Friends of the Chemung County Library District Presents

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - FALL 2014

October 24

Seward. Lincoln's Indispensable Man by Walter Stahr--Reviewed by Eve Crittenden Seward, retired Trainer of Quality Control at Corning, Inc. Eve will recount the diplomatic biography of Auburn, NY’s William Seward, as he served as Secretary of State for Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. Eve has a particular interest in this era, since a distant relation served as a member of Congress. John Crittenden, a representative from KY is described as an ally of Seward, and the author of the Crittenden Compromise (the last effort to keep the southern states in the Union). This is a review with a twist.

October 31

The Third Industrial Revolution: How Lateral Power is Transforming Energy, the Economy and the World by Jeremy Rifkin--Reviewed by Ruth Young, local environmentalist and former Chemistry and Biology Teacher. Rifkin is an economist, advisor to the European Union and Chairs the "Third Industrial Revolution." In his book, he writes of “Lateral Power” transforming energy, global economies and the world. A new order, not based solely on fossil fuel consumption, but on energy innovations, will redefine the balance of world power. Rifkin is an economist and an advisor to the European Union and Chairs “The Third Industrial Revolution” global CEO Business Roundtable.

November 14

Silence of the Songbird by Bridget Stutchburg--Reviewed by Linda Slobodnyak, Vice President of the Chemung Valley Audubon Society. This book is an eye-opening account of why we are losing the world's songbirds and the effect on the environment. The author explains why human activities are the main cause of this alarming decline, why we should care, and what we can do about it.

November 21

Making Masterpiece by Rebecca Eaton--Reviewed by Cornelius O’Donnell, Food Writer, Educator, Marketing and Media Personality. If you enjoy Masterpiece Theater on PBS, you will be fascinated by this documentary highlighting twenty-five years of behind-the-scenes stories. From Downtown Abbey to Mr. Selfridge, Masterpiece Theater is the forefront production of mystery and drama extraordinaire.

All reviews are held Fridays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Steele Memorial Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901
A light sandwich lunch may be purchased for $3.50 or you may bring your own. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the book review will be rescheduled. Join us online at www.ccll.lib.ny.us/friends.htm or www.facebook.com/friendsofCCLD.

You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend. ~ Paul Sweeney
Friends of CCLD Youth Poetry Awards 2014

Friends is pleased to announce the winners of the Friends of CCLD 2014 Youth Poetry Festival Reading & Awards. Friends has expanded its poetry program to include an image gallery site, whose painting images inspired the youth poetry: www.friendsfccld.org/gallery.

Youth Awards

Barbara Glendening Cierniak Award “Better Angel” by Sophie Williams, Troy, PA (Angel of Peace) 
First Place “Fox” by Paige Merrick, Troy, PA (Skeley’s Fox Profile) 
Second Place “Lost” by Abbahsheek Akula, Horseheads, NY (Viel) 
Third Place “Tangled Night” by Sydney Taylor, Troy, PA (Entangled)

Honorable Mention “Art Night” by Hannah Oswald, Troy, PA (Entangled)

Honorable Mention “Different People” by Wyatt Hodolinski, Troy, PA (Tolerance)

Honorable Mention “Heartbroken” by Emma Colton, Troy, PA (Ganesh and Easter Lily)

Honorable Mention “Colorful Duckling” by Ethan Van Noy, Troy, PA (Duck)

In addition, Friends of CCLD would like to offer special recognition of and appreciation for the local adult artists who loaned their painting images; inspired the youth poetry:

Vani Akuh Ganesh and Easter Lily
David Higgins totebag
Kathleen Huddle Angel of Peace
Girni Lui Entangled
Marc Rubin Skeley’s Fox Profile
Steve Seaburg Duck
Allen C. (Denny) Smith, Viel
Mark Woodhouse Majesties of Sound

The Friends of CCLD Youth Poetry Reading and Awards (fully funded by Friends of CCLD) took place Saturday, June 2, 2014, at Community Arts of Elmira, 413 Lake Street (www.communityartselmira.com). Youth poets read aloud their award-winning poems to a full-house audience of family, friends and community members. Guest reader Jose Carapulo, a published poet and writer, read his short story Present at the Creation. Community Arts Youth Poet-in-Residence, Mya Cashdawller concluded the reading with a poem she wrote inspired by Majesties of Sound.

Friends of CCLD Adult Poetry 2014

Entry Guidelines

1. Eligible entrants: Ages 18+
2. One poem per entrant is allowed. No entry fee required.
3. Poem must be the original work of the entrant.
4. Previously-entered poems are not eligible.
6. Entrants should type their full name, mailing address, daytime contact phone number, and e-mail address in the bottom left corner of the last page of the poem.
7. Entrants should bring or send poems to the Circulation Desk, Steele Library, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901 or (preferably) e-mail friendsfccld@gmail.com with the Subject line: “Adult Poem Entry.”
8. Deadlines: 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 28, 2014.
9. Friends Adult Poetry Reading and Awards, Formered Edward Dougherty Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium, Steele Library

Free and Open to the Public


Friends Annual Book Sale once again will be held at the Artom Mall, February 5 through February 14. The Sale will run in the same space as last year: Adjacent to the Bon Ton at the Ruby Tuesday Entrance.

Thank you to all who have helped with setting up and working at the Sale over the years. Anyone interested in volunteering for the book sale or book sorting and packing at the Steele or your own District library can send an e-mail to friendsfccld@gmail.com or mail in or with your donation to Friends at 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

Friends of CCLD Funded Programs & Events

January – October, 2014

Kinderbook: $2,500 All District Libraries
Annual Chess Tournament: $500 Steele Memorial Library
Summer Concert Series: $2,000 Downtown Elmira Promenade
Mango Language Program: $2,735 All District Libraries
Summer Reading Club: $1,100 West Elmira Library
Friends Reading Club: $600 Steele Memorial Library
Halloween Spooky Stacks: $1,500 Steele Memorial Library
First Outdoor Film Event at Riverfront Park: $300 All District Libraries
Baby LapSit: $368 Big Flats Library
First Annual Maker Faire: $500 Steele Memorial Library
Teen Circus Halloween Ball: $1,700 Steele Memorial Library

Kinderbook Program Update

The Kinderbook Program, getting library cards into the hands of kindergarten children, is celebrating its 10th year. Last year, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of CCLD and the Horseheads Foundation, every kindergarten child in the region participated in our program. A special thanks to Ralph Moore, who began this program 10 years ago, who continues to advise and mentor our committee. This year, our very able committee has made some changes. Our goal is not only to introduce the children to our public library and all they have to offer, but also to encourage these kindergarten children to return to the library over and over again. To this end, we are offering additional incentives. The children will come to the library in the fall, as always and the incentive will run through the summer. More details to follow as the program gets underway.

Faith Gray
Kinderbook Committee

New Board Members

We welcome two new members to the board of the Friends of the Chemung County Library District, Lee Young and Ned Milliken. Lee: I grew up in NYC, and graduated from the University of Bridgeport in 1964. I have lived in Big Flats since 1970, have three daughters, and have been married to Dennis for 50 years. He’s retired from Cornell Inc. as a market researcher. I retired from Cornell in 2005. My biggest interest is traveling to archipelago sites, especially in the Mediterranean region. My passion is reading everything from history, to archaeology, to novels and mysteries. I read at least two books a week. While employed at Cornell, I was the director of the Environmental Management Project for 20 years. This was part of the Chemung County government through a program with Cornell. I reported to the Chemung County Legislature and the County Executive. I was president of the New York State Association of Environmental Councils for 8 years. This was a program with NYS DEC. I was a member and environmental educator of Upper Susquehannas Coalition, which was sponsored by EPA in Washington. I am the past president and founding member of the Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, Inc. I was appointed to the Big Flats Library Advocates by the Town Board in 2006, and I became its president last year.

Ned: My name is Ned Milliken, and I am an Elmira native. I returned to Elmira last year from Western Massachusetts, and am employed at Old Navy as a sales coach. Interested in Theatre, I have been involved in productions at the Santa Fe Opera Company, Shakespeare and Company in the Berkshire, and, more recently, with the Music of Fire Theatrical Group at Corning Community College.

I have fond memories of time spent at the West Elmira branch, and look forward to assisting the library bring special programs to our community.