

The Bookworm

A Publication of The Friends of the Chemung County Library District

Winter 2014

Annual Book Sale

Friends begins 2014 with enthusiastic preparation for its upcoming *Book Sale*. The *Sale* once again will be located at the Arnot Mall in the same space as last year—adjacent to *Bon Ton* and accessed through the *Ruby Tuesday* entrance.

Inserted in this edition of *The Bookworm* are two flyers: an advertisement for the *Book Sale* and a *Book Sale Volunteer Hours Form*. *Friends* asks that you post the advertisement in a venue that you frequent, such as a local business, restaurant, civic or community gathering site or church. In addition, *Friends* would appreciate your volunteering in two hour blocks or more. You can help customers find books, organize book tables or help at the check-out counter. Abundant thanks to all who volunteer year after year. We honor your support. However, if you cannot volunteer, please give the *Volunteer Form* to someone who does not receive *The Bookworm* and who might have time to give.

The *Volunteer Form* may be mailed to the Central Library (Steele), dropped off at the Central Library or emailed to friendsofcld@gmail.com (subject: Book Sale Volunteer). More *Book Sale* information can be found on the CCLD website: www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm.

If you have books to donate, please bring to the rear door of the Central Library or any convenient District library.

With anticipation for another great *Sale*, *Friends* thanks you for your book donations, volunteer time and continued support. View *Book Sale* updates at www.facebook.com/friendsofcld.

President's Message

I would like to devote this message to our *Friends of CCLD Board* and Committee members. It would be impossible to realize the *Friends* mission without their steady work and creative vision—thank you all:

Membership: Tish Shaefer (Chair)

Finance/Development/Funding: Bill Mahr (Chair), Terry Lagonegro, Alise Mahr, Tom Rupp, Matt Smith, Joe Caparulo

Marketing/Publicity: Lynne Rusinko (Chair), Matt Smith, Tish Shaefer, Diane Bauer, Jennie Matthews Lewis (CCLD Web, IT)

Bookworm Newsletter: Matt Smith (Chair), Tish Shaefer, Diane Bauer

Kinderbook: Faith Gray (Chair), Barb Friedman, Ralph Moore, Terry Lagonegro, Alise Mahr, Lynda Brand, Janet Ackerman (CCLD Children's Librarian)

Books Sandwiched In: Marilyn Lynough, Suzy Smith, Barb Friedman, Terry Lagonegro

Poetry: Lynne Rusinko (Chair), Tamar Samuel-Siegel

Book Sale: Joe Caparulo (Chair), Tom Rupp, Matt Smith, Dean Butts, Ralph Moore, Karen Nisco, Lee Kiesling

Friends extends a distinguished note of gratitude to Mary "Suzy" Smith: After working decades on *The Bookworm*, Suzy has transferred her duties to a newsletter committee comprised of Matt Smith, Tish Shaefer and Diane Bauer (yes, Suzy was performing the work of three individuals!). Her diligence in organizing, producing and mailing *The Bookworm* publication has been a key factor in the strength and longevity of *Friends*.

Likewise, *Friends* recognizes Diane Wilbur for her tremendous role in Membership work. Month after month, Diane has recorded names, addresses and donations and sent out donor thank you cards. After multiple decades of service, Diane is retiring from her duties.

The history and stature of *Friends* is stronger and richer due to the service of Suzy Smith and Diane Wilbur. We are forever grateful.

A Special Donation

Friends would like acknowledge area resident Paul Kingsbury, proprietor of *Kingsbury's Cyclery*, for his most generous donation of a bicycle rack to West Elmira Library. The bike rack is a tremendous gift that further encourages adults, teens and children not only to use the library but also to engage in health-smart, sustainable practices. Thank you, Paul and the staff at *Kingsbury 's Cyclery!*

The Bookworm by Mail

Last Reminder: *The Bookworm* is primarily available online at www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm. **If you want *The Bookworm* mailed to your residence**, please send your current mailing information to *Friends* using the attached Donor Form or drop off the Form at the Central (Steele) Library circulation desk. Thank you.

President, Friends of CCLD
-Joe Caparulo

Please Join Us For

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Winter 2014

The *Friends of CCLD Book Review Committee* invite you to attend four upcoming reviews of books covering a range of fascinating topics. After our successful presentations last fall we invite you to come and enjoy widening your interests and knowledge. Interact with our reviewers who are not only leaders in our community but who love to read as well! They bring with them a survey of the some of best literature in the Chemung County Library District.

The reviews will be held in the Auditorium of the Central Library (Steele). Enjoy an inexpensive lunch if you desire, available from 11:30. The reviews will be 12:05 to 1:00. Should the Elmira Schools be closed for inclement weather then the program will be rescheduled.

We encourage all local authors and dedicated readers to volunteer to be a reviewer. Bringing the library and the community together is what *The Friends of CCLD* is all about. Please join us!

February 21

Patent Law Basics by John Gladstone Mills III: Reviewed by the author. Never before has patent law been such a challenge globally or individually. Attorney Gladstone is a renowned attorney and authority on patent law prosecution. He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the Courts of CT, NY, MN, PA, and the US Patent Trademark Office. Come navigate the court system with one of the leading authorities of patent law in the country.

February 28

The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom. Reviewer Lisa Rustici is a Life Coach and Motivational Speaker on the infinite possibilities in one's life. Her review of Mitch Albom's provoking novel will look at life after death with an emphasis on the power of human connection in today's world.

March 7

We Have Saved What We Can by Ann Day: Reviewed by the author. Ann Day is and artist and a poet. She will read a collection of her poems drawn on her experience as a war refugee after her family escaped persecution on the island of Jersey during World War II. We are lucky to also have a sample of her artwork to display.

March 14

The Millionaire and The Mummies: Theodore Davis's Gilded Age in the Valley of the Kings by John M. Adams. Jim Hare, former history and government teacher and Mayor of Elmira, will discuss this fascinating look into Theodore Davis who is best known for discovering more tombs in Egypt's Valley of the Kings than any other explorer. The financial shenanigans involving Boss Tweed are outlined in the book, as well as his colorful life. Come follow this rags to riches story with all the real-life intrigue of Indiana Jones!

Friends Poetry

Adult

The 2013 *Friends Adult Poetry Festival* was postponed and integrated into the 2014 *Friends* program. In the coming year, more frequent and casual readings and open mics will fill the creative calendar! *Friends* plans to expanded literary reading opportunities to include multiple creative writing genres, memoirs, short stories and fiction, as well as essays and nonfiction. Several events will include live music open mics. Ultimately, *Friends* hopes to encourage poetry and prose experiences throughout 2014, culminating in the year-end *Adult Poetry* competition.

Youth

Friends will accept youth poems for consideration in the 2014 *Youth Poetry Festival* anytime after February 1, 2014, until the May 30, 2014 Deadline. The *Friends Youth Poetry Reading & Awards* will take place Saturday, June 14, 2014, Noon, Central (Steele) Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira.

In 2013, local photographers contributed images that inspired the poems. For 2014, the work of local artists again will serve to inspire youth poems—this year the online image Gallery will feature the paintings of invited area artists. Images will be posted by February 1, 2014 at www.friendsofcld.org/gallery.

Thank you to all in the community who support local writers and the arts.

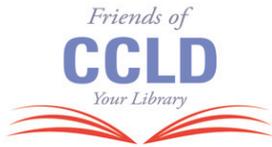
Lynne Rusinko
Poetry Festival Chair 2014

World Book Night 2014 – A Community Event in Chemung County

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 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 and CCLD Friends 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 is seeking Friends to help distribute books. If you'd like to help on the evening of April 23rd, please contact Chris Corter at the Central (Steele) Library – corterc@stls.org or 733-8609.

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



Friends of CCLD Youth Poetry Festival

For 2014, images located at CCLD libraries and placed online will serve to inspire all poem submissions.

Images will be available online February 1, 2014

at

www.friendsofcclld.org/gallery

www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD

www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm

Entry Guidelines

1. Eligible entrants: Ages 5-18/First-Twelfth Grades.
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, address, contact phone, e-mail and the title of the image that inspired the poem in bottom left corner of the last page of the poem.
6. Entrants should bring or send poems to the Circulation Desk, Steele Memorial Library, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901 or e-mail friendsofcclld@gmail.com with the Subject line: "Youth Festival Poem."
7. **Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2014.**
8. *Friends Youth Poetry Festival Reading and Awards*
Saturday, June 14, 2014, Noon, Location TBA.

For additional *Friend Poetry Festival* details, please visit

www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld

or

<http://cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm>

Kinderbook Program Update

We are proud to announce that the Kinderbook program is celebrating its 10th year. Since the schools have been facing so many challenges, including budget cuts, the Friends of the Chemung County Library District and Friends of the Horseheads Free Library have graciously agreed to pay for the bus transportation in all schools this year. We are very pleased that we are able to do this, and the schools are very appreciative. As a result, all kindergarten students in all the area schools will attend a program at either the Central (Steele) or Horseheads Library.

The parents must fill out applications, then the children will receive a library card. The committee has been hard at work getting all the applications ready for the schools. Our children's librarians work hard to put on an excellent program for the children when they come.

Starting in March, each school will begin to send their kindergarten classes to learn about the library and sign up for their cards. Their visits will continue until the end of May. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Friends, we hope that all our young readers will become avid library goers in the future. Through our support we hope the students will be encouraged to bring their siblings and their parents for return visits.

As this is our 10th year anniversary, we intend to bring you more exciting plans for all our young readers in the near future. Stay tuned to Kinderbook 2013/14.

Faith Gray
Kinderbook Committee

Annual Chess Challenge - Saturday May 17th, 2014

The chief of the Chemung Valley Chess Club, Michael Kane, again throws down the gauntlet to all players of chess, that williest and wickedest of war games in the whole history of the world. He invites all warriors of every ranking, young and old, novice and advanced, to join battle for the throne of a castle called Steele Memorial Library or Central Branch of CCLD on Church St. in Elmira, N.Y. Any of the 50 who fought last year can assure all that they have no reason to be afraid. No one dies, not even metaphorically, in a tourney specially designed to suit contestants at every level of age or ability. Not only does how long you've played chess not matter, how long you can play on the day matters not.

In our "King of the Hill Tournament" no participant gets knocked-out or ground down. Every competitor finds his own level of competence, and can play for prizes there, even if he or she cannot devote more than an hour to glory on the field or to free food at the buffet. Our object remains steadfast. We play for fun! However, our game teaches young minds to think maturely analytically, and keeps mature minds young and active. Michael Kane has enjoyed this ancient, universal game everywhere around the world, despite every barrier of language and culture. He commends it highly to all comers, and is quite willing to teach for free the grand old game. The Chess Club meets every Wednesday at the library from 10 to 3:00 and by arrangement. Call Michael Kane at 607-857-8479.

<http://cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm>

Teens & Libraries: Made for each other

Doris Jean Metzger, MLIS

Teen Services, Central Library, CCLD

January 2014

I'm very fond of teenagers. Why? Because they are full of intensity of thought, emotion, and growth. They are creative and open to new information and experiences in their search for figuring out who they are now, and who they want to be in the future. Libraries are the best public places for making friends, collaborating, being creative, building relationships, and learning by both reading and doing. These characteristics make teens and libraries perfect for each other.

Young adults have unique developmental needs that are necessary to becoming successful adults. Young Adult library programs (always developed with teen input), are key in nurturing these needs. Library programs and volunteering teach responsibility, technology skills, develop teens' interests and talents, prep them for academic success, and more.

How we are already making a difference to teens:

Feedback from our teens:

"It (library programs) gets us out of the house & introduced to a variety of situations and experiences that we wouldn't otherwise get."

"It (the library) prepares us for the future."

"This (Teen Hangout Night) is the only place I can be with people I LIKE."

"I've never been to anything like this before! Can we do this again, at Christmas??!" (referring to the Vampire Masquerade Ball the Friends of CCLD generously funded).

My observations:

I see teens **expanding their skills and confidence** by creating designs for CCLD's block at the sidewalk painting festival, planning a peer learning web programming workshop, and leading the monthly Manga group. **New friendships are forged** over a Wii video game, and **informal homework help** sessions between students pop up during teen night. Most poignantly, a teen came to me for **help with a family crisis**, because she had "nowhere else to go" (except the library) and liked and trusted our youth services staff, since meeting us through teen hangout night.

Activities with Teens at Central Library: Since June 2013

I started a TAG (Teen Advisory Group) for the Central (Steele) Library. Currently, I have six teens in the group. We meet once a month to brainstorm and plan young adult programs, assist with children's programs, discuss what books, games and music the library should purchase, and determine which fun community outreach events we will participate in. Several of the TAG members are also regular library volunteers.

Teen oriented community outreach:

So far this year the TAG group and I have promoted the library at the following community events:

- Elmira Street Painting Festival: TAG designed and painted a library themed square.

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- iMatter Festival: TAG manned a CCLD table at this annual life-affirming, youth oriented, scream music festival at Eldridge Park.
- HerobotCon: TAG members dressed as their favorite manga or sci fi heroes, helped library staff at the CCLD table, and took turns being Booker.

Our weekly Teen Hang out Night (every Tuesday at 6pm) came directly out of the teen survey I conducted with the help of the Elmira City school librarians. The number one request from area teens was for an after school hangout time. During their night, teens play board and video games, socialize, and enjoy snacks. One teen said: "I like coming here because this is the only place where I can be with people I LIKE." Teen night (and the library in general) is a safe, congenial place away from the social pecking order at school, or a chaotic home life.

Other programs:

How to Draw Comics by local Corning comic artist Emily Swan (July 2013)

International Games Day @ the Library (November 2013; Teens & Adults)*

So "Bad, It's Good" Movie Night (monthly; open to Teens and Adults)*

*With librarian Jennie Lewis.

Teen Study Week (in January, during Midterm exams). By TAG members' request, a quieter area will be set aside in the evenings for teens to study, with healthy snacks provided.

Future Plans:

- Implement programs on game design and gaming.
- Re-design the CCLD teen webpage and update the content, in partnership with virtual services librarian, Jennie Lewis and TAG.
- Plan, design & find funding for a dedicated teen space in the Central Library. We envision this to be a vibrant, active space, one in which teens can do gaming, collaborate and create on computers and other digital media, listen to music, socialize, and yes....read and study.

How you can help:

Financial help with the future designated teen space, perhaps by purchasing teen friendly furnishings, dedicated computers, etc.

Continued help and funding for teen programming, such as the annual Halloween Ball, and other significant teen events.

And of course recommend to everyone you know to become a member of The Friends of CCLD!!

Thank you!

Thank you, Friends, for continuing to make CCLD teen oriented programs a reality with your generous financial support and with your willingness to learn about how today's teens and libraries are "made for each other."

Doris Jean Metzger
MLIS, Teen Services, Central Library, CCLD

Happy Birthday, Elmira!

Friends of CCLD Celebrates Elmira Sesquicentennial (1864-2014)

Friends has a long-standing history in Elmira. Founded as the *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library* in 1956, it has supported the now *Central* (then *Steele Memorial*) *Library* ever since. The *Steele Memorial Library* was incorporated in 1893 by Esther Baker Steele and others as a memorial to her husband, Joel Dorman Steele. The *Steele Memorial Library* was first located in the current Realty Building at the corner of Lake and Market Streets; beginning in 1923 it moved to the corner of Lake and East Church Streets; and since 1979 has been located at the corner of Church Street and Clemens Center Parkway. The *Steele Memorial Library* underwent a major renovation between 1999 – 2001, resulting in new interior design, furnishings, carpeting and expanded electronic services.

Since 1995, the *Steele Memorial Library* has been the *Central Library* for the *Southern Tier Library System*. In 2005, the *Steele* became part of the five-library and *Bookmobile* district that comprises the current *Chemung County Library District*. In 2013, *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library* became *Friends of CCLD* to reflect its continuing support of all five libraries and the *Bookmobile*. Thank you to all *Friends* supporters--past, present and future--who help our libraries thrive! (www.cclld.lib.ny.us/downtown.htm)

Look for 2014 *Friends of CCLD Sesquicentennial* events at www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm or www.facebook.com/FriendsofCCLD!

The following *Chemung History* link will take viewers to a You Tube video created by *Friends of CCLD* Member and Elmira City Historian Diane Janowski. The video will be featured at the *Elmira 150th Birthday Party, Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Celebration* at the *Clemens Center*, January 18, 2013. The music accompanying the video is "Little Barefoot Waltzes" written in Elmira by W. O. Wilkinson in 1885 and played by Elmira's own *George Bailey Orchestra*, Courtesy of Diane Janowski at www.ChemungHistory.com.

Video: Celebrating Elmira, NY's 150th Birthday!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNEtREYw0l4&feature=youtu.be

<http://cclld.lib.ny.us/friends.htm>



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(Formerly Friends of the Steele Memorial Library)

Donation Levels:

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