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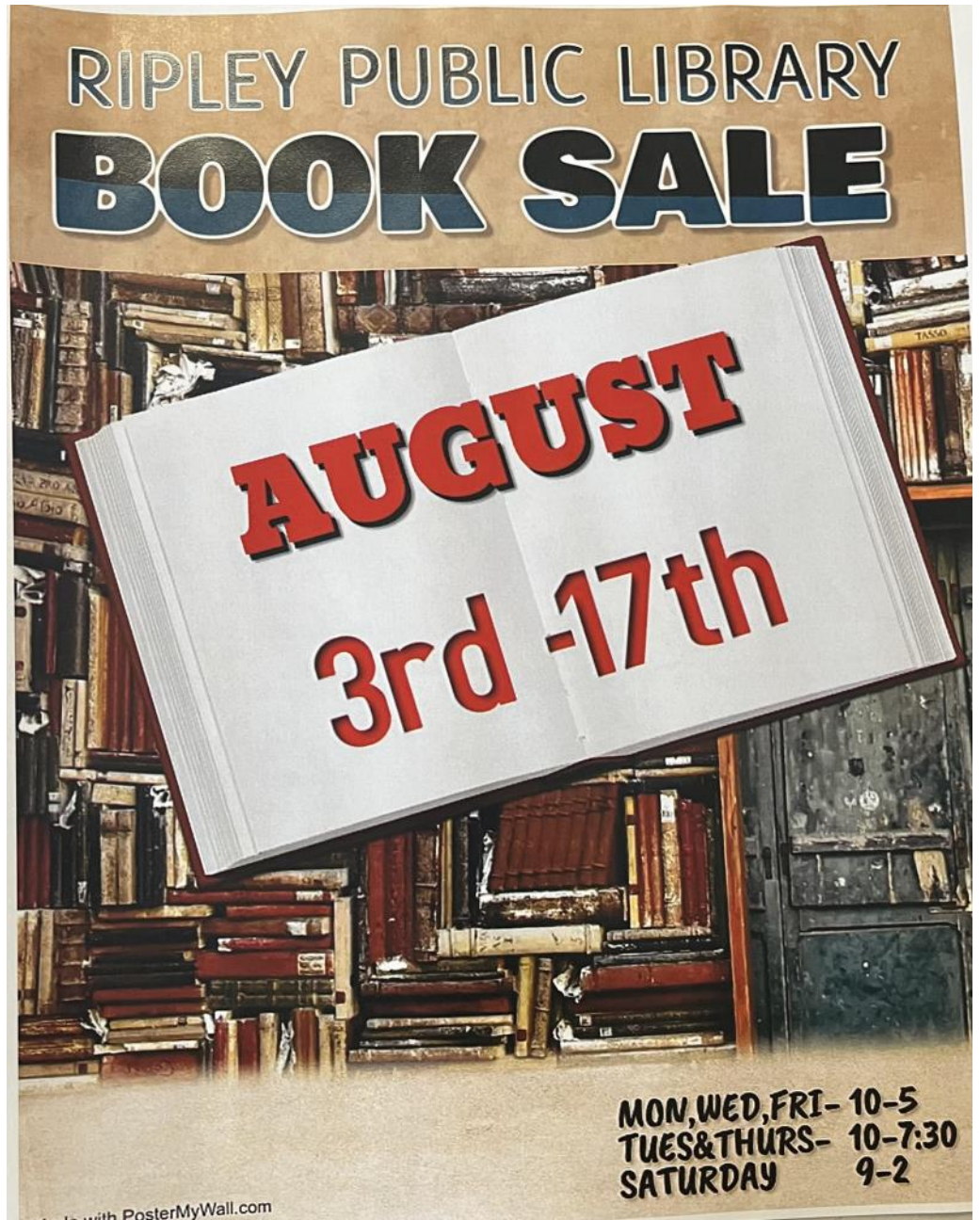
*Best Friends Welcome You*

**Hours of Operation**

Monday 10am-5pm  
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**Closed Friday, August 2nd**



**Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 28th @ 6pm**  
**Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, August 17th @ 12:30pm**

**Coming up in August**

**Book Club**  
**Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm**  
**August Book:**  
***Wish You Were Here***  
**By Judy Picoult**

**Local Author**  
**Tuesday, August 20 @ 6p.m.**  
**Joan Wahl**

**Stay & Play**  
**Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.**

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

**Nutrition with Molly**  
**Tuesday, August 13 @ 6 pm**  
**Thursday, August 22 @ 11 am**

**Knitting & Crochet Group**  
**Tuesdays 12-3:30**  
**All levels welcome!**

**Quilting & Sewing Group**  
**Thursdays 12-3:30**  
**Beginners thru experienced welcome!**

## There is no reason to go hungry in Ripley, NY

Because Ripley, NY is designated a “food desert,” multiple programs are available to the residents to help offset the high cost of groceries. Please read the newsletters (About Town and The Bookworm) for more information about each program, or call the library for more information.

**Mobile Food Pantry monthly at the Fire Hall**

**The Food Pantry located in the school building**

**Grow Chautauqua Market distributed weekly at the library**

**Free lunch program for kids at The Hut, the Ripley Library, and Eagle U at the school.**

## Hometown Talent

The Bookworm and About Town strive to let Ripley citizens, and others, know what’s happening in our little corner of the world. To that end, Hometown Talent will be featured when one of our own accomplishes something notable.

**Robyn Albright** is one such talent. Robyn placed third in the Lakeshore Center for the Arts One-Act Play contest held in July. Here at the Ripley Library, we are so very proud of Robyn. She is a HUGE library supporter and she does not get all the kudos she deserves. I feel it is important for our community to recognize such talent. This was an international competition and Robyn came in third. This was Robyn’s debut play and she actually took the bronze medal! We could very well have a famous playwright living right in our own little town. When you see her, be sure to congratulate her. This contest is a world-wide search for talented playwrights, and brings in entries from Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand to mention a few of this year’s 150 entrants. Her play, *The Poem*, along with all the winners, will soon be available to view on Lakeshore’s website. [lakeshorecenterforthearts.com](http://lakeshorecenterforthearts.com) Be sure to check it out.



Welcome to the newest member of the Ripley Library crew,  
Annie Donofrio.

Annie is a former board member so she has a clear understanding of how our library works. She will be tending the desk Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Give her warm welcome next time you’re in!



## Free Lunch Program at the Library

The Ripley Public Library is pleased to announce that we are a “Grab-n-Go” site for children age 18 and under to receive a lunch. Children are welcome to stay here and eat their lunch or they can take it with them. The food is being provided by “The Summer Food Service Program” through the State of NY. There are

now three sites in Ripley in which lunches are available for our children. The meals are wholesome and nutritious. The menu changes from day-to-day but will consist of a sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk. I am encouraging everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. They will be available until the kiddos return to school.



## Free Food Give-Away from Cornell Cooperative Extension

Please remember, every Saturday through the middle of October, a free box of food is available at the Ripley Public Library. This is not the same as the Food Express which is available on a monthly basis. This is a separate program and is available due to our community being in a “Food Desert”. These programs are a wonderful thing and is a boon not only to our community, but also the local farmers who participate with these programs. The farmers receive revenue from the State for their products, Cornell Cooperative Ext. organizes the delivery and we get to benefit from this. Procedures such as this

help keep our economy and our bodies strong. The more you participate, the more people will benefit. This is not a charity, this is fulfilling a need in our community. Let’s keep the cycle moving.



**Free "Grab & Go" Lunches for Ripley Students**

Ripley Library will be giving out free bag lunches to kids who visit there at lunchtime (11:30 - 1:30) on weekdays during the summer. Students will now have the option of getting lunch at "The Hut" or "The Library"!

Thank you to Chautauqua Opportunities for sponsoring this program!

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**Book Club**  
**August 5th**  
 1st Monday of the month  
 5:30 @ the library

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

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

**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.



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## Grow Chautauqua Market

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### Distribution Site Location

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**Your Grow Chautauqua box includes produce and other items from NY farms and producers:**

- Ellicottville Greens (Olean, NY)
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- Eden Valley Creamery (South Dayton)
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- Roo Haven Farm (Forestville)
- JM Joy Farms (Fredonia)
- Roberto Fred Farms (Dunkirk)
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- Clymer Produce Auction

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Visit Chautauqua Grown for more information on local products:  
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This program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture through the National Food Security Administration (NFS) and the National Food and Nutrition Assistance Program (NFAP). Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal programs and employment opportunities. Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauque County office if you have any special needs.

Thanks to all the farmers who participate in this worthy cause. A special thanks to **Tim Grant** of **Stand Fast Farms** for supplying the beef in Week 2 of the Grow Chautauqua Market. In cooperation with Cornell University, **FREE** boxes of food will be distributed every Saturday through October at Ripley Library. No proof of residence or income required.

**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!



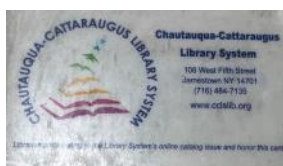
Tuesday, August 13 @ 6 pm

Thursday August 22 @ 11 am

### **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!**



### **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.

### **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



# SUMMER READING PROGRAM CANDY BAR BINGO



## SUMMER READING PROGRAM REPCO VISIT

A BOA CONSTRICTOR, SNAKES, LIZARDS, HISSING COCKROACHES, A TURTLE AND A TORTOISE AND SLINKY THE FERRET ENTERTAINED 35 GUESTS AT THE RIPLEY LIBRARY PRESENTED BY CRYSTAL AND LIAM POYFAIR.





## Tuberculosis Epidemic Hits Home, Part I

This past June Mindy Wendell, a local author, spoke at the Ripley library about her book “Light and Air.” Set in 1935 during a tuberculosis epidemic, it told the journey of a young girl in a tuberculosis hospital. After attending this presentation, Janet and Gary Skinner shared an article in the Dunkirk Evening Observer from 1995, which chronicled a stay by Gary’s father and aunt at a TB facility in Cassadaga, New York.



*Gilbert Skinner and his sister Laura Green reminisce as they look at old photographs of the former Newton Memorial Hospital in Stockton, NY*

We thought you might be interested in learning more about the history of tuberculosis as it related to some local residents. In this two-part series, the newspaper article will be presented. From **Evening Observer**, Monday, December 18, 1995, by Joan Josephson

“Cassadaga – In 1929, one year after the Children’s Pavilion opened at the former Newton Memorial Hospital in Cassadaga, Gilbert Skinner, then 12, and his sister, Laura, then 9, became residents there.

They were among the 60 other children, 30 girls, and 30 boys, who were brought to the hospital because they either had tuberculosis or were susceptible to developing it.

This past fall, Mr. Skinner, now a Ripley resident and his sister, now the wife of Howard Green and living in

Portland, revisited the hospital, which has since become the Cassadaga Job Corps Center.

They found the Children’s Pavilion to be in rather sad shape. It has been unused for an extended period of time and is structurally falling apart, Mr. Skinner says.

“Its kind of sad to see how it has deteriorated,” he says.

He and his sister spent a good share of their young lives at the hospital built to house and cure tuberculosis patients.

“Gilbert and I didn’t have active tuberculosis, but our Mother and our oldest sister did and both died from the disease,” Mrs. Green explains.

The hospital’s superintendent, Dr. Walter L. Rathbun of Fredonia, was strongly influential in getting the Children’s Pavilion built, she says.

“It was because of him, Gilbert and I were brought to stay at the hospital. He felt that if we could receive what was considered to be preventative type of care, we wouldn’t develop tuberculosis, like our mother and sister did,” Mrs. Green Says.

The sister, Beatrice, was bedridden at the hospital for five years before she became well again. However, she later developed the disease a second time and died from it.

Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Green like other tuberculosis patients at the hospital, received nutritious meals, exposure to fresh air and sun light or sun lamp treatments and the less than agreeable treatment of cod liver oil.

“I can still remember the taste of that stuff,” Mrs. Green says with a shudder.”

Look for Part II in the September Issue

## From the Director's Desk

Rhonda Thompson



Hello Community!!!!

We are in the middle of summer already, I can hardly believe it. Where has the time gone. We are through summer reading and heading into the book sale. August 4<sup>th</sup> will mark my ten years of being the director. That also seems crazy how quickly the time has gone. Then I look around and see the changes that have been made over the years. We really have done a lot and made many memories. Working together, our employees, board members, BFF members and volunteers have done so much. I appreciate every one of them so much.

On to August now. We have many plans for this month too. We are always busy here to bring fun and exciting things to you. This month we will have an author's night, CPR training, a Paint Night, Nutrition with Molly along with our usual knitting, sewing and card player times. Additionally, we will be having our annual book sale beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Another highlight for August is the free lunches for children that will be available at the library on a "Grab-n-Go" basis. Kiddos can certainly choose to eat them at the library if they want to.

I encourage everyone to come into the library and just see for yourself how much is offered to the community. I believe everyone is getting a whole lot of return for their dollar. Each employee, board member, volunteer and BFF work very hard to provide our community with as much as our little library can possibly offer. Many thanks to all of you who make this library possible.

See you at the library,



## Stay and Play

### At Ripley Public Library

Every Tuesday at 10:30

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For more details call  
716-736-3913



The "back room" has been converted into an area specifically for our little ones, with a larger play area, more toys and equipment, and books for ages 0-12.

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

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## Book BUNDLE

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Ripley Public Library



## DIY Storytime

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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



## New Book List

### August 2024

#### ADULT FICTION

- Burges/The Minuscule Mansion of Myra Malone
- Callahan/Once Upon a Wardrobe
- Carr/Return to Virgin River
- Crichton/Eruption
- D’Agostino/Braided Lies
- D’Anthony/The Pandoran Wars: Prelude and Empire
- Davidson/Wolf After My Own Heart
- Davis/When Never Comes
- Harris/What the Fireflies Knew
- Horowitz/The Twist of a Knife
- Jiles/Simon the Fiddler
- King/You Like it Darker
- Khong/Real Americans
- Murray/Awakened
- Patterson/The Murder Inn
- Quinn/The Phoenix Crown
- Score/The Body in the Backyard
- St. James/Murder Road
- Sundin/Embers in the London Sky
- Walsh/The Love of My Life

#### ADULT NONFICTION

- Adlington/The Dressmakers of Auschwitz
- Anthony/Civilianized: A Young Veteran’s Memoir
- Iscnberg/White Trash
- Rushdie/Knife
- Smith/You Could Make This Place Beautiful

#### PAPERBACKS

- Brown/Friction
- Coulter/Reckoning
- Miranda/The Girl from Widow Hills
- Paris/The Prisoner

#### YOUNG ADULT

- Aguirre/Call Me Iggy
- Dennard/The Hunting Moon
- Mai/Freshman Year

#### JUNIOR BOOKS

- Bowman/Hailey Haddie’s Minute Mysteries
- DeRoche/Tales of Whimsy, Verses of Woe
- Maunakea/Lei and the Invisible Island
- Muhle/When Dad’s Hair Took Off
- Shotz/Hero
- Zuravicky/Happily Ever AfterLife: Drama

#### EASY READERS

- Burnell/Unicorn and Yeti: Sparkly New Friends
- Cooper/The Ring Bearer
- Dipucchio/Grace Goes to Washington
- Henn/Edie
- Hilderman/Metis Like Me
- Vere/The Elephant and the Sea
- Zachariah/The Night Is Yours



## 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.



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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)

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

Something to think about:

**ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER, ONE BOOK, ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.**

Malala Yousafzai

### 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 2024



**August 28th**

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.

# August 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<i>Stay &amp; Play every Tuesday @</i>	<i>Diamond Art Tuesdays @ 4:30</i>	<i>Knitting Tuesdays noon</i>	<i>Sewing Thursdays noon</i>	<i>1 Sewing</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Book Sale Food Distribution</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5 Book Sale Book Club 5:30;</i>	<i>6 Book Sale Heart Saver 6</i>	<i>7 Book Sale</i>	<i>8 Book Sale</i>	<i>9 Book Sale</i>	<i>10 Book Sale Food Distribution</i>
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