

#### 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



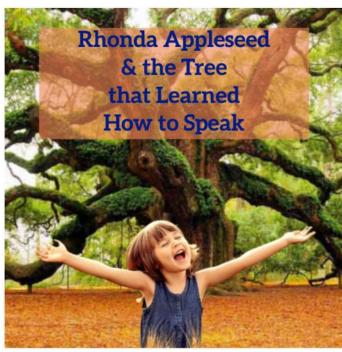


Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, July 15 @ 11 am



# THE TRAVELING LANTERNS PLAY ON JULY 27TH AT 4PM

Rhonda is a descendant of Johnny Appleseed, and everyone calls her Ronnie. When she learns about her great great uncle's story, she grows fascinated and then proud. Ronnie decides that she wants to follow in his footsteps. She decides she will protect nature and all the creatures on our planet from climate change. But how? She takes a journey to visit one of the beautiful, kind, wise old apple trees that Johnny planted so long ago to ask how she can help. The tree teaches her that her voice is needed to bring people together to do the right thing.



#### Summer Reading

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!

#### Bring a nonperishable food item for the Ripley Food Pantry the 1st two weeks; donate item for the Canine Rescue the 2nd two weeks!

Win great prizes!

This year's theme is

All Together Now!

Kindness, Friendship and Unity!

## Classic Car Cruise-In Library Events

Stop by the library for Walking Tacos and a fresh fruit cup while you stroll down Main Street. There will also be a bake sale.

**BUT FIRST!** Stop in the library for our gently used (and some new) jewelry auction! Auction will run from July 24th through the 29th

Welcome to our new Library Board members!

## **Tracy Reslink**

## Pat Washburn

And incumbent John (Doc) Hamels

# RIPLEY CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN! Saturday, July 29th 4 - 9 pm

Featuring LIVE MUSIC 5-8 pm by:



## VISIT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SPECIALS:

BREW CHAMBER AT THE MILL - \$1 off drinks

COFFEE ON MAIN - Pulled pork and macaroni salad

COONEY'S ISLAND ICE CREAM - Ice cream of course!

MAIN STREET PIZZA - Pretzel melt sandwiches

MEEDERS - Sausage with peppers and onions

RIPLEY HOSE #1 - Free popcorn RIPLEY HOSE #1 AUXILIARY - Hot dogs, chips, freezer pops

RIPLEY LIBRARY - Walking tacos, fresh fruit, bake sale (12-6pm)

## 50/50 Drawing to benefit LOVE BEAR PROJECT!



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#### 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

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Wanted: Lego pieces and Lego sets

We will gladly accept any used or new Lego items to add to our collection. Please drop them off at the library. Thank you.



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#### **Noble Book Club**

#### Sunday, July 9 @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

#### We will be discussing The Book Thief

Come join us and wine a bit...

Next Month's book is *Faith* by Mary Ellen Humphrey

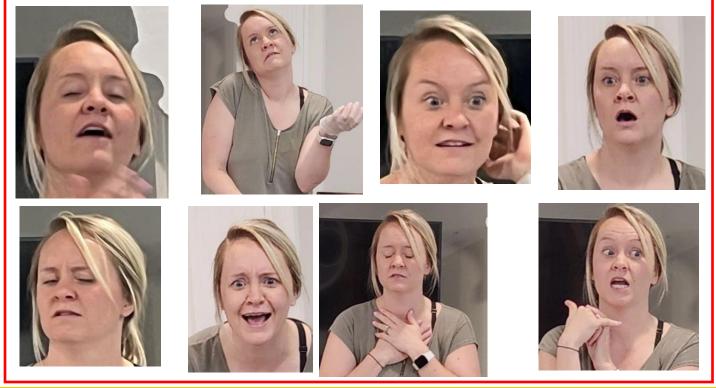
#### Nutrition with Molly

Thursday, July 6th @ 11am

Tuesday, July 18th @ 6pm

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from the Cornell Co-0p 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!

The many faces of Molly...



#### 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

**Plastic beads** 

Tea lights

Craft feathers

Pom-poms

Mod-podge

Glitter Glue Foam brushes Tissue paper Paper towels Beads, baubles, & gems

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## Friday Night Movie Now Showing: The Iron Giant Friday, July 28th at 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.





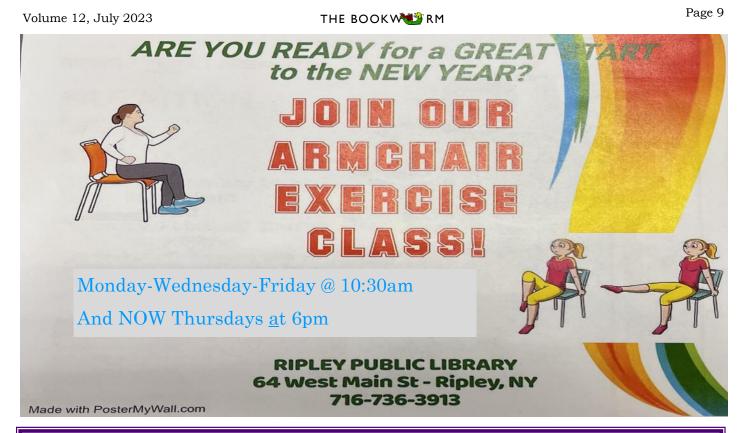
## **Community Table**

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!



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!

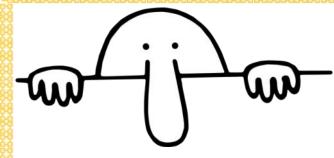
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\*Seed Catalog is in the works. This is a program whereby you can donate seeds from your flowers or vegetables, and get seeds from other plants. It's never too late to start saving seeds from your plants. What a great way to increase your gardens at 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.



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 Desk

#### By Rhonda Thompson

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE!!! The fourth of July is the favorite holiday for many people. Summer has started and there are many fun things to do outside. This is a time of celebration, picnics, fun and fireworks. I hope everyone enjoys this holiday and remembers why we celebrate it in the first place. I for one, am very proud to be an American, and I appreciate the courage and phenomenal insight of our founding fathers.

Now that summer is fully upon us, I want to remind everyone to take a down day occasionally. The summers are so busy as we try to incorporate so much into so little time. Be careful not to tire yourselves out. One way you can do that is by visiting the library for some down time.

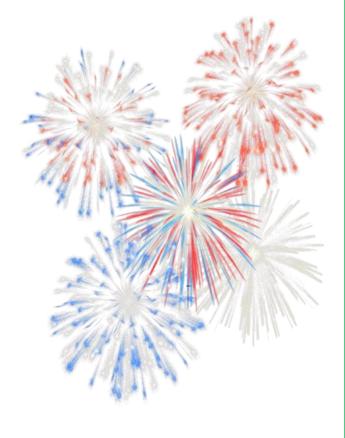
If you find yourself looking for something to do, we have that here as well. Volunteer to help with the Summer Reading Program with the children. If that is not your forte, you can join the Summer Reading program yourself. We have a lot planned and I would love to see everyone participate. There will be a calendar available with all the events and times. There are two events that I am hoping for a GREAT turnout from everyone. The Traveling Lantern folks are returning this year to put on a play about "Rhonda Appleseed". This is performed by profession-

al actors and I would love as many people as possible to come The see this.

> Additionally, we are having the Repco Wildlife coming in for a show. They have

been here a couple of times before. They are fabulous and so are their animals. This is a program for both kids and adults. Please be sure to attend as they are well worth your time.

As you see there is much to do at your library, so please take advantage of all we have to offer.





#### **Random Acts of Kindness**

The following was on Facebook and reprinted here with permission of the author, **Chris Reed**.

There is hope for the human race. I have started seeing more and more of my fellow beings showing their true colors of compassion. Yesterday in a torrential downpour I saw a man standing at a shelter-less bus stop. A compassionate woman stopped and gave him an umbrella, just because she cared, wanting nothing in return, just because she cared about her fellow human and didn't want to see him being miserable and wet. After witnessing the compassionate act my heart felt good. It's been awhile since I've felt this!

Random acts of kindness don't go unnoticed. So many people witness things like that and I believe that it makes them more compassionate people because of their watching and understanding that a simple action causes a complex reaction of making others feel good about themselves.

Please help others. Just a smile, a pleasant greeting, holding a door open—it means you care. Smiles are contagious. Spread the love among others.

Just needed to share the story of a simple act of kindness. It matters!

## **Among Friends**

What an exciting time of year for the library and the Friends! At our last meeting, we discussed upcoming events for July that include a fantastic line up of events for the Summer Reading Program. (There is both a children's program and an adult program running this summer.) There is also a jewelry auction and a bake sale/fruit cup sale. We can use your help so please call the library to see what needs to be done.

We are always looking for new members to help around the library whether it be for our fundraising events, volunteering to shelve books, vacuum, dusting or helping with any programs the library sponsors. Please give the library a call and volunteer today.

Many, many thanks go out to Board member Linda Probst and her husband, Mike for their hard work making our outside space look spectacular. They mowed, weeded, and trimmed the bushes, They have been diligent about watering the plants outside as well. Volunteers such as them really help make our town a better place.

#### **Repeating History at Your Local Library**

By Robyn Albright

This holiday weekend, Independence Day celebrations will cover every city and town with family picnics, parades, carnivals and fireworks. While you're out making merry, give a thought or two to the men and women who made this possible. One such man was 2nd Lt Campbell Alexander, veteran of the War of 1812. He does not share his repose with others but rather in an out-of-the-way spot marked with a stone tomb table. The following is an excerpt of a narrative written by Ted Raynor in his book "Holiday for a Hanging and Other Chautauqua County Items, written in 1968.

#### A Soldier's Lone Grave

A wild rosebush grows where a soldier of the War of 1812 rests on a little hill in a grassy field east of Ripley. The winds over Lake Erie and the winds from the hills scatter the spent flowers and bend the tall grass around the grave in summer and swirl the snow over it in winter.

The engraved name Campbell Alexander near the head of the stone is eroding. At the head of the stone is a military marker on a metal shaft pushed into the earth. The words on the gray, circular metal marker are, "War 1812 U.S. Veteran." Information on Alexander provided by Marie B. McCutcheon includes this excerpt from a letter by David Eaton to E.T. Foote:

"In the summer of 1814, the militia were again called out en masse and were stationed below Black Rock during the siege and storming of Fort Erie. They were not engaged in any battle at this time but almost every man was sick of ague and fever, either while on the lines or after they had returned home and some few died, among whom was Ensign Campbell Alexander of Ripley. "

Andrew W. Young's "History of Chautauqua County" lists Campbell Alexander as a second lieutenant in the company of Capt. Moses Adams, December 20, 1813 to February 3, 1814, and also as a second lieutenant in the company of Capt. James McMahan, August 1, 1814.

Young's history said: "the Chautauqua County militia were among those who entered earliest into service in the war."

A stone "tomb table" marking the grave of Alexander still exists on the farm although no writing can be discerned now, 209 years later. But he rests, an unsung hero of American freedom.

## What You Missed

Paint Night hosted a bachelorette party!









The Art of Charcuterie was a big hit!

Diamond Art made beautiful key chains!



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"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold, rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen, instead." --Caitlin Moran



#### 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**

Mondays @ 1pm

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.

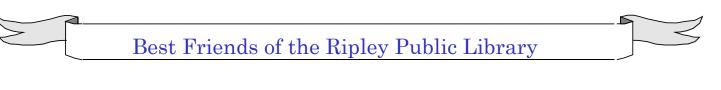
#### Best Friends of the Ripley Public Library

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.



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

#### Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2023

Jul 12
Aug 23
<b>Sep 27</b>
<b>Oct 25</b>
Nov 29
<b>Dec 27</b>

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.



There are lots of comfy corners to curl up with a good book at the library, as Addie, granddaughter of Linda & Mike Probst discovered.



#### 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.

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	<b>3</b> Exercise 10:30a; Writ- ers Group 1pm	<b>4</b> Knitting noon	<b>5</b> Exercise 10:30a	<b>6</b> Nutrition 11a; Sewing noon; Exer- cise 6p	<b>7</b> Exercise 10:30a	8
<b>9</b> Noble Book Club 1p	<b>10</b> Exercise 10:30a; Writ- ers Group 1pm	<b>11</b> Knitting noon	<b>12</b> Exercise 10:30a	<b>13</b> Sewing noon; Mys- tery Bingo 3- 4p;Exercise 6p	<b>14</b> Exercise 10:30a	<b>15</b> BFF Meeting 11a; Jewelry Auc- tion
16	<b>17</b> Exercise 10:30a; Writ- ers Group 1pm	18 Knitting noon; Nutri- tion 6p	<b>19</b> Exercise 10:30a	20 Sewing noon; Doggie Treats 1:30p; Exercise 6p	<b>21</b> Exercise 10:30a	22
23	24 Exercise 10:30a; Writ- ers Group 1pm;Read to Dogs 1:30p	25 Knitting noon	<b>26</b> Exercise 10:30a	27 Sewing noon; Travel- ing Lantern 4p;Exercise 6p	28 Exercise 10:30a; Mov- ie Night 6p	<b>29</b> Reptile Show noon; Cruise In 4-9
30	<b>31</b> Exercise 10:30a; Writ- ers Group 1pm					

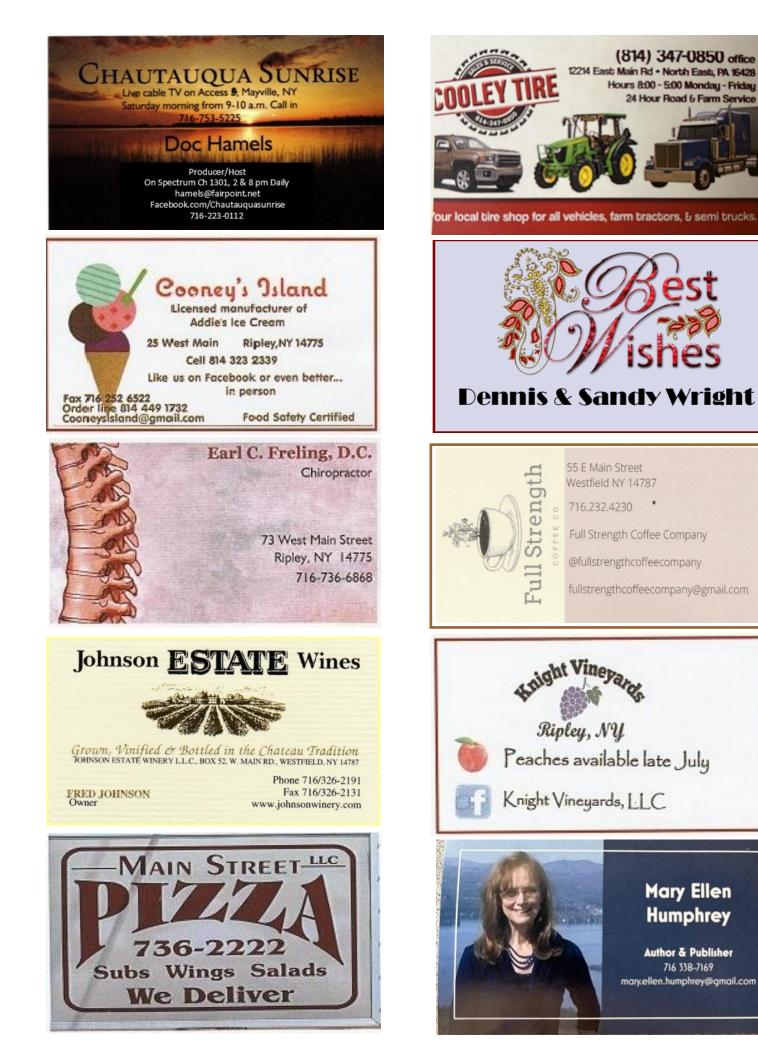
## Join our Supporters of the Ripley Public Library!



Saturdays 9AM - 4PM & Sundays 9AM - 2PM

Open Mic Thursdays Live Music Saturdays Open Th, Fri, Sat 4-10p.m. **Proprietor Adam Chambers** 

Boswell St., Ripley



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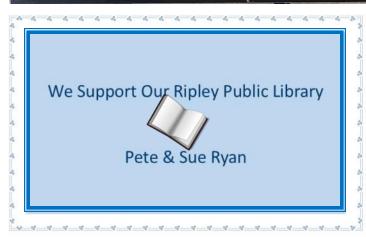




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