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

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You're Invited to our Halloween Party!



Saturday, October 28, 6-9p.m.

\$15 per person

Costume Contest!

A meal, wine, beer, and set-ups provided



This is a Best Friends Fund-raiser and it's gonna be a HOOT!



October is Seniors Month at the Ripley Public Library!

Each and every Friday at 11 am, there will be an event taking place at the library. From travel agents, to legal advocacy for seniors to tips from the Office of the Aging and more.

October 6—Bingo Trivia for Seniors

October 13—Travel Time with Joel Swartout (find some great destinations for your next trip)

October 20— Free Legal Advice from the Center for Elder Law Justice

October 27—Office of the Aging on Nutrition and More

Mark your calendars now!



Library Board Meeting Wednesday, October 25th @ 6:30pm
Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, October 21st @ 12:30pm
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME FOR BFF!

Noble Book Club

Sunday, October 1st @ 1pm

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing

3 Edgar Allan Poe stories



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

Exercise Classes are Back!

Thanks to the generosity of many people, a new television has been purchased for the library. As a result, low-impact armchair exercises will meet again on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30am and Thursdays at 6pm. For those who want a more



s t r e n u o u s
workout, additional exercise
videos will be
available.

The health of our civilization,
the depth of our awareness
about the underpinnings of our
culture and our concern for the
future can all be tested by how
well we support our libraries. —

Carl Sagan

Authors Night

presents

The White Monsters of Sherman, New York, by Michael Strayer

October 10th at 6pm

In the 1960s a teenager named John Goodwill was seeing White Monsters in his hometown of Sherman, New York. He described these creatures as prehistoric mylodon or giant ground sloths. This amazing story is now fully told in the Mothboys Podcast and book. Don't miss it!



Nutrition with Molly

Thursday, October 5th @ 11am

Tuesday, October 24th @ 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.



Writer's Group
Mondays @ 1pm

Knitting & Crocheting
Tuesdays noon-3:30pm

Sewing Group
Thursdays noon-3pm

Book Club-Noble Winery
1st Sundays 1pm

Stay and Play
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am

Exercise Class
M-W-F @ 10:30am
Th @ 6pm

Ripley Writer's Group

Mondays @ 1pm



*Hold in your hands the book
in your heart.*

We're back! Come join us!

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, Hard-
scrabble Road, Westfield, NY

Stay and Play

Children birth to 3 and
their parents or caregiv-
ers. Tuesdays @ 10:30am.

Enjoy this one-hour play time.



Arm Chair Exercises Are Back!

Join us for chair exercises, dancing, all
kinds of movement!

Coat Drive

Bring your gently used or new coats to the library during the month of October to be distributed by Noah's Ark to those in need.

All ages and sizes are needed!



Bottle and Can Collection



Starting in September the Library will have a collection bin in the lobby for returnable cans and bottles. Don't throw out those water bottles and pop cans! Donate them to the library.

Please be sure all bottles and cans are empty before you place them in the bin.



Diamond Art on Tuesdays from 4:30 til close.

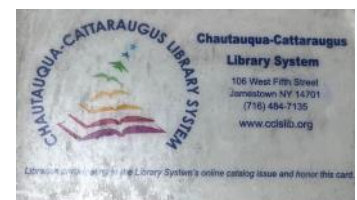
Spend some "me-time" with friends on Tuesday evenings doing Diamond Art projects. Trial size available for free. After that, purchase the kits you like.



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!



Repeating History at Your Local Library

By Robyn Albright

Libraries contribute so much more than books to the communities they serve. Here at the Ripley Library we have countless sources of information for those willing to explore. Herein is another bit of history found in the Reference section.

From the book *Reflections, 19th Century Gravestones of Chautauqua County, New York*, just in time for Halloween, we can explore the meaning of those pretty pieces of artwork on old gravestones.

“Gravestones say a great deal not only about another era and its people, but about this era and ourselves. The ability to interpret grave markers of past generations teaches one a great deal about humanity in general....Cemeteries are not just places where people are buried, but rather outdoor libraries and museums. Behind every gravestone waits a wonderful story ready to be told.”

Types of motifs of the 19th century:

“One of the earliest motifs found during the 19th century was the winged skull. This icon represented the ethic that death was inevitable and would come to all. As religious dogma changed, the winged skull motif was taken over by the chubby faced cherub. In general they symbolized the presence of God and resurrection.

“The rising or setting sun was a transitional geometric icon denoting either the ending of earthly life or the beginning of life in Heaven.

“The hourglass was another popular motif. This icon expressed the running out of time, and the ending of life.

“The lamb was symbolic of sweetness, innocence and also Christ. This motif was mostly found on children’s gravestones.

“Birds were frequently used to symbolize human souls, going back to Egyptian times.

“Floral wreaths indicated eternity because of their circular form. There was no beginning nor end to this shape. Wreaths were also expressive of celebration, mourning and resurrection.”

The book shows various gravestones around Chautauqua that demonstrate these motifs as well as many, many more. Next time you visit a cemetery, take a look at the old stones and see if you can interrupt the meaning behind the designs. Read the messages inscribed in the stone, or come to the library and research the various types of designs and what they mean.

*I lie here with the silent dead,
The living walk around my head:
Tis soon with me you all must lie,
Till we ascend with Christ on high.”*

Mary Curtis 1831, Mina, New York

Appreciation Night

So many people contributed to making our library a show piece, and on Friday night, September 29th the library hosted an evening to express our appreciation for all the hard work, monetary contributions, and moral support. Herein are some photos from this very enjoyable evening.



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

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

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thebookworm14775@gmail.com



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.

Friday Night Movie
Movie Night will be suspended
until January 2024.
See you next year!

Among Friends

At our last Best Friends Fund meeting (September 16) the Friends discussed the following:

A donation was given to the library to partially offset the cost of siding.

A receptacle will be placed in the lobby to collect returnable cans and bottles. Periodically someone will take these to the redemption center and the money collected will be used for the library.

The On-Line Auction will take place once again in November and we'll be asking for donations from local businesses.

Volunteers are needed to cover the library desk at times when the staff have outside appointments. Please let Stephanie know if you're willing to sit in for an hour or two!

Local Author's Night, Nutrition with Molly from Cornell, exercise classes, Diamond Art, knitting and sewing are just a few of the things we have going here at the Library. We also have a Coat Drive, the auction, and Christmas in Ripley coming up and we need all the help we can get. Please stop in and let us know what you can do to help.

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME @ 12:30PM

Stay and Play

Stay & Play is 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 a.m.



Just for Fun

from Home Remedies We'd Rather Forget!

Please do not try this at home!

My mother-in-law was a very "take charge" lady who found a reason to stop by the house daily when I had my first child. Pam was a very colicky baby. The more she was held and cuddled, as my mother-in-law loved to do, the more the gas would build up, and the more Pam cried.

Finally, my mother-in-law decreed that she would cure Pam's problem. At sunrise the next day, she marched in with a bottle of oil, which she rubbed on Pam's tummy. Then she knelt down and passed the baby three times around a leg of the kitchen table.

Well, Pam let out a burp and gave us a big toothless grin.

My mother-in-law, before departing, instructed me to practice the procedure daily.

My doctor later explained that when Pam was bent over as she was passed around the table leg, the gas was forced from her.

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.

Stop into the Library for more information or pick up a brochure.



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

New Book List for October 2023

ADULT FICTION

Bowen/Above the Bay of Angels
Chevalier/A Single Thread
Chiaverini/Canary Girls
Davis/The Last of the Moon Girls
Falade/Black Cloud Rising
Fluke/Caramel Pecan Roll Murder
Hepworth/The Mother-in-law
Hiaasen/Squeeze Me
Hoover/Regretting You
Kravitz/The Marksman
Lauer/An Amish Homecoming
Lunney/Autumn Leaves, 1922
McFadden/ The Surrogate Mother
Patterson/Lion & Lamb
Parker/The Lighthouse
Peretti/House
Richards/A Family of Strangers
Steel/Suspects
Strahan/The Book of Witches
Taylor/When the Rain Ends
West/New Witch on the Block
Winterly/The Family Shadow

NONFICTION

Drori/The Last Great Ape
Smith/Second-Chance Cats
Love/When Crisis Strikes
Raz/How I Built This
Sverdrup-Thygeson/Tapestries of Life
Zetterling/Normandy 1944

YOUNG ADULT

Blake/One for My Enemy
Hatzopoulou/Threads That Bind
Holder/Wicked 2: Legacy & Spellbound
Stohl/Black Widow: Forever Red

JUNIOR BOOKS

The Creepy Collection
-The Vampire Book
-Supernatural
-Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body
DImopoulos/The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed
Meadow

Howe/Bunnacula: The Graphic Novel

Jagger/Hide & Geek

Ponti/City of Spies

WHO WAS SERIES

Who was Ben Franklin

Who were Stanley and Livingstone

Who was Abraham Lincoln

What was the Battle of Gettysburg

What was the Boston Tea Party

What was the Holocaust

EASY READERS

Brown/Wings on Things

Crouch/Super Ace and the Rotten Robots

Freese/Halloween Sleepwalker

Hegarty/Five Black Cats

Kasza/The Wolf's Chicken Stew

Marlow/The Witch with a Twitch

Milbourne/The Dinosaur

Wahl/Candy Shop

MOVIES

Boogeyman 3

Ghost Ship

Gothika

Hannibal Rising

The Number 23

Taking Lives

Tears of the Sun

24 - Season One



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

Best Friends of the Ripley Public Library

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.

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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***Also now available—The Bookworm and About Town on the library website**
<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

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

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.

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2023



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.

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

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.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Noble Book Club 1p	2 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 1p	3 Stay&Play 10:30a; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30p	4 Exercise 10:30a	5 Nutrition w/ Molly 11a; Sewing noon; Exercise 6p	6 Senior Trivia Bingo 11a	7
8	9 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 1p	10 Stay&Play 10:30a; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30p; Local Author, Moth-boys 6p	11Exercise 10:30a	12 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p	13 Travel Time for Seniors 11a	14
15	16 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 1p	17 Stay&Play 10:30a; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30p	18 Exercise 10:30a	19 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p	20 Legal Advise for Seniors 11a	21 BFF Mtg 12:3pm
22	23 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 1p	24 Stay&Play 10:30a; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30p Nutrition w/ Molly 6p	25 Exercise 10:30a; Library Board Mtg 6:30p	26 Sewing noon; Exercise 6p	27 Nutrition for Seniors 11a	28 Halloween Party 6pm
29	30 Exercise 10:30a; Writers Group 1p	31 Stay&Play 10:30a; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30p				

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!

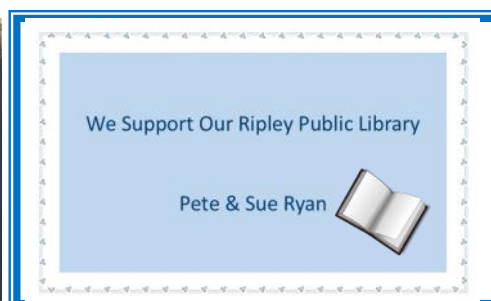
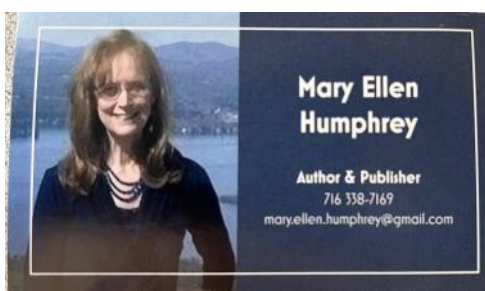
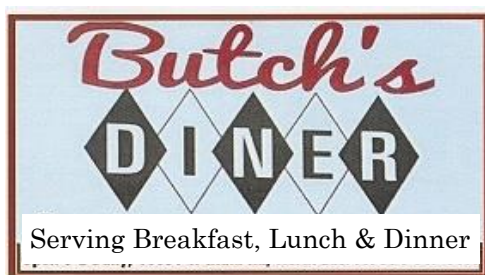
We are highlighting some of our great library supporters, as shown by their business cards in The Bookworm.

Dr. Earl Freling is our supporter of the month. Dr. Freling has been practicing chiropractic medicine for 37 years, thirteen of them in Ripley, New York. On his off hours he works not only on his house, but on the Ripley Library, building, and repurposing materials that are being discarded.

As a child, Earl took piano lessons. He waited to be picked up for his lessons at the library building on East Main Street, and spent his time there looking at all the books. He is now an avid book collector of over 800 books, specializing in old texts, nature books, poetry, and geography, to name a few of his interests.

Earl has been an incalculable asset to the library. Among the numerous things he has done to make our library a showpiece, he refinished the ceiling rosette, along with making the matching corner rosettes, refurbished the original circular stained glass window, stained and varnished the large cabinet in the reading room, and installed wainscoting that he repurposed from a building being torn down. He has donated countless hours of labor and materials to make our library beautiful as well as functional.

Thank you Dr. Freling for all you do for our Ripley Public Library!





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