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Newsletter from the Best Friends

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Spring Craft & Vendor & Plant Sale

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Best Friends Welcome You

Saturday, May 27 9am until 4pm

> Ripley Public Library 64 West Main St. Ripley, NY

#### **Hours of Operation**

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





Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, May 20th @ 11 am

# Plant Sale May 27



The Ripley Library will be holding its annual plant sale on May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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FUN FOR ALL AGES

SIZE CANDY BARS



Popcorn .50¢/Bag



For more details call (716) 736-3913 Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

# Belly Up To the Bar Winner!

The winner of the Belly Up To The Bar contest in April was Bobbie Jo Soden with her Double Dark Chocolate Raspberry Bars.

Just in case you missed it, here's her recipe!

#### Double Dark Chocolate Raspberry Bar

1-15oz chocolate cake mix

1/2 cup oil

2 room temperature eggs

1 Tbls. Vanilla

1 cup dark chocolate chips

1/4—1/2 cup raspberries, crushed with 2 Tbls sugar mixed in

Mix all ingredients together with a spatula. Press down into a greased 8x8 inch pan.

Bake about 20-25 minutes or until toothpick come out dry. Sprinkle more chips on top while still warm and spread the melted chips.

#### Topping:

1-6 oz cream cheese 1/2 stick butter 1 cup Powdered sugar

1/2 cup raspberries

Mix and spread when bars are slightly cooled.

Do NOT cut before cooled completely. They will not turn out if you do!



Bobbie Jo Soden

# Nutrition with Molly Tuesday, May 9th @ 6 pm Thursday, May 18th @ 11am



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 differ-

ent and always a rollicking good time!

# Noble Book Club

May 7th @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* 



By Margaret Atwood

Come join us and wine a bit...





# 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!



# Friday Night Movie Now Showing

Friday night movie for May is cancelled due to set-up for the Vendor/Craft Fair.

See you in June!

# 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

# Sip n Paint Ripley Public Library

64 West Main Street Ripley, NY "Rendezvous at Sunset"

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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
<a href="https://www.paintologypa.com/classes">www.paintologypa.com/classes</a>
or sign up at the Ripley Library
(716) 736-3913

# **Among Friends**



It was great to see two new faces at our last meeting. The Friends are once again busy with upcoming plans. May  $27^{th}$  brings the Vendor/Craft Fair along with our Plant Sale. Bring your plant donations the last week in May. Food will be available for purchase, also. Remind-

er: gather up your costume jewelry to donate for our costume jewelry auction to be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>.



The Friends purchased a new Heat Press to work in conjunction with our Cricut. Look for many new and exciting items at the library. Won't you join us at our next meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11pm? Hope to see you there!

# 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.

### From the Director's Deck

# By Rhonda Thompson

Happy May!!!

This is the month to enjoy flowers and the summer season gets started with Memorial Day. Another thing to get moving with Memorial Day weekend is our Craft, Vendor and Plant sale. Be sure to come on Saturday, May 27th and support the vendors in our area. There are going to be some really great vendors and we will have food for purchase as well. It's a great opportunity to support the library, the local vendors, purchase some goodies, eat some great food and have an all-out good time. The library provides a great venue for you to do your shopping all in one place. It is a modern Medieval Faire inside. Be sure to come out and enjoy.

May is also Diversity Month. This is a time to recognize all of our differences and adopt what we can to make our lives stronger and richer. Together we can do anything; separated, we flounder.

Our Friends' group has a couple more active members. We could use your volunteer help to make programs possible for the community. We have a great Program Director who can get many things going, but we need help putting these ideas into action. We are always looking for new ideas to bring to everyone!

Another Sip-N-Paint night is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7. These events are really



fun! Please try to join us for *Rendez-vous at Sunset*. I am letting you know now so you will have time to plan for this. Just so you know, younger kids are welcome too. My granddaughter loved it.

Most of all, what I want to pass on to you is, please come out to the library and take part of the programs and services we offer. Remember, we are much more than just books.

See you at the library,



# **Upcoming Events!**

May 2nd—It's Clean This Shed Out day! Volunteers needed to sort through and dispose of no-longer-wanted items in the library storage shed. Stop by, beginning at noon and give a hand! (Rain date May 9th)

June 3rd—Spring Cleaning at the Library, 9am til 2pm. Wash windows, dust shelves and books. Vacuum rugs. Wash baseboards. Sounds like fun, doesn't it!? Not if just one person (the library clerk) has to do it all alone. Come join the fun and help spruce up the library!

June 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 in the works. A program whereby you can donate seeds from your flowers or vegetables, and get seeds from other plants is in the works. 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.

# Library Budget Vote May 18

The upcoming proposed budgets votes for Ripley Central School and Ripley Public Library are coming up May 18th. Voting takes place at the school.

The library is in great need of the increased budget. Last year's increase was never collected, therefore the library has been working with a shortfall. Rhonda Thompson, our librarian, is really good at pinching pennies, but there aren't any pennies left to pinch these days. We need the community's support to finish the building projects that are only partially done, and to just pay the bills.

Why do we need a library in Ripley? The library is rapidly becoming the center for pre-teens to meet and stay occupied with safe, wholesome activities. The library is a center for exercise groups, sewing groups, quilting groups, writing groups, nutrition information, and community meetings. And hey! There are even books at the library that can be checked out—for free!

#### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

# Repeating History at Your Local Library

By Robyn Albright

Last month I shared some of the wealth of historical information housed here at the library. While looking for information for this month's newsletter, I was taken with the list of people who participated in the Ripley Literary Society. It's a veritable Who's Who in Ripley's history. I thought it might be interesting for some of you to see the names of Society members and perhaps find an ancestor you didn't know you had! To wit:

#### 1893 Members List:

Miss Bertha Bennett Mrs. Lyanau (?) Bennett Miss Nettie Bustou Mrs James Burrows Mrs Julia Brown

Mrs Emma Collins

Mrs Emma Daughaday Mrs Nellie Dickson

Miss Lou Frances

Miss Effie Hildred Miss Emma Hall Mrs. W. A. Holcomb Mrs. R. A. Holcomb Mrs. N. J. Horton Mrs. Hervey Hall Mrs. Lydia Hamilton Mrs. Augusta Hunt

Mrs. E. T. Kingsley

Miss Jennie Loomis Miss Grace Lombard

Mrs. J. A. McGinnies S. E. McGinnies

Flora Mason J. Mahle

Louise Northam

Maria Outhank

E. C. Porter Hannah Pelton

Nelson Randall Fred Randall

Priscilla Shaver Walter Stevens

Lida Thompson Edith Thompson

J. M. Wethy T. J. Walker Emma Williams

I apologize for any misspelled names. Although the penmanship of the 1800s was far superior to our own, many of the letters are hard to distinguish. In addition, the first half of the names were designated as "Mrs. or Miss," while the second half of the names omitted the distinction.

If you know of any corrections, by all means, let me know!

Another note: notice any familiar street names within this group? These were influential families in early Ripley history!

# WANTED! Local Authors



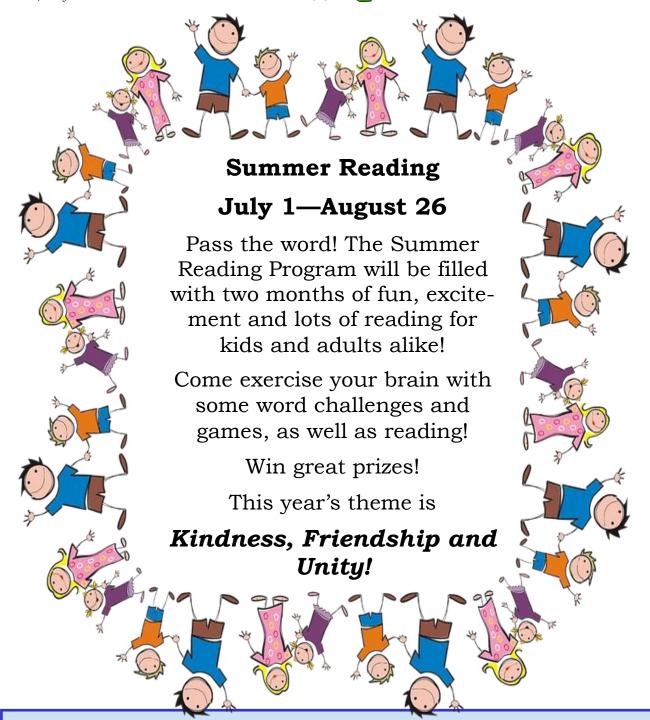
Ripley Library is looking for local authors who would like to join us for our Local Author's night. We invite published (including self-published) writers to come and speak to our audience, telling us a little bit about

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

# **Poetry Night**



Poetry Night is always a lot of fun here at the Ripley Library. People are invited to come read their original poems, or that of their favorite poet. Poetry night in April was no exception. Five local poets came to share their creativity! Thanks to all of you!



## 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/

# New Book List May 2023

#### ADULT FICTION

Allan/Something Fishy This Way Comes Balman/Seventh Flag

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Berry/The Perfect Child

Black/Where are we Tomorrow

Borgo/First Course

Bouchard/It Would Be Night in Caracas

Box/Strom Watch

Coates/Gallows Hills

Doherty/Hymn to Murder

Doucette/Unknown Assailant

Hirshland/ Song Girl

Hitchcock/ Community Klepto

Hoover/Never Never

Ignatius/The Paladin

Locke/The Cutting Season

Mayo/Mad Blood Stirring

McFadden/Brain Damage

Miller/The Missing Piece

♦ Mosley/Trouble is What I Do

Patterson/3 Days to Live

√ Topol/Washington Power Play

Valpy/The Skylark's Secret

Walls/Hang the Moon

#### ADULT NONFICTION

Cline/1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Col-

√ lapsed

Davenport/First Over There

Jones/The Organ Thieves

√ Nerburn/Neither Wolf nor Dog

Phelan/We Were Rich and We Didn't Know It

Spicer/Life Drawing in 15 minutes

#### LARGE PRINT

Change

√ Soper/Hot MetalCord/Dry Range

Kennedy/Sea

West/Massacre at Crow Creek Crossing

#### **PAPERBACKS**

Abbott/Kernel of Truth

Castillo/Fallen

Palmer/Untamed

Phillips/Murder Mix-Up

Worth/Lakeside Peril

#### YOUNG ADULT

Clayton/The Monster of Selkirk

Kirkman/The Walking Dead: What Comes Af-

ter

Laymon/Long Division

McKay/The Vault

#### **JUNIORS**

Brantley/Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll

Giallongo/Broxo

Glassman/Kid Confident: How to Master your

Mood in Middle School

National Geographic/Why? Animals

Pilkey/DogMan: Twenty Thousand Fleas Un-

der the Sea

Quallen/Purrmaids: The Scaredy Cat

Soontornvat/The Last Mapmaker

White/Vampiric Vacation

#### EASY READERS

Chowdhury/The Katha Chest

Dean/Pete the Cat: Go, Pete, Go

Howe/Pinky and Rex and the School Play

Kleven/Hooray, A Pinata!

Mackintosh/My Dog, Hen

Markle/What If You Had Animal Scales

Messier/Star: The Bird Who Inspired Mozart

Poitier/Who's Next? Guess Who!

#### Movies

The Andy Griffith Show: The Complete Third

Season

Armageddon

Cold Mountain

Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise

NCIS: The 4th Season

Secondhand Lions

Total Recall

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

https://www.ripleylibrary.org

#### **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.

#### **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.

# 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:

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

Got Questions?
We've got answers at your local Ripley Public Library

# Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2023

Meetings are open to the public, in person or via Zoom, and will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dates Aug 23 and times subject to change.

Nov 29

**Dec 27** 



# Ripley Public Library is Open for Business

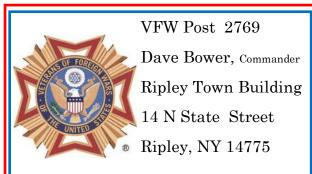
Mon. Wed. Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. Thu. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m-2:00 p.m.

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.

# May 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Exercise 10:30a	2 Clean Out the Shed day! Knitting noon	3 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 11:30a	4 Sewing noon; Exer- cise 6p	<b>5</b> Exercise 10:30a	6
	<b>7</b> Noble Book Club 1p	8Exercise 10:30am	9 Knitting noon; Nutri- tion with Molly 6p	10 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 11:30a; Board Mtg 5p (special	11Sewing noon; Exer- cise 6p	12 Exer- cise 10:30a	13 Candy Bar Bingo 11a
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When visiting these businesses or individuals, please thank them for their support of the Bookworm!

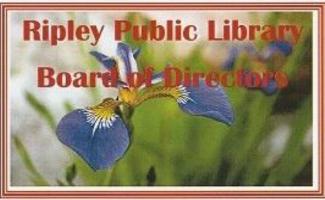


The Best Friends Fund is Proud to be a part of the Ripley Public Library!





All the Best for 2023! Bill & Pat Locke





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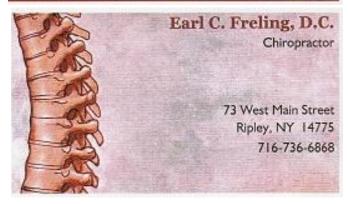
Brew Chamber at the Mill Boswell St., Ripley New York craft beer, wine & liquor

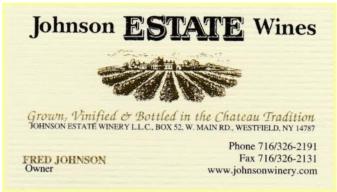


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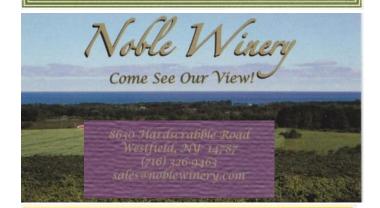
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