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Book Club

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm
Discussing *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather

Stay & Play

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

Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, March 5th @ 6p.m.
Thursday, March 28th @ 11a.m.

Local Author

Tuesday, March 12th @ 6 p.m.
Kathy Otten, *Solace of Denim*

Annual Art Show

March 16th through March 30th

Paint Session

Saturday, March 23rd @ 10:30a.m.



Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 27th @ 6pm
Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, March 16th @ 12:30pm

The Ripley Library Annual Art Exhibition

begins March 16th and runs through March 30th.

The show highlights our local artists, whether they be painters, photographers, or sculptors. Come see these works of art!

New this year, Best of Show prize! Participants and visitors can vote for their favorite piece and a prize will be awarded.

Art Exhibit reception will be held March 15th at 5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Meet the artists! Everyone invited.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

**RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
is seeking artists to display
their artwork in our annual
ART EXHIBITION**

March 12th—March 30th

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

Painting / Drawing / Sculpture / Photography

*Items entered should be art show quality;
photography submissions should be
at least 8x10 size and matted/framed.
Entries must be submitted by March 12th*

Submitting artwork? Give us a call to let us know!

**RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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716-736-3913**

tiny art show

Display your artistic talents in our tiny art show. Pick up a mini canvas at the Ripley Library and create your masterpiece. When you are finished bring your art back to the library so it can be part of the show!

Pick up your canvas and return it by March 11th.



**Open To
All Ages!**

Among Friends

Spring is just around the corner and things are starting to POP here at the Ripley Library!

March is the Month of the Arts and the library will once again host a local art show. If you're one of the ones blessed with artistic ability, please bring in a work or two of yours to share with us. Deadline for submissions is March 12th.

The first total solar eclipse in our area in 99 years is on its way. April 8th we (in Ripley and surrounding area) are in the path of totality. Get your solar eclipse glasses ready. There's a rumor that the library will have some available. Watch for further information. Remember—DO NOT look directly at sun (at any time) during the eclipse.

May 25th brings the Craft & Vendor & Plant Sale back to the library. Space is limited for the crafters and vendors, so if you plan to participate, get your reservation for a table(s) in early! If you have plants to donate, bring them to the library during the week of May 20th. And be sure to get those seeds started now!

Stephanie, our ever over-loaded, positively fabulous clerk, is doing some spring cleaning in anticipation of a new Children's Area. Plans are to move the circulation desk out into the main library, roughly where the children's toys are now, and move a larger, better equipped play area/children's books, into the back room. If you have children's indoor play equipment, toys, and especially Legos, the li-

brary will gladly accept your donation—AFTER the area has been set up. Please, only toys and equipment in good to excellent condition.

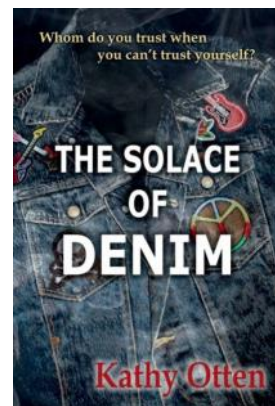
The Best Friends group has some exciting new projects in the hopper. Watch for more information in the coming months! If you're not already a "Friend," think about joining this great group. We're making positive changes to our local library!

Local Author—Kathy Otten

Kathy Otten is a local writer of historical fiction as well as contemporary romance. She has authored thirteen novels as well as numerous short stories and young adult works.

Her most recent novel, *The Solace of Denim*, is a young adult mystery that all audiences will enjoy.

Come join us on Tuesday, March 12th at 6 p.m.



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.

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.



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 refresh-
ments.**

**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.

March 5th @ 6p.m. &
March 28th @ 11a.m.



Book Club

March 4th

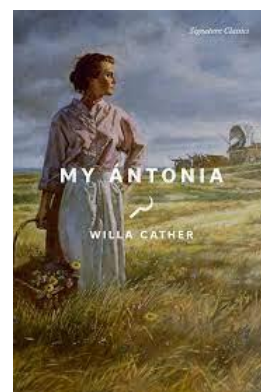
1st Monday of the
month

5:30 @ the library

March discussion:

My Antonia

By Willa Cather



Painting Session

March 23 10:30am

Cost \$5

Join us on a Saturday morning in Spring to paint this beautiful spring scene!

If you're wondering, no, it's not as hard as it looks! Refreshments will be served and the coffee pot on...

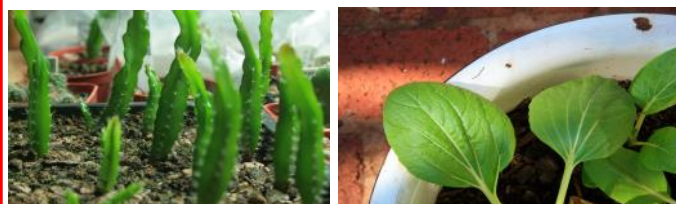


Come give it a try!

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.



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?

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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!

Available as a Take & Make



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

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy Spring Everyone,

Meteorologically speaking, March 1st is the first day of Spring, however we need to wait until March 20th for the earth to tilt for the actual start of spring. Did you know that the month of March is named for the Roman God of War, Mars, as this was the time of the year when countries resumed military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter?

However, what about St. Patrick? Was he real? Yes, he was real but there are many legends about him that mix the truth. He did play a huge role in spreading Christianity to Ireland, but did he really rid Ireland of all the snakes? Probably not, since snakes are not native to Ireland anyway. Actually, the man who would become St. Patrick was born as Maewyn Succat in Britain in the late 4th century. Great Britain was under the control of the Roman Empire at this time. His family was Christian but Maewyn was said to be an atheist throughout his childhood.

This all changed around the year 400 AD (anno dominum) when Maewyn was kidnapped by Irish pirates who carried him off to Ireland and forced him to work as a sheep herder. He was about 16 years old at this time. He escaped after six years, walking 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him back to Britain. This experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn and he was convinced that only God could have protected him and delivered him back home.

He received his call to preach the gospel in a dream and pursued his missionary work. When he became a priest, he changed his name to Patricius and returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings. Patricius traveled from village to village spreading the word of God and eventually founded many

churches there.

People wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because legend says St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. This legend remains in question however, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.



A little information on the shamrock is that a three-leaf clover symbolized St. Patrick, not a four-leaf clover. However, as there is usually an overlay of pagan traditions with religious traditions, the four-leaf clover was regarded by the ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits.

A few other facts about St. Patrick's Day: blue was the original color associated with it, but now green is the favored color. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City on March 17, 1762.

I thought this would be a good month to learn some trivia about the month. Any way you look at it, this is a good month to visit the library. As usual, we have a lot going on. Please join us for our many activities, especially the Art Show. It's always a lot of fun and oh, so much talent.

Enjoy the lengthening days and the spring feel.

See you at the library,

Rhonda Thompson; Library Director



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 March 2024

ADULT FICTION

Altamirano/The Mommy Clique
Atwood/Fourteen Days
Baldacci/The 6:20 Man
Brown/The Daydream Cabin
Charles/The Paris Library
Chase/No Place for Tender Hearts
Curzon/The Ration Book Baby
Darrow/Murder for Liar
Devenney/The Legacy Soars
Dreese/Blue Moon
Evans/The Traitor Beside Her
Hannah/The Women
Hughes/The Long-Lost Jules
Jenoff/The Ambassador's Daughter
La Salle/Laws of Annihilation
Macomber/Must Love Flowers
McGee/Eternity Between Us
McInerney/The Godmothers
Michaelides/The Fury
Pennington/Better Choices
Varni/On Moonberry Lake
Watson/Where No One Will See

NONFICTION

Gregg/The Toltec Way
Harmon/Ghost of Honolulu
Parsons/Twenty Thousand Roads
Richardson/Democracy Awakening
Shazier/Walking Miracle
Taussig/Sitting Pretty

LARGE PRINT

Castillo/An Evil Heart
Preisler/Net Force Dark Web
Margolin/A Reasonable Doubt

YOUNG ADULTS

Blake/Champion of Fate
Fahmy/Huda F Cares?
Krosoczka/Sunshine

JUNIOR BOOKS

Castellucci/Star Wars: Moving Target
Climo/Best Bear Ever
Cohn/Bash and Lucy Say, Love, Love, Bark!
National Geographic/Dinosaur Atlas
Pullman/The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship
Scott/Legends & Lore
Starbuck/Leopard Rescue- True Life Stories

EASY READERS

DaVeiga/Chocolate Space Bunnies
De La Pena/Last Stop on Market Street
Denise/Knight Owl
McLeod/Spend It
Nichols/Maple
Parton/I Am a Rainbow
Ponti/Chick & Chickie Play All Day
Silvestro/Bunny's Book Club
Watt/You're Finally Here

MOVIES

The Bronx is Burning
Crossroads
Epic Movie
Painted Hero
PIUS XII
Scarface



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

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<https://www.ripleylibrary.org>

What would have happened if the Library of Alexandria hadn't been destroyed?

It is thought that if it had not been destroyed, the human being might have been more advanced in science, technology, literature, arts, and culture. The Library of Alexandria was not only the largest learning center of its time but the first of its kind. The Great Library of Alexandria was burnt by Julius Caesar's fire.

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



March 27th

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

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Library Closed for carpet cleaning
3	4 Book Club 5:30	5 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30; Nutrition w/Molly 6	6	7 Sewing noon; Building Healthy Habits 5:30	8	9
10	11	12 Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30; local author 6:00	13	14 Sewing noon	15 Art Show reception 5:00	16 Art Show; BFF Mtg 12:30
17	18 Art Show	19 Art Show; Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	20 Art Show	21 Art Show; Sewing noon	22 Art Show	23 Art Show; Painting 10:30
24	25 Art Show	26 Art Show; Stay & Play 10:30; Knitting noon; Diamond Art 4:30	27 Art Show; Library Board Mtg 6	28 Art Show; Nutrition w/Molly 11; Sewing noon	29 Art Show	30 Art Show
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When visiting these businesses or individuals, please thank them for their support of the Ripley Public Library!



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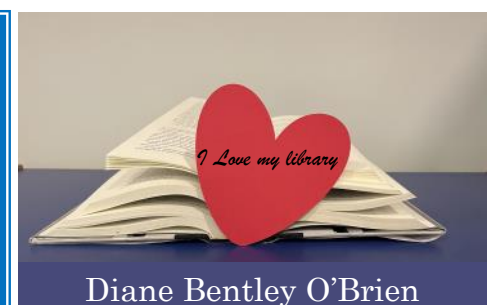
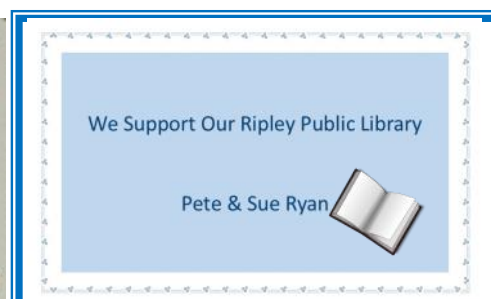
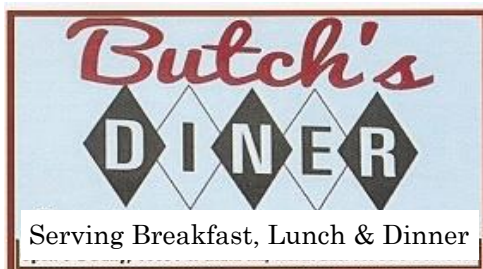
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