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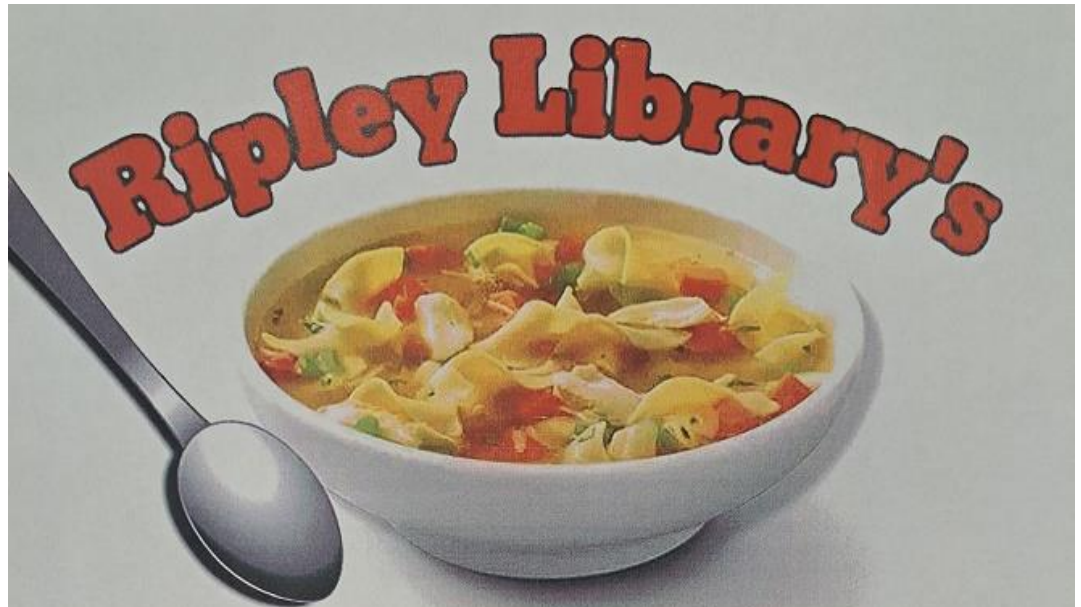
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**SOUPER BOWL  
COOKOFF  
AND BAKE SALE!**

**Saturday, Feb 8th  
10 am to 2 pm**

**SOUP TASTING FEE - \$5.00 PER PERSON  
(and then you vote for your favorite!)**

**Prizes awarded to the top three (3) soups!**

**Call 716-736-3913 by Feb. 6th to enter contest!**

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

# Coming up in February

**Thursdays in February**  
**Change of Pace & Soup Thursdays!**  
**Activities, discussions, food & fun!**

**Book Club**  
**Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm**  
**February Book:**  
***The Guest List***  
**By Lucy Foley**

**Spice Club**  
**Register by Saturday, February 15th**  
**Meet at 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 20th**

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

**Diamond Art (Dot Doers)**  
**Tuesdays @ 4:30pm**

**Nutrition with Molly**  
**Thursday, Feb 13th @ 11:00**  
**Tuesday, Feb 25th @ 6:00**

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

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

# "CHANGE OF PACE"

*Winter blahs got you down?*

*Feeling lonesome or isolated?*

## COME HANG OUT WITH US!

THURSDAYS  
in  
February!

Food  
Crafts  
Games  
Programs  
FUN!

10 am  
to  
Noon!

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Feb 6-Try Diamond Art,  
Soup Thursday

Feb 13-Work on Rebus,  
Sudoku, or Jig Saw Puz-  
zles, Nutrition with Mol-  
ly at 11, Soup Thursday

Feb 20-Play some Board  
Games, Bring photos  
from the past, Soup  
Thursday

Feb 27-White Elephant  
Bingo, Ed.Ted.com,  
(How Walking Affects  
Your Body), Soup  
Thursday

The regular meetings of the **Board of Fire Commissioners** of the Ripley Fire District will be held on:

- |                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| January 28, 2025  | August 26, 2025                  |
| February 25, 2025 | September 23, 2025               |
| March 25, 2025    | October 14, 2025 –budget hearing |
| April 22, 2025    | October 28, 2025                 |
| May 27, 2025      | November 25, 2025                |
| June 24, 2025     | December 9, 2025—annual election |
| July 22, 2025     | December 23, 2025                |

These regular meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Ripley Fire Station at 11 South State Street, except the April, July and November meetings, which will be held at the South Ripley Fire Station on the North East-Sherman Road.

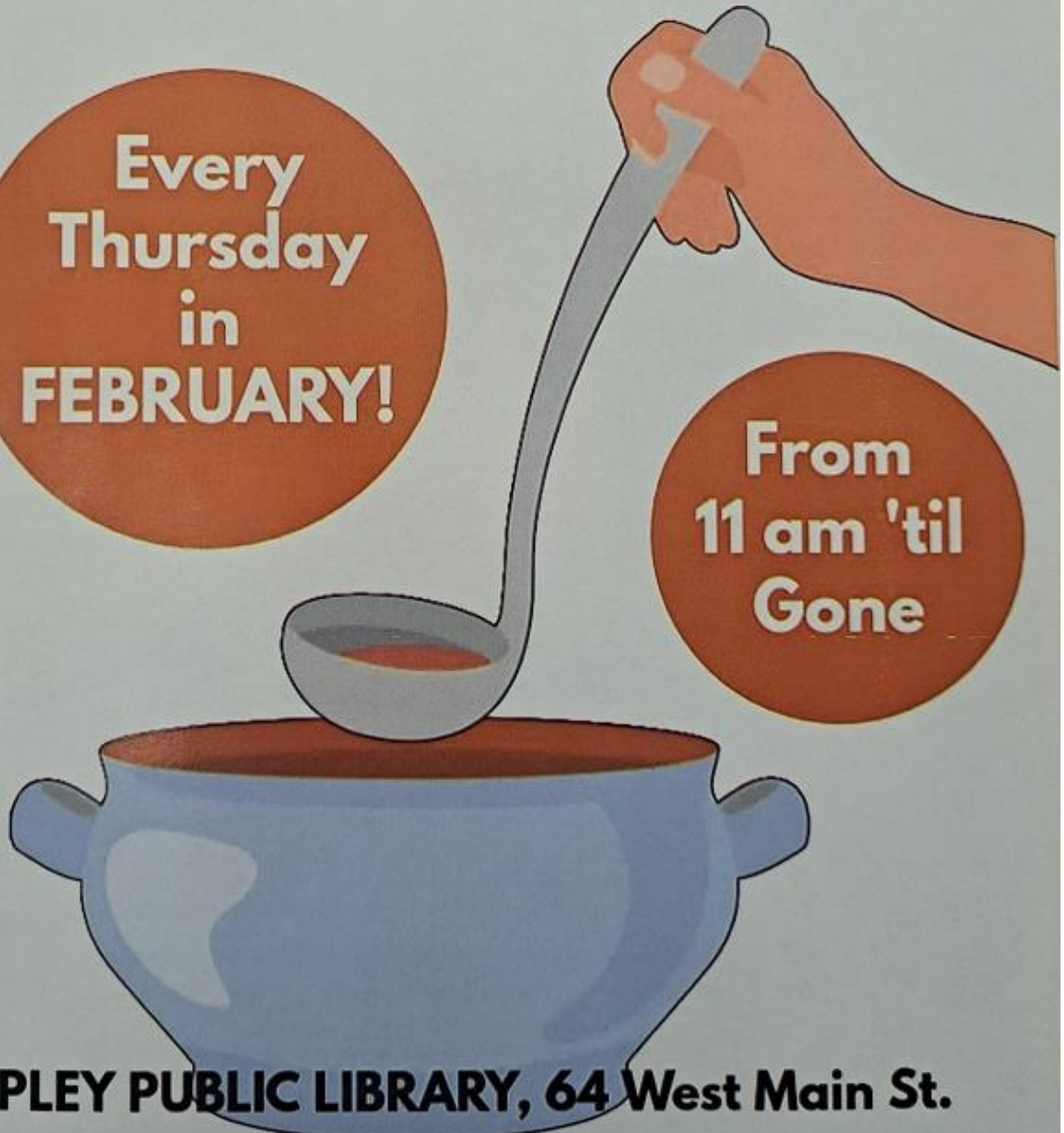
By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ripley Fire District  
Paula J. Testrake, Secretary



# RIPLEY LIBRARY'S **FREE SOUP THURSDAYS**

Every  
Thursday  
in  
**FEBRUARY!**

From  
11 am 'til  
Gone



**RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 64 West Main St.**

**Lunch is free, but donations are greatly appreciated of course!**

## **Month of the Arts coming in March!**

The Ripley Library Month of the Arts show is coming in March. We invite you to bring in your paintings, pen and ink drawings, or sculptures to share with the community. Artistic photographs, matted and framed are also welcome. If you wish to sell your artwork, please leave a price and contact information with your entry.

**Poetry Night** will be held in April. Original pieces or readings from your favorite poet can be presented. Watch for more information in the March newsletter.

## **SPICE CLUB**

Each month members pick up a sample bag of a featured spice and some recipes that can be used.

Register each month by phone or in person at the library (716-736-3913).

**Register by Saturday, February 15th; Meet Thursday, February 20th @ 5:30**



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

## **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, 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. 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.

## **Book Chat**

**A new Facebook page, sponsored by Ripley Library, will host adult readers who will discuss favorite books, and check out new authors.**

**Ripley Readers Retreat will meet, live, online, every Monday, between 3pm til 7pm.**

**Check the Ripley Public Library Facebook page for information about the new page.**

**FEBRUARY NEW BOOK LIST**

**ADULT FICTION**

Adams/The Secret Book & Scone Society  
 Anstine/Woman of Light  
 Armstrong/A Rip Through Time  
 Bowen/The Rose Arbor  
 Brown/Recipe for a Perfect Wife  
 Chamberlain/Breaking the Silence  
 Davis/The Secrets She Carried  
 Gaynor/A Memory of Violets  
 Gilbert/She Started It  
 Hald/Churchill’s Secret Messenger  
 Hawkins/A Cup of Silver Linings  
 Hunter/Married till Monday  
 Kingsbury/Someone Like You  
 Olsen/The Reunion  
 Patterson/The House of Cross  
 Taylor/The Long and Short of It  
 Wallack/Naked Girl  
 Wheeler/Adelaide

**ADULT NONFICTION**

DeStefano/Gotti’s Boys  
 Dombrowski/Wicked Erie  
 Fenster/Cheaters Always Win  
 Hazelgrove/Shots Fired in Terminal 2  
 Psaki/Say More  
 Solnit/Not Too Late

**PAPERBACKS**

Alexander/Mocha, She Wrote  
 Carter/Finding Her Way Back  
 Kastner/The Marine’s Mission  
 Swanson/Murder of the Cat’s Meow  
 Young/Southern Sass and Killer Cravings

**YOUNG ADULT**

Conner/I Shall Never Fall in Love  
 Girma/Immortal Dark  
 Yaongyi/True Beauty  
 Zabus/Sophie’s World

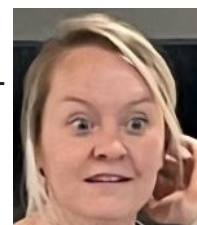
**JUNIOR BOOKS**

Atkinson/Simon and Chester: Super Frenemies!  
 Barrows/Stella & Marigold  
 Briscoe/King Tut  
 Lewis/Kelcie Murphy and the Hunt for the Heart of Danu  
 Oliver/The Infamous Alcatraz Prison

**EASY READERS**

Banks/Pup and Bear  
 Gilman/Dixie and the Best Day Ever  
 Heinz/Tom Sawyer  
 Martinez/The Story of Doctor Dolittle  
 Parish/Be My Valentine, Amelia Bedelia

**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. If you’ve never been, give it a try. Each session is different and always a rollicking good time! Thursday, Feb 13th @ 11; Tuesday, Feb 25th @ 6



### Book Club

February 3rd

1st Monday of the month

5:30 @ the library

### *The Guest List*

**By Lucy Foley**

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

(Dot Doers)

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



**Knitting & Crochet Group** meets  
Tuesdays at noon. All levels welcome.



**Sewing Group** meets  
Thursdays at noon.

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 into 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. Almost \$195 has been collected so far!

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**  
**Moms! Every Tuesday at 10:30**  
**For Babies and Toddlers**  
**age 0-4 years.**

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**socializing,**  
**fun, toys,**  
**books, and**  
**refresh-**  
**ments.**

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**tails call**  
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**Come enjoy a hot cup of coffee**  
**or tea while the lit-**  
**tle ones play in the**  
**"back room." Toys,**  
**equipment and books**  
**are available for the**  
**youngsters, and the coffee pot**  
**is always on.**



Girl Scout Troop 20006—Meetings are held  
Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Ripley Library,  
2nd floor.

Contact:  
Ann See  
716-499-1513  
annsee716@yahoo.com



**Can & Bottle Donations**

A HUGE shout-out to those of you who have donated cans and bottles to the library! After cashing in months worth of plastic and aluminum, the Best Friends Fund of the Library added almost \$195 to their coffers!

Thank you all so much. A little effort from a lot of people created a decent amount of cash for the library Summer Reading Program as well as other projects. Keep 'em coming!



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!

*Available as a Take & Make*



**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.**





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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 young person 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, Summer Reading Program, 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**

Best Friends Fund of Ripley Library  
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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)

If you would like to opt out of our mailing, please let us know at [thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

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

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”  
– Mason Cooley

### 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 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.

### 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.

Feb 26	Jul 23
Mar 26	Aug 27
Apr 23	Sep 24
May 28	Oct 22
Jun 25	Nov 26
	Dec TBA


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.



# 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!

Want to show your support for our Ripley Library? For \$60 (that's only \$5 per month) you can put your business card or a personal message in every issue of The Bookworm. A small amount from many equals a big amount for new library programs. Please help.




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Pete & Sue Ryan

# February 2025

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9	10 <i>Book Chat 3-7</i>	11	12	13 <i>Change of Pace; Soup Thursdays; Nutrition w/ Molly; Girl Scouts</i>	14	15 <i>BFF Meeting; Spice Club signup</i>
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