



Friends of the Chemung County Library District

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Spring 2023

Steele Memorial Library, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901

No Lunches for Sale/No Food Allowed

April 14: *The Unlikely Thru-Hiker: An Appalachian Trail Journey* by Derrick Lugo. **Reviewed by Charlie Paone.** Charlie was once President of the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library, is a retired Speech/Language Pathologist. Charlie has bicycled, walked, hiked and backpacked many trails in the Continental USA. What is a man who never hiked or camped a day in his life doing on the Appalachian Trail? In this book, Author Derrick Lugo, a Brooklyn-born New York City urbanite, hops a train to Georgia and starts a walk of a lifetime, taking us on a unique experience of humility that makes us laugh, cry, and shake our head as he develops an awareness and understanding of nature and himself.

April 21: *Lincoln's Final Hours* by Kathryn Canavan. **Reviewed by James Hare.** Jim Hare is a former Elmira teacher of American History and Government, and former City of Elmira Mayor and Councilman. Jim writes a monthly column for the *Star Gazette* on the history of Elmira, and has co-authored six books entitled *True Stories* with City Historian Diane Janowski, and one with the late County Historian J. Arthur Kiefer, entitled *Elmira, New York* (Images of America Series). This book focuses on Lincoln's last day. What makes it special is that Author Kathryn Canavan describes the impact of his assassination on those surrounding Lincoln at the end.

April 28: *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party* by Alfred F. Young. **Reviewed by Gary Emerson.** Gary grew up in Elmira and was a history teacher for thirty-six years before retiring in 2013. He currently lives in Odessa, serves as the Schuyler County Historian, and is a PhD candidate at Binghamton University in the field of American History. This book tells the story of a cobbler named George Hewes, who participated in the Boston Tea Party. Al Young explains how the memory of the American Revolution changed in the fifty years after the war, and how Hewes rose from obscurity to fame.

May 5: *Forever Chrysalis*, **Written and Reviewed by Maija DeRoche.** Supported by a year's scholarship to the State University of New York, Maija DeRoche arrived in the United States from Finland in 1967. Following her retirement from the field of developmental disabilities, Maija discovered her love for writing. Set in the Finger Lakes, Maija's book follows a high school quartet's reunion, where the women's bond deepens, as does their mothers', over secrets and new discoveries.

Reviews start at 12:00pm and finish by 1:00pm in the Auditorium at the Steele Memorial Library, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY, 14901. Visit www.cclld.lib.ny.us/friends-of-cclld/ and www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld to learn more about Friends of CCLD. Email friendsofcclld@gmail.com to donate to the Friends. Thank you.