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**Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 23rd @ 6pm**  
**Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, October 19th @ 12:30pm**

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**Ripley Library will hold its Annual Online Auction early this year.**

**The Auction runs from November 2—16.**

Friends! Pick up your donation request letters.

We are accepting baskets, monetary donations and new items. Please try to turn items in by October 19th.

Let's make this the best Auction Ever!

**Stuffed Animal Hospital**



Calling children of all ages!! Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Ripley Library for their annual check-up on Saturday, October 12 from noon-two. They will be weighed, measured, have their hearts and ears checked along with taking an eye test and getting vaccinated. We will also try to fix any boo-boos! (rips/tears)

Come join us for the fun!



**Christmas in Ripley Craft/Vendor Fair at the library  
Saturday, December 7th, 9am-4pm**

Get your application now at the Ripley Library, or by email  
[clerk@ripleylibrary.org](mailto:clerk@ripleylibrary.org)

**Space is limited and spots go quickly.**

\$20/table downstairs (\$25 if using library's table)

\$15/table upstairs (\$20 if using library's table)

Applications due by 11/23/24

# Coming up in October

## **Book Club**

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

***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***

**By Betty Smith**

## **October Author**

***Lakeshore Center for the Arts Authors***

***Tuesday, October 15 @ 6pm***

## **Stay & Play**

**Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.**

## **Diamond Art**

**Tuesdays @ 4:30pm**

## **Nutrition with Molly**

***Tuesday, October 22nd 6pm***

***Saturday, October 31st 11am***

## **Knitting & Crochet Group**

**Tuesdays 12-3:30**

**All levels welcome!**

## **Quilting & Sewing Group**

**Thursdays 12-3:30**

**Beginners thru experienced welcome!**

**October Author**  
**Lakeshore Center for the Arts Writers' Group Anthology**  
*Teacher Influencers, 2024*

**October 15 at 6 pm.**

Lake Shore Center for the Arts Writers' Group announces the publication of their 2024 Anthology, *Teacher Influencers*, a collaborative publication. Members of the group share a collection of personal stories about important teachers in each of their lives. These were teachers who transformed paths in their lives, helped to shape them as a person, and made lasting impacts. *Teacher Influencers* is the result of a working writing group, creating the book from initial concept to publication, including writing the stories, editing, setting up the interior of the book, designing the cover, and publishing through print-on-demand.



Contributors include: Robyn Albright, Catherine D'Agostino, Donna Eisenstat, Mary Ellen Humphrey, Susan Landrigen, Sandra Lowell, Sandra Maggio, Claudia Monroe, Sue Poster, and Shannon Reber.

Come and hear a few of their stories and learn how they did it. (Including stories about Edna Kofoed and Carl Neckers.)

## 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, 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.

This not a race against other readers, only against yourself. Officially the challenge began on September 1st, but it can begin on any day you like. The day you register is when it begins and nothing you've read before counts!

25 readers have already signed up for the challenge!



## SPICE CLUB

Caroline Mulson came to the Ripley Library with the idea to start a **Spice Club**. She got the idea from the McCord Library in North East, PA and she thought we could put our own spin on it by making it a community project.

Each month members would pick up a sample bag of a featured spice, information about that spice and some recipes that can be used, then meet the following week to talk about the recipes.

Compliments of Caroline, there will be a drawing each month for a prize. At the time of the meeting there will be a snack made with the featured spice for everyone to share.

Register each month by phone or in person at the library (716-736-3913) so the correct number of spice bags can be prepared.

**The dates are as follows:**

**Register by Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting dates are Thursdays at 6:30pm, October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

We will plan out for next year based on member participation.

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



## "All the news that's fit to print"

That's been the motto on the masthead of the New York Times since 1897. And while we, at The Bookworm and About Town, certainly can't compete with any city newspapers, we try to bring you interesting and current events happening in our neck of the woods.

That said, being a monthly publication, we can't hope to bring you up-to-date information, but we can steer you in the right direction to read pertinent items either on-line or in our local newspapers.

The September 26, 2024 issue of The Westfield Republican had a front page article on cemetery work, specifically the East Ripley Cemetery. Cindy Bird of Fredonia took on the project to organize the information regarding the cemetery, including spreadsheets, hard copies and monument maps.

In years past Virginia Barden and Marie McCutcheon tackled all the local Ripley cemeteries and their work is kept at the Ripley Library in the historical section. They mapped out burial sites in East Ripley and South Ripley cemeteries, as well as others. The work Bird did would be a wonderful addition to that initial task.

If you'd like to read the article, titled "Ripley Hears Update on Cemetery Work" the newspaper will be available at the library for a limited time.

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This month several people reached out to The Bookworm with information they thought the community would like to know. Thank you SO much! Occasionally we get letters or comments about the newsletters, saying how much people enjoy them. That means a lot to the staff. We try to bring you information and fun each month, and your participation makes it all the better!

If you have suggestions about content or format, please let us know.



## 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.



**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, October 22 @ 6pm**

**Thursday, October 31 @ 11am**

## From the Director's Desk

**Rhonda Thompson**



Hello Fall! Don't you just love this time of the year? We have been so fortunate this year with an extended summer and it has made fall seem even more wonderful. There is the bounty of the harvest this time of the year. We get to see the fruits of our labor, not just with the fruits and vegetables we may have grown in our gardens, but we start asking "Where did the year go"? We begin to see what has been done so far and we are looking forward to the approaching holidays. The library has done much this year and we are looking forward to continuing this trend. Be sure to read the whole Bookworm Newsletter so you don't miss a thing.

Please remember our annual auction is

coming soon. We could use your help with donations of new items or even a cash donation. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and our community is always so great in helping out. Please consider donating so we can continue to grow.

If you haven't taken advantage of the programs and activities provided at the library, I invite you to start now. We have a lot of things going on, literally something for everyone. If there is something you would like to see here as far as programming, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

I am looking forward to the activities coming up and hope to see you all at the library.

### OCTOBER 2024 NEW BOOK LIST

#### ADULT FICTION

- Alexander/The Taster
- Bentley/Capture or Kill
- Bock/The Good German
- Brouwer/The Lies of Saints
- Cash/The Last Ballad
- Coulter/Flashpoint
- Dean/Girl A
- Franklin/Muffalettas and Murder
- Hilton/Married to a Stranger
- Howeler/Gladwynn Grant Gets Her Footing
- McBride/Stranger from Across the Sea
- Miller/The Orphanage by the Sea
- Patterson/Hard to Kill
- Picoult/By Any Other Name
- Quinn/The Briar Club
- Sullivan/The Last Green Valley
- Swann/Never Turn Back
- Youers/Lola On Fire

#### NONFICTION

- Blum/When the Night Comes Falling

- Campbell/Dead in the Water
- Carriere/Everything, Nothing, Someone
- Goyal/Live to See the Day
- Preston/The Monster of Florence
- Webster/The Painful Truth

#### YOUNG ADULT

- Ha/The Fox Maidens
- Holness/King of Dead Things

#### JUNIOR BOOKS

- Cohn/Bash and Lucy
- Fremont/The Salem Witchcraft Trials
- Hahn/Wait till Helen Comes
- Rodkey/The Trapper Twins Tear Up New York
- Sonneborn/The Frankenstein Journals
- Stine/Slappyworld: Revenge of the Invisible Boy

#### EASY READERS

- The Adventures of Daniel Tiger
- Micklos/One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with me!
- Shovan/Welcome to Monsterville
- Sperring/20 Dinosaurs at Bedtime





### Book Club

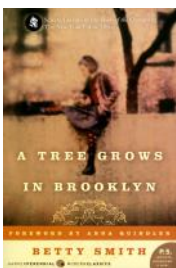
October 7th

1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

By Betty Smith



**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.



### 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

**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**



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

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**Answer a few questions and our staff will put together a bundle of 3-5 books for you to try!**

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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!

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**Wanted:**  
**Lego pieces and Lego sets**

**We will gladly accept any used or new Lego items to add to our collection.**  
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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

## 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.



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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 man who does not read good books is no better than the man who can't.”

Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)

### 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.

**October 23rd**

### 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.


# October 2024

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

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6	7 <i>Book club 5:30</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Stuffed Animal Hospital 12-2; Spice Club registration</i>
13	14	15 <i>Local Authors 6pm</i>	16	17 <i>Spice Club 6:30pm</i>	18	19 (soft) <i>Deadline for auction donations; FOL meeting 12:30pm</i>
20	21	22 <i>Nutrition w/Molly 6pm</i>	23 <i>Library Board 6pm</i>	24	25	26 <i>Halloween Party! 6pm</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <i>Nutrition w/Molly 11am</i>		

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When visiting these businesses or individuals, please thank them for their support of the Ripley Public Library!



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