



THE BOOKWORM

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Books Sandwiched In

Winter 2013 Series

Friday, February 15

Lovingkindness by Anne Roiphe. This... *intriguing new novel takes on the issues of religious fundamentalism, parent-child relationships, feminism and other challenges of contemporary life. ... reflecting the heartache that ensues when a child repudiates parents, culture and homeland. ... the novel gives full expression to the ambiguities of the situation, adding a modern dimension to the age-old debate between faith and reason.* (amazon.com). Rabbi Mimi Baitch, Congregation Kol Ami, will be the reviewer.

Friday, February 22

The Financial Crisis and the Free Market Cure by John Allison. An important economist writes his views on our current financial situation: *One of the reasons I wrote my book is because it seemed to make sense to have someone who had an inside and comprehensive understanding of the causes of our financial problems to comment on the issue. ... it's even more important for the public and policy makers to understand what drove the financial crisis and what choices we must make to revitalize our economy.* Reviewer will be Thomas W. Wirth, CFA, Vice President & Sr. Investment Officer, Chemung Valley Trust & Co.

Friday, March 1

The Tin Roof Blowdown by James Lee Burke. *The pain, dismay and anger brought on by the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina explodes from the pages of this new Dave Robicheaux novel. For nearly a quarter of a century, Burke has used this series, despite their dark subject matter, to show his obvious love of the land, the people and the cultures of the South and specifically New Orleans. There is a mystery for Robicheaux to solve, but it's the destruction of Burke's beloved New Orleans that resonates like thunder throughout the book.* (Publisher's Weekly). Venitra Clark, Clemens Center Director of House Operations, will be the reviewer

Friday, March 8

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Trail by Cheryl Strayed. *Echoing the ever-popular search for wilderness salvation ...Strayed tells the story of her emotional devastation after the death of her mother and the weeks she spent hiking the 1,100-mile Pacific Crest Trail. Convinced that nothing else can save her, she latches onto the unlikely idea of a long solo hike. Woefully unprepared, ... she relies on the kindness and assistance of those she meets along the way. ... Hiker wannabes will likely be inspired. Experienced backpackers will roll their eyes. But this chronicle, ...is certain to spark conversation.* (Book List). Carol Lincoln, President of Thursday Morning Musicales, will review the book.

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.

In the event that schools are closed due to weather, the book review will be rescheduled.

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President's Message, Winter 2013

Greetings, Friends of the Chemung County Library District! With the heralding of a New Year, *Friends* rings in some exciting new changes for our vibrant and growing organization.

First and foremost is our new name: *Friends of the Chemung County Library District* or *Friends of CCLD*. (See related article.) The logo that accompanies our new name will be revealed at the annual *Book Sale* in February.

Friends now has a new *Finance and Development Committee*. I thank Treasurer Bridget Wilson and board members Alise Learned Mahr and Terry Lagonegro for their direction in starting this committee. Their ideas and energy will initially focus on expense management and additional fundraising endeavors. Some of the ideas being discussed include a Fall Scare Crow Contest and selling tees and coffee mugs.

Friends is now on Facebook! Thanks also to Jennie Mathews and Owen Frank of CCLD for helping *Friends* expand its presence on the CCLD website (cclld.lib.ny.us) and CCLD newsletter. So, please like us on Facebook and share your library and book life with friends and our growing family of members (www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD).

Friends is going green and saving green! Starting with our spring issue, *The Bookworm* will no longer be mailed to most members. Our mailing costs have become too prohibitive and threaten our continued mission of funding and supporting CCLD's programs, events and growing operational needs. *The Bookworm* will be available online and copies will be available at all library district locations: Elmira, Horseheads, Big Flats, West Elmira and Van Etten. However, members needing *The Bookworm* mailed directly to their residences, please contact Suzy Smith at msmith1201@stny.rr.com.

Most importantly, *Friends of CCLD* needs your financial support. We appreciate all you are doing and have done over the years (Since 1957!), and hope we can continue the vision and work of *Friends* for decades to come. For \$5, you can become or remain a *Friend of CCLD*. It is through your donations above this minimum, however, that will enable us to continue supporting CCLD through such funded programs as *Kinderbook* and the *Bookmobile*.

Please use the attached membership/donation form to submit your check, made payable to *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library*.

Lastly, I would like to thank Anthony Pucci for his outstanding leadership in his role as a long-standing member and as board President for the past three years. With a predecessor like Tony, taking on this position has been a truly enjoyable experience.

Peace to all,
Joe Caparulo, President

The Friends Annual Book Sale

Our *Annual Book Sale* is scheduled for February 7 – 16 at the Arnot Mall. It will be located adjacent to The Bon Ton, with easy access through the Ruby Tuesday's entrance.

Help is desperately needed during all phases of the sale, from set up to take down. You can volunteer by signing up for two-hour blocks of time (or more!) to help customers find books, work at the membership table, keep book tables organized and/or help at the sale counter. Thanks to all who continue to volunteer year after year. We honor your support. I know they can attest to the book sale as being a rewarding and enjoyable experience for all.

Please use the enclosed volunteer form to choose your dates and times. The form can be mailed, dropped off at the Elmira Library (the Steele) or you can email your days and times to friendsofcclld@gmail.com (Subject Line: Book Sale Volunteer) or call Karen Nisco at 607-732-6138. More *Book Sale* information and the full schedule can be found on the CCLD website: cclld.lib.ny.us. (Go to Friends of CCLD/ Book Sale)

With anticipation for another great *Book Sale*, *Friends of CCLD* offers our exuberant thanks for your donations, volunteer time and continued support.

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Our New Name: Friends of CCLD

Renaming the organization *Friends of CCLD* (Friends of the Chemung County Library District) represents a significant moment in its history. We have been *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library* since 1957. In 2005, the *Steele Memorial Library* and the other four libraries in Chemung County were reorganized into the *Chemung County Library District*.

Friends have continually been involved in the support and funding of all district libraries. The name, *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library* no longer defines its purpose and no longer tells its story.

Our new name will accomplish something essential: It will immediately describe who we are and tell what we do. It will give us a direct and more realized connection as a community of libraries, the Bookmobile, library patrons and library supporters. Now, West Elmira, Big Flats, Van Etten and Horseheads will be equal partners along with Elmira (the Steele) in the ongoing work and vision of *Friends*. Other libraries (Horseheads and Big Flats) have their Friends and advocates as well, but this will not exclude or diminish their potential partnership and collaboration with *Friends of CCLD*.

In aligning ourselves with the realities of our library district structure, we can more successfully promote *Friends* and fundraising efforts with the events, programs and operational goals of our library district. This will, in turn, enhance our community presence and recognition. Further, it will increase our support base. Our name will be recognized and promoted as a collaborative effort involving district libraries, district volunteers, advocates and donors.

A logo for *Friends of CCLD*—something we have never had before—will be unveiled at the upcoming *Book Sale*!

Library Renovations

As 2013 arrives, renovations continue at all CCLD branches. The district developed a Library Building Conditions Report to guide the design and implementation of these projects. While the program is designed to determine the particular needs of each branch, it outlines key components that are critical to all branches. Hopefully as you visit, you will see more and more of the spaces taking shape.

At our central branch, the Quiet Room which was partly funded by The Friends is complete and we have had several patrons make use of the space. The youth services area is finished and has new seating and more open space with the removal of unused office space. Our circulation and customer service desks have been modified to provide ADA access and allow for better customer service. Our bookmobile and outreach staffs have moved into their new office space and the new computer training room is almost complete.

Both West and Big Flats have seen some major progress. The energy efficient windows have been installed in both branches and some minor repairs have been completed. For example, both branches have had the exteriors powerwashed and the joints repaired as well as the vents for heating and air conditioning cleaned. The remaining projects include the installation of new carpeting, repainting the interior, and the installation of new circulation and staff work areas.

At Horseheads the meeting room has been expanded and new audiovisual equipment has been installed. There was also the construction of a small storage space that will be used by the Friends of the Horseheads Library for their book sorting. We have also made some minor repairs such as new exhaust fans for the roof, the replacement of doors in the staff area and the installation of more shelving for staff use. The new circulation desk is scheduled to be installed in mid-January.

We were fortunate in that Steele had to close for only three days while Horseheads will remain open. I am extremely optimistic that all work will be completed on schedule and West and Big Flats will reopen on January 25th. I wish to thank all of our patrons and staff who have worked together to make these necessary changes as smooth as possible.

Ron Shaw
Director, CCLD

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2013 BOOK SALE

Volunteer Sign Up Sheet

*To ensure another successful Book Sale, we need your help. Your commitment of TWO hours of your time, **anytime** during these 13 days, will make a difference. Thank you.*

Set-Up Dates:	Friday	February 1	10am-6pm
	Saturday	February 2	10am-4pm
	Monday	February 4	10am-6pm
	Tuesday	February 5	10am-6pm
	Wednesday	February 6	10am-6pm

Sale Dates:	Thursday	February 7	10am-9pm
	Friday	February 8	10am-9pm
	Saturday	February 9	10am-9pm
	Sunday	February 10	11am-6pm
	Thursday	February 14	10am-9pm
	Friday	February 15	10am-9pm
	Saturday	February 16	10am-9pm

Take-Down Date:	Sunday	February 17	11am-6pm
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Name	Phone #	Date/day of week	Hours

Please Mark Your Calendars!

*Unless notified, you will be expected to work as noted above.
Please sign up and return no later than January 25, 2013 to:*

Friends of CCLD Book Sale
c/o Steele Memorial Library
101 East Church Street
Elmira, NY 14901
or e-mail friendsofcclld@gmail.com
Subject Line: Book Sale Volunteer

www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD
www.steele.lib.ny.us/friends.htm

World Book Night 2013 – A Community Event in Chemung County

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, book loving volunteers across America will participate in **World Book Night (WBN)** by giving away books to those in their community who don't regularly read. The idea began in 2011 in the UK and Ireland as a way of encouraging more adult readers. London booksellers thought what better way to get someone to read than to personally give them a title you love. It was successful and in 2012, the US and Germany joined in. On just one night, 2.5 million books were given away in 4 countries by 80,000 people.

Several CCLD staff participated in last year's event and found it to be most successful distributing books at the Arnot Mall. This year, CCLD plans to increase participation and are seeking Friends to help distribute books in Chemung County. If you are interested in becoming a book giver, you'll need to apply on the World Book Night website www.us.worldbooknight.org. If you need assistance, contact Chris Corter at the library or Suzy Smith, msmith1201@stny.rr.com.

Why is World Book Night held on April 23rd? Find out by going to the WBN website and read more about it.

How World Book Night works and what you need to do to become a book giver.

1. The intent of WBN is to seek out adults in public settings or low income places where you are mostly likely to find non-readers. Think about where in Chemung County you would like to give away your books. You can work in teams to hand out books at one location if you'd like and apply as a group.
2. View the list of 2013 titles to be given away on the WBN website www.us.worldbooknight.org. Make a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of titles you would like to give away.
3. Once you've determined your location and selected 3 titles, click on **Apply to be a Giver** in the center of the webpage. Read through the instructions and click on the words **click here to begin**. Fill out the 3 page form and submit. That's it.
4. You will be notified of your application status by February 2013.
5. In April 2013, 20 copies each of the special WBN editions will be mailed out to your local Book Organizer (Steele Library). The Library will hold a special reception for book givers to pick up their books during the week of April 15th.
6. Show up at your distribution location in on April 23rd and give away your books.
7. Share details of your experience with the Friends of CCLD, library staff and WBN organization.

Welcome to **Tish Shaefer**, a new Friends board member. Tish says: *Currently I work in management at Three Rivers Care Facility in Painted Post. I have a multitude of interests including natural sciences, psychology, meditation, quilting, basket weaving and reading. Mysteries, humor, and brain science are my main topics for reading and listening. (I use my drive to work and back to listen to library books on CD. It's more fun than the news these days.)*

I have a mild form of dyslexia which was never diagnosed when I was young and it put me at a disadvantage in school. It was often mislabeled when I struggled with reading and I didn't find reading a pleasant experience at all. As an adult, without the pressure to perform or read quickly, I learned to love the escape provided in stories and scientific writings. I began to read to my sons before they could sit up and both are avid readers as adults.

I believe that with all the varied methods to impart the fun and wisdom of what has been written, we are obliged to introduce to the children of our community the delight and wonder of our library.

Friends Poetry Festival 2013--New Year, New Format, New Opportunities!
Spring Youth Poetry Festival, January - June

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Ages 5-18

A themed *Poetry from Photographs* will launch the *Youth Poetry Festival*.

Selected photographs from public submissions (18+ years of age) will be posted on-line, along with new youth (5-18 years of age) poem submission guidelines, award structure and publication format. They also will be available in hardcopy at CCLD libraries.

In addition, the inaugural *Barbara Curran Youth Award* will be presented at the individual youth awards in April.

The portfolio readings and awards ceremony is scheduled for June, including the *Ellen McTiernan Award* (Grades 11 & 12) and the *Ellen Tifft Award* (Grades 9 & 10).

Fall Adult Poetry Festival, August - December
Ages 18+

Poetry from Photographs will serve as the *Adult Poetry Festival* theme as well.

Photographs (18+ years of age) will be accepted in June and July and posted on-line in August.

Submission guidelines, award structures (including the *Catherine Connelly Award*) and publication format will be available in hardcopy at CCLD Libraries, on Facebook and on the CCLD website later this spring.

Call--for--Youth Poetry Festival Images by Adults (Ages 18+)

Friends of CCLD will accept color or black & white image submissions to inspire youth poets for the 2013 *Friends Youth Poetry Festival*.

Images must be submitted by January 31, 2013.

Images will be selected on the basis of creativity and must be suitable for youth experience/family interaction.

Image remains property of person submitting, but *Friends of CCLD* will post images throughout the *Youth Poetry Festival* on-line, including websites and Facebook pages, as well as in print media and promotional material and in public, in both traditional and nontraditional venues, where youth have ready access.

In addition, images will be published in a hardcopy art sheet along with outstanding poems, and recognized at a public reading in April. Image Specs: 1-2MB, 360dpi, jpg, color or black & white.

Include sender's full name and daytime contact phone number.

Also, by submitting the image the sender is agreeing to the *Friends* use and public share of the image as part of the 2013 *Friends Poetry Festival* on-line, including websites and Facebook pages, as well as in print media and promotional material and in public venues.

Submit images to friendsofccl@gmail.com, specifying title of work or indicating "untitled". Type "Friends Youth Poetry Festival" in Subject line.

Please check *Friends of CCLD* Facebook page for announcements and updates!
www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD.

Notices will also be available on the *CCLD* website <http://ccl.lib.ny.us/friends.htm>.

Here is your chance to be a *FRIEND OF THE STEELE MEMORIAL LIBRARY*

I would like to become/remain a **Friend of the Steele Memorial Library**.

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

I can help on Book Sale Sorting Books Mailings Other _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dickinson \$5 Austen \$10 Twain \$25 Joyce \$50 Dante \$75 Shakespeare \$100

Mr. _____ Telephone _____
Mrs. _____

Miss _____
Ms. _____ Email: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Steele Memorial Library, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901. *Dues and contributions to the Friends are tax deductible.*

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