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**The Library will close at noon on  
April 8th for the Solar Eclipse.  
Eclipse glasses are available at the  
library.**

**Book Club**

**Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm  
April's book is: Demon Copperhead by  
Barbara Kingsolver**

**Stay & Play**

**Back by popular demand  
Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.**

**Nutrition with Molly**

**No Molly classes this April :(**

**Poetry Night**

**Tuesday, April 9th @ 6pm**

**Paint Day**

**Saturday, April 13th @ 10:30am**

**Diamond Art**

**Tuesdays @ 4:30pm**



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

***Solar eclipse glasses still available, FREE, from the library!***

**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S  
DESK**

Here is hoping your April Fools' came in with a lot of fun and let's hope for a wonderful early spring. We haven't had one of those for a while. This time of the year always makes me want to start planting things. Speaking of that, do you know the origin of why April is named that? It comes from the Latin word aperio meaning "to open" or "bud" because plants begin to bloom during this month.

Here at the library we are always budding with things to do. I really hope you made it in to see the Art Show. There were some great pieces of artwork this year.

This month we will be celebrating National Poetry Month by having Poetry Night on April 9, 2024 at 6pm. If you have a favorite poem, or a poem you have written, please come share it with us. This is always a delightful evening and I hope you can join us.

Of course, the big talk for April is the eclipse. We are in for the spectacle of our lives. We are so blessed to have this happening over our area. I traveled down to Kentucky in August of 2017. This was one of the most amazing things I have ever seen. Please make sure to have your glasses, and remember, NEVER look directly at the sun.

You can take the glasses off during the time the sun is completely covered, in fact you will want to. At this time, you will see the sun's corona around the outside of the moon as it is passing in front of it. Some call this a once in a lifetime event, but it is even more than that. We will not likely get another full eclipse around this part of the country/world for another 360 years. This is not something to pooh pooh, please take it all in, be safe and try not to travel; the traffic will be crazy out there.

Right after Easter, we will be doing some rearranging in the library. If you have a few muscles or the ability to shelve books and would not mind helping, please stop in and help us out.

Be sure to come in and find out what is going on, share your Bookworm Newsletter and just let everyone know what a little gem of a library we have here in town.

See you at the library,

Rhonda Thompson, Library Director



## Stay and Play

### At Ripley Public Library

Every Tuesday at 10:30, starting March 5th.

For Babies and Toddlers age 0-4 years.

Join us for lots of fun, toys, books, socializing and refreshments.

For more details call 716-736-3913



## Nutrition with Molly

March

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.

No classes this April. See you in May!



## Book Club

April 1st

1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

April discussion:

**Circle of Friends**

By Maeve Binchy

## Annual Spring Plant Sale & Vendor/Craft Fair Coming May 25th

Reserve your table(s) now for the Spring Vendor/Craft Fair at the Ripley Library. Either Call (716) 736-3913 or email [clerk@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:clerk@ripleylibrary.org) to secure your place!

Donations of starter vegetable or flower plants, as well as full grown potted plants are needed!

Let us know what you can donate.

## Spring plant sale

Plant those seeds now for plants to be donated and sold at our annual plant sale in May!

The Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair and Plant Sale is coming May 25th! For those of you with green thumbs, please consider donating some vegetable or flower plants for our sale. This is always a great fund-raiser, and much appreciated by those who purchase those starter, or fully grown, plants.



## FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

This month I'm working on a little mystery. I've searched all my records and maps with no luck! Does anyone remember the name of the former town road that was an extension of Johnson Road before it turns into East Johnson Road? In other words, the road kept going for a long way till it got down to Sheldon Corners at Rt. 76. At one time there was some sort of Girl Scout Camp on this road as well as a Girl's Horse Riding Academy. This section of the road has been closed for many years. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at: [hamels@fairpoint.net](mailto:hamels@fairpoint.net)

Thank you!  
Doc Hamels, Town Historian

## Among Friends

We covered a lot of business during our March meeting. The Children's Area is being moved starting the first week of April, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Call Stephanie and let her know how you can help, and when.

We hope to see you at Poetry Night on April 9th at 6pm. Bring your favorite poem to read or write your own to share.

The Craft & Vendor & Plant Sale is coming up soon on May 25th. As always, help is needed. Get some seedlings started to donate!

Annual Auction will be held in October this year, donations requests will start in July and August. Hope you can join us on April 20th for our next BFF meeting!

**Knitting & Crochet Group**  
meets Tuesdays, noon until  
3:30. All levels welcome.



**Sewing Group** meets Thurs-  
days, noon until 3p.m.

Quilters and sewers of all levels  
are welcome.

**Diamond Art** meets Tuesdays @ 4:30

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



**DIY Story Time**

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





## From Lakeshore Center for the Arts in Westfield, New York:



“We are thrilled to announce that two of our writers from our writers group at Lakeshore Center for the Arts had one act plays chosen as finalists for the Juice Box Organic One Act Play Competition! They were blindly chosen out of over 100 entries from all over the world. Congratulations Robyn Albright and Catherine D’Agostino. We cannot wait to see your plays performed along with the other finalists.

Our JUICE BOX ORGANIC ONE ACT PLAY COMPETITION 2024 is pleased to announce the top five comedies and top five dramas for our competition. The competition was stiff and very close, there is a lot of talent out there in the world. After reading and evaluating well over 100 plays, the computer generated winners as follows:

### Comedies:

**Speed Dating** by Richard Strickland, Stoughton, MA

**Bazookas** by Sharon Goldner, Baltimore, MD

**Grimm and Bear It** by Lindsey Brown, Auckland, NZ

**Stealing a Kiss** by Laurie Allen, Odessa, TX

**Last Drinks** by Greg Gould, Queensland, AUS

### Dramas:

**Internal Suspension** by Catherine D’Agostino, Fredonia, NY

**For the Record** by FJ Hartland, Johnstown, PA

**Together** by Mike Sams, Buschland Beach, QLD, AUS

**Eddy and Edna** by Donald Loftun, New York, NY

**The Poem** by Robyn Albright, Ripley, NY

We congratulate all of the top ten and look forward to seeing them performed on our stage in July. Directors and casts are being chosen now. Please follow us here and on our website for more details as we get closer.

<https://lakeshorecenterforthearts.com/>”

# 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.



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Please consider 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 directly to the library! Easy!

Ever want to branch out to a new author or book but don't know what to try?

**WE CAN HELP!**

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# Book BUNDLE

FOR ADULTS



Answer a few questions and our staff will put together a bundle of 3-5 books for you to try!

Ripley Public Library



# DIY Storytime

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

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### 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. If you haven't renewed your card, we can take care of that too!

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 April 2024

### ADULT FICTION

Baldacci/Simply Lies  
 Benedict/The Personal Librarian  
 Bowen/The Paris Assignment  
 Brown/The Sometime Sisters  
 Byler/Love in Unlikely Places  
 Cambron/The Paris Dressmaker  
 Cossette/Voice of the Ancient  
 Curzon/The Spitfire Girl  
 Driscoll/Her Perfect Family  
 Elston/First Lie Wins  
 Hodgetts/The Girl in the Lifeboat  
 Lauren/The Wartime Matchmakers  
 MacLean/A Storm of Infinite Beauty  
 McFadden/The Teacher  
 Rosenfield/You Must Remember This  
 Shaffer/The Wishing Game  
 Stutzman/The Wanders  
     Wandering Home  
     Wander No More  
 Turnham/None Stood Taller  
 Valpy/The Cypress Maze  
 White/Yesterday's Tides  
 Willig/Two Wars and a Wedding  
 Woods/The Lost Bookshop

### NONFICTION

Grant/Hidden Potential  
 Hall/Captive: The Story of the Cleveland Abductions  
 Kampusch/3,096 Days in Captivity  
 Rousey/My Fight/Your Fight

### LARGE PRINT

Connolly/The Land of Lost Things  
 Rosenberg/The Jerusalem Assassin  
 Walvin/Freedom

### YOUNG ADULT

Christo/The Night Hunt  
 Clare/The Red Scrolls of Magic  
 Shyback/Aqueous  
 Sutherland/The Invocations

### JUNIOR BOOKS

Anderson/Who Was Robert Ripley?  
 Buckley/Who Was Sam Walton?  
 Daly/What Was the Age of Exploration?  
 DeCristofano/A Black Hole Is Not a Hole  
 Cohn/Bash and Lucy Say, Love, Love Bark!  
 Jones/Jack and the Snackstalk  
 Labrecque/Who Was Levi Strauss?

### EASY READERS

Archer/Daniel Finds a Poem  
 Cooper/Max and the Tag-Along Moon  
 DaVeiga/The Dolphin Dentist  
 Detlefsen/Right This Very Minute  
 Kasza/Silly Goose's Big Story  
 McAnulty/MOON! Earth's Best Friend  
 Sperring/20 Unicorns at Bedtime



## 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**

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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>**

You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, that has been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.  
—Graham Chapman



### 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



Meetings are open to the public, in person or via Zoom, and will be held at 6p.m. Dates and times subject to change.

**April 24th**

### 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.



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Book Club 5:30	2 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	3	4 Sewing noon	5	6
7	8 LIBRARY CLOSED AT NOON for ECLIPSE	9 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Dia- mond Art 4:30; Poetry Night 6	10	11 Sewing noon	12	13 Paint Day 10:30
14	15	16 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	17	18 Sewing noon	19	20 BFF Mtg 12:30
21	22	23 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	24 Library Board Mtg 6	25 Sewing noon	26	27
28	29	30 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30				

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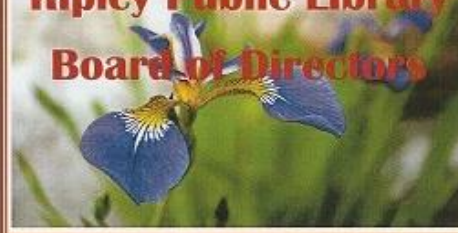
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