



Friends of the Chemung County Library District

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Winter 2024

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

Reviews start at 12:00pm and finish before 1:00pm. No food permitted.

Free and Open to the Public

If school is canceled due to weather, the review will be rescheduled.

March 1: *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy. Reviewed by Jim Hoyt. Jim holds several degrees in Natural Resources, Wildlife Science, Agricultural Education and Science Education. He was an Agriculture and Science teacher in Georgia from 1976 - 2009. In this book, Douglas Tallamy reveals the unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife. Native insects cannot or will not eat alien plants. When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, impoverishing the food source for birds and other animals.

March 8: *The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel* by Douglas Brunt. Reviewed by Jim Hare. Jim is a former Elmira teacher of American History and Government, as well as a former City of Elmira Mayor and Councilman. He writes a monthly Elmira history column for the *Star Gazette*, and has co-published multiple books on Elmira history. On September 30, 1913, the *New York Times* led with the headline that Rudolf Diesel, one of the most famous inventors in the world, had disappeared off a passenger ship crossing the English Channel in the middle of the night and was presumed dead. This book attempts to answer the hundred-year-old *mystery of what really became of Rudolf Diesel*.

March 15: *All the Little Hopes* by Leah Weiss. Reviewed by Maureen Nicolo. Maureen is a retired Elmira City School District teacher. For five years, she was a Learn and Serve America coordinator for eighteen area schools. Maureen assisted students and teachers in developing community projects based upon their classroom learning. She was also a Corning Community College faculty liaison for ACE courses in regional high schools. The focus of this historical fiction novel is the developing friendship between two young girls living in North Carolina during World War II.

March 22: *Memory Wars: Settlers and Natives Remember Washington Sullivan's Expedition of 1779* by A. Lynn Smith. Reviewed by Gary Emerson Gary. Gary is a PHD candidate in American History. He taught American History for thirty-six years, and is involved with the 1779 Project preparing for the 250th commemoration of the Sullivan Campaign of 1779. This book examines how the Sullivan Campaign of 1779 has been remembered and commemorated over the years. Smith relies on history and ethnography to show how the memory of that campaign has been distorted by myths and misinformation, while leaving out the perspective of the Haudenosaunee who suffered the devastating consequences from the invasion of their homelands.

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