



# Ripley Public Library Bookworm Newsletter

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# RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FREE SOUP THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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**Library Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 25th @ 6pm**

**Best Friends Fund Meeting: Saturday, February 21st @ 12:30pm**

# RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us on February 17th at 6:00 for the 2nd in a 3- part local history series with *Michelle Henry*

→ **TOPIC** Prospect Station: A Love Triangle and a Train Wreck

*Prospect Station is known for the Christmas Eve train derailment that killed dozens of people. Tied to the train wreck is the story of star-crossed young lovers.*



Investigator Tom Tarpley at the Ripley Public Library



Join us on February 26th at 5:30

Investigator Tom Tarpley works for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office in Mayville. Investigator Tarpley is a member of the Criminal Investigation Division and is assigned to investigating unsolved homicides, as well as suspicious missing persons cases where foul play is suspected in the victim's disappearance.

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Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
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# CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Ripley Public Library is seeking artists to display their artwork in our annual ART EXHIBITION  
March 20th to April 3rd

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:  
Painting/ Drawing/ Sculpture/ Photography

Items entered should be art show quality; photography submissions should be at least 8x10 and matted/framed.

Entries should be submitted by March 18th

You can drop off your artwork during library hours!

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For more info or questions call (716) 736-3913

## Director's Notes by Molly Harvey

Hello all! Happy February! February is packed with exciting events and new resources for all ages. Since being new to the Ripley Library, I have had the pleasure of learning about all the awesome resources we have!



For example, are you interested in your family tree? Well, you are in luck! At the library we have Ancestry Library Addition, which is free to use! How about audiobooks? Then Libby is definitely something you should look into! The Libby app works by connecting your library card to digital collections, letting you borrow free eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to read or listen to on your phone, tablet, or Kindle. Feeling Crafty? You need to check out Craftsy, which is an online resource for all creative makers, where you can find everything, you need from basic instruction to advanced techniques. It's a community of enthusiastic makers, from quilters and sewers, to cake decorators and painters, wanting to create beautiful things and express their creativity. These are just a few of the great resources we have to offer at the Ripley Library! You can find these and more on our website ([ripleylibrary.org](http://ripleylibrary.org)) located at the top of the page under "E-Resources." If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the library, we would be happy to assist you!

Whether you're seeking quiet study space, fun activities, or simply a good read, the library is here for you. Stop by and discover all the ways we can support your learning and leisure this February! See you at the Ripley Library friends,

Molly Harvey

## A Friends Report

Stephanie has given us her "wish" list of things the library could use. We'll be taking a look at it and purchasing some new items soon.

We're already planning the Summer speakers for February, We booked two

Reading program, even with the snow and frigid cold surrounding us now. We're looking for ideas to get the teens involved, so if you have any suggestions, let us know!

Remember those Murder Mysteries a while ago? We're bringing them back! Coming in October—watch for details.

Speaking of Michelle Henry's talks, the Underground Railroad and Abolitionist Movement presentation was a great hit. We had a large crowd that night. Two websites she suggested for more information on those topics

Because it has been 250 years since the founding of the United States of America, some articles from the past may find their way into these pages.

Free Soup Thursdays return during the month of February. Stop by for some home-made soup and company. Take a look around these sites. LOTS of fascinating information.

(Additional Underground Railroad story on page 9)

## From the desk of the Ripley Town Historian

By Doc Hamels

Each town and city in NYS is required to have an historian. I am very pleased to be just that! In my role I often assist folks to find some missing information about a relative or event. Over time I share information about the history of our town of Ripley dating back to around 1804. I have some old photos in the office archives that can be shared with you as well. Additionally, I can point you in some directions if you are looking up family histories or searching for a long lost relative. I assist but don't do genealogies. I have been assisting our local Veterans with the Hometown Heroes Banner program. If you have questions about this, please contact Dave Bower (716-736-5805 or cell 716-969-0080), or me at my office. My office is located in the Ripley Central School wing off the circle on State St. I'm generally in the office on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

If you are searching for information and would like my assistance, I would like to give you a suggestion. Gather all the information that you have: dates, addresses, family history, photos, newspaper clippings, birth/death/marriage certificates, etc. before contacting me. Each of

these can be valuable information in discovering what you may be looking for! Also, for a fee, the Town Clerk's office has many marriage and death certificates that go back to the late 1800s. You can request a copy by filling out the proper forms there. Please note, that the county has many birth certificates but as a rule only beginning in 1881 forward.

Finding our roots can be extremely interesting but can take a lot of patience!

The Facebook page, **Ripley Readers Retreat**, sponsored by the Ripley Library, hosts adult readers who discuss their favorite books and encourage others to try out new titles and authors.

Pop in anytime to let us know what you've read. Though known as the Ripley Readers Retreat, it welcomes readers from all over.




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### The FREE Table

If you'd like to donate nonperishable items or personal items (like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc.), you can put them on the FREE Table near the back door.

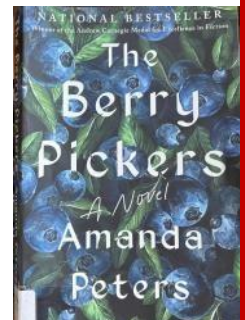


If you need something from the FREE Table, feel free to take it. No questions asked.

### Book Club

Meets the first Monday at 5:30pm

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty years



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**Art will be displayed during the Ripley Library Art Show running March 20th—April 3rd.**

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**MAIN DINER**

The story of the Hamilton Estate

The following is a multi-part series of an article written by Michael Vogel in 1998 about Ripley’s Hamilton Mansion. Interest in this building has never waned in over one hundred years. The story of *The House That Bertha Built* is a fascinating trip down memory lane. Here is **Part 6-Sunburst, Buttermilk**

To get the “Sunburst” effect Mrs. Hamilton wanted on the walls of a dining room furnished in walnut Chippendale, a painter was brought in from New York City to apply eight coats of varying colors with exceedingly small brushes; detailed cleaning instructions were given to the staff. Across the Great Hall from the dining room, a large library concealed shelves of books behind perfectly sequenced heartwood panels of rare blond mahogany from Brazil; a high ceiling with a delicate “buttermilk” finish washed annually with cold water soared overhead, and the room’s



*Restoration replicates the feel of the Hamilton House formal dining room, although furnishings down to the family portraits that once graced the room have been auctioned off over time. The Hamiltons commissioned a New York City painter to apply eight coats of varying colors to the dining room walls, using a technique designed to create a “sunburst” effect. The finish was delicate enough to require detailed cleaning instructions for the mansion staff.*

French furnishings and a fireplace of fine marble were set off by a rose-and-blue Kirwan rug over a cork floor. Obvious doorways led to a terrace room and an oak-paneled study, while a concealed doorway—opened by touching the belly of a particular painted bird—opened on a stairway to the master bedroom.

The study held Hamilton’s flat-topped desk from Congress and Mrs. Hamilton’s cubby-holed desk, hidden behind folding wall panels. The tiles of the fireplace portray Pago Pago Harbor with a palm-fringed road in Guam, painted by an artist from Hamilton vacation photos.



*Glistening white walls covered with hand-painted floral compositions lend deceptive simplicity to Mrs. Hamilton’s second-floor boudoir. Panels double as doors to cupboards and closets behind almost every inch of wall space, a design feature carried out throughout the mansion.*



*Offset by a sculpted molding on a second-floor bedroom ceiling, a hand-painted floral decoration bears witness to the craftsmanship that went into the building and its decorations. Artists even painted bouquets inside dresser drawers, in the guest bedrooms.*

Upstairs, the silver leaf that coated Hamilton’s dressing room is gone but the delicate wall paintings in Mrs. Hamilton’s boudoir, some of which incorporate picture postcards Mrs. Hamilton brought back from her travels, are intact. Their suite’s bathroom has a tile border sculpted in relief with pink tulips, the flowers used at their wedding.

Four guest rooms stretch along the upper floor, along an open corridor lined with cabinetry and niches for favored trip souvenirs. One, the Venetian Room, was occupied by Gov. Alf Landon on August 24, 1936, following the second speech of his presidential campaign against Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Hamilton’s, childless, enjoyed their estate for about 20 years, despite long absences for extended journeys. Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Kleinhans, donors of Buffalo’s music hall, were frequent traveling companions. The Hamiltons also spent time in Kansas, and winters in California or a pink marble rented mansion in Miami. But they were at home in Ripley long enough for Mrs. Hamilton to develop a reputation for generosity as well as peculiarity.

**Part 7-The Dog House**

## New Year, new hobby—come walk & read at the library!

Great news! A treadmill is now available at the library for you! It's a perfect way to stay active while enjoying your favorite books or audiobooks from Libby. This new option allows you to stay active and engaged, making your library experience healthier and more enjoyable. Call or sign up at the library to reserve your space. Come try it out and walk your way through your favorite books!



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NEW BOOK LIST**

**ADULT FICTION**

Bostwick/The Promise Girls  
 Bowen/Mrs. Endicott’s Splendid Adventure  
 Bunn/Fortunate Harbor  
 Davis/Every Precious and Fragile Thing  
 Devon/Bend Towards the Sun  
 Elston/Anatomy of an Alibi  
 Hetzer/Van Gogh’s Lover  
 Hunter/The Second Story Bookshop  
 Irvin/Amish Calling- Books 1-3  
     The Heart’s Bidding  
     Matters of the Heart  
     With All Her Heart  
 Mallery/The Vineyard at Painted Moon  
 Peterson/A Constant Love  
 Taylor/The Promise of Tomorrow  
 Wahl/Falling for Autumn  
 Weiss/The Sisters Sweet  
 White/The Collector of Burned Books  
 Wright/The Bell Tolls at Traeger Hall

**NONFICTION**

Breiter/The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Knitting &  
     Crocheting  
 Hegseth/The War on Warriors  
 Pearson/Invisible ADHD  
 Schweizer/Blood Money

**LARGE PRINT**

Houghton/Before I Saw You  
 Matthews/Gentleman Jim  
 Waters/To Love and to Loathe

**YOUNG ADULT**

Boulton/of Swamp & Sea  
 Corr/Daughter of the Underworld  
 Marashige/The Yomigaeri Tunnel  
 Weymouth/Steel & Spellfire

**Junior Books**

Hewitt/Cascadia’s Call  
 Jarrow/American Murderer: The Parasite that  
     Haunted the South  
 Reynolds/Jasper Rabbit’s Creepy Tales: Troubling  
 Tonsils  
 Rundberg/The Queen of Thieves  
 Scott/Star Wars: A Han & Chewie Adventure

**EASY READERS**

Fleming/Ella Minnow P.  
 Iman/Ruby Rene Always Gets Her Way  
 Martin/How to get an Alligator out of the Bathtub  
 Rosen/Oh Dear, Look What I Got!  
 Shore/How to Drive Your Brother Bananas  
 Willems/Will the Pigeon Graduate?

**Local History Book Review** This publication is full of wonderful historical photographs by Michelle Henry, Research Historian and maps, in addition to information from family records that help tell the fascinating story of the lake, the steamboats, and the activities that attracted Victorian-

*The History of Steamboats on Findley Lake*

By John M. Swartz, PhD, EE, 2024, published by The Findley Lake & Mina Historical Society.

era visitors to this quaint lake community. The author includes many transcripts of articles found in digitized local newspapers. These newspapers are such a

wonderful resource for local

I met John Swartz, the author of this publication, when he visited the county courthouse to do research on Findley Lake history. I quickly learned

Mr. Swartz was thorough, methodical, and per families and individuals who were involved in Findley Lake businesses. As with most small communities, there are ties between many of the families that was not unusual to hear from him between his visits help explain how and why individuals were involved to the county, asking if I could locate a record that he in these businesses. The images, some taken from had n't had time to search for during his foray into the glass plate negatives, are exceptionally clear and destacks of the Clerk's office. Every historian/archivist tailed. What a treat to see images from 100+ years ago with such detail.

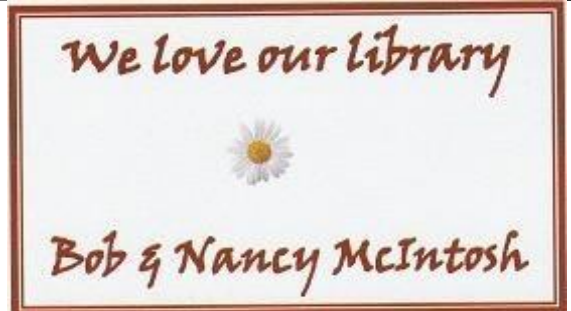
Did you know that Findley Lake had a summer school that began shortly after Chautauqua Institution was founded, and lasted for 20 years? The Lakeside Assembly, Findley Lake's Chautauqua, led from the Findley Lake and Mina Historical Society, and the proceeds benefit the organization.

steamboats on the lake to transport visitors to and from the assembly grounds. While the book isn't a study of the Lakeside Assembly, it is discussed because of its connection to the lake's steamboat history.



Swartz's grandfather built and ran several of Findley Lake NY the steamboats that plied Findley Lake, and this publication is available to purchase from the Findley Lake and Mina Historical Society, and the proceeds benefit the organization.

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**Abolitionists in Ripley**

The following was found on the County history site. Were the Hall escaped slaves?

**Hervey Hall, Jr.**  
**West Main Street**  
**Ripley, NY**

Buried in the East Ripley Cemetery (Hervey) **Hall** Jr. (1812-1899), son of (Harvey) Hall Sr. (1779-abt 1852). A name of these men is mentioned in church records in Ripley as follows:

The minutes of Session of the Ripley (Quincy) Presbyterian Church in 1833 noted that a committee looking into **Hall's** "case" had not seen him to return to him. The entry of 20 November 1833 that from the committee's interview "they are somewhat encouraged that he would return to his duty and that no evidence of his secreting persons from justice has been obtained."

Although it is not specified, his error have been related to Underground activity, although many other members of Ripley Presbyterian congregations sympathetic to the anti-slavery movement. Since **Hall** remained in the church, it seems that either he did not continue as a conductor or stationmaster after 1837 or other church members to his cause.

**Contact information for our representatives**

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House on West Main Street that may have hidden slaves

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**ANCESTRY.COM**

Has the ancestry bug hit you? Did you know you can access Ancestry.com at the Ripley Library? It's easy to set up an account and start tracing your family down through the centuries!



Your research will be saved in your Ancestry.com account, but bring a flash drive to save your information just in case.

While you're at it, we'd love it if you could donate a paper copy of your genealogy to the library. We have a cabinet dedicated to our local family histories.

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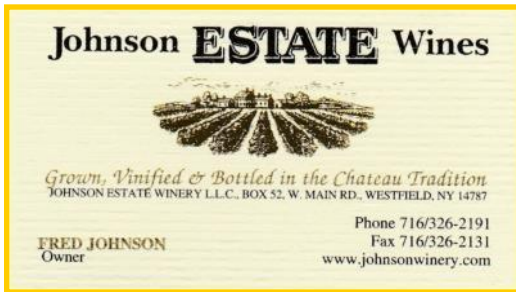


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## **Ripley Library is looking for Local Authors**

We invite published (including selfpublished) 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 and we'll set up a date. 716-736-3913

## **Library Cards: Your Passport to Adventure**

If you need a FREE 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!

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**Is there an activity or class you'd like to see at our library?**

Community members come here to sew, knit, play cards and meet. The library would like to offer more for our residents to do.

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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.

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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. A representative for the table must be present for items to be displayed.

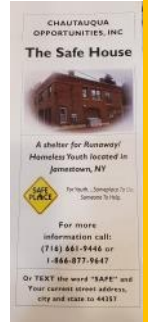
Reservations must be made.

There is no cost, it's just our way of giving back to the community.  
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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 have to do is enter the facility displaying the yellow sign that reads SAFE PLACE. They let someone in charge know they need help.





## 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. 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

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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:  
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**It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.**

**Samuel Adams**

### 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**

**2026**



Meetings are open

to the public, in per-

son or via Zoom, and

Feb 25 Aug 26 will be held at 6p.m.

Mar 25 Sep 30 Dates and times Apr 22

Oct 28 subject to change.

May 27 Nov 25

Jun 24 Dec 23

**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.

# February 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>1</i>	<i>2 Book Club</i> 5:30pm	<i>3 Knitting</i> 12pm; Dia- mond Art 4:30	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Soup</i> Thursday 12pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Knitting</i> 12pm; Dia- mond Art 4:30pm	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Soup</i> Thursday 12pm	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Knitting</i> 12pm; Dia- mond Art 4:30pm; Michelle Henry talk 6pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19 Soup</i> Thursday 12pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Craft</i> 10am; BFF Mtg 12:30pm
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Knitting</i> 12pm; Dia- mond Art 4:30pm	<i>25 Library</i> Board Mtg 6pm	<i>26 Soup</i> Thursday 12pm; Tom Tarpley Cold Cases 5:30pm	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>