



# Ripley Public Library

## Bookworm Newsletter

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## Looking Back

2023 was a busy year for the Ripley Library. From new classes to more authors to projects completed, the staff at the library were busier than ever before! Rhonda, Nancy, and Stephanie work hard to keep our readers and participants engaged and entertained. Here's a montage of a few of the things that happened this past year.



**Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 24th @ 6:30pm**  
**Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, January 20th @ 12:30pm**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME & DATE FOR BFF!**

*Thank  
You*

**A BIG Thank You to our Major Contributors  
to the Annual Online Auction!**

7-Eleven (Westfield)

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*And a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in  
our Online Auction. We couldn't do it without you!*

## Need an easy way to donate to the Ripley Library?

### Bottle and Can Collection



The Library has 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.



**OR**

The library is now one of the recipients of donations by others. Please consider

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

dropping off your returnable cans and plastic bottles in our name at Can Kings in Fredonia at 112 East Main Street . Just let them know you are donating the redemption money to the Ripley Library. They will count the cans and bottles, if you haven't already done so, and the money will go to the library! Easy!



The signed and numbered prints by Cotton Ketchie, well-known North Carolina artist and photographer, have been hung in the Reading Room.

If you haven't seen the transformation in the old church belfry, come take a look at it now! The artwork makes the room even more cozy and beautiful.

The prints are courtesy of Dan and Nancy Wakeley, formerly from Westfield, NY. Nancy is the author of the Kate Tyler series of mysteries and has spoken at the Ripley Library several times.



**It's time to renew your BFF (Best Friends Fund) membership!**

**Your \$5 donation, when added to many others, makes a sizable increase to our Fund! That fund is used to buy items for the library to help stretch the budget.**



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### Hands-on Nutrition Education classes!

For adults, caregivers of children age 19 years or younger,  
and young adults.

### Learn about:

- stretching your food dollars
- food safety
- planning meals your family will love
- how to get more physically active

#### Date & Place

Classes will be every Thursday evening

Jan. 25th-Feb, 29th, 2024 from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

At Ripley Public Library

Deadline to Register: Jan, 19, 2024

## Sign up Today!

Contact Ripley Public Library  
at  
716-736-3913



## Author Night in December

Finger Lakes native, Nancy Wakeley, presented her newest book, *Secrets at Deep Lake* at the Ripley Library in late December.

The third in a series of mysteries featuring Kate Tyler, a travel blogger, ends this series according to Nancy—but maybe there will be another story about Kate. Stay tuned.

All three books are available at the library. And Nancy will be back in July with another get-together to discuss her books, *Heirloom*, *The Legend*, and *Secrets at Deep Lake*.

## Nancy Rowe Photo Featured in *Birds & Blooms* magazine

“I am retired and I love taking photos as much as I love bird-watching. My husband set up many bird feeders outside our back window so I can sit at my dining table or in my recliner and snap away with a 100-400 mm zoom lens. Watching the little feathered creatures is a joy during the dreary winter months here in western New York. We keep them supplied with suet and seed. They visit often when the snow is heavy and the ground is covered. Purple finches have captured my heart, and this one with snowflakes on its head made me smile—it’s almost as if it is wearing a crown.”

Nancy Rowe





## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The quickness of time has really got me baffled. For the life of me I do not know how it is 2024 already. Just yesterday I was a little girl singing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree and now I am sitting in my office at the Ripley Public Library writing a director's report for our newsletter and contemplating retirement.

Ahhh well, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and are ready to start off the new year. We are ready here at the library. We are always pushing forward to bring the best we can to our patrons. This is also a perfect time to reflect and understand how much goes into bringing you a great library.

Our Program Director, Nancy McIntosh, is awash with new ideas for the library. She schedules speakers and has the greatest ideas for us to try. I know she has many in store for us throughout the new year. Our Head Clerk, Stephanie Feiss is the perfect fit for our library. Her dedication is unmatched. She mostly singlehandedly keeps up on the cleaning, the cataloging of books, the decorating, re-shelving of books, the constant organizing, displaying of new books, answering the phone, enforcing policies and the list goes on. She is the most valuable gear in the machinery that keeps the library going. Please be sure to thank her when you stop in. We certainly cannot forget about Robyn Albright; without her I would not be writing this report right now. She is so instrumental in getting this newsletter together and distributed to the hundreds of people who wish to receive it. Be sure to give her a nice hoorah when you see her again.

I also want to recognize our Best Friends of the Library. They work so hard raising money for the library so that we can put on programs, and afford things like chairs, a television, computers etc. They

work very hard for the library and in turn for you, the patron. What they do is all voluntary and the community would not have nearly as much as they do if it were not for them.



We certainly cannot forget our Board of Trustees. This group of people bring so much to the table. Everyone has their own unique skill that makes everything tick in perfect unison. Our President, Robert McIntosh, has worked endlessly on policies. He is amazing on how he keeps track of them all. Doc Hamels brings a great deal of experience and know ow. He also keeps the meetings moving right along with "Robert's Rules of Order" and works on preparing the budget. Karen Gunther, Secretary, brings a wealth of experience. She has been on the board longer than I know. Her dedication is limitless. Linda Probst brings her abilities with social media to the table. She is a great photographer and she knows how to reach the public with her wonderful ideas, and benefits the library greatly. Our newest members are Anita Donofrio, Tracy Reslink and Pat Washburn who bring great ideas and wisdom to the direction the library needs to go in order to give the people a library they can be proud of. These three make us proud, right along with the rest of the board. If anyone would like to contribute by joining the board or the BFF's, please let us know. We are always in need of people to help us out and keep us a viable part of the community. It would be a pleasure to have you help us build a better place for everyone.

I hope everyone has a glorious and healthy new year.

Rhonda Thompson; Library Director

## Among Friends

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday!

We held our meeting, with 7 people present. Welcome to newest member, Bethann! We went over the results of the craft/vendor fair; bake sale & auction. It was proposed that we move the auction to October and start soliciting in July, as we are competing with other organizations and events. The online auction will be October 4th to the 19th.

Rhonda will call to make an appointment to have the rugs professionally cleaned. Research will be reviewed for purchasing the steam cleaner with a proposed purchase date in June 2024.

Rhonda will invite Carolyn Mulson to our February 17th meeting, to go over the details of preparing a cookbook.

The Heritage Grant deadline is January 15th, Ryleigh will assist.

*Upcoming event dates:*

May - Spring Craft fair and Plant & Bake Sale (after Mother's Day)

July - Cruise In - Bake Sale

August - Book Sale

October - Online Auction

December - Christmas in Ripley - Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Our next meeting is January 20th @ 12:30. Hope to see you all there!!

Enjoy this nice weather for New Year's Eve and be safe! And don't forget to renew your Friend's membership!

Paula

### Book Club

**1st Monday of the month**

**5:30 @ the library**

**January selection:**

**The Round House**

**By Louise Erdrich**

### Nutrition with Molly

**Dates to be determined**

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

**Book Club**  
1st Monday at 5:30 in the library

**Knitting & Crocheting**  
Tuesdays noon-3:30pm

**Diamond Art**  
Tuesdays 4:30 til close

**Sewing Group**  
Thursdays noon-3pm

**DIY Story Time**  
New craft the 1st of each month

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



### Ripley Writer's Group

Mondays @ 1pm

### Book Club

**New time and place.** 1st Monday at 5:30 in the library.

### Knitting & Crochet Group

meets Tuesdays, noon until 3:30. All levels welcome.



### Diamond Art meets Tuesdays @ 4:30

Trial size available for free, then purchase the kits you like



**Sewing Group** meets Thursdays, noon until 3p.m.

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.

### DIY Story Time

Each month a new story and Do-It-Yourself craft will be available for parents to do with their child.



### Arm Chair Exercises Are Back!

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





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or book but don't know what to try?

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# DIY Storytime

Each month we will  
have a new craft and  
stories available.  
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to do the craft, read a  
story, or do both!

Available as a Take & Make

## CHECK OUT OUR LAUNCHPADS PRE-LOADED WITH EDUCATIONAL APPS & GAMES



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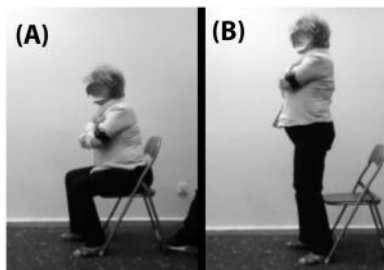
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## Exercise Classes are Back!

Low-impact armchair exercises will meet  
on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at  
10:30 am and Thursdays at 6 pm. For  
those who want a more strenuous workout,  
additional exercise videos will be available.



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## Friday Night Movies are back!

**Now Showing:**

**Home Alone**

**Friday, January 26th  
at 6pm**

Our group of young people who spend a lot of time at the library requested this movie and the library is pleased to comply! Come join us for some family fun!



## 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.

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



## 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.**



### 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.



## New Book List for January 2024

### ADULT FICTION

Allen/First Frost  
Dreese/Red Hope  
Follet/The Armor of Light  
Forsyth/The Crimson Thread  
Hanna/The Book Club of Waverly Lane  
Harvey/Under the Southern Sky  
Holmes/Thunder Road  
Hoover/Maybe Now  
Irvin/An Every Amish Season Series  
Book 1-4  
Kawaguchi/Before the Coffee Gets Cold  
Kingsbury/In Too Steep  
Lewis/The Essence of Nathan Biddle  
Lowe/A Family of Strangers  
MacLean/The Bookseller of Inverness  
Matayo/They Call Her Dirty Sally  
McFadden/The Perfect Son  
Meissner/Only the Beautiful  
Porter/The Travelers  
Rivers/The Lady's Mine  
Shipman/A Wish for Winter  
Steel/Finding Ashley  
Webber/At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities

### NONFICTION

Baldwin/Cousins  
Buijsman/Pluses and Minuses  
O'Reilly/Killing the Witches  
Sabatier/Financial Freedom  
Sadler/Fighter Aces  
Sundell/Birds of the Chautauqua Region

### YOUNG ADULT

Larson/Be That Way (Graphic Novel)  
Lim/Her Radiant Curse  
Xu/The Infinity Particle (Graphic Novel)

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Cotner/For Every Little Thing  
Drimmer/How to Survive in the Age of Dinosaurs  
Nauryzbai/Batu and the Search for the Golden Cup  
Parry/A Horse Named Sky  
Trueit/The Nebula Secret  
Weiner/The Bigfoot Queen  
Who Was Series:  
What Was the Bombing of Hiroshima?  
Who Was Harriet Tubman?  
Who Were the Wright Brothers?

### EASY READERS

Balkan/What a Map Can Do  
Barak/Do Not Lick This Book  
Barr/The Story of People  
Keats/Apt. 3  
Owen/Right Now, I Am Kind  
Right Now, I Am Fine  
Right Now, I Am Brave  
Pfeffer/Sounds All Around  
Stewart/The Amazing Adventures of Superman  
Torres/Subway Sparrow

### MOVIES

The Alamo  
Fast Times at Ridgemont High  
The Heat  
Kicking & Screaming  
Syriana  
Troy



## 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.

## BEST FRIENDS

Best Friends Fund of Ripley Library  
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## Notes & Things

### Email Newsletter

We rely on email to get our newsletter out. Each month you will receive 2 emails, The Bookworm and About Town. For a monthly copy, send your email address to: [thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at [thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

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

**One must always be careful of books and what's inside them, for words have the power to change us.**



Cassandra  
Clare

### Attend 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.

### 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 Board of Directors Meetings for 2024



**January 24th**

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.



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LIBRARY CLOSED	2 Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	3 Exercise 9:30	4 Sewing noon; Exercise 6	5 Exercise 9:30	6
7	8 Exercise 9:30; Writers 1; Book Club 5:30	9 Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	10 Exercise 9:30	11 Sewing noon; Exercise 6	12 Exercise 9:30	13
14	15 Exercise 9:30; Writers 1	16 Knitting noon Diamond Art 4:30	17 Exercise 9:30	18 Sewing noon Exercise 6	19 Exercise 9:30	20 BFF 12:30
21	22 Exercise 9:30; Writers 1	23 Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	24 Exercise 9:30 Board Mtg 6:30	25 Sewing noon; Nutrition 5:30; Exercise 6	26 Exercise 9:30; Movie Night 6pm	27
28	29 Exercise 9:30; Writers 1	30 Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	31 Exercise 9:30			

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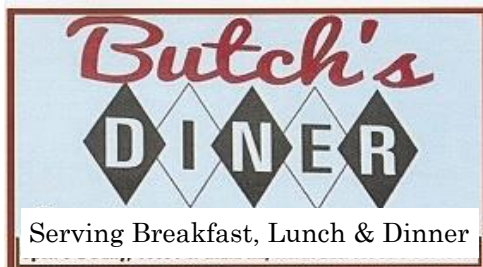
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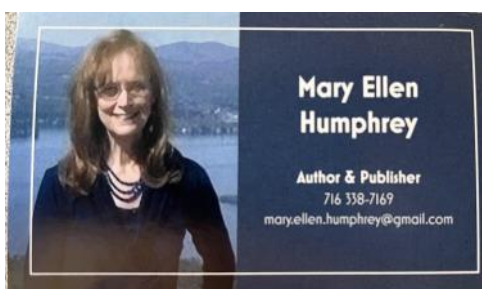
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for 2023! Bill  
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