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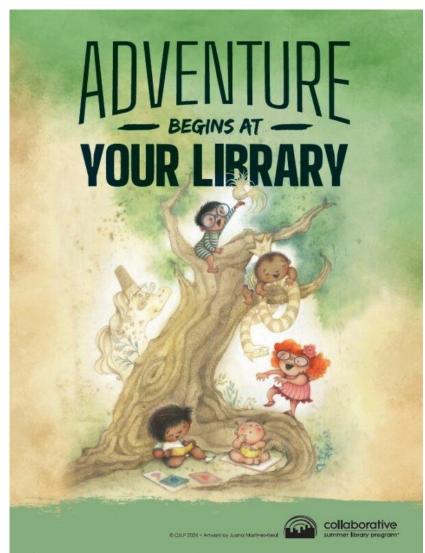
Best Friends Welcome You

Hours of Operation

Monday 10am-5pm Tuesday 10am-7:30pm Wednesday 10am-5pm Thursday 10am-7:30pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 9am-2pm

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM! SIGN UP NOW!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON NEXT PAGE; FARM EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY BACK YARD SOON



Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 24th @ 6pm Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, July 20th @ 12:30pm Volume 13, July 2024

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Book Club

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

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

Mystery Paint Day

Saturday, July 13th at 11:30a.m.

Stay & Play

Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.

Diamond Art

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Nutrition with Molly

Tuesday, July 2 @ 3pm Cooking with Kids Thursday, July 18 @ 11am Tuesday, July 30 @ 6pm Tuesday, July 16 @ 3pm Cooking with Kids

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

Quilting & Sewing Group Thursdays 12-3:30

Beginners thru experienced welcome!

in Jul Coming

FREE Hands-Only CPR Training

in partnership with <u>Ripley Public Library</u>.

Provided by:

American Heart Association Instructor and Ripley Hose 2nd Assistant Chief, Lisa Babcock. Town of Ripley Supervisor, Dr. Lauree Pless

Ripley Central School Nurse, Jaimee Knight.

We're pleased to support the American Heart Association and its important mission to increase survival from cardiac arrest. We're asking all members within our community to please take one hour of your day to learn the lifesaving skills of Hands-Only CPR.

Please Join Us For:

Hands Only CPR Training at the Ripley Public Library. Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Please contact Lisa Babcock at <u>babcocklisa61@gmail.com</u> or call/text 716-753-0901 with event questions.

We'll see you there!

SAVE THE DATE! CPR/AED Full Certification classes at the library! August 6, 2024, from 6PM-8PM and August 24, 2024, from 10AM-12PM.



Annual Dog-Gone Good

Yard Sale

Always the last weekend in July! Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 9am – 4pm daily

Stop by for great bargains, a chance to win themed raffle baskets, and most of all to help support our dogs!





clothes, shoes, electronics (computers, TVs, printers, etc.), mattresses, or broken items.

DOG FUNDRAISING EVENT!

GREAT BARGAINS!



Need an easy way to donate to 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.

Costume

Jewelry

July 20-27 During Library hours.

There may be a piece of costume jewelry calling your name! Come shop during the week leading

up to the Cruise-In!

FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

An historical tale

Some time ago I received an email from a gentleman from another state who reported that he used to clean out garages, attics, houses and basements as a business. Many years ago he had come across a cache of letters, paperwork, ads and other sorts of papers that belonged to a family in that state who was related to a family he thought perhaps here in Ripley. He held this collection of odds and ends for some 30 years in his basement, then in a storage unit and finally in his breezeway. He admitted that he was mostly interested in the old stamps that many of the envelopes still had on them. As he grew older, he realized that he had a family's history in his possession and would try to get them home.

In his email, he wondered if I would be interested in these documents. Of course I did and agreed to meet him at a mutually acceptable location. I met him over lunch and then later he proceeded to open the back of his pickup truck and my eyes opened wide when I saw what would be 3 very large bags of "stuff". When I got things home I was pretty excited to look through them. Well, the first thing I noted was the odor. Mildew!!! Then I observed spiders, ants, silver fish other crawling things had taken up residence in these piles. This was going to be a bigger job than I had anticipated.

Slowly I have been drying out portions of this huge collection. In most cases there are cards for birthdays, the holidays and get wells. But then, I have found items from early as 1862! Ads for old stoves, clothing, cars and medicines. Paperwork that shows mercantilism that was prosperous here in Ripley in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Sadly, I found records and correspondences of a soldier who went off serve in WWI from Ripley who never returned.

Some of the items are in pretty good condition, once they dried out. Others were way beyond saving. The message I have here is that please consider protecting any documents, letters, favorite cards, etc. that you may have in your possession. These all tell the story of your family as well as your hometown. Keep them dry and away from any critters that like to chew on paper. I'm 2/3 of the way done conserving this collection. My estimate when I'm through is there will be around 3000 pieces. Multiple generations of artifacts telling their day to day stories to each other and now for the local Ripley family to read once I'm done.

[Please note: The family and I have been in contact once I determined the connection to the collection and we are in agreement as I to how I am handling things. A small fraction of the items will be kept on loan in the historian's office area for display and the rest will go to the family to enjoy.]

From the Director's Desk **Rhonda** Thompson

Hello everyone and greetings from the library. Summer has finally arrived! Kids are out of school and we are getting ready for Fourth of July celebrations. This is a very busy time of year for everyone. We try to get so much done in just a couple of months' time.

We are also busy here at the library as well. This is the month of our Summer Reading Program. I know the school has Eagle U and The Hut starts up soon, but we also offer things to do. Children can actually do all three programs this summer. The Library program is designed so kiddos can do some things on their own. We have onsite activities as well. The activities are designed to be entertaining as well as educational. Please be sure to sign your children up for this all-important program. Bear in mind we also have an can do about getting it in for you. This adult summer reading program. We find fun things for us to do along with reading.

Another new event we are doing at the library is a food give-away. This is through Cornell Cooperative Extension. So far this has been so successful that we have run out of boxes. We are allotted 100 boxes per week. I know we could use more, but I am happy we can get that many. This is a pilot plan using an idea of Farmers to Libraries. Cornell is working to bridge some gaps in the areas of food deserts.

This is a way to get wholesome produce to the areas where we do not have access to it. Please partici-



pate and if we run out of boxes, please try again the following week.

Something else we are doing this month is Hands Only CPR class. This is being done on July 16th at 6pm. If you want to learn some life saving techniques, then it is important to come to this. There will be more classes as they are needed. There is one where there is a cost in order to be certified. We cannot do anything about the cost. Come to the classes and learn more.

Remember, as always, if there is an event or program you would like to see, let us know and we will see what we is your library, so let us know what you need. If there is a way to make it happen, we will certainly try.

Until then, See you at the library.

Thank you to those who turned out for the library budget vote. The new budget passed overwhelmingly!

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A huge shout out to

Linda Probst!

Among her other volunteer projects, Linda, along with her husband Mike, worked on the library landscaping, pulling weeds, planting, and watering, all during those sweltering 90 degree days in June. Thank you Linda! You are SO appreciated!

Wonderful People in our Community

Hello Community!

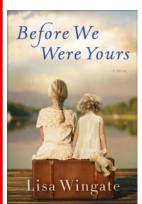
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I want to give a shout out to **Pizza on Main**. They are so wonderful, helpful and giving to the community. They have made our job at the library much easier for us over the years. Recently they allowed us to keep the ground beef for the free food boxes overnight in their freezers. They donate pizza to us for the end of our Summer Reading Program, they contribute to our plant sale and so many other things. Please remember to support them, as they really go out of their way to support our town. THANK YOU PIZZA ON MAIN!!!!!

Rhonda

Book Club

July 1



1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

July book:

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

Diamond Art meets Tuesdays @ 4:30

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



Mystery Paint Day!

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Join us for a fun couple of hours while you paint a picture from a video instructor. A painting hasn't been chosen yet, so it'll be a mystery! Painting at the library is always filled with laughter. Bring your own beverage! Hope to see you there!

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from the Cornell Co-0p 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!



Thursday, July 18 @ 11am

Tuesday, July 30 @ 6pm

PART OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Tuesday, July 2 @ 3pm Cooking with Kids Tuesday, July 16 @ 3pm Cooking with Kids

Your Voice Matters!

The Ripley Public Library would like you to share a few minutes of your time by giving us your feedback through a short survey at our website, <u>ripleylibrary.org</u>. It will help us to understand your needs while providing a solid inventory of materials including fiction/ nonfiction for adults as well as children, computers, meeting places, programming and so much more. Thank you.

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.



Be a Library Supporter!

Have you ever looked at the advertising supporters at the end of this newsletter? Each of these businesses or individuals has committed to donating \$5 a month to help support the Ripley Public Library and our newsletters. This is a mere \$60 a year to help maintain the services your library provides! These services include, but are not limited to: supporting our local authors by inviting them to speak about their books; nutrition classes twice monthly from Cornell Extension; an expanded area for the little ones to play and explore; WIFI and computer access for all ages to entertain, learn, and research; group gatherings to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, create diamond art; learning opportunities through speakers; book club to read and share ideas about new and classic books; hosting craft and vendor fairs as well as the annual plant sale; book bundle service where you name the interest and the clerk will find books for you; and opportunities for young people with LaunchPad learning games.

Most of these programs are free. You don't NEED to pay to use any of the programs or to attend these events. But it sure would help if you showed your appreciate by giving a small amount from your budget. The library budget is small. The impact on the community is big. Please help.

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.

Thank you for being there for your Ripley Library!

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

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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

July 2024

ADULT FICTION

Adin/The Cornish Knot Balon/Sam Time Blake/Anna O Brunstetter/The Amish Greenhouse Mysteries Delacour/The Lady He Lost Everett/James Everhart/The Moonshiner's Daughter Hall/One of the Good Guys Henriquez/The Great Divide Hepworth/The Soulmate Jackson/The Third Grave Kellerman/The Ghost Orchid With Kelly/The Light Over London Kubica/She's Not Sorry McFadden/The Housemaid is Watching Vorange/Wandering Stars Patterson/Crosshairs Quindlen/After Annie Serle/Expiration Dates Todd/The Cliff's Edge

YOUNG ADULT

Cardi/Red Kanter/Finally Fitz Ukazu/BUNT! Striking Out on Financial Aid

JUNIOR BOOKS

Berrow/Princess Twilight Sparkle Chee/Kindling Chick/Wayfinders Stoller/Return to Coney Island Wendell/Light and Air

EASY READERS

Cotterill/This Beach Is Loud Donaldson/The Giant Jumperee Katz/Daddy Hugs 123 McKellar/Goodnight Numbers Reagan/How to Babysit a Grandpa Wood/Jam, Too?

ADULT NONFICTION

Cozzens/The Earth is Weeping Figueroa/Mother Island Hutchinson/Enough Rodman/The Babysitter Wilson/For the Love of the South

LARGE PRINT Cobbs/The Tubman Command

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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.

	Friends Fund Application
Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Town/ZIP:	
Phone Number: (Home)	(Cell)
Email Address:	
Dues are \$5 annually in January	
	e 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 Fund of Ripley Library P. O. Box 808 Ripley, NY 14775

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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

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



July 24th

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

Something to think about:

"These libraries have improved the general conversation of the Americans" and "made the common tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries."

Benjamin Franklin

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 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.

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Book Club 5:30	2 Stay& Play 10:30; Cook- ing w/Kids 3; Knitting 12; Diamond Art 4:30	3	4 CLOSED INDEPEND- ENCE DAY	5	6 Food Distri- bution 11
7	8	9 Stay& Play 10:30; Knit- ting 12; Dia- mond Art 4:30	10	11 Crochet 12	12	13 Food Distr 11; Paint Day 11:30
14	15	16 Stay& Play 10:30; Knitting 12; Cooking w/ Kids 3; Dia- mond Art 4:30; CPR 6	17	18 Nutrition w/Molly 11; Crochet 12	19	20 Food Distr 11; BFF 12:30; jewelry auction
21	22	23 Stay& Play 10:30; Knitting 12; Diamond Art 4:30; jewelry auction	24 Library Board Mtg 6; jewelry auc- tion	25 Crochet 12; jewelry auction	26 jewelry auction	27 Food Distr 11; Cruise In; end of Sum- mer Reading; end of jewelry auction
28	29	30 Stay& Play 10:30; Knitting 12; Diamond Art 4:30; Nutri- tion w/Molly 6	31			

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!



Diane Bentley O'Brien

