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Annual Used Book Sale

August 5—19

The library will be closed on Friday, August 4th in order to prepare for the book sale. Starting Saturday, the 5th, you can browse hundreds of books, both fiction and nonfiction. Books priced from .25¢ to \$1.00



There's something for everyone!

Diamond Art

Tuesdays in August



Exciting news for all you Diamond Art lovers. The Ripley Library is starting an Adult Diamond Art Club every Tuesday night from 4:30-7 pm. Bring in your latest project while chatting and relaxing

with fellow crafters. Children are invited but must be accompanied by an adult.

If you've never tried it, stop in anyway. We have free samples to get you started. You need not be there for the entire time. Pop in and out as your schedule allows. Hope to see you there!

Recycle for the Library Day Monday, August 7th

Bring your cans and bottles (rinsed out) to the library for recycling. Every little bit helps so save those pop cans and water bottles and donate them to help out your library.





Library Board Meeting Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:30pm Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, August 19 @ 11am

Children's Programs for August

Crafts Tuesdays @ 1:30pm and Saturdays @ 10am

Kids of all ages can take part in the craft activities – A little bit of painting, a little bit of decorating, and other surprises!

Kids Nutrition Every Tuesday @ 2:30pm

7 Years old and up, learn about nutrition and make yummy recipes with Wendy from Cornell Cooperative Extension

Nature Scavenger Hunt August 3rd @ 1:30pm

Hunt for items on the list! (Will take place outdoors if possible, due to construction and weather.)

Bugs & Flowers August 10 from 1:00-2:00pm

Presented by Cornell Co-op Extension Kids, come learn about flowers & bugs!

Make, Bake & Decorate August 17 @ 1:30pm

Cut-Out Cookies

Movie Night Friday, August 25th

"My Neighbor Totoro" @ 6pm

End of Summer Celebration 11:00am-1:00pm

Reading Party & Crafts

Adult Programs

Noble Book Club

August 6th @ 1pm at Noble Winery, Westfield

Recycle for the Library Day

August 7th @ the Library

Bring your empty, rinsed, cans and bottles to the library to be recycled.

Molly from Cornell Extension

Tuesday, August 15th @ 6pm

Thursday, August 31th @ 11am

Writer's Group On hiatus til September

Knitting & Crocheting
Tuesdays noon-3:30pm

Sewing Group
Thursdays noon-3pm

Book Club-Noble Winery

1st Sunday 1pm

Exercise Class On hiatus til September

Ripley Writer's Group

Mondays @ 1pm



Hold in your hands the book in your heart.

No meetings during August

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.



Noble Book Club



1st Sunday of every month, 1pm, at Noble Winery, Hardscrabble Road, Westfield, NY (date subject to change due to holidays)

Arm Chair Exercises

M-W-F @ 10:30am

Th @ 6pm

August 10th will be a busy day at the library. Check out these events!

Noon—The Sewing Group meets at noon, as always, on Thursdays.





1-2pm—Summer Reading program "Flowers & Bugs" presented by the Master Gardener Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, open to all ages

4:30pm—Summer Canning presented by the Master Gardener Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension





6pm—Wine Bingo! Donate a bottle of wine or a 2 liter bottle of soda pop to play. Winners can take a bottle of their choosing. Must be over 21 to play.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. **Libraries change lives for the better**"

- Sidney Sheldon.

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

Ripley Public Library Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public. Check the schedule in The Bookworm for times and dates.

Stay and Play

Coming on September 5th, the Ripley Public Library introduces a new program, Stay & Play, designed for children birth to age 3 and their parents/caregivers. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Enjoy this one-hour get-together along with child safe toys and appropriate music. Every Tuesday at 10:30.



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.





Random Acts of Kindness

We invite you to tell us your experiences with

Random Acts of Kindness!

Send to

thebookworm14775@gmail.com



Noble Book Club

Sunday, August 6th @ 1 p.m.

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing Faith by Mary Ellen Humphrey



Come join us and wine a bit...

Ripley Library is looking for 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

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.

Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, August 15 @ 6pm

Thursday, August 31 @ 11am

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!

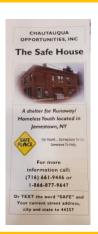
Friday Night Movie Now Showing: My Neighbor Totoro Friday, August 25th at 6pm

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

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer! Do you know what that really means? My mom always said it was the hottest time of the year (which is true) and that made the dogs grumpy and more likely to bite if you aggravated them. Well, in usual Rhonda style, when she asks a weird question like "why is the sky blue", she researches this and this is what she found:

When Sirius would appear in the sky just before the sale will last for two weeks. sun, near the end of July, that marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year. The Romans referred to this period as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star," which was eventually translated as just "dog days."

Sirius is the canine, or dog star and that is the real reason this is called the dog days of summer.

Now with that out of the way, I want to thank everyone who have supported the Summer Reading Program, coming to our events, bringing their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews or just neighbors. We appreciate every- Lastly, as this is getting long, try comthing you have done from supporting ing to a movie night. They are fun and the library, donating to the food pantry and to NCCR canine rescue (especially during dog days lol).

Please remember the library is here for you, come in and be part of what we have to offer. Additionally, we can always use volunteers, especially when we have events. Extra hands make the work a little lighter. Being a part of something makes the world a happier

place.

August is bringing more events such as our hugely soughtafter Book Sale. This will begin on August 5th. This is a big fund raiser for us and lots



of fun for you. Stephanie, Nadine Stacy and Nancy McIntosh have been very busy weeding the non-fiction books from our shelves, so there will be a large variety of books for sale. This

Wine Bingo will be another fun time on August 10th. Your buy-in is a donation of a bottle of wine or a 2 liter bottle of soda. Best thing ever!!! Hope to see you here at 6pm for a really fun time for adults.

Remember to come see Molly from Cornell Extension. We have totally adopted her and she puts on a very good learning show. Please give yourself a treat and come see her.

relaxing.

So, there you have it, my little ditty for this month. See you at the library!!!



Just for Fun

from Home Remedies We'd Rather Forget!

Warts Might Not Vanish, But Friends Sure Would

When I was 10, I had two ugly warts on my left arm. An older cousin told me to wrap a piece of raw steak around my arm, leave it on for three days, then bury the meat in the cemetery at midnight.

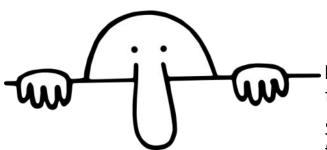
He assured me the warts would be gone if I followed his instructions carefully.

But the Great Depression was in full swing, and I'd never even seen a piece of steak. So I improvised with a small pat of raw hamburger.

After 3 days, no one would come near me because I smelled so ripe, I scraped the spoiled meat into a scrap of paper and put it in the garbage can. (Not only was I afraid to go to the cemetery, but I wasn't allowed to leave the house alone after dark.)

In spite of my improvisation, the warts disappeared in a few days, and they never returned.

Please do not try this at home!



Lost, Never to Return?

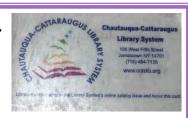
Please look for any books you may have taken from the library and forgot to return!

\$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.

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.



Repeating History at Your Local Library

By Robyn Albright

Hot Time in the Old Town...

(The following story, written by Pat Pfleuger in the *Dunkirk-Fredonia Evening Observer*, August 17, 1978, appeared in then Town Historian Marie McCutcheon's book *Golden Glow of History Past*, in 1995. The event took place October 7, 1879.)

1879 Ripley Gunfight Produced Few Casualties

Hoboes, alcohol, misfiring guns and an unarmed posse were the rather ludicrous ingredients that brought about the Ripley rumpus.

The small community drowsing in the Indian summer atmosphere of a morning in 1879 showed scant interest in the half dozen hoboes who appeared on the scene and bivouacked by the railroad track near the depot which ran parallel to but at some distance from Main Street, with its handful of small stores, law office, hotel and schoolhouse.

The gentlemen of the road, settling down and partaking of their scant morning repast, decided that it needed topping off with something stronger than water, so they delegated one of their number, John Dailey, to ferret out some of the stronger stuff.

Dailey headed for the nearby J.W. Baker drugstore where he put on a good act, saying he needed half a pint of spirits for his sore feet. Baker reluctantly gave him a six-ounce bottle of alcohol. When Dailey got back to his companions, the small bottle was

greeted with scorn as not being enough...Daily went back but the proprietor remained adamant at his refusal. At this Dailey lost his temper, became abusive and suddenly drew and leveled a pistol at the startled proprietor saying that if his companions did not get the alcohol, they would wreck the store and the town, too. Baker stood his ground and told the gun wielder the strong equivalent of "get out, and stay out!"

Baker hurried over to the law office and told his story to Constable Collins, lawyer Kingsbury and Sheriff Frank Wright of Westfield who happened to be there on business. The constable and sheriff promptly left to apprehend Dailey.

Upon Dailey's return, his companions turned on him. Dailey ran and took refuge among some loungers outside the drugstore who treated the gunwaving vagrants with good humored derision. One man, Robert Jones, took to his heels to get help and a tramp fired after him, but missed. Jones arrived at the courthouse where Judge Horton was holding court, and reported the incident.

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Repeating History at Your Local Library, Continued

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1879 Ripley Gunfight Produced Few Casualties

The judge ordered the hoboes arrested and called for a posse. Court was adjourned and everyone rushed out, headed for the railroad and the disturbers of the peace. On the way they were joined by the local physician, Doc Heard and Constable Bryant.

It was then someone brought up the fact that, with the exception of Bryant, no one was armed. So some were sent back to get firearms.

By now the hoboes, realizing that strength lay in unity, had called a truce with Dailey and the group had started out of town, heading east along the railroad tracks. Meanwhile, Sheriff Wright and Constable Collins had learned of their new location and were coming in their direction. When the main posse caught up with the sheriff he divided it into two parties with one going further up the tracks to head off the vagrants.

Seeing they were being advanced upon from both sides, the recalcitrants stopped and started firing. A royal battle followed with the sheriff and constables returning the fire, and the rest of the posse dodging the bullets.

Eventually the reinforcements came up in the form of hurriedly acquired shotguns and everybody then got into the act. Miraculously, no one was killed in the melee of fist fighting and shooting which followed. The sheriff was wounded in the leg and others received minor wounds. There seem to have been remarkably bad marksmen among the participants: numerous shots went wild and guns misfired.

Most of the vagrants finally gave up peacefully but Smith was shot in the legs and stomach by Doc Heard before he called it quits.

This, so far as is known, was the beginning and end of anything remotely resembling a shooting war in Ripley! mbm, 3/25/95

Work continues on our beautiful library. Scalloped siding was restored at the peaks by NuWood Creations, Inc., the same contractor that remodeled the interior of the library.





The front façade is being inspected by librarian Rhonda Thompson. See her up there in the crane!?

Work is progressing nicely on the "Owl's Nest," the new office space for the librarian in the old bell tower. We can't wait to show you in next month's Bookworm!

What You Missed in JULY

We had a doggone good time at the library reading to the dogs! Thanks to Robbie Alford and Robyn Albright for sharing their pooches with the kids!









Thanks to Paula Testrake for the homemade doggie treats!







Pizza from scratch! What could be better?

Part of the Summer Reading Program, pizza making with Wendy from the Cornell Cooperative Extension was a tasty treat.







The Reptile Show was a hit, once again! Lizards! Tortoises! Snakes! Oh my!

New Book List for September 2023

ADULT FICTION

Anderson/The Trail

Brunsetter/Amish Hawaiian Adventures

Costanzo/Loving Red

Fletcher/Murder, She Wrote: Killer on the

[♥] Court

Fluke/Pink Lemonade Cake Murder

[†] Freeman/Sacrifice

Harmon/A Girl Called Samson

Harvey/The Wedding Veil

Janowitz/The Grace Kelly Dress

John/Star of the North

Kelly/The Whispers of War

√ McFadden/The Inmate

Michaels/Rundown

Morton/Homecoming

Riley/Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt

Santopolo/Stars in an Italian Sky

√ Sittenfeld/Romantic Comedy

Steel/The Challenge

Van Pelt/Remarkably Bright Creatures

Walsh/The Call of the Wrens

Willig/The Summer Country

ADULT NONFICTION

McIntyre/Augusts in Africa

Nerburn/The Wolf at Twilight

Robichaux/Saving Aziz

Schiff/The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams

Winfrey/The Path Made Clear

Woods/I Got a Monster

60 more Quick Baby Knits

Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening:

Herbs

LARGE PRINT

Ermine/Plundered Range Foreman/Desperation Trail

YOUNG ADULT

Cawthon/The Fourth Closet Monsef/Once There Was Owen/Painted Devils Patterson/School's Out Forever

JUNIOR BOOKS

Aguilar/Piece by Piece

Garcia/One Crazy Summer

Lincoln/The Swifts

Lloyd/Squished

Teagan/The Friendship Experiment

Tripp/The Law of Cavities

White/Camp Creepy

Who Was Series:

Who is Michael Jordan?

Who was Muhammad Ali?

Who was Walt Disney?

What Were the Salem Witch Trails?

What Was the Wild West?

EASY READERS

Battersby/Perfect Pigeons

Cullen/The Bracelet of Courage: Lola

Hemingway/Bad Apple

Joy/Will You Share Your Story?

Meltzer/A New Day

Thomas/Take Care, Goo Knight

Tierney/How to Change the World in 12 easy

steps

Van de Poll/New Friends

MOVIES

The Big Bang Theory: The Complete 7th Season

Blade

The Box

Caffeine

Runaway Jury



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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 our beautiful library is one of those things. Please call 716-736-3913 for more infor-

Best Friends of the Ripley Public Library

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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 de

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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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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Spread Some Kindness

The following people could use some words of comfort and encouragement. If you'd like to send them a card, please bring or mail them to the library and we will deliver them.

Sharon McIntosh

Linda Lowes

Linda LaMaye

Mary Faye Teemley

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2023

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.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Knitting noon; Crafts 1:30p; Kids Nutrition 2:30p; Dia- mond Art 4:30p	2	3 Sewing noon; Scav- enger Hunt 1:30p	4 LIBRARY CLOSED	5 Book Sale Starts; Crafts 10a
6Noble Book Club 1p	7 Book Sale; Recy- cle for the Library	8 Book Sale; Knit- ting noon; Crafts 1:30p; Kids Nutri 2:30p; Diamond Art 4:30p	9 Book Sale	10 Book Sale; Sew- ing noon; Flowers & Bug 1:30; Canning 4:30; Wine Bingo 6p	11 Book Sale	12 Book Sale; Crafts 10a
13	14 Book Sale	15 Book Sale; Knit- ting noon; Crafts 1:30p; Kids Nutri 2:30p; Diamond Art 4:30p; Molly 6p	16 Book Sale	17 Book Sale; Sew- ing noon; Make/Bake 1:30p	18 Book Sale	19 Book Sale Ends; Crafts 10a; BFF Mtg 11a
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Join our Supporters of the Ripley Public Library!

When visiting these businesses or individuals, please thank them for their support of the Ripley Public Library!

We are highlighting some of our great library supporters, as shown by their business cards in The Bookworm.



With their new location now open in the old Johnny Bs in North East, PA, Butch's Diner, open 6am until 8pm, is now serving breakfast, lunch, and dinners.

Butch's has been a staple in North East, PA for a number of years and rapidly outgrew their space in "the valley." Tim Penfield, owner, has been

working hard to make their larger space a great place for individuals and families to gather for a delicious home cooked meal.

"We're really glad to finally have this space. Still have some work to do, but people seem to like it," Tim said. The 1950s vibe is definitely seen throughout the diner.

Thank you Butch's Diner for your support for the Ripley Public Library!





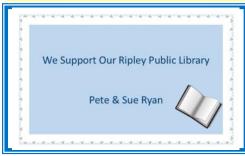










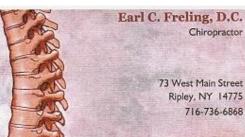


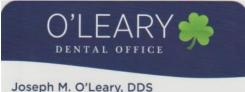












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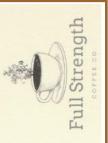


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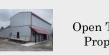








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