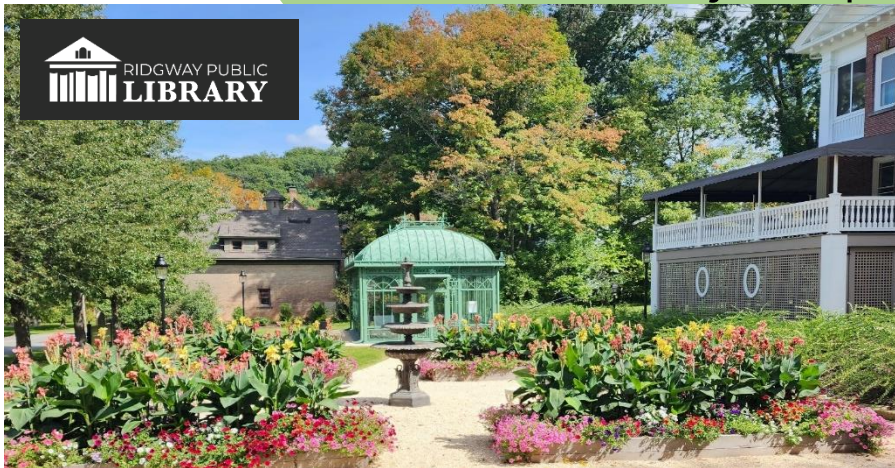


Ridgway Public Library

2024 Annual Friends of the Library Campaign



Did you know? You can now rent the library's conservatory and garden area for private parties and weddings. Contact the Library for more information.

2024 What's happening at the Ridgway Public Library

----- RACHEL KELLER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Community StoryWalk®

We are excited to announce a new addition to the community for residents and guests to enjoy! The Ridgway Public Library teamed up with the Tricounty Rails to Trails Association to install a permanent StoryWalk® Exhibit starting at the Clarion-Little Toby trailhead in Ridgway Borough. The StoryWalk® will include 18 exhibits for children's books located on the first mile of the trail along the Clarion River and is to be installed this summer. This initiative is meant to promote physical activity while engaging children and families in a literacy-enriched adventure in nature. Library staff members will implement programs and rotate the exhibit's stories several times throughout the year. This project was made possible with grants from the PA Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (ECCOTA) and the Ridgway Borough Charitable Fund (ECCF).

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 RIDGWAY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Library Hours & Services

Monday – Wednesday: 10am - 6pm

Thursday – Saturday: 10am - 5pm

- Free library cards for anyone residing in Ridgway Township, Ridgway Borough, Spring Creek Township, Horton Township
- Free Wi-Fi and internet
- Thousands of free e-materials through Libby/Overdrive
- Computers with Microsoft Office and cameras for video-conferencing
- Local newspapers
- Print Magazines
- Large print books
- LaserJet printing and copying (black and white or color)
- Weekly in-person programs
- Reading challenges
- Book covering
- Fax services
- Reference and research services
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
- Take-home crafts and STEM activities for children and teens
- Comfortable outdoor seating and Wi-Fi when the library is closed

Annual Friends of the Library Campaign

2024 Goal: \$10,000

It's time again for the annual Friends of the Library Campaign. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational institute, fundraising is necessary for the Ridgway Public Library to maintain its weekly hours, keep trained employees, and provide free resources and programs to the public. The library now features a community garden, conservatory, and porch space to enjoy fresh air, even when the library is closed.

All donations, regardless of the amount are greatly appreciated. Last year, with a goal of \$10,000 the library raised \$7,485. To help us reach our 2024 goal, send your donation to the Ridgway Public Library before July 1, 2024. Thank you in advance for your support!

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2024 Annual Friends of the Library Campaign Flyer



Spring & Summer Programs

All events and programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Registration may be required to ensure there are enough supplies and kits available.



Summer Reading Program

CHILDREN

June 10 – August 16

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM

It's back! The library's annual summer reading program will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday each week from June to August. The same lesson and activities will be offered twice each week to accommodate for family's constantly changing schedules. Families with children registered in 2023 will receive a flyer in the mail starting in May.

TEENS & ADULTS

June 10 – August 16

The summer reading program isn't just for young children, it's a fun program your entire family can enjoy. Teens and adults can also register to compete in reading challenges and win prizes!



Registration for summer reading will be completed through Beanstack, a library app that helps you keep track of reading logs, win prizes, and more. More information can be found during the month of May on www.ridgwaylibrary.org.

RHYME TIME

Weekly on Wednesdays: February – April & September - December

A new early literacy program with our youngest learners in mind (birth – 2) This program is intended for babies and toddlers through short interactive stories, songs, action rhymes, sensory play, and more.

STORY TIME

Weekly on Tuesdays: January – April & September – December

Designed for kids aged birth through age 6, Story Times help introduce children to books and promote a lifelong love of reading through sensory exploration, art, movement, and play.

WILD FOR READING: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

All Year Long

Register infants and children birth to 5, or before they enter Kindergarten in this free program to win prizes and help promote early literacy! This is a local program for residents in the Ridgway area.

SPRING FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 20

Join us for a fun-filled Saturday morning your whole family will enjoy. Featuring story time, a craft or activity, and snack.

TEEN OPEN STUDIO

Once a month: May - August

Teens 13+ can meet at the library for a craft/maker studio session. Each session will feature a different craft – painting, coloring, bracelet making, origami, etc. No registration required.

BOOK CLUB

Once a month: January – May & September – December

Adult book club members meet once a month to discuss the book of the month. Book club kits are also available at the library for independent book clubs in the community.

Annual Fundraisers

Mark your calendars! Tickets can be purchased at the Ridgway Public Library. Details for each fundraiser will be posted on Facebook and www.ridgwaylibrary.org.

Ridgway Moose Dinner & Live Music May 4

Featuring: *One Last Breath*

Sponsored by \$25/ ticket

300 Club – Win \$5,000 for a Christmas shopping spree!

July -December

1st place drawing - \$5,000

2nd place drawing - \$2,000

3rd place drawing - \$1,000

*Winner announced on December 15
\$50/ ticket

Fall Festival at the Library

September

Food, music, games, book sale!

More details to come!

Free entry to the public

Library Luncheon November

More details to come!
\$30/ticket

There's more! Visit www.ridgwaylibrary.org to view upcoming programs, events and fundraisers.

