

Friends of the Chemung County Library District



BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Fall 2023

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

Reviews start at 12:00pm and finish before 1:00pm.

Free and Open to the Public - No Food Permitted

September 29: *Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad* by Andrew K. Diemer. Reviewed by Dr. Holly Strickland, who was born in Elmira, graduated from Elmira Free Academy, and is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) degree at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Have you ever wondered who was considered the “Father of the Underground Railroad”? Learn more about William Still’s life and legacy. Along with Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, and others, Still was known as an advocate for freedom with his important work in the Underground Railroad, and is connected to Elmira.

October 6: *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II* by Robert Kurson. Reviewed by Mary Ann Munroe, who is the School Library Systems Director for GST BOCES, and formerly was a high school librarian at Thomas A. Edison and Horseheads High Schools. This non-fiction book is a fascinating look at history and the lengths we go to discover the past. Learn what was discovered off the shores of New Jersey, the research behind the discovery, and how the mysteries of the ocean remain elusive.

October 13: *The Art Thief* by Noah Charney. Reviewed by Rick Pirozzolo, the Director and Senior Curator of the Arnot Art Museum. In this book three thefts are simultaneously investigated in three different cities, but are they connected? The book is a detective tale with a wicked twist about theft and forgery in the art world.

October 20: *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Reviewed by Jenny Monroe, who worked at The Rockwell Museum, Corning Summer Theatre, Clemens Center, and Watson Homestead, and is an active volunteer at The Park Church. Jenny also has been learning, gathering and teaching Iroquois cultural stories for over forty years. This book is full of local Haudenosaunee indigenous wisdom about the natural resources of the Finger Lakes region, including how we can identify with this place we are so fortunate to call home.

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