



Friends of the Chemung County Library District

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Fall 2024

Auditorium, 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.

October 18: *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Reviewed by Joe Caparulo.

Joe is a local writer and community volunteer. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the CCLD and Community Arts of Elmira. In this book, Haidt analyzes the influence of the Smart Phone and social media on the lives of Gen Z youth (12-27), concluding that this “Great Rewiring of Childhood” is causing an epidemic of mental illness. Haidt’s thesis challenges us to find solutions that will help our children, schools and families flourish in a dizzying digital world.

November 1: *Patent Law Basics* by John Gladstone Mills III, Donald Cress Reiley III, Robert Clare Highley and Peter D. Rosenberg. Reviewed by John Gladstone Mills III.

John is the lead attorney for Patent Counsel Group, LLP, a former Supervisory Patent Counsel for the United States Navy, Naval Air Systems Command, and a previous Patent Examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark. This book is about the Foundations of Intellectual Property: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets: Statutory Provisions, Agency Regulations, USPTO Administration, and how to use patents and trademarks.

November 8: *The Demons of Unrest* by Erik Larson. Reviewed by Rita McCabe.

Rita is a retired RN who serves on the Board of Directors of several not for profit organizations. She reads both classics and current literature whenever possible, and always has a stack of novels ready, too. This book, as the cover states, is “a saga of hubris, heartbreak, and heroism at the dawn of the Civil War.” “Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers, and plantation records, Larson gives us a political horror story that captures the forces that led America to the brink” of the American Civil War that killed 750,000 Americans.

November 15: *Vision and Voices* by Various Poets. Reviewed by Martha Horton and Kaye C. Newbury

Presenters are Kaye Newbury, a published poet with a Master of Arts degree from Goddard College, and Martha Horton, also a published poet and former editor of *The Chemung Valley Reporter*. Both women were first-prize winners of the former Friends of CCLD prestigious annual poetry competition. *Visions and Voices* is an exploration of ekphrastic poetry featured in the book, and from a variety of poets whose work can be found on the shelves of Steele. Ekphrastic poetry is inspired by works of art--and the audience will try their hand at writing a short poem inspired by a painting!

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