



Ripley Public Library

Bookworm Newsletter

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Monday 10am-5pm
Tuesday 10am-7:30pm
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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 (even better if you can accomplish it in one year!) For every 25 books you read, you will receive a prize.

To enter, you must 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. Books can be read in any order that you prefer. 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.

There is not a race against other readers, only against yourself. Travel along at a pace that's comfortable for you. But you must let the library know what you accomplish and what the book and author is. We will compile a list of books that were read, giving everyone a future list for fellow readers. Officially the challenge begins on September 1, but it can begin on any day you like. The day you register is when it begins and nothing you have read before counts, unless you are reading the entire book once again. Happy Reading!



Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 25th @ 6pm
Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, September 21st @ 12:30pm

Coming up in September

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

Local Author
No Author This Month

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

Diamond Art
Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Nutrition with Molly
Tuesday, September 10 @ 6pm
Thursday, September 26 @ 11am

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

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

Welcome to the Molly Show!

Molly Harvey, a SNAP-ED Nutritionist from Cornell Co-op

Extension, visits the Ripley library twice a month, once at 11a.m. and once at 6p.m., to share recipes that are not only yummy, but healthy and inexpensive. Yes! It is possible to eat healthy without breaking the bank.



Taste testing is always a component of her visits, and many times she brings little goodies such as insulated grocery bags, measuring spoons, or refrigerator temperature indicators.

If you've never been to one of her classes, give it a try. Call the library (716)736-3913, for dates and times. Each session is different and always a rollicking good time!



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 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.



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Tuesday, September 10 @ 6 pm

Thursday September 26 @ 11 am

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Chautauque County







Grow Chautauqua Market

DISTRIBUTION OF **FREE** LOCALLY GROWN, RAISED AND PRODUCED FOOD

Distribution Site Location

RIPLEY LIBRARY
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Free to all community members!

Weekly June 15 to October 26

Local produce, meats, cheeses and more!

HOW IT WORKS:

- INDIVIDUALS CAN VISIT ANY OF THE GROW CHAUTAUQUA DISTRIBUTION SITES **(1 PER WEEK)** AND RECEIVE A BOX OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCTS AT NO COST
- ID, PROOF OF INCOME OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION NOT REQUIRED
- **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.** *SOME SITES DO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS. FOOD BOXES NOT GUARANTEED*

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

- Ellicottville Greens (Olean, NY)
- Brigiotta's Farmland Produce (Jamestown, NY)
- Stand Fast Farm (Dunkirk, NY)
- Eden Valley Creamery (South Dayton)
- Lizzie Byler (Frewsburg, NY)
- Roo Haven Farm (Forestville)
- JM Joy Farms (Fredonia)
- Roberto Fred Farms (Dunkirk)
- Yerico Farms (Dunkirk)
- Clymer Produce Auction

CHAUTAUQUA GROWN



Visit Chautauqua Grown for more information on local products:
<https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/chautauqua-grown>

Linnea Haskin, Community Food System Educator lmc373@cornell.edu
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This program is funded by the United Way Food for New York Initiative and USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 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.



Time to Vote!

Have you ever thought about registering to vote? Do you understand why, how, where and when we vote? Do you have questions about voting or registering to vote? Now is your time to find all of that out. Join us at the Ripley Library on September 17, 2024 at 6 pm. and ask those questions of the experts. We will have some professionals from the Chautauqua Board of Elections at the library to educate everyone on voting. Even if you are already a voter, come and ask questions from the people who know it all. This will be a fun and very informative evening for everyone.

**Library Cards—
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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

We Get Letters

Kudos once more to the fantastic "stuff" going on at the Ripley Library, and to your wonderful Bookworm! Highest of congratulations to the very talented Local Talent, and my good friend, Robyn!! I was so lucky to attend a performance of "The Poem," plus four competing plays, and couldn't have been more impressed and thrilled to learn of her "bronze medal"!!! Keep up the fantastic pen work, Robyn!! I was also happy to meet your friend, Annie (Donofrio) at Robyn's play, and get to know her a bit as we celebrated Robyn's play with a bit of libation.

The article about the Skinners and the tuberculosis was astonishing!! So very interesting to learn that our former grocer and owner of Skinner's Market and his family had that incredible experience. How very sad for that family...so great that Gil and his sister survived and went on to have happy and productive lives!

Happy 10-year anniversary, Rhonda!!

I do enjoy receiving the Bookworm each month, as well as the About Town. Wow, another Travel Plaza coming to Ripley!! Good, get rid of that adult store that sits where Fergen's Motel used to be...and next to Lee's Restaurant, where many of us worked during high school and college!

Keep up the great work, Rhonda and staff!! Thank you!!

Pat Albaugh

Oneida, NY

LIBRARY CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2ND FOR LABOR DAY



Book Club

September 2nd

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.



Tuberculosis Epidemic Hits Home, Part II

(Continued from the August Bookworm)



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

Both Gilbert and Laura attended school at the hospital and both earned their high school diplomas there. They also were given part-time jobs at the facility, when they became teenagers.

Their school and work schedules were very similar to those the Job Corps students now follow.

“We spent half a day working,” Mr. Skinner says.

Mrs. Green remembers her teachers well. “The late Alice Payne Page (a Cassadaga resident) was my elementary teacher and Sadie Perham, who later became a teacher at Cassadaga Valley Central High School, taught us our high school courses,” she says.

What was it like to spend the holidays at the hospital, particularly Christmas?

Mrs. Green and Mr. Skinner have warm remembrances.

“One year, when I was about 14, Miss Josephson asked four of us to go into the woods to cut a tree. We brought one back that must have stood 15 feet tall. It barely fit into the room. We have to decorate the top, before we set it up, because we didn’t have a ladder tall enough to do the job with the tree upright.

“It was wonderful; all the kids helped decorate it and I can still remember the ornaments they made for the tree,” Mr. Skinner says.

Mrs. Green remembers the gifts the children received from area organizations. “They weren’t all that elaborate, but they were nice,” she says.

Both also recall entertainment programs including minstrel shows provided by Swede Hill resident from Jamestown and silent movies.

Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Green were among a countless number of young people who stayed at the Children’s Pavilion until the hospital was closed in the late 1950s after effective cures for and the prevention of tuberculosis was developed.

“We really enjoyed our visit to the center this past fall and the chance we had to see the place again. It’s obviously changed, but that’s to be expected,” Mrs. Green.

From the Director's Desk

Rhonda Thompson



September!!!! I can hardly believe how quickly this year has gone. I think the early Spring actually made it seem to go faster. What is nice though is this is my favorite time of the year. I love the Fall. I know September is still rather warm and sometimes down right hot, but the calendar lets me know that the crispness of Autumn is not far away.

The summer winds down, vacations come to an end, and kiddos go back to school. Summer goes so fast because we try to stuff a whole year's worth of activities into the three months the kids are out of school. September is a type of re-set button and we get back into a routine. This is good too as we all need a routine, it helps to keep us balanced. The summer gives us a break from the same ole, same ole, but September allows us to return to a normal that keeps us grounded. That is my philosophy anyway, thanks for listening.

Onto the library, our Best Friends group is busy planning the rest of the year. We are likely to shake things up a bit, so put out a BOLO for library events. Watch on Facebook for things that are coming up or change often. Be sure to subscribe to the Bookworm for news of the Library and around town. If you do not get the Bookworm on your email, stop in and we will print one off for you. Also look around town for flyers of events, and please spread the word.

Our Food Give-a-way is going very well and will continue through October 26th. Be sure to stop in for this. We will have authors, speakers, CPR training, painting and a reading challenge coming up. There is a lot going on here at the Ripley Public Library, certainly no reason for anyone to be bored with everything that goes on here. So, there you have it, come out to the library and hang with the happening crowd. We are fun, busy and never boring.

See you at the Library;

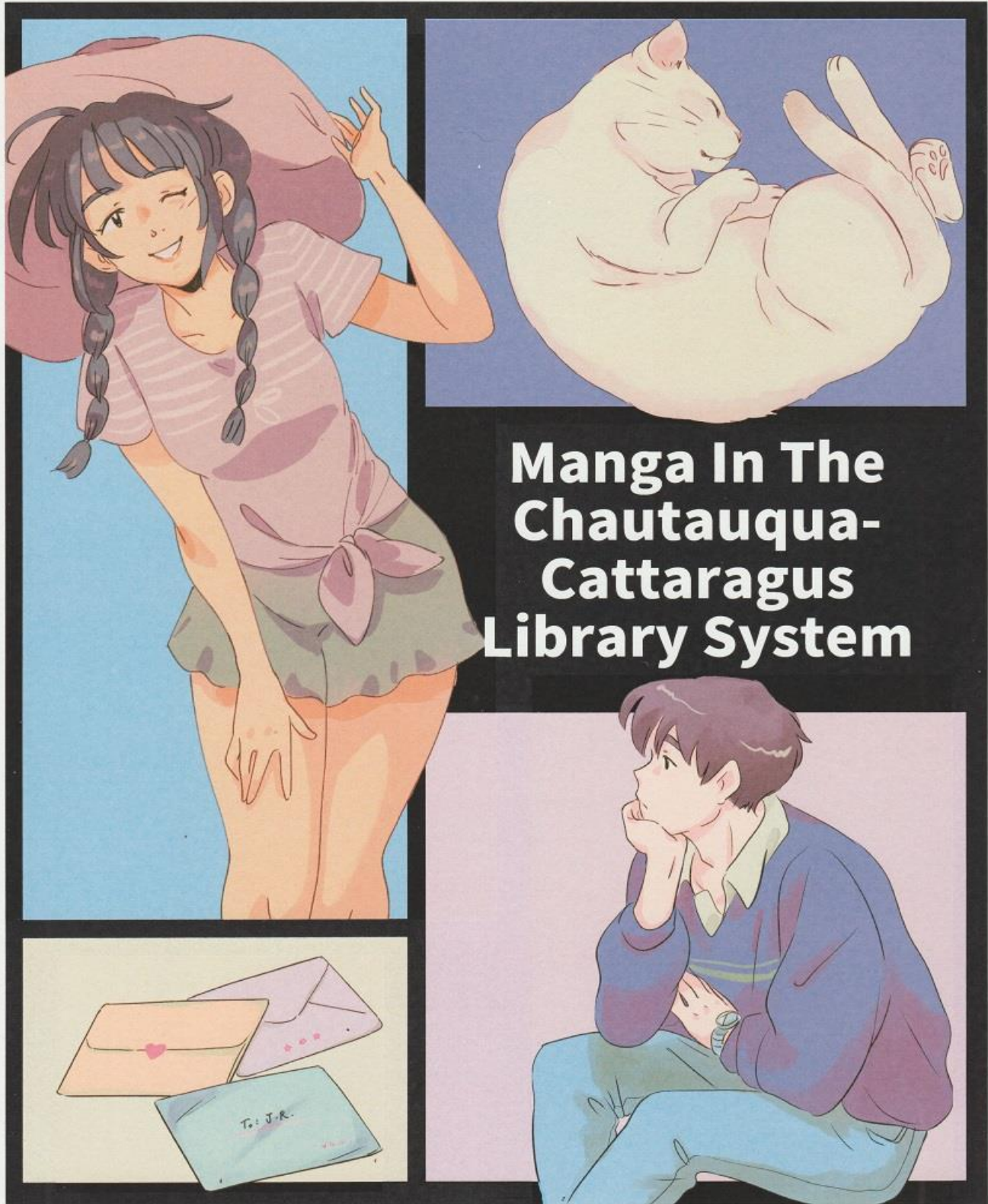
ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Ripley Library will hold its Annual Auction early this year.

The Auction runs from November 2—16.

We are accepting baskets, donations or new items.

Please help to make this the best Auction Ever!



Manga In The Chautauqua- Cattaragus Library System

Hey teens—come check it out!

Cornell Chautauqua Grow Program Sees Success and Keeps Growing...

(From an Article Contributed by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County)

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County is excited to share the success and growth of its pilot program Grow Chautauqua funded via the USDA and NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets New York Food for New York Families initiative.

Launched on June 12th, the program has partnered with several food access and community organizations to bring local, fresh produce items and food products directly to community members at no cost.

Distributions occur weekly at the Ripley Library as well as locations in Jamestown, Dunkirk, and Chautauqua County Rural Ministries.

So far this season, CCE has distributed over 50,000 pounds of locally grown, raised and produced products. Per the NYFFNYF program, farmers and food producers are compensated full market value for all products, which are then distributed in designated 'low-food access' areas, or parts of the county where individuals face difficulties acquiring fresh, local produce due to transportation barriers, cost, or factors such as age or race.

Farms and businesses who have contributed product to the program include: Yerico Farms, Roberto Fred Farms, Feinen Farms, Maggitti Farms, Miller's Apples, Stand Fast Farm, all from Dunkirk; Sunshine Honey-Sherman; Degolier Maple Products and Roo Haven, both from Forestville; JM Joy Farms and Enjoyable Acres of Fredonia; Abers Acres-Kennedy; Amanda Byler-Frewsburg; Eden Valley Creamery-South Dayton; Ellicottville Greens-Olean; Green Heron Growers-Panama; Carli Cook-Stockton; Clymer Produce Auction- Clymer, Lizzie Byler-Frewsburg; and Bit-o-Breeze Farm and Snowbelt Gardens of Jamestown.

Produce is delivered by farmers to main partner Brigiotta's Farmland Produce & Garden Center where it is packaged for distribution. Other items are offered on a rotating basis and include beef or pork products, cheese, fresh baked bread, jams and jellies, eggs, and maple syrup or honey.

"The program has always been about increasing food access, first," says Community Food System Coordinator Linea Haskin.

The program is also a benefit for local farmers, many who struggle to find consistent markets for their products. Derek Yerico of Yerico Farms shares, "It's a win-win... helps the community but it also gets the farm nice orders...like many, this year has been tough. We are honored and thankful to be a part of the program."

All community members are welcome to receive a Grow Chautauqua box weekly, at no cost with no ID or income eligibility requirements. Boxes are first come first served.

Farmers or food producers interested in participating in the program can contact Haskin at 717-664-9502, ext. 210.

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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

SEPTEMBER 2024
NEW BOOK LIST

ADULT FICTION

- Berg/Earth’s the Right Place for Love
- Berry/If You Tell a Lie
- Chen/Joan
- Garonzik/A Rough Way to Go
- Grisham/Camino Ghost
- Grunwald/Time After Time
- Kagan/The Pact
- Kara/The Rumor
- McIntire/Hooked
- Murphy/Girl One
- Patterson/The 24th Hour
- Rutledge/West with Giraffes
- Slaughter/The Silent Wife
- Thor/Shadow of Doubt
- Toibin/Long Island
- Watson/The Dream Peddler
- Webb/The Next Ship Home
- Yarros/The Flight and Glory Series:
Book 1-5

NONFICTION

- Carpenter/You Are Worth It
- Egan/A Fever in the Heartland
- Larson/The Demon of Unrest
- Maddow/Prequel
- Pruitt/Vanished!
- Scott/The Girl in the Leaves

PAPERBACKS

- Barclay/Find You First
- DeSmet/Hot Fudge Frame-Up
- Downes/The Shadow House
- Jackson/Don’t Be Scared
- Scott/An Honorable Mission

YOUNG ADULT

- Ba/Mobilis: My Life with Captain Nemo
- Lin/Rebel Skies
- Roth/When Among Crows

JUNIOR BOOKS

- O’Conner/Odin
- Pak/Stranger Things: The Bully
- Stine/Slappyworld: The Dummy Meets the Mummy
- West/Stowaway!
- Yoshino/How Do You Live?

EASY READER

- Arnosky/Raccoon on His Own
- Bruchac/The First Strawberries
- Chow/Who Guards My Sleep
- DaVeiga/War at the Ice Cream Store
- Friend/With Any Luck, I’ll Drive a Truck
- Marino/
Following Pa-
pa’s Song



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

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>**

Something to Think About:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Seuss

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.

**September
25th**

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.


September 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>CLOSED</i>	3 <i>Book Club</i> 5:30	4	5	6	7 <i>Food Dis-</i> <i>tribution</i> 10:30am
8	9	10 <i>Molly @</i> 6pm	11	12	13	14 <i>Food Dis-</i> <i>tribution</i> 10:30 am
15	16	17 <i>Voter Ed-</i> <i>ucation</i> 6pm	18	19	20	21 <i>Food Dis-</i> <i>tribution</i> 10:30am, BFF 12:30
22	23	24	25 <i>Board</i> <i>Mtg</i> 6pm	26 <i>Molly @</i> 11 am	27	28 <i>Food Dis-</i> <i>tribution</i> 10:30am
29	30	<i>Arm Chair</i> <i>Exercise</i> 10am T & TH	<i>Stay & Play</i> <i>every Tues-</i> <i>day @ 10:30</i>	<i>Diamond</i> <i>Art Tues-</i> <i>days @ 4:30</i>	<i>Knitting</i> <i>Tuesdays</i> noon	<i>Sewing</i> <i>Thursdays</i> noon

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