

The Bookworm



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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 Public Library

Board of Trustees Election

Tuesday, June 27th noon-8

The following people are running for the Board of Trustees:

“Doc” John Hamels It's been a true honor to have served on the Ripley Public Library Board of Directors since 2018. I am proud of the many accomplishments and positive steps the staff and board have made to make our library an inviting and integral part of our community. Presently, I serve as Vice President for Finance and feel that my background in finance and administration has helped shape our budget so that the library is sustainable by the community and will be around to serve many more Ripley generations to come!

Tracy Reslink is an energetic young woman who is life-long resident of Ripley. She has raised

three children in Ripley. Tracy would like to more involved and that is why she is interested in serving on the Ripley Library Board.

Pat Washburn, is a long time Ripley resident and mother of two children also raised in Ripley, as well as three grandchildren. She is semi-retired and a member of Ripley Hose Auxiliary. She is interested in becoming a Board member because she understands the importance of having a local library.

Thank you for approving the Library budget! Your support is very much appreciated!



Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, June 17 @ 11 am

Sip n Paint Ripley Public Library

64 West Main Street

Ripley, NY

“Rendezvous at Sunset”

JUNE 3RD

5:00-7:00



Includes all art supplies & step by step instruction

Cost is \$35.00 per person

Reservation Required -Seating is limited

Event is BYOB

Payment is due at time of Reservation

To purchase seat visit

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June 5th through 10th

At the Ripley Library

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Ripley NY

Donations can be dropped off at the library
or call Joanne Barnhart at 716-736-2240
or Sheila Dickey at 716-736-6078

2023 CCLS ROAD TRIP



June 1 - August 31

Visit any CCLS Library to pick up your map and start your adventure! Ask any library staff for more information. At each library ask for its stamp to add to your map.

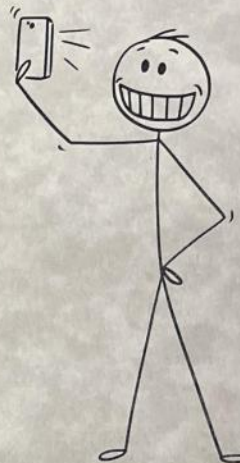
LIBRARY SELFIES

New challenge this year! At each library, try to take a selfie with their unique item! See your map for the selfie challenge list and prizes.



PRIZES LEVELS

Pick up a prize when you visit your 6th, 13th, 26th, 31st and 38th and final library!



CCLS ROAD TRIP WEBPAGE

Visit our webpage to learn more about the road trip, access library hours, and see the list of library selfie items.



BE A TOURIST

Explore surrounding areas, and all the natural beauty our area has to offer.



Pick up your Map today

Spring Cleaning!

Saturday, June 3rd from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m.

We need to spruce up the library after a long cold winter and spring. Please come help dust, vacuum, wash windows, clean baseboards, rearrange furniture, as well as weed whack, mow, and clean up outside.

The more volunteers, the shorter the time needed to get everything sparkly and clean!

HELP! HELP! HELP!


Noble Book Club

Sunday, June 4th @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

Next Month's book is *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

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

Nutrition with Molly

Thursday, June 8th @ 11am

Tuesday, June 13th @ 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!

FUN! FUN! FUN!



The library has recently purchased a Cricut and Heat Press, which means our Clerk, Stephanie, is going crazy with multiple projects such as book bags, t-shirts, coffee cups and labels. Her creativity is boundless!

Some of these items will be for sale. Stay tuned for information on sale items in the near future.



WANTED!

Local Authors

Ripley Library is looking for local authors who would like to join us for our Local Author's night. We invite published (including self-published) writers to come and speak to our audience, telling us a little bit about yourself and your book. This is generally followed by a Q&A period and a book signing. Call the library now and we'll set up a date. 716-736-3913



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The library Summer Reading Program needs donations of the following:

Plastic jars with lids

Glitter Glue

Plastic beads

Foam brushes

Tea lights

Tissue paper

Craft feathers

Paper towels

Pom-poms

Beads, baubles, & gems

Mod-podge



Summer Reading

July 1st Kickoff with an Ice Cream Social

11:30am-1:30pm

Pass the word! The Summer Reading Program will be filled with two months of fun, excitement and lots of reading for kids of all ages!

Adults can participate too!

Come exercise your brain with some word challenges and games, as well as reading!

Win great prizes!

This year's theme is

All Together Now!

***Kindness, Friendship and
Unity!***

Friday Night Movie Now Showing Friday, June 30th at 6pm



Puss n' Boots The Last Wish

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

ARE YOU READY for a GREAT START to the NEW YEAR?

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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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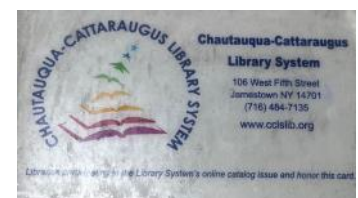


Jane & John Doe

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.

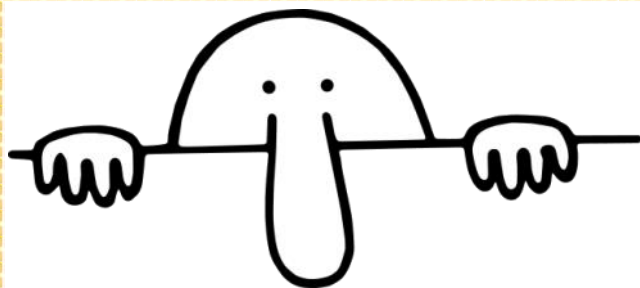
Welcome to a world of adventure!



Upcoming Events!

*July 29th—Cruise In happens! The whole town will be involved in this great get-together, including the library. Look for details on Yard Sale, Jewelry raffle (GREAT event last year!), and refreshing fruit for sale in front of the library.

*Seed Catalog is in the works. This is a program whereby you can donate seeds from your flowers or vegetables, and get seeds from other plants. It's never too late to start saving seeds from your plants. What a great way to increase your gardens at no cost! Watch for future details.



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.

From the Director's Deck

By Rhonda Thompson

Happy Summer Everyone!!! Summer has made it to Ripley...finally. Even though it was a relatively mild winter, we got the bulk of our snow in two snow storms, and the winter hung on for a long time. We celebrated this by having a Vendor and Plant sale. Library Trustee and acting Vice President of the Board, Linda Probst, took the lead on the plant sale. She was able to produce many saleable plants to help raise money for the library as well as giving you the opportunity to pick up some great plants.

We have been very productive here at the library. A special thank you goes out to all the people who voted yes on our library budget. This allows us to stay open, hold programs and functions for everyone in the community, regardless of age. Your support is greatly appreciated by everyone who uses the library. This support provides a place for everyone, such as computers for those who need them, internet and wi-fi services, books for entertainment and learning, a place for making projects. Students who need the space to spread their materials out, or someone who needs to lay out a quilt, pin it together and sew it together can do all that right here at the library. Vice President of Finance, John Hamels along with Best Friend member, Mary Ellen Humphrey, worked especially hard on our budget

this year. They have helped produce our best and most conducive budget yet.

Our Library Board has been producing new and updating old policies at the library. Board President, Robert McIntosh, has taken the lead to procure and write these policies in order to keep us in compliance with the State. We are working very hard to bring our library on the cutting edge of modernity in order to give you what technology has to offer and still keep within the confines of that "small town touch." This is not an easy task and I want to give kudos to all of those who give their own time to make this happen. This would be our entire library board. Aside from those mentioned we still have long time member Karen Gunther, Robyn Albright and newest member Annie Donofrio. We would not exist without them.

We are also productive at securing more grants to continue improving the library. The goal is to turn this into a functional community center for everyone to use. Please stop in and see everything we have to offer. We really do a lot with just a few people. Come join our Best Friends Group and see what you can do to help.



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From the Director's Deck, continued

Our newsletter organizer, library Trustee and former Board Secretary, Robyn Albright, is very busy working on her first novel while also working at the library. Her dedication to the library is admired by all of us and we appreciate her ability to put together our newsletter that gets sent out to all of you. I am noticing a trend here, the theme for this newsletter seems to be productivity. Perhaps the warmer weather is inspiring all of this!

The Summer Reading Program is gearing up for the children this year. The theme for this year is "ALL TOGETHER NOW, KINDNESS FRIENDSHIP UNITY". Stephanie Feiss, our Godsend of a clerk, has been very busy coming up with activities and planning out the Summer Reading Program. We have a great variety of activities for the kiddos this year on how they can spread kindness, friendship and unity, whether they are being kind to each other, the community, or "Mother Earth". Please join us in making this year a special program for the children.

There will be an Ice Cream Social as a kick-off for the program on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 11:30-1:30. Be sure to come register your child for this 8-week program. There is a lot fun coming up this summer. Stop in at the library to find out more.

The trustee vote will be held on June

27th from noon-8pm. Please come out to support the candidates for the Board of Trustees. Our library cannot function without this very important group of people.

Paint Night is on June 3rd from 5-7pm. Bring your own beverage to sip. We usually have a few snacks available. Come have fun and go home with a beautiful picture that you produced and painted yourself.

Remember our Cornell Nutritionist, Molly, too. She is one of the most fun people. Program Director, Nancy McIntosh, schedules her for two different days and times, so you can fit Molly into your schedule somehow. This is one program that you should not miss. There is so much information and very tasty food.

I have been chatting on for a while now and have produced an extraordinarily long director's report this month. My hopes are to have inspired you and hopefully I have not bored you.

So, until I see you at the library, Stay Productive!

Repeating History at Your Local Library

By Robyn Albright

Memorial Day 1962

I trust you all had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend. The weather certainly cooperated. Among the picnics and family reunions, most of us took time to remember those no longer with us, visiting the cemeteries and placing flowers on the graves of loved ones.

There is one family I'd like to remind you of: that of Robert Vance, his three girls, Mary, aged 4 ½, Barbara, aged 10; and Suzanne, aged 12, and Robert's brother, Harold.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1962, sixty-one years ago, these five people died as a result of a fiery plane crash here in Ripley, New York.

Robert Vance, the pilot of the Beechcraft 4-seater plane, was a P-47 fighter pilot in World War II, serving in the Army Air Force. Harold Vance, Robert's brother, served as a radioman/gunner of B-17 bombers in WWII. Both men were thrown from the wreckage but sustained severe burns over much of their bodies. They were taken initially to Westfield Memorial Hospital, then to Hamot Hospital in Erie, PA, but then flown by an Air Force hospital plane to Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. Robert died on June 4th from burn sustained over 60% of his body, while Harold survived for almost a month, passing away on June 28th from 3rd degree burns.

The passing of the two brothers was traumatic enough for the little town of Ripley, but added to this tragedy were the deaths of Robert's three daughters, Mary, Barbara, and Suzanne, who were strapped into the back seat of the plane. After an afternoon of taking friends and relatives on short airplane rides over Ripley and Lake Erie, the three girls were the last to get their rides with their father.

Many of us still remember the faces of these little girls; may they be resting in peace.



New Book List June 2023

ADULT FICTION

Bell/Tsar

Colley/The Lost Daughter
Davis/The Echo of Old
Books

Finlay/Arrowood and the
Meeting House Murders

Frome/Miranda and the D-
Day Caper

Grainger/Last Port of Call
Ihli/Run on Red

Keene/Nino's Heart

Lawhon/When We Had
Wings

Martell/The Two-Faced
Queen

McFadden/Do You Remem-
ber?

Miller/The Crash

Morton/The Distant Hours

Musso/Central Park

Napolitano/Hello Beautiful

O'Neal/The Secret of Eve-
rything

Palombo/The Most Beauti-
ful Woman in Florence

Patterson/Countdown

Peacock/A Glass Bead

Mystery Series 1-5

Rosen/The Nothing Broth-
ers

West/The Ascension of
Mary

Zevin/Tomorrow, and To-
morrow, and Tomorrow

NONFICTION

Desmond/Poverty, By
America

Gooley/The Walker's Guide
to Outdoor Clues & Signs

Harrison/How to Read

Gardens

Huckelbridge/No Beast So
Fierce

McRaven/Make Your Bed
Parkin/A Game of Birds
and Wolves

Preston/The Lost City of
the Monkey God

Torre/The Yankee Years

LARGE PRINT

Chiaverini/The Lost Quilt-
er

Overholser/Gut Shot

Tallis/Mephisto Waltz

Young/Red Grass

YOUNG ADULT

Bryant/Reggie and Deli-
lah's Year of Falling

Dunn/Seize Today

Longshore/Tarnish

JUNIOR BOOKS

Applegate/The One and
Only Ruby

Avatar/Diary of a Roblox

Pro: Monster Escape

Burg/Flooded: Requiem for
Johnstown

Collodi/Pinocchio

Jones/Princess Pink and
the Land of Fake-Believe:

The Three Little Pugs

Khan/Amina's Song

Wollard/How Come? Every
Kid's Science Questions

Explained

Who Was Series: Who Was
P.T. Barnum?

Who Were the Navajo Code
Talkers?

What is Lego?

What was the Plague?

EASY READERS

Davis/The Smallest Spot of
a Dot

Dean/Pete the Cat: Con-
struction Destruction

Brallier/The Alphabet

Chalmers/Change the
World Before Bedtime

Cowdrey/Fiona: Love at
the Zoo

Drachman/Bad Rats

Melling/Hugless Douglas
and the Perfect Spring

Day

Walker/A is for Affrilachia

MOVIES

Comanche Moon

Eraser

Hidalgo

Killers Anonymous

NCIS: The 5th Season

The Rock

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and About Town on the library
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Noble Book Club

1st Sunday of every month,
1pm, at Noble Winery, Hard-
scrabble 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 wel-
come.



Ripley Writer's Group

**Wednesdays at
11:30am**

*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 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:

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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>

Got Questions?

We've got answers at your
local Ripley Public Library

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2023

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.



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.

June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				<i>1 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p; CCLS Road Trip begins</i>	<i>2 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>3 Spring Cleaning @ Library 9a-2p; Sip n Paint 5-7p</i>
<i>4 Noble Book Club 1p</i>	<i>5 Exercise 10:30a; Auxiliary Auction</i>	<i>6 Knitting noon; Aux. Auction</i>	<i>7 Exercise 10:30a; Writers 11:30a; Aux Auction</i>	<i>8 Nutrition w/Molly 11a; Sewing noon; Exercise 6p; Aux Auction</i>	<i>9 Exercise 10:30a; Aux Auction</i>	<i>10 Auxiliary Auction ends</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>13 Knitting noon; Nutrition w/Molly 6p</i>	<i>14 Exercise 10:30a; Writers 11:30a</i>	<i>15 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p</i>	<i>16 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>17 BFF Meeting 11a</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>20 Knitting noon</i>	<i>21 Exercise 10:30a; Writers 11:30a</i>	<i>22 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p</i>	<i>23 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26 Exercise 10:30a</i>	<i>27 Knitting noon; Library Board vote noon-8p</i>	<i>28 Exercise 10:30a; Writers 11:30a; Library Board 6:30p</i>	<i>29 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p</i>	<i>30 Exercise 10:30a; Movie Night 6p</i>	

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