



# *The Bookworm*

*Friends of the Chemung County Library District Newsletter*

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**Fall 2013**

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## **BOOKS SANDWICHED IN**

**FALL 2013**

**October 11**

*Opening Sentences of a Book* will be discussed by Tony Carozza, lecturer and author. Having completed extensive research, Tony will illustrate why a writer must have a strong opening sentence for a fiction or non-fiction book. The openings of many of your favorite books of your favorite genres will be considered.

**October 18**

*My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The author, the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the Supreme Court, “recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself,” (amazon.com). Reviewer is Cindy Emmer.

**November 1**

*Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* by Jon Meacham. “Thomas Jefferson hated confrontation, and yet his understanding of power and of human nature enabled him to move men and to marshal ideas, to learn from his mistakes, and to prevail... Meacham presents Jefferson as the most successful political leader of the early republic, and perhaps in all of American history,” (amazon.com). Reviewer is Polly Leveen.

**November 8**

*Courageous Journey: Walking the Lost Boys Path from the Sudan to America* by Barbara Youree, Ayuel Leek and Beny Ngor. The author “traces the journey of thousands of displaced Sudanese children who walked for months across barren land, menaced by starvation, disease, wild animals, and gunfire... follows them through their years in refugee camps and their journey to the United States, where the author mentors them in college, as they follow the American dream and pursue their goal of helping other Sudanese...” (amazon.com). Reviewer is Diane Huttleston McAdams.

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All reviews are held Fridays from 12:00 - 1 PM in the Central (Steele) Library Auditorium. 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.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm](http://www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm) or [www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld).

## President's Message

The fall season is upon us and the *Friends of the Chemung County Library District (Friends of CCLD)* continues to grow and assist the needs of our county libraries. We are extremely fortunate to have within our *District* five exemplary libraries to serve our population. Whether to toddlers, young mothers and fathers, youth, teens, families or seniors, the *CCLD*, our libraries, continue to provide free, all inclusive life-enhancing programs and events to every member of our community.

The Central Library at Elmira (Steele), The Horseheads Free Library, West Elmira, Van Etten, Big Flats and The Bookmobile are committed to providing the space and resources for books, reading, research, book reviews, lectures, films, meetings, games, live performances, training, literacy tutoring, computer access, EBook downloads and many more opportunities for personal growth and fulfillment. Most importantly, our *District* libraries fulfill these and other services with personal assistance from caring staffs that are committed to meeting human needs and advancing human potential.

The mission of *Friends of CCLD* (see Mission Statement) is to help ensure the continuing success of these library functions, programs and events by providing necessary funds and resources and by promoting the irreplaceable services that our libraries perform. **The *Friends of the Chemung County Library District (Friends of CCLD)*, through funding and advocacy, supports the functions and activities of the District libraries; promotes programs and events for reading and library use; and creates and enriches learning and cultural opportunities for adults and children served by the CCLD.** Examples abound. Here are three:

- **The Mango Language Program** that any library cardholder can access for online learning of any world language.
- **Summer Reading Club:** Kudos to Dianne Patchett at West Elmira and all children staff for a successful lineup of events for kids and families.
- **Summer Concert Series on the Promenade:** Five vibrant, eclectic and diverse performances that filled our downtown summer nights with community merriment. Thank you, Chris Corter, for putting it all together.

As always, *Friends of CCLD* need your support. Whether you are a long time *Friend* or a new member, please use the new donation form on *The Bookworm's* back page. Your talent, time and treasure keep the *Friends* going and growing. Meeting the new challenges that face our precious county libraries cannot happen without your contribution. Please help, in whatever way you can, to sustain the jewels of our civic, social and economic life: *your libraries*.

To come this far, *Friends* has needed strong, enduring board members. Barbara "Bobbie" Curran has been with friends since 1964. We bid her farewell, with sadness at her departure, but also with celebration, as she joins family in Pittsford. (Please read Martha Horton's tribute.) Another long-time board and executive committee member, Treasurer Bridget Wilson will be leaving the area. We wish her the best in expanding her career. In turn, *Friends* is pleased to welcome new board member Bill Mahr as Treasurer. *Friends* continues to experience the engagement of a board of directors that is balanced in both the strength of tradition and the energy of new ideas: *We honor the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future*. See you at the library.

Sincerely,  
Joe Caparulo  
President, *Friends of CCLD*

## Annual Book Sale: February 2014

*Friends of CCLD* will once again hold its *Annual Book Sale* at the Arnot Mall. We hope to have the same space as last year: Adjacent to the Bon Ton at the Ruby Tuesday entrance. The tentative dates for the *Sale* are February 6 – 16.

To ensure continued success, the *Book Sale* needs your generous volunteer time. Volunteers are needed for both book sorting throughout the year at the Central Library (Steele) and for the set up and running of the *Sale* at the Mall. Many of you have continued to work for the *Book Sale* over the years: Abundant thanks! This year we will need at least 50 Friend members to help throughout the *Sale*. So, if you can help with the *Book Sale* please email [friendsofcclld@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcclld@gmail.com).

Also, if you donate books for the *Sale*, please be mindful. They must be in saleable condition: No damage, dampness or mold. We cannot sell the following: magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, *Readers Digest Condensed Books*, dated guides or reference books over 5 years old and LP records. With those guidelines, we sincerely appreciate your donations.

With anticipation for our best *Book Sale* ever, *Friends of CCLD* offers our extended thanks for your donations, volunteer time and continued support.

### ***The Bookworm* getting a new look!**

Going green is a challenge. *Friends of CCLD* wants its resources and information to remain available in print when and where necessary, but budget constraints and environmental concerns demand that we continue to create online formats that will expand our message and provide fun and interactive ways to bring the message to more people of all ages throughout our library district (and the world!). While our goal is to create a fresh-digital perspective of *The Bookworm* the changes will be made over the next year. Please let us know what you think of the changes and give us suggestions for improvement. We need your creative input. ***The Bookworm* is available at all district libraries and online at [www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm](http://www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm) or [www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD).**

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### **New Board Member**

We welcome the following new member to the board of the *Friends of the Chemung County Library District*. Bill Mahr has written something to introduce himself to you.

I am excited to join the board of the *Friends of the Chemung County Library District*. I have been an avid reader since my parents got me my first Hardy Boy book. It is what I like to do the most to relax. It was a joy reading to our (2) daughters while they were growing up.

I am originally from the Westchester County area but have been in upstate New York since the early 70s. I have a B.A. From Alfred University and a M.B.A. from Syracuse University. I have had the good fortune to work for the IBM Corporation for over 35 years. I am married to Alise Learned Mahr and recently celebrated our 30th anniversary. When not working I enjoy leisure activities such as swimming, boating, golf and tennis. - Bill Mahr

## ***The Friends Youth Poetry Festival Awards 2013***

*Friends of the Chemung County Library District (Friends of CCLD)* is pleased to announce the winners of the *Friends of CCLD Youth Poetry Festival*. This year, *Friends* expanded its poetry program to include an image gallery site, whose images inspired the youth poetry: [www.friendsofcclld.org/gallery](http://www.friendsofcclld.org/gallery).\*

In addition, the *Friends Youth Poetry Festival* introduced the *Barbara Glendening Curran Award*, which recognizes the outstanding poem submitted by youth to the *Festival*.

Barbara Glendening Curran initiated and chaired the *Friends of the Poetry Festival* for nearly thirty years, establishing an invaluable creative outlet for youth and adult poetry in the community. *Friends of the CCLD* has now separated the youth and adult *Festivals*. The *Adult Festival*, scheduled for the fall, already has long-celebrated the outstanding poem submission with the *Catherine Connelly Award*. *Friends* thought it equally fitting to create an annual youth award in Curran's name, one that likewise honors excellence in poetry.

Lynne Rusinko  
Poetry Festival Chair 2013

## **Youth Awards**

*Barbara Glendening Curran Award*: "Winter Sunbeams" Kate Hanson, Elmira, NY

*First Place*: "I Know I Can" Sophie Williams, Troy, NY

*Second Place*: "Kamryn" Charly Slusser, Millerton, PA

*Third Place*: "Good Old Days" Macy Vroman, Troy, PA

*First Honorable Mention*: "Forest Mystery" Gienah Sonnema, Columbia Crossroads, PA

*Second Honorable Mention*: "Lemons" Ibraheem Cheema, Horseheads, NY

*Third Honorable Mention*: "Antique Truck" Michael Barrett, Gillett, PA

In addition, *Friends of CCLD* would like to offer special recognition of and appreciation for the local artists who provided the photographs for the *Friends Poetry Image Gallery*:



Yolanda Daliz

Tammy Heath

Jan Kather

Byoung-Yong Manchester

Linda Odum

Margaret K. Reed

Bonnie Warden

The *Friends of CCLD Youth Poetry Awards Reading and Open Mic* (fully funded by *Friends of CCLD*) took place Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Community Arts of Elmira, 413 Lake Street ([www.communityartsofelmira.com](http://www.communityartsofelmira.com)). *Festival* youth poets read aloud their award-winning poems to a full-house audience of family, friends and community members. Guest reader Lafayette Wattles (Elmira Heights, NY), a published poet, encouraged youth to read and write voraciously each day, exploring their imaginations and expressing their creative voice.

\* *Friends of CCLD* extends special appreciation to Marc Rubin, of Marc Rubin Associates, for designing its logo and to Jacob Burke, of Jacob Burke Print/Web Graphic Design, for creating and updating the *Friends Poetry Image Gallery*.

Look for future updates on the *Friends of CCLD Adult Poetry Festival* this fall at [www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld) or [www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm](http://www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm).

### ***Barbara Glendening Curran Award 2013***

**Winter Sunbeams** Inspired by Photograph *Red Pond*, Yolanda Dializ\*

The storm outside the house was raging  
Everything seemed to be aging, with nothing to do  
I was just about to go to sleep when there was a knock at the door  
Mama woke up as I took a leap to the door  
I opened it  
The woman had short dark hair and a flannel cap  
She stomped off her shoes, waking papa from his evening nap  
The stranger said not a word as she walked straight to the loom  
Little did she know, she left tracks all over the room  
She opened her bag and began to choose  
“What is the harm?” I thought  
We had nothing to lose  
Thread after thread she wove and wove  
I watched as I sat by the stove  
She sang as she worked  
Our cat began to kurk  
When she was through, she showed us her piece  
The sky was blue, with a crisp golden wheat field under a scorching sun  
Her expression said her work was done  
Then as quick as can be, gave it to Mama as I squealed with glee,  
“Here is your light on the darkest day, your winter sunbeams,” she said as she walked away.



**Kate Hanson**  
**Grade 4 - Elmira, NY**

# Friends of CCLD Adult Poetry Festival

## Entry Guidelines

1. Eligible entrants: Ages 18+
2. One poem per entrant is allowed.
3. Poem must be the original work of the entrant.
4. Previously entered poems are not eligible.
5. 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.
6. Entrants should bring or send poems to the Circulation Desk, Central (Steele) Library, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901 or e-mail [friendsofcclld@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcclld@gmail.com) with the Subject line: "Adult Festival Poem."
7. Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2013.
8. Friends Adult Poetry Festival Reading and Awards:  
Friday, December 13, 2013, 7 p.m., location to be announced.  
For additional Friends Poetry Festival details, please visit:

[www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld)

[www.friendsofcclld.org/gallery/](http://www.friendsofcclld.org/gallery/)

or

[www.steele.lib.ny.us/friends.htm](http://www.steele.lib.ny.us/friends.htm)

## ***Bobbie Curran Honored at Friends Farewell Reception***

Bobbie Curran, who recently moved to Pittsford, NY, was a member of the board of *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library* (now *Friends of the Chemung County Library District*) for forty-nine years. At her last board meeting, on September 9th, Bobbie reminisced about her tenure: the beginnings of the annual Friends Book Sale, when the books were stored throughout the year in basement of her home, and the Friends' visiting speakers, whom she wined and dined, including Rod Serling, Jimmy Breslin, Ellen Goodman, and Maxine Kumin.



Most memorably, Bobbie created the Friends' long-running annual Poetry Festival, serving as its chairperson for many years. Her dedication to inspiring and rewarding poets of all ages was further demonstrated when she became the organizer and producer of Sage Daughters of the Muses, in conjunction with the Arnot Art Museum, one of the premier events of the former Festival of Women in the Arts celebration in this area.

A poet herself, Bobbie's work can be seen in some of the handsome publications generated by the above events, *Festival* and *Sage Daughters*. She was recently honored at the *Friends Youth Poetry Festival* by having a new annual award named for her, the *Barbara Glendening Curran Award*.

Poetry was not her only cultural addiction, however. Bobbie, a native of the Bronx, remained in many ways a New Yorker at heart and returned to the Big Apple regularly during theater season to take in the shows.

That said, Pittsford is a charming small community on the Erie Canal, with a strong cultural presence (including a great library!), so Bobbie will fit right in. But fortunately for her friends and the broader Elmira community, Bobbie and her husband Tom have not cut their ties to our town entirely. For example, Bobbie will be back in March to present a program for the Wednesday Morning Club, of which she has been a member for more than twenty years. Her topic, most appropriately, is "William Butler Yeats: Irish Poet, Playwright and Patriot." Furthermore, Bobbie will return in June 2014 to present the *Barbara Glendening Curran Award* at the Friends Youth Poetry Festival, 2014.

**- Martha Horton**

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(Formerly, Friends of the Steele Memorial Library)

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Mark Twain:	\$25+_____	Robert Frost:	\$500+_____
James Joyce:	\$50+_____	Eugene O'Neill:	\$1000+_____

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