

THE BOOKWORM

March 2021

SAVE THE DATES

Spring 2021

Books Sandwiched In

Friday April 16 and Friday April 23 at Noon, Free

Join Us On ZOOM

This Spring, the Friends will host our first Zoom presentation of *Books Sandwiched In*. Each presentation will be one hour long and will include a question and answer period. Directions for registration for each session are below.

April 16: *Lincoln on the Verge: Thirteen Days to Washington* by Edward L. Widmer. Reviewed by James Hare, a former Elmira Mayor and Councilperson, and a retired history teacher.

Kirkus Reviews says: "On February 11, 1861, three weeks before his inauguration, President-Elect Abraham Lincoln boarded a train for Washington, D.C." according to author Widmer. "Lincoln's safe delivery would become, over the next thirteen days, a powerful symbol for the survival of democracy in America. As he traveled his circuitous route, Lincoln carried the aspirations of millions on his shoulders. Around the country they were waiting for him." Jeff Glor of CBS This Morning states, "At last count there were about 15,000 books on Lincoln; not all of them are worth reading, *Lincoln on the Verge* is."

April 23: *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. The author was the grandson of Antoinette Watkins, the woman who was the subject of the letters. She lived in Havana, now known as Montour Falls. Her suitor, Edwin Weller, was a soldier who prior to joining the Union army, lived on Ridge Road and worked in Havana.

Registration:

- Online using the link available in the March and April Chemung County Library District Library Newsletter or Friends of Chemung County Library District Facebook site www.facebook.com/friendsofcclld

You will receive an email the morning of the presentation that will include a link to attend the Zoom meeting. Note: Initially all attendees will be muted. Question and comments will occur at the end.

Each presentation will be recorded and made available on the CCLD YouTube site for viewing.

If you are interested in becoming a reviewer for ***Books Sandwiched In***, please email Friends of CCLD (friendsofcclld@gmail.com). Please put *Books Sandwiched In* in the subject line.

Friends of Chemung County Library District Book Store

Our *Book Store* has been impacted by the closures related to the COVID virus. Once we are able to begin sales again, volunteers are needed to help stock the shelves and sort donations.

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 friendsofcld@gmail.com .
(Please put "Bookstore" in the subject line.)

Currently donations are on hold, but we anticipate a robust response once the COVID restrictions are over. New signage has been installed for the *Book Store*.

Consider Becoming A Board Member of The Friends Apply Now!

The Friends Board of Directors offers an opportunity to become involved in activities that support the CCLD District libraries. Board meetings are held in the auditorium of Steele Memorial Library on the first Monday of the month from 6-7pm. We meet from September through June. Currently we are meeting via Zoom. If you are interested please email The Friends of CCLD at friendsofcld@gmail.com and put "Board Member" in the subject line and we will email you the Application Form.

Annual Meeting

The *Friends of Chemung County Library District* will hold its *Annual Meeting 2021* via Zoom on Monday June, 2021 at 6:30pm. The Agenda will consist of the election of Board Members and Executive Officers. The meeting is open to all *Friends of CCLD* members. Reservations are required to enable us to send a Zoom link prior to the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please consider attending the June meeting. Joining the Board requires the completion of an FCCLD Application and Review by the FCCLD Board of Directors.

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Gratitude for the 2020 Annual Appeal

The Friends of the Chemung County Library District extends tremendous, heartfelt gratitude to the donors to this year's Annual Appeal. Your donations support programming throughout the five CCLD Libraries, such as those examples listed below, from prize items to streaming support, essential for online outreach during COVID-19. These CCLD programs offer not only information, education and entertainment, but also, and perhaps most importantly, connection. Your donations help maintain CCLD online programming and, for some, that is the only constant link to community engagement in their lives--interaction with their library is critical. In a time when emotional, mental and physical wellness are of primary concern to everyone, you have taken action to ensure that opportunity for human connection continues through the thoughtful, imaginative, inspiring and inclusive programming of the Chemung County Library District. More over, you have given even more hope to the Friends, the CCLD and, ultimately, a community in need. We thank you. Lynne Rusinko, President, Friends of the Chemung County Library District

Imagine Your Story was a nationwide theme for 2020 *Summer Reading Clubs*. Funding from Friends of the CCLD provided the themed resources, including bookmarks, water bottles, t-shirts, pencils, and toys. The CCLD gave these items as incentives when participants signed up for the program, and/or as prizes for achieving reading goals along the way (many of the items were mailed to the participants).

Friends funding also was used for CCLD children's projects, including *MadCap Puppets*, *Bright Star Touring Theater: Once Upon a Time* and *Silly Lilly: Puppet Show*.

For adults and teens, the CCLD hosted *Trivia* nights via Zoom, with Friends-funded prizes.

For general programming, Friends funded Hoopla Streaming Service.

For staff, Friends funding also supported Personal Protective Equipment.

Friends also donated approximately 250 boxes for delivering Personal Protective Equipment generated at the CCLD Makers Space for local medical sites.

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