



The Bookworm Fall 2008

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

FALL 2008

October 24th

Thread of the Silk Worm by Iris Chang. The author describes how the Chinese created the rockets in this space age and gives an overview of China today. Reviewer: Hugh Wang, M.D.

October 31st

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. Talking to dogs without a word, a mute boy and his dogs achieve remarkable relationships. Reviewer: Sue Hamlin.

November 7th

The Nine by Jeffrey Toobin is an account of the formal Supreme Court decisions and what goes on behind the scenes. The justices' interaction moves to a more conservative stance. Reviewer: Polly Leveen

November 14th

The Red Center and other short stories by Kathy Henion. A review of creative techniques in the writing of short stories is provided. Reviewer: Kathy Henion, PhD. candidate, Binghamton University.

All reviews are held Fridays from 12:00 - 1 PM in the Steele Memorial Library Auditorium
A light sandwich lunch may be purchased for \$3.50, or you may bring your own.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer 2008 is slowly turning into fall. I hope all is well in your house.

The 2008-2009 year will be filled with the standard programs: BOOK SANDWICHED IN, POETRY FESTIVAL, FILM FESTIVAL, KINDERBOOK, READ OUT LOUD and our annual book sale.

Lynne Rusinko will once again head the *Poetry Festival* and Hank Heilmann will take over the *Film Festival*. Both of these activities will be featured in a later *Bookworm*. The *Books Sandwiched In* series is filled with interesting choices thanks to Marilyn Lynough and Mary Wells Smith. Two board members, Lee Kiesling and Suzy Smith, will trade hats. Lee will take over the secretary duties and Suzy will become treasurer.

Join us in the membership drive. The board needs your assistance. I continue to look for programs and new ideas for our libraries. Contact one of the board members if you have any suggestions.

Best Wishes,
Charles A. Paone
President

READ OUT LOUD

Join us the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm each month for READ OUT LOUD. Meetings are in the Steele Memorial Library conference room. Contact Charles Paone 734-7846 or Mary Wells Smith 733-0446 for the topic of the month, or just bring a favorite passage.

Charles A. Paone
Chair

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2008 – 2009 KINDERBOOK PROGRAM

The 2008 – 2009 Kinderbook Program is off to a good start. Members of the Friends' Children's Committee visited elementary schools in Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads during kindergarten orientation and registration. We asked parents of kindergarteners to complete public library card application forms for their kindergarteners. So far 312 forms have been taken to public libraries for processing. Parents are encouraged to take their children to the public library of their choice to pick up the new library cards, borrow books, and learn about the available children's programs.

Plans are also under way to have Kinderbook assemblies in all the public schools. The assemblies will be presented to kindergarteners by school and public librarians and will be about books, libraries, and reading. At the end of the assemblies, kindergarteners will be invited to take a public library field trip to pick up their library cards and be introduced to the library and its children's programs.

The Chemung County Library District's Strategic Planning Committee on Improving Library Services has offered to assist the Children's Committee with the Kinderbook Program this year.

The Children's Committee
Ralph Moore, Chair

Officers for the 2008-2009 year are:

President	Charles Paone
Vice President	Tony Pucci
Treasurer	Suzy Smith
Secretary	Lee Kiesling

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