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Join Us For the First Friends Read-a-Thon!

This Spring, Friends will host our first annual Read-a-Thon fundraiser. The goal is to raise money to support the CCLD's wonderful libraries, services and programs. For the inaugural Friends Read-a-Thon, we are taking on the challenge of reading out loud, one reader at a time in 20-30 minute blocks, from 9am - 9pm on May 2. The Read-a-Thon will be held on the new Teen Stage in the Steele Memorial Library.

Everyone is invited to participate! Please consider either reading or sponsoring one of our readers. Together, we will celebrate reading by sharing some of our favorite books as we support the CCLD!

Come on out and support your library!

For more information, please contact: Jim Galbraith (jgalbraith29@gmail.com) and Margaret Kappanadze (mkappanadze@elmira.edu). (Please put "Read-A-Thon" in the subject line).

The Friends Welcomes the Return of a Past Board Member, Diane Wilbur

I have previously served on the Friends of the Chemung County Library District Board and am pleased to return as a Board member. I am originally from Massachusetts, but have lived in Elmira since 1969. My husband and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, and we have three children and six grandchildren. I was an elementary classroom teacher for more than thirty years and enjoyed every minute of it! As a Friends Board member, I look forward to the opportunity of assisting the Library in any way I can.

Shop the Friends of Chemung County Library District Book Store

Our Book Store continues to grow and evolve to provide library patrons with a wide variety of good quality used books, DVDs and Audio books for purchase. As part of the ongoing donation process, we send sorted materials to Thrift Book Sales (an online used book seller) and receive a commission from books sold through this venue.

Books are now arranged by topic, and new donations are continually added to the shelves. No book remains on the shelves for more than three months, insuring fresh offerings daily. The sorting process (boxing and shelving) is improved and streamlined.

Donation Levels

Name(s) as you wish to be acknowledged:

Emily Dickinson	\$5+	William Shakespeare	\$100+		
Jane Austen	\$10+	Toni Morrison	\$200+		
Mark Twain	\$25+	Robert Frost	\$500+		
James Joyce	\$50+	Eugene O'Neill	\$1000+		
I can help with: Book Sale Book Sorting Fundraising My gift of \$is enclosed. Please make checks payable to: Friends of					

Address:			My employer has a matching gift The completed form is enclosed.
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THE DATE! y 2, 2020 READ-a-THON

HELP NEEDED – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STOCK THE BOOK STORE SHELVES AND TO SORT DONATED BOOKS. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR A WEEK YOU WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe Caparulo at info@friendsofccld@gmail.com or Paula Gilbert at paulagilbert141@gmail.com. (Please put "Bookstore" in the subject line.)

Books Sandwiched In

February – March 2020

February 28: The Unlikely Adventures of Alex and Nan by Martha Horton and Alan DeWolfe, authors and reviewers. Martha Horton is a poet, writer and former editor of the Chemung Valley *Reporter.* Alan DeWolfe is a contract technical illustrator.

March 6: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren, reviewed by Janna Lindsay, "First Lady" of Elmira College.

March 13: The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War by Joanne B. Freeman, reviewed by Jim Hare, a former Elmira Mayor and Councilperson and retired history teacher.

March 20: A Civil War Courtship: The Letters of Edwin Weller from Antietam to Atlanta by William Walton, reviewed by George Farr a local history enthusiast, researcher and lecturer.

Books-Sandwiched-In is free and open to the public.

Reviews are held from 12pm – 1pm in the Steele Memorial Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901. Come early and browse in our BOOK STORE.

A light sandwich lunch is available for \$4.00 or you may bring your own. IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER BOOKS SANDWICHED IN WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

Programs Your Donations Support...Thank You!

Through your generous support Friends was able to help provide funding for the following CCLD 2019 programs:

Teen Halloween (largest attendance yet) Trunk or Treat display for Elmira Downtown Development's Trunk or Treat Spooky Stacks featuring indoor trick or treating, the Tinker Lab, and a "Haunted House" Winter Reading Club (ongoing in 2020) Tai Chi course Summer of 2019 concerts at Steele Memorial and Big Flats libraries Maker Camp (promotes STEAM education)

In the Spring and Summer of 2020, your donations support the very successful Friends Books Sandwiched In series and the Friends Summer Concert Series.

The Friends of Chemung County Library District will hold its Annual Meeting 2020 at the Steele Memorial Library Auditorium on Monday June 2, 2020 at 6:30pm. The Agenda will consist of the election of Board Members and Executive Officers. A social hour will follow immediately with light refreshments. The meeting is free and open to all Friends of CCLD members. No reservations required.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please consider attending the June meeting to learn about the application process.

President's Message - Annual Appeal 2019 There is Still Time to Donate!

Dear Friend of the Chemung County Library District (CCLD), October 2019

Reading this message means that you probably have donated to Friends of the CCLD in the past, attended a fundraiser, shopped a book sale and/or volunteered your time, and we thank you! Now, the season is here again for Friends to ask you to continue your support of the Big Flats, Horseheads Free, Steele Memorial, Van Etten and West Elmira libraries, along with the Bookmobile.

As you know, Friends pays for a significant part of the CCLD's programming with daily revenue from the Friends Book Store, located on the first floor of the Steele, and (we are pleased to announce) from a new event planned to launch in spring of 2020, the Friends Read-a-Thon. However, to help sustain the entertaining and educational activities of the CCLD, Friends still needs your Annual Appeal donation today more than ever.

Libraries are changing each day with updates of the most recent technological innovations that, for example, will heighten children's success in school, prepare students for their future careers, educate adults on new forms of online communication, job literacy, wellness trends and, of course, book sharing for all. At the same time, our community depends on traditional places to gather, connect, enjoy, learn and create together-across the aisle, at the table and along the stacks. The CCLD libraries are integral centers of such vital activities, engaging patrons by offering the highest-quality experiences through top-level materials, equipment, educators, writers, artists, musicians, speakers, and, of course, books. Our CCLD libraries give patrons access to outstanding educational, professional and inspirational opportunities at local, regional and global levels.

Ultimately, our libraries are not only central places of convergence to countless people in our community, they also are essential attractors to individuals and families who are considering moving to our area. To grow our community, we need to continue to uplift our libraries. Please join Friends in that growth by returning the enclosed envelope with your donation today.

Sincerely,

Lynne Rusinko President, Friends of the CCLD Board of Directors

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