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Candidates Running for Office in Ripley

The Ripley Library would like to give equal time to all candidates running for offices in Ripley. Please contact the library, detailing your profile and goals for the future of our town, which will then be published in the About Town and The Bookworm in October. All information should be given to the library no later than September 25th to be included in the October publications. The Library can schedule a Meet the Candidate Night if there is interest.

Please Note: The Ripley Public Library does not endorse any particular candidate for office. The profiles are for informational purposes only.

Town Hall with Braiden McElahey

Tuesday, September 12 @ 6pm

Braiden McElahey, who is running for County Legislator, reached out to our library to have a Town Hall meeting for residents to get to know him. We encourage you to learn more about all the candidates running for office.

Appreciation Reception

Friday, September 29th @ 6:30pm

You are invited to a reception at the Ripley Public Library to recognize and show our appreciation for all those who helped remake the Library into the showplace it is now. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.



Library Board Meeting Wednesday, September 27th @ 6:30pm
Best Friends Fund Meeting Saturday, September 16 @ 11am

**September Author Night Presents:
Kathy Otten
Tuesday, September 19th @ 6pm**

Kathy enjoys writing stories with wounded heroes and feisty heroines. She writes contemporary romance, historical fiction, and young adult, in all lengths from short story to novel.



Kathy is also a certified book coach, helping writers bring their vision to life. Specializing in empowering new writers, she offers a variety of coaching packages tailored to give writers the tools they'll need to move forward on their own.

She will be talking about her newest book, *The Solace of Denim*.

Beans & Pasta Drive

We invite you once again to donate to our local Food Pantry during the month of September. We are asking for beans, both canned and bagged and pasta of all kinds. Bring in your donations anytime during the month of September. All items will be delivered to the Ripley Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.



Fall Craft Project

On Saturday, September 9th at 10 a.m. come make an Autumn Shadow Box! All materials will be supplied.

Sign up in advance by calling 716-736-3913 or stop by the library.

There will be a \$5 charge for this craft.



Exercise Classes are Back!



Low-impact armchair exercises meet again starting Wednesday, September 6th at 10:30am. For those who want a more strenuous workout, additional exercise videos will be available.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday at 6 p.m.

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
(date subject to change due to
holidays - September 10)

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

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

Noble Book Club

Sunday, September 10 @ 1pm

Held at Noble Winery, Westfield, NY

We will be discussing *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh

Come join us and wine a bit...



Stay and Play

Coming on September 5th, the Ripley 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 a.m.



"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."

Sidney Sheldon

(1917-2007. American writer and producer)

Nutrition with Molly

September 7th @ 11am

September 26th @ 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!



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.

Thank you to everyone who came by the library during the cruise-in to take a chance on the jewelry auction, and get something to eat from our Walking Taco and Fruit stand!

We appreciate you!

Bottle and Can Collection



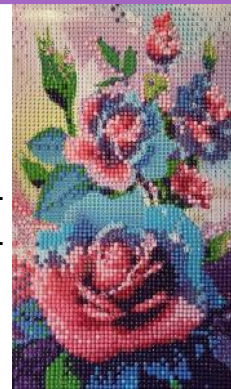
Starting in September the Library will have a collection bin in the lobby for returnable cans and bottles. Don't throw out those water bottles and pop cans! Donate them to the library.

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!



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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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

Just in case you missed the last BFF meeting, (and some of you did) some changes have been made. Rhonda will now be doing the Among Friends, so if it seems different, that is why. Stephanie will now be making the Agenda and running the BFF meetings. Thank you, Nancy, for your dedication over the last umpteen years.

The BFF's discussed our financials. The library will need some help paying for the new renovations and the Friends have decided to help out up to \$5,000. We also talked about our constant need for volunteers. If you have time and would like to learn how to help out with library functions, such as shelving books and checking patrons in and out, give us a call to find out how you can help.

We talked about some of the upcoming events and what we can do in the future. The next community help we are doing is collecting beans and pasta for the Food Pantry. Spread the word to pick up a bag of beans or pasta to donate. Drop it off at the library and we will get it to them.

If you know some parents who are "Stay-at-Home" or caregivers, let them know about our new program, Stay and Play, on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. This is a chance for people to bring children from newborn to school age. The children get the chance to socialize and the adults get a chance to "adult".

The rest of the meeting will likely spill out into the rest of the newsletter. Remember, it is the volunteers of the world who are the real movers and shakers. Be someone who can make a difference. Come be a Friend and volunteer at the library.

From the Director's Desk

By Rhonda Thompson



September!!! How did the year go so quickly? The summer is over and the kids are going back to school. The days are getting shorter and the temperature, especially at night, are getting cooler. How in the world did this happen so fast? Before long we are going to be in the thrall of celebrating holidays beginning with Halloween. We have already planned our Fall Craft this September 9th. We will be making a Shadow Box. These are really cute and a lot of fun to make, however a little expensive, so we have to charge a nominal fee of \$5.00. If you are interested, please reserve your spot now as we only have 10 spots available.

Of course, Molly will be here twice this month as usual. If you have not been to one of her sessions you are really missing out. Be sure to join in for a great time with great ideas and even better treats.

Jump on board with us while we help out our neighbors. We are collecting beans and pasta for the food pantry in Ripley. We are taking in these donations through the month of September.

If you are the caregiver of a small child and need to break the day, join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for a session of Stay and Play. Your kiddos can socialize in a safe environment while you get a chance to talk with adults.

We also are having an author's night this month on Tuesday the 19th at 6 pm. Come see Kathy Otten from Clymer as she presents her new Young Adult book "Solace of Denim".

The biggest message I want to get out there this month is to take a little time for yourself and mentally prepare for the busy holiday season coming up. Take the time to plan now to make everything easier when the time comes. Stop in the library, relax and talk about whatever. Some great ideas spawn from these types of conversations. Before you know it, we have another idea for people at the library. So, until we talk again,

See you at the library,



Just for Fun

from Home Remedies We'd Rather Forget!



My Dad was about 10, back in 1887, when he was running barefoot through the fields on the family farm and stepped on a rattlesnake. His brother ran to get their father. Grandfather carried my dad back to the house, where Grandmother placed his foot in the warm cavity of a chicken she'd just killed.

That remedy apparently drew out the poison, because Dad lived to be 87.

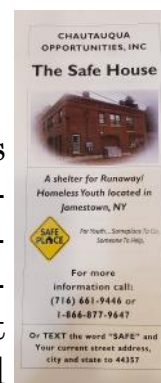
Ruth Davidson, San Jose, CA

Please do not try this at home!

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

Repeating History at Your Local Library

By Robyn Albright

Many of us are familiar with the Kelly Hotel at State-line. It was a popular hang-out for teens from both New York and Pennsylvania when the drinking age was 18. The Hotel has gone through many changes over the years, but none so heartbreaking as the current ravages that time has made when the building was abandoned.

The following article, contained in the newspaper files at the library, recounts a happier time when things were looking up at the old Kelly Hotel.

May 31st, 1986, North East Breeze

The historic Kelly Hotel, which began offering good food and hospitality to travelers more than a century-and-a-half ago, has a new lease on life. And that's reason for everyone to celebrate.

A dramatic remodeling project, launched last fall by new owners Tim and Mark Bowser, has transformed the former teenage drinking hole into one the finest restaurants and cocktail lounges in the entire area. Grand opening festivities will be held this week.

The Bowsers acquired the hotel last fall and joined forces with master carpenter Stanley Chwatek to see how the landmark, which originally served as a stage coach stop at State Line between North East, PA and Ripley, NY could be remodeled and brought back to life.

"Stanley came in and tore out the walls," recalls Tim, "it was basically a free-standing shell." The old front porch, which had been covered by a previous owner and was made part of the bar, was reclaimed. Inside, patrons will find a cocktail lounge, an informal dining area, and the central dining room. Seating is available for 120 people.

An attractive Victorian décor is featured throughout the hotel, highlighted by rich wood paneling, brass railing, wallpaper and other period fixtures. A unique wooden sign has

been hung by the front porch.

Perhaps one of the most popular features is the mezzanine area, located just beyond the bar. A row of small, cozy tables are situated along the outer walls; a staircase leads to the second floor where private banquets and parties are held. Dining facilities on the second level feature a service bar and tables for 30 guests.

Two bedrooms upstairs were retained by the Bowsers to keep the "hotel" status. They will be furnished with antiques.

Mark and Tim credit the staff and students at the Mercyhurst College school of restaurant/hotel management with assisting them in developing the restaurant. A professor of design, also at Mercyhurst, planned the interior to resemble the elegant restaurants of the 1800s.

The Mercyhurst staff also helped develop the menu, which offers a fine assortment of salads, side dishes, sandwiches and desserts during the lunch hour and delicious dinners including Chicken Montmorency, filet mignon, and several seafood selections.

Steve Rue, a former manager of the popular Clarion Clipper in Clarion, PA is the hotel's manager. He is assisted by a staff of 17 waiters, waitresses, cooks, bartenders and other employees.

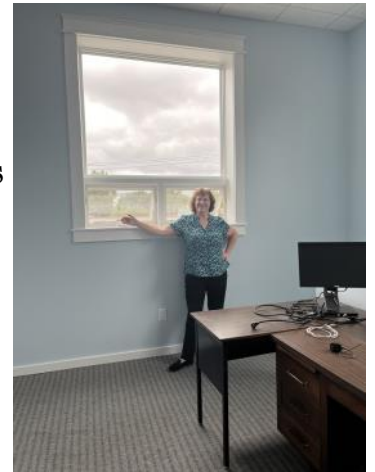


Renovation Project Still Ongoing



Part of the Ripley Library renovation was to utilize space in the old church belfry. This is becoming a reality as workers painted and carpeted the office space created there. The office has been dubbed 'The Owl's Nest' but we understand it has been infiltrated by an old bat in the belfry!

Enjoy your new space Rhonda!



What You Missed in August



Stephonda the Snake topped out at 18 feet! Thanks to everyone who helped paint our beautiful rock snake!



Summer Reading was a lot of fun. The prize winners were
Lulu

and Corrienne!

Congratulations girls!



New Book List for September 2023

ADULT FICTION

Bessette/Smile Beach Murder
Brunstetter/Return to Big Valley
Byler/Hope Deferred
Clark/Piece of My Heart
Clipston/The Coffee Corner
The Jam and Jelly Nook
Dallas/Where Coyotes Howl
Francis/The Major's Daughter
Hlad/The Book Spy
Hoover/The Slammed Series Book 1-3
Huber/A Certain Darkness
Kingsbury/In Hot Water
Klaussman/Villa America
MacNeal/The King's Justice
McFadden/Suicide Med
Noble/The Tiffany Girls
O'Nan/City of Secrets
Patterson/23rd Midnight
Petch/The Postcard from Italy
Reichs/Cold Cold Bones
Sheridan/Archer's Voice
Steel/The Whittiers
Witemeyer/Fairest of Heart

NONFICTION

Berkman/A Team of Their Own
Meltzer/The Nazi Conspiracy
Nerburn/The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo
O'Donnell/The Unknown
Rowley/The Norman
Warden/Great Food Fest
60 Quick Baby Knits
How the Universe Works

YOUNG ADULT

Maniscalco/Hunting Prince Dracula
North/Danger and Other Unknown Risks
Sento/Festival of Shadows

JUNIOR BOOKS

Adodo/Children of Stardust
Davies/The Lemonade War
Mejia/Paola Santiago and the Forest of Nightmares
Mews/Itty Bitty Princess Kitty
Poliquin/How to High Tea With a Hyena
Robertson/The Evil Mailbox and the Super Burrito
Tripp/Izzy Newton and the S.M.A.R.T. Squad: Newton's Flaw
Who Was Series
What was D-Day?
What was Pearl Harbor?
What was the Vietnam War?
Who was Jesse Owens?
Who was Seabiscuit?
Who is Pele?

EASY READERS

Carey/Tonka: Pure Power
Caudle/The Tale of Strawberry Snow
Cousins/Maisy Gets a Pet
Cox/Don't be Silly, Mrs. Millie
Detlefsen/Farm Boots
Hudson/The Best Flower Ever
Whitehill/Pokemon: Battle for the Bolt Badge
5-Minute Good Night Stories

MOVIES

Apocalypto
Georgia Rule
Kingdom of Heaven
Last Chance Harvey
Man on Fire
Remember Me
Traffic
Van Wilder



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

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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.

BEST FRIENDS

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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>

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

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.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Stay & Play 10:30am ; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30pm	6 Exercise 10:30am	7 Molly 11am; Sewing noon; Exercise 6pm	8 Exercise 10:30am	9 Craft Project 10am
10 Noble Book Club 1pm	11 Exercise 10:30am; Writers 1pm	12 Stay & Play 10:30am ; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30pm; Town Hall w/Bariden McElahey 6pm	13 Exercise 10:30am	14 Sewing noon; Exercise 6pm	15 Exercise 10:30am	16 BFF Mtg 11am
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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.

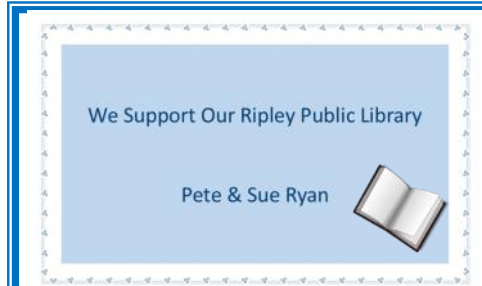
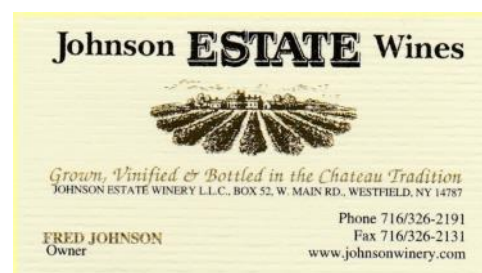
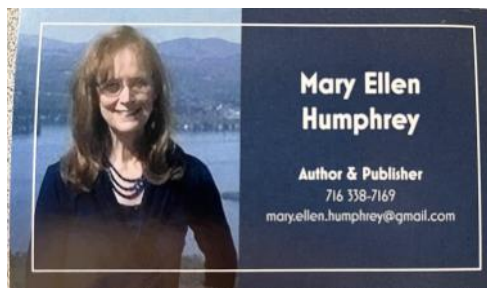
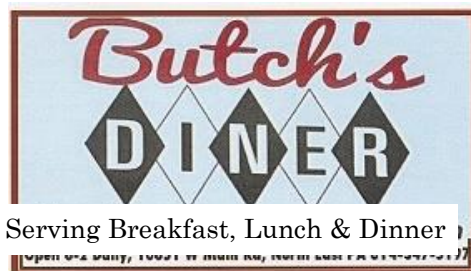
Our newest supporter of the Ripley Library is Kusina by the Lake in North East, Pa. Only opened for a short time, the restaurant is doing very well. Owner Richilyn Washburn, a Filipino native, comments, however, "The restaurant is very weather reliant. If it's a nice day, we're busy, but not so much on bad weather days."

Overlooking Lake Erie at the North East Marina, Kusina offers indoor and outdoor seating with a menu offering American and Filipino dishes. The gorgeous sunsets are free.

Located at the North East Marina, 11950 E. Lake Road, North East, PA, hours are Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11am til 9pm; Monday & Thursday 4-9pm. The restaurant will close for the season in mid-October.

Reservations are not required but suggested for larger parties.

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