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Best Friends Welcome You

2024 In Review

In case you didn't know, Ripley Public Library is a VERY busy library! Following is a sampling of what the library offers.

The Sewing group meets weekly

The Knitters also meet weekly

Healthy Habits met six times, with gifts weekly and a grand prize

Molly, from Cornell Extension, visits twice monthly

Girl Scouts meet every two weeks

Dot Doers meet weekly

There were six local author visits

Card players meet twice monthly

Two Movie nights during the year

We held Several Craft or Paint days

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Free Soup Tuesday is offered in February

There is a Monthly Book Club

Best Friends, the fund-raising

branch, meets monthly

Annual Art Show

Annual Poetry Night

We held Chair Exercise mornings

Stay and Play for the littles with

sanitized toys, Tuesdays

Daily Make & Take Crafts for kids

The Town Hall held two meetings here

Hosted 3 CPR classes

Annual Plant and Vendor Fair

Community Food Boxes from June

until early November

Free Summer Lunch Program

Summer Reading Program

Annual Reptile Show

Three Bingo Events

Voter Education Program

Animal Hospital Program

Spice Club meets monthly

Halloween Party

Online Auction Fundraiser

Teen Book Club meets twice

monthly

Annual Coat Drive

Pasta/beans/mac 'n cheese drive

Monthly Library Board meeting

Isn't it time you came to see what's going on?



Library Closed for the Holiday: Wednesday, January 1st

Book Club

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

The Girl on the Train
By Paula Hawkins

Spice Club

Register by Saturday, January 11th Meet at 6pm on Thursday, January 16th

Stay & Play

Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m.

Diamond Art (Dot Doers)

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Nutrition with Molly

Thursday, January 16th @ 11 Saturday, January 28th @ 6

Knitting & Crochet Group

Tuesdays 12-3:30 All levels welcome!

Quilting & Sewing Group

Thursdays 12-3:30
Beginners thru experienced welcome!

president.

From the Director's Desk Rhonda Thompson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!

Can you believe another year has passed by? I was looking back over my calendar and could not believe the number of events we held this year. For a small library, we are very very busy. I am hoping more people join in on events and programs this year. Spread the word about how versatile our library really is.

I was going to talk about New Years' Resolutions, but we all know how that goes, so the historian in me came up with a different idea. I want to discuss the Presidential Inauguration.

First of all, what does Inauguration mean? It stands for beginning and comes from the ancient practice of augury, which means predicting the future. Currently, this marks the start of a Presidents term in office.

The Inauguration used to be held March 4th. That is because "back in the day" it was harder to get to the White House and some of the roads were impassable during the winter. That is not really an issue any longer. The practice of January being the new inaugural month began in 1933 when congress ratified the 20th amendment stating that the new president would be sworn into office at noon on January 20th. If January 20th lands on a Sunday, there is a private ceremony on Sunday to make it official and the public ceremony is held on the 21st.

Since the amendment had to be in play for at least one year before it can be acted upon, FDR was the first president to be inaugurated on January 20th in 1937. This change was also done to decrease the "lame duck" period of the previous

The Inauguration is usually held in Washington D.C. on the western side of the Capitol. Thomas Jefferson was the first president to take his oath at the Capitol in 1801. Before this, the oath had been taken in New York City and in Philadelphia. Each city was, at the time, the nation's capital. Most inaugurations take place outside with James Monroe being the first to take it outside in front of the old brick Capitol. Lyndon B, Johnson was the first

and only president to take the Oath of

Office on an airplane, following the as-

sassination of JFK.

The new president takes a 35-word oath. This is the only event required by the U.S. Constitution. The exact words of the Oath of Office are: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." With this recitation of the Oath of Office, the president-elect becomes the president and commander-in-chief. Franklin Pierce, in 1853 chose to say swear instead of affirm.

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The chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court usually administers the Oath of Office. This has been the practice since 1797. Chief Justice Hon Roberts stumbled over the wording at Barack Obama's first inauguration, so the two men decided to do it over again the next day in the White House. Incidentally, Obama used the same Bible as Abraham Lincoln did in 1861. Calvin Coolidge's second oath was administered by the only chief justice to also serve as president, William Howard Taft.

The president-elect usually places their left hand on a Bible, but that is not required by the Constitution. Lyndon B. Johnson used a Catholic missal found on the airplane in Dallas, Theodore Roosevelt used no book at all.

Following the official ceremony, it is customary for the new president to give an address or speech. In the early days it was given before the ceremony. In 1897, William McKinley waited until after he was sworn in. Since this time, all presidents have done the same thing.

The shortest inaugural address was 135 words and was George Washington's second inaugural speech. Even though "Silent Cal" was known for not using a lot of words, he gave a speech

of more than 4000 words in 1925. The longest inaugural speech was given by William Henry Harrison in 1841 of more than 8000 words. This speech also led his demise as the weather was freezing and a very cold rain poured down on him. He gave his speech without wearing a hat, coat, scarf or gloves. The speech took 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete and then he shook hands with folks for another three hours. He ended up getting a cold which turned to pneumonia and died a month after the ceremony. At which time his vice president, John Tyler was sworn in as president.

There is a brief history of Inauguration Day and this was a little different from the normal Director's address, but I think you will have found it a whole lot more interesting than what I usually write.

Here is hoping all of you have a blessed and Happy New Year!!

See you at the library;



Things we did last year:

$Halloween \ at \ the \ library, \ 2024$









Annie

Stephanie

Rhonda

Janet







Bob

Molly & Jeff

Robyn





Paint Nights



Free viewing glasses at the library for viewing the total eclipse in April

It has become a Christmas tradition here at the Ripley Library to have each grade level at the school come decorate a tree. Mother Nature saw fit to have a downpour of rain on the designated day, so only three classes made it in. Others came in later in the week to decorate and all the trees were beautiful!



















Winter of 2024 Comparison

Surely you remember the snow storm(s) of December 2024. You know, the ones with snow measured in feet, not inches. As a comparison I found an article in the Erie Times-News from December 1963. In part it says:

"Winter Hits Erie Area; More Snow Due Today

"The Erie area got its first "real" taste of winter this weekend with some regions being blanketed by as much as 10 inches of snow." (Imagine that! 10 inches!"

"Below freezing temperatures and severe snow squalls, with a possible accumulation of three to four inches of snow, are predicted today for inland portions of the tri-state area.

"The new snow will be added to as much as 10 inches which blanketed the area Friday and Saturday, felling telephone lines and causing temporary electricity failure.

JERRY STORK had his work cut out for him Saturday by Mother Nature as icy snow felled telephone lines in many sections of the county. Freezing temperatures made chipping away the ice a long, cold and slow process. The above photo was taken Saturday afternoon in the McKean area and similar scenes were repeated in many places.

"Most portions of the area...spent Saturday digging out from over night accumulations. Crews from the General Telephone Company were called out Friday night and worked all night and Saturday to repair lines felled by the freezing snow. (The Company) reported that 400-500 persons were with out service after 16 poles fell Friday night.

"At least six deaths were attributed to the

sudden snow storm. Most of the deaths were the results of heart attacks.

"The torrential snow, and fierce winds moved into western New York on the tail of a rainstorm which froze as temperatures plunged into the 20s."

I'm sure this was devastating at the time, but in light of our current winter, 1963 seems quite tame. From the Westfield Republican, December 2024, "Findley Lake Snow Totals Near 80 Inches for Week." In 2008 snowfall reached 306 inches. That's 25 and a half FEET of snow that winter in Mina, NY. Now that's a winter!



"It was a chill wind that brought snow squalls to the area Saturday, sending the youngsters scurry for their sleds and telephone lineman such as Ed Kuhar to work. Farm equipment idle in a field adds to a picturesque touch to the black and white horizon."



JANUARY PAINT DAY

Saturday, January 11th @ 10a.m.

Join us as we paint a festive win-



ter snowman!
Canvas, paints,
and brushes
provided.
Taught by video
instructor. A \$5
donation is appreciated.

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, January 11th; Meet Thursday, January 16th @ 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.

Beginning January 6th the yet to be named group will meet, live, every Monday, between 3pm til 7pm.

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

JANUARY NEW BOOK LIST

ADULT FICTION

Anton/Under the Light of the Italian Moon

Berry/Saving Noah

Chamberlain/Big Lies in a Small Town

Evanovich/Now or Never

Garrett/Like a Sister

Hauck/The Memory House

Jance/Den of Iniquity

Maurer/The Good Afghan

Patterson/Murder Island

Reay/The Printed Letter Bookshop

Reid/Amish Wonder Series 1-3

A Miracle of Hope

A Woodland Miracle

A Dream of Miracles

Rekulak/The Last One at the Wedding

Score/The Dead Guy Next Door

Turnbull/The Paris Deception

Wilkerson/Black Cake

Young/The Unmaking of June Farrow

ADULT NONFICTION

Buck/Life on The Mississippi

Freiss/Green Bay: Murder & Mayhem

Matney/Blood on Their Hands

O'Donoghue/The Beginner's Guide to Crystal

Healing

Siegel/Tricking Power into Performing Acts of

Love

YOUNG ADULT

Lupano/The Library Mule

Zabus/Sophie's World

JUNIOR BOOKS

Atkinson/Simon and Chester: Super Frenemies!

Lewis/Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for

the Unbreakable arts

Swanson/Chasing Lincoln's Killer

Walsh/Over and Out

EASY READERS

Chang/Birthday Soup

Deedy/The Yellow Star

George/I Want Pizza

Jeffers/The Hueys in What's the Opposite

Schaefer/Monster Trucks

Vere/The Elephant and the Sea

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, January 16th @ 11 Tuesday, January 28th @ 6

Book Club January 6th

1st Monday of the month 5:30 @ the library

Girl on the Train

By Paula Hawkins

Diamond Art meets Tuesdays @ 4:30

(Dot Doers)

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 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.



New toys!

Join us for lots of

lots of fun, toys, books, so-cializing and refresh-

ments.

For more details call 716-736-3913





Come enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea while the little ones play in the "back room." Toys, equipment and books are availa-

ble 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!



D I Y 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.

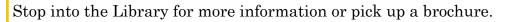
Please drop them off at the library. Thank you.





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.





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

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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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*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



 Jan 22
 Jul 23

 Feb 26
 Aug 27

 Mar 26
 Sep 24

 Apr 23
 Oct 22

 May 28
 Nov 26

 Jun 25
 Dec TBA

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:

What is something you think about often, but never talk about.

What are you waiting for? Life is short.

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.

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.



Meetings 4th

Thursday

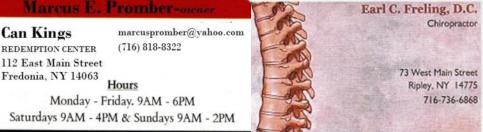
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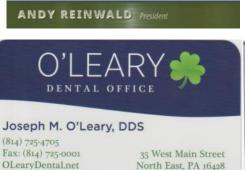
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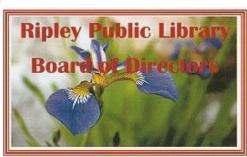




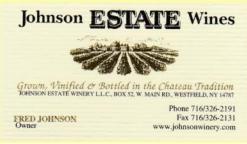












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We Support Our Ripley Public Library

Pete & Sue Ryan

January 2025

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