar Project

for their grant to buy

three new laptop computers for library use and program events to be shown on the big screen television, as well as limited patron use.

And to

The Ripley Heritage Foundation grant to purchase much needed new computer chairs.

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 20223

	Meetings are				
Mar 22	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					

Dec 27



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.

March 2023

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



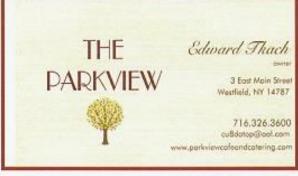
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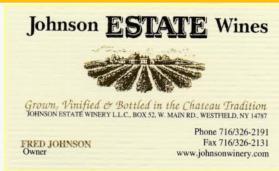


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