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Monday 10am-5pm
Tuesday 10am-7:30pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm
Thursday 10am-7:30pm
Friday 10am-5pm
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Best Friends Welcome You

Ripley Library is EXPLODING with March Activities!

Thursday the 6th-Office for the Aging will be here at 11a.m. to talk about the services they offer, as well as general information.

Saturday the 8th-Paint Day— paint an adorable bunny and chick

Friday the 14th-pi Day—come celebrate pi day with a piece of homemade pie!

Friday the 14th-Month of the Arts-Artists Reception from 6 until 8p.m. Show runs through March 29th.

Monday the 17th-St. Patrick's Day Come wearin' o' the green!

All Month-Women's History Month Special books and displays about women in history.

March 20—First Day of Spring!!!

Saturday the 15th-Food Boxes are Back Distribution of 100 boxes, first come, first served

MARCH 9TH– TURN CLOCKS AHEAD!



Library Board meeting, Wednesday, March 19th @ 6pm
Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, March 15th @ 12:30pm

Coming up in March

Book Club

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm
March Book:

This Tender Land

By William Kent Krueger

Office for the Aging

Thursday, March 6th @ 11

Paint Day

Saturday, March 8th @ 10

Nutrition with Molly

Thursday, March 13th @ 11

Tuesday, March 25th @ 6

pi Day

Friday, March 14th Stop by for a piece of pi (pie)

Month of the Arts

Reception Friday, March 14th @ 6pm

Runs through March 15-29

Spice Club

Please call the library for more information.

Stay & Play

Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.

Diamond Art (Dot Doers)

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Food Box Give-a-Away

Last summer food boxes were available at the library through a grant sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. That is about to start again on March 15th and continue through August.

This has been made possible with our connection to Cornell Cooperative Extension. Linnea Haskins has worked very hard to get grants in order to bring fresh foods to the “Food Desert” areas. Ripley, along with other rural towns, falls under this description. We at the library are so appreciative of the work she has done and the benefits it has brought to us.

There definitely is a need for this in our area as all 100 boxes went very quickly. We are glad folks are taking advantage of this opportunity. In order for these types of programs to continue, we need to let the State know how much it has helped area families. Some emails to the State and to Cornell Cooperative may have an impact on additional grants. Your letters and emails to Cornell will give them documentation as to how people have been helped in order to receive more grants. Letters to our government officials will help them understand there is a need in these food desert areas.

This particular program also helped the area farmers. The produce and other fresh foods, like honey, bread, and cheese was purchased from them and then kept in the area for folks in the food deserts.

Be sure to come to the library on Saturdays, starting March 15th, to get your box of fresh produce, and also please do Cornell the courtesy of making sure they know how grateful we are. By letting the powers-that-be know what we need and want, we are more likely to see other grant programs like this.

We will start distributing boxes as soon as they are delivered. This is usually around 10:30-11:00 am.



Grow Chautauqua Food Distribution Program

- **Saturday March 15—Saturday August 16**

Thanks to the USDA, CCE Chautauqua is happy to organize the

Grow Chautauqua food box distribution program. Each week, local, county grown produce is procured and purchased from local farms and distributed at no cost to the local community.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Each box is FREE, and available no questions asked. No ID or income requirements needed.

pi Day

March 14

Why is it “pi Day?”

Because the mathematical value of pi is

3.14159265359...

Why do we care?

Because you can come to the Ripley Library on March 14th and have a piece of homemade **PIE!**



Donations appreciated but not required.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Thursday, March 6th at 11a.m.

The Mission of the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services is to guide, connect, and advocate for long-term services and supports to help older adults remain in their community.

If you need help navigating the programs out there for senior citizens, this is for you!



SPICE CLUB

Each month members pick up a sample bag of a featured spice and some recipes that can be used.

Register each month by phone or in person at the library (716-736-3913).

Call the library for more information.

For more information please contact the Library at 716-736-3913.



Book Club

March 3rd

1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

This Tender Land

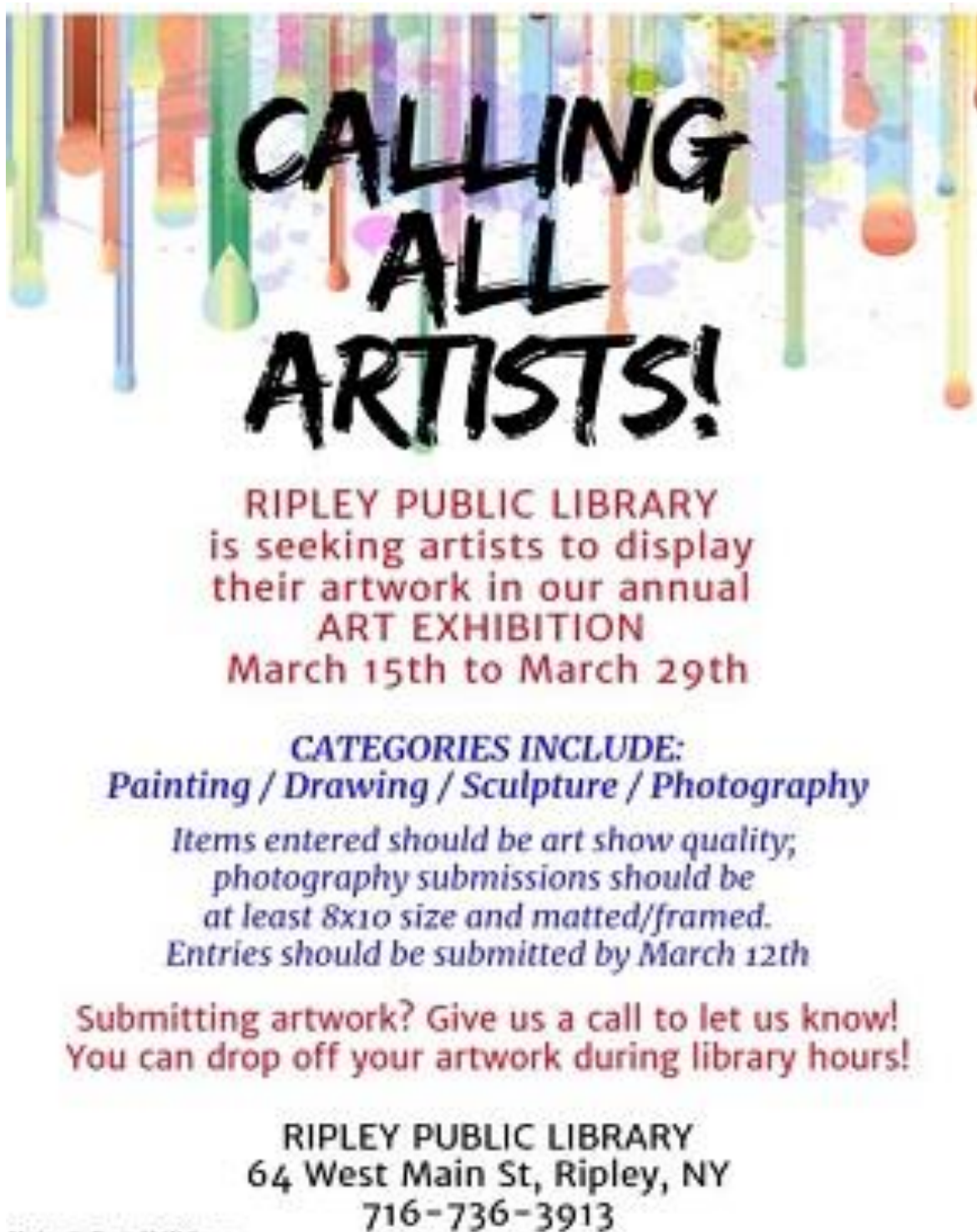
By William Kent Krueger

RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PAINT DAY

March 8th at 10:00



**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
CALL THE LIBRARY TO SIGN UP
(716) 736-3913**



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All submissions must be in no later than Wednesday, March 12th

Artists Reception, Friday, March 14th, 6-8p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine, or punch available while you peruse the local talent.

From the Director's Desk

Rhonda Thompson

Hello March!

Can you really believe it is March already? I know I sound like my mother and grandmother, but the older I get the faster the time goes. We get so caught up in our lives that time is gone before we know it. We must be mindful to acknowledge each day as it comes, and even if it is a “bad” day, there is always something to appreciate.

There are a couple of things in March we can look forward to. First of all, this is the Month of the Arts, and we will host our Annual Art Show. If you have any artwork you would like to display, please let us know. Bring it in by March 12th and we will include it in our show. Our Art Show is always a fun time. Even if you do not have any art to display, be sure to visit us and attend the kickoff.

We also celebrate PI DAY in March. This is more for the mathematicians, but if we are going to celebrate by eating pie, I am all in. Do you ever wonder why we make a big production about pi
or $A = \pi r^2$?

The date 3/14 honors the never-ending number 3.14159... The date is just another reason for us to have a celebration, but pi has a real reason.

More than just a geometry formula, the practical uses of pi can be found everywhere. Scientists use pi to understand anything that involves a circle, sphere

or curve. Whether calculating the vastness of space or understanding the spiral of DNA, pi is involved. Some have memorized pi up to 100 digits. NASA uses pi up to 15 digits. They explained it like this: Consider earth. It is 7,926 miles in diameter at the equator. How far off would we be if we calculated our planet's circumference with only 15 digits of pi instead of a few more? NASA feels going further would only change by about 1 molecule. So, what is the purpose of knowing 100 digits? Nothing, it is strictly a numbers fascination.

March also brings the time change. We will return to Daylight Savings Time on March 9th. This has its own long history of which I will address at another time. We also welcome in Spring this month. Meteorologically speaking, Spring starts March 1st. However, according to the calendar, it begins on March 20th. Incidentally, this is also our Stephanie's birthday.

March also brings St. Patrick's Day. We all have many individual ways to celebrate this day. Though this day has a strong religious background, here in the United States we seem to fully enjoy making a party of it. The color blue was originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now the favored color. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American Colonies was held in New York City on March 17, 1762.



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Director's Desk

The symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf clover, not a four-leaf clover. The three-leaf represents the trinity. This is how St. Patrick taught the gospel. Moreover, the four-leaf clover was regarded by the ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In 1911, O.H. Benson, an Iowa Superintendent, chose the four-leaf clover to represent the 4-H club.

I find all of these little things so interesting. You should all come to the library and discover a lot more interesting things. There is a whole world of knowledge within these walls, come seek them out. I will see you at the library. Until then, I will leave you with this joke: Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

You don't want to press your luck.



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. If you've never been, give it a try. Each session is different and always a rollicking good time!

Thursday, March 13th @ 11am

Tuesday, March 25th @ 6pm

Diamond Art meets Tuesdays @ 4:30 (Dot Doers)

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



Sewing Group meets Thursdays at noon.

Quilters and sewers of all levels are welcome.



Knitting & Crochet Group meets Tuesdays at noon. All levels welcome.



MARCH NEW BOOK LIST**ADULT FICTION**

Bowen/The Venice Sketchbook
Cambron/The British Booksellers
Chamberlain/Breaking the Silence
Chazin/The Fragile Edge
Confino/Don't Forget to Write
Dean/First Born
Donlea/Those Empty Eyes
Dye/Walking Towards Freedom
Gardner/The Perfect Husband
Geirge/Maame
Green/The Blackout Book Club
Hawkins/The Blue Hour
Lawhon/Code Name Helene
McCrum/Prayers the Devil Answers
Reay/Of Literature and Lattes
Shepherd/The Cartographers
Sundin/Until Leaves Fall in Paris
Yarros/Fourth Wing

NONFICTION

Agapitov/Once Upon Tomorrow
Gooley/The Secret World of Weather
Laskin/The Children's Blizzard
Ross/Be Strong and of Good Courage
Shear/Everything We Should Have Taught
You in High School, But Never Did

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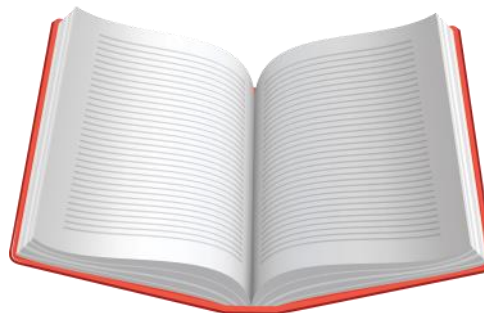
Brennan/You'll Never Find Me
Carlisle/Premeditated Mortar
Johnstone/Death & Texas
Shoaf/Identity: Classified
Vaughan/Little Disasters

YOUNG ADULT

Ifueko/The Maid and the Crocodile
Shusterman/Thunder Head
Tahir/Heir

EASY READERS

Colandro/There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover
Daywalt/Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Crayons
Dean/Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun Chase
Tolentino/Sunday
Wallace/How to Catch a Leprechaun



March is Women's History Month

There are thousands of women who have helped shape and advance our world, but for this month's newsletter we will focus on some of the women who contributed to our understanding of the universe. These few are but a small sampling of the women who worked in the field.



1786, Caroline Herschel became the first woman to discover a comet. She went on to find eight comets and was the first woman paid for scientific work!



1847, Maria Mitchell discovered a new comet, now called "Miss Mitchell's Comet." She later became the first female professor of astronomy in the U.S.!



1912, Henrietta Swan Leavitt discovered how to measure distances in space using variable stars. Her work helped scientists understand the size of the universe!



1925, Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin proved that stars are mostly hydrogen and helium, changing our understanding of the universe forever!



1950, Beatrice Tinsley made discoveries about how galaxies change over time, helping us understand the evolution of the Milky Way!



1962, Katherine Johnson calculated the flight path for an orbit of Earth, ensuring a safe mission. Her math also helped land Apollo 11 on the Moon!



1963, Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel to space aboard Vostok 6



1964, Margaret Hamilton led the team that wrote the software for the Apollo Moon landings, making sure astronauts got there and back safely.



1983, Sally Ride flew on the Space Shuttle Challenger, becoming the first American woman in space.



1968, Jocelyn Bell Burnell discovered pulsars, rapidly spinning stars that send out bursts of radiation. This was one of the biggest astronomy discoveries of the 20th century!



2017, Peggy Whitson became the first woman to command the International Space Station twice and holds the U.S. record for the most time spent in space—665 days!



1970s, Vera Rubin discovered dark matter, proving that most of the universe is invisible and held together by a mysterious force.



2021, Swati Mohan was the Guidance & Controls lead for the Perseverance rover that landed on Mars, helping guide it safely to the surface!



2021, Pam Melroy, a former astronaut, became NASA's Deputy Administrator, helping lead the future of space exploration.

Ripley Library is looking for Local Authors

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

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 into a world of adventure!



Fabulous 50

Welcome to our Fabulous 50 Challenge! We invite booklovers everywhere to join. The goal is to read 50 books in a two-year period. For every 25 books you read you will receive a prize.

To enter, register at the library or by phone or email. The entire challenge list can be picked up at the library or sent to your email. Only one book can be used for each entry. No repeats. Check off each box as you complete a book and write the name of the book and author. Contact the library every month to let us know what you've achieved.

Book Chat

A new Facebook page, sponsored by Ripley Library, will host adult readers who will discuss favorite books, and check out new authors.

Ripley Readers Retreat will meet, live, online, every Monday, between 3pm til 7pm.

Check the Ripley Public Library Facebook page for information about the new page.

Stay and Play At Ripley Public Library

Moms! Every Tuesday at 10:30

**For Babies and Toddlers
age 0-4 years.**



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"back room." Toys,
equipment and books
are available for the
youngsters, and the coffee pot
is always on.**



Girl Scout Troop 20006—Meetings are held
Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Ripley Library,
2nd floor.

Contact:

Ann See

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annsee716@yahoo.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 li-
brary.

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

Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle



Ripley
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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

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.**



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 young person 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



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, Summer Reading Program, 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

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at thebookworm14775@gmail.com

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

Poetry Night will be held in April. Date and time to be announced. Original pieces or readings from your favorite poet can be presented.

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

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.

Ripley Public Library Board of Directors Meetings for 2025



Mar 12
Mar 26
Apr 23
May 28
Jun 25

Jul 23
Aug 27
Sep 24
Oct 22
Nov 26
Dec TBA

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 2025

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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!

Want to show your support for our Ripley Library? For \$60 (that's only \$5 per month) you can put your business card or a personal message in every issue of The Bookworm. A small amount from many equals a big amount for new library programs. Please help.



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