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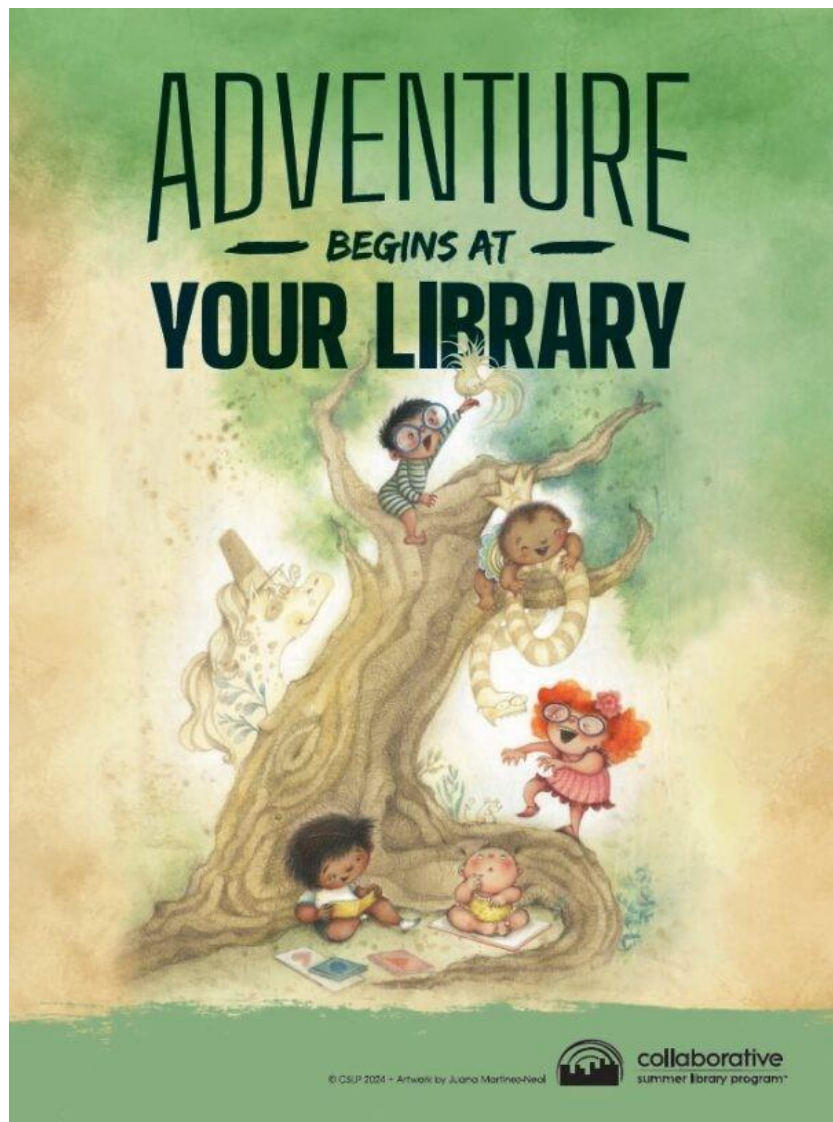
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**Library will be closed on Saturday, June 8th**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 29th.**  
**REGISTRATION KICK-OFF 11-1**



**Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 26th @ 6pm**  
**Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, June 15th @ 12:30pm**

**Coming up in June**

**Book Club**  
**Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm**  
**June Book:**  
***The Maidens***  
**By Alex Michaelides**

**Local Authors Night**  
**Mindy Nichols Wendell,**  
**Author of *Light and Air***  
**Tuesday, June 11th at 6pm**

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

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

**Nutrition with Molly**  
**Thursday, June 13th @ 11am**  
**Tuesday, June 25th @ 6pm**

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

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

## THE NEW YORK FOOD FOR NEW YORK FAMILIES 'GROW CHAUTAUQUA' FOOD DISTRIBUTION STARTS IN JUNE

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County is excited to announce the start of the New York Food for New York Families 'Grow Chautauqua' food distribution events.

A recipient of the NY Food for NY Families funding, via the USDA and New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, CCE will be partnering with several area community organizations and many local farmers for the launch of the program.

**The Ripley Free Library is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County** to host the New York Food for New York Families program, starting June 15 from 11 AM to 2 PM, or until all boxes are distributed.

Each Saturday, from June 15 to the end of October, starting at 11 AM, the Ripley Free Library will be distributing 100 boxes of local produce, as well as additional items raised or crafted in NYS, including maple syrup, local meat, cheeses and baked bread.

All are welcome.

Identification, pre-registration or proof of income is not required. Individuals and families can attend each week to receive a new box of selected items; first come first serve. Families are asked to be mindful of the number of boxes to ensure that as many community members as possible can receive one. Larger families, recommended 6+ members, are asked to consider taking two boxes.

The NYFFNYF program will be supporting our local county agricultural community, as well as main partner Brigiotta's Farmland Produce. Farms contributing include Stand Fast Farm; Lizzie Byler; Hidden Valley Produce; Yerico Farms; Roberto Fred Farms; and Sunshine Honey. This program is made possible through funding from the USDA and NYS Agriculture and Markets.

For more information visit <https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/> or call at 716-664-9502 ext 210



The local author for June is **Mindy Nichols Wendell** who has published her first book, *Light and Air*.

Set in 1935 during a tuberculosis epidemic, the book follows the journey of a young girl and her mother as they battle the disease in a tuberculosis hospital, separated from family and friends, far away in the woods of New York.



Come talk with the author **Tuesday, June 11th at 6pm.**

**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!



**Thursday, June 13th @ 11am**  
**Tuesday, June 25th @ 6pm**



### 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, [ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org). 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.



## To Our Readers

By Rhonda Thompson, Library Director

This is just a little snippet to let everyone know that I had neck surgery on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who know me, know I have spinal issues and have had for most of my adult life. The time has come to finish fusing the remainder of my cervical vertebra. I will likely be out completely for the first two weeks of June and then hopefully return on a limited basis after that. This is my plan as of now. However, I will have to wear a neck brace for a while, so don't be too surprised when you see me. This procedure requires a 3-6-month recovery, but I can be somewhat active during my recovery. My hopes are that everyone will be patient and know Stephanie is like a super human and will keep the library going.

## Thanking the Library People

Rhonda Thompson

I feel the need to make a thank you column this month. First of all, I want to thank the Library Board. We would not even exist without you. We sometimes seem to live in a thankless world and jobs like yours are all volunteer. Without you, the community would not have this fabulous place to come to. Please know that your dedication, work and integrity do not go unnoticed. I am very grateful for your work and I know those who frequent the library are too.

Secondly, I want to thank Robyn Albright for her endless work on the incredible newsletter. Hopefully all of you are telling your friends to get on the emailing list and see how great this newsletter is. This really is like a monthly Town Newspaper and Robyn has been acting as chief editor, journalist, reporter, writer, designer and every other job that goes into putting this together and getting it out to the community every month for many years. Thank you Robyn, your work is greatly appreciated by everyone who reads it. Keep up this great work, you touch more lives than you realize.

Thirdly, I want to thank all of our volunteers who do so much and even use their own money and equipment to do it. Mike and Linda Probst have been so helpful in the lawn care, mowing, weed-whacking and even spending their own money on plants to beautify the landscape. They have put in many hours of labor

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## Thanking the Library People, continued

in just lawn care. They have also been very helpful in our sprucing up the place. They helped paint the walls, put up new blinds, moved bookshelves and boxed up books to move.

Next, I want to thank a few others who have gone out of their way to help us out. Nadine Stacy, who is always ready to do new book projects for us. This time it was reorganizing the Junior section of the library. Thank you for your willingness and outstanding abilities to help our library. To Lori Fisher, Michelle Henry and Diane Bentley for your help relocating books and helping with the Plant/Vendor and Bake sale. Thank you for all you do, you folks do not realize how much help you really are.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to thank my employees; Stephanie and Nancy. Nancy, thank you for your endless search for programs and speakers. Your ideas and dedication are beyond words. Stephanie, I am so blessed to have you as my clerk. You are really my right hand. You know where everything is, you keep track of my scatter-brained ways, and you always know where my coffee cup is, because I sure don't. Your dedication to the library is immeasurable. You always go above and beyond in everything you do. Thank you so much for just being you.

There are many more of you out there. I have not forgotten you. My main goal here is to let the community know that this place does not operate on its own. There are many hands out there making sure the gears of this machine are operating properly.

My many thanks to all of you.

Rhonda Thompson, Library Director

## From the Director's Desk

**Rhonda Thompson**

June 2024

Happy June everyone!!! We all knew eventually that warm weather would get here. Summer is on its way and we will all be busy doing many, many things.

We have already been busy at the library this Spring. Many thanks to all of the BFF's who have helped make this season special for the library. Linda Probst has really outdone herself for the plant sale. We made almost \$900 from the plants alone and, we brought in a little more from the bake sale. Therefore, a huge THANK YOU goes out to all of you who helped support us.

I will be out recovering from neck surgery. I have put it off for as long as possible. This will create a bit of a hardship for Stephanie. If anyone is available to volunteer a little of their

time, especially for the Summer Reading Program, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know. We need help with the programs for the children. We could use a few extra hands to help pull this off. The cost of performers is out of our budget. We do have one scheduled and I am receiving a grant for this. We could really use some fun program-type activities if you have any ideas.

This month we are gearing up for the Board of Trustee and Budget vote. This is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> from noon until 8pm. Please be sure to stop in and vote that day.

Of course, we will have our regular programming as well. Please be sure to join in on all of our activities. You won't be sorry.

See you at the Library.



## Among Friends

A shout out to all the Friends who helped with the plant and bake sale! Your involvement in the BFFs is very appreciated and VERY much needed. We can always use a few more people to help with our fund-raising.

Speaking of needing more people, the Summer Reading Program will start with registration on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Like to work with young people? Are crafts your thing? WE NEED YOU! Come volunteer a day, a week, the entire program—whatever you can. Your help is needed to make this a great program for the youngsters in our community!

## 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.

ALL of these programs are free as a general rule. 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



## Stay and Play

### At Ripley Public Library

Every Tuesday at 10:30

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



Work is almost done on our new play area! The "back room" is being converted into an area specifically for our little ones, with a larger play area, more toys and equipment, and books for ages 0-12.

Come enjoy a hot cup of coffee while the little ones play.

## Book Club

June 3rd

1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

June book:

*The Maidens*

By Alex Michaelides

**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.



## 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.

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

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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

# New Book List

## June 2024

### ADULT FICTION

- Baldacci/A Calamity of Souls
- Barker/Bailey and the CEO
- Cambron/The Italian Ballerina
- Chapman/Material Witness
- Chong/The Double Life of Benson Yu
- Dray/Becoming Madam Secretary
- Henry/Funny Story
- Hepworth/Darling Girls
- Hilad/A Light Beyond
- Hillard/Three Can Keep a Secret
- Kelly/A Traitor in Whitehall
- Keplar/The Mirror Man
- Kingston/Elegant Espionage
- MacKenzie/A School of Daughters
- Reid/Carrie Soto is Back
- Sundin/The Sound of Light
- Tintera/Listen for the Light
- Unger/The New Couple in 5B

### ADULT NONFICTION

- Ballesteros/The Cure for Burnout
- Osterholzer/A Midwife in Amish Country
- Preston/The Monster of Florence
- Rappaport/The Romanov Sisters
- Rule/The I-5 Killer

### LARGE PRINT

- Adams/Hidden Treasures
- Fowler/Booth

### YOUNG ADULT

- Azim/I Escaped a Chinese Internment Camp
- Clare/Chains of Iron
- Poranek/Where the Dark Stands Still

### JUNIOR BOOKS

- Behar/Across So Many Seas
- Davidson/Minecraft: The Outsider
- Harper/Fashion Kitty and the B.O.Y.S.
- Jones/Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe

### EASY READERS

- Doerrfeld/The Rabbit Listened
- Empson/Chimpanzees for Tea
- Isadora/I Just Want to Say Good Night
- Parton/Coat of Many Colors
- Taylor/Bentley's Fantabulous Idea
- Verde/I Am One



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

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

### Something to think about:

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with more than 167 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves, which would span roughly the distance from The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to Cape Canaveral, Florida.

### 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



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

**June 26th**

### 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.

# June 2024

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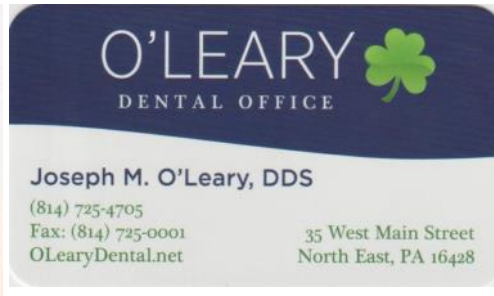
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