



Friends of the Chemung County Library District
BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Spring 2025

Location: Auditorium, 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.

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

March 21: *Queen City Adventure* by Emma Latier and *Plank Road Explorer* by Henry Marvin. Reviewed by Diane Janowski and Allen C. (Denny)

Smith Diane and Denny are life-long residents of Elmira. An award-winning artist, Diane serves as the Public Historian for the City of Elmira. A graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Denny began his career as Curator of Collections at the Arnot Art Museum. Diane and Denny will present dramatic, illustrated readings from these two books that are a first person accounts of young people from Elmira in earlier times.

March 28: *James* by Percival Everett. Reviewed by Owen Frank. Owen is currently the Branch Supervisor for the Chemung County Library District. He has worked for Chemung County Libraries since late 1997, in various professional positions. *James* won the 2024 National Book Foundation Award for fiction. This best-selling novel is a reimagining of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the character Jim's perspective.

April 4: **Local Author Anthony J. Pucci will discuss his experience with the writing process.** Anthony has been writing mystery novels since he retired after 43 years as an educator. His first Michael Bishop mystery, *Outline for Murder*, appeared in 2015. His tenth novel, *Murder on the Grand Canal*, will be published this spring. Rather than reviewing his own books, Anthony will discuss the writing process, his experience with self-publishing, and the role of artificial intelligence in the creation of his audiobooks. Signed copies of all of his books will be available for purchase.

April 11: *Gravity: Selected Letters of Olivia Langdon Clemens* by Barbara Snedecor. Reviewed by Barbara Snedecor. Barbara is Director Emerita of the Elmira College Center for Mark Twain Studies and Assistant Professor of American Literature. For years, Olivia Langdon Clemens has existed in the background of her husband, Samuel Langhorne Clemens - Mark Twain. Now, in a recently-published letter collection, readers are invited to meet Olivia on her own terms, in her own voice, as loving daughter and wife, enduring friend, nurse and care giver, mother, financier, designer, world traveler, and partner to her world famous spouse. Signed copies of this book will be available for purchase.

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