



## Friends of the Chemung County Library District

# **BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Fall 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.**

**Remember to shop the Friends Book Store, too!**

**September 19: *Poetry by Beth Frigard.*** Beth is originally from Elmira. She holds a BA in psychology from Russell Sage College and a Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. Founder of *The Poetry Workshop*, Beth is also the author of two books of poems and a poetry guide for Activity Directors. Whether you choose to sit and listen or to participate, you are welcome to join in the celebration of poetry with its unlimited potential.

**September 26: *The Raging Erie: Life and Labor Along the Erie Canal* by Mark Ferrara. Reviewed by Dr. Gary Emerson.** Gary is a retired history teacher from Newfield Central School. He received a BA in History from St. Bonaventure University, an MA in History from Binghamton University, and completed his PhD in American History from Binghamton University. *The Raging Erie* examines how the Erie Canal (200th anniversary) impacted people who worked on it. We often think about all the positive change the Canal created, but for the people who worked on the Canal, it was not beneficial.

**October 3: *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate* by Peter Wohlleben. Reviewed by Melanie Wood.** Melanie is an author, avid hiker and lifelong nature enthusiast whose writing and adventures reflect a deep curiosity about the wild world around us. She is the author of *Thou Shalt Not Shat On Bees and Other Lessons Learned on the Appalachian Trail*, and writes the monthly *Trail Series* for Tioga Publishing Company. *The Hidden Life of Trees* invites us into the secret world of forests, revealing how trees live, interact and communicate in ways more complex than we ever imagined.

**October 10: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones. Reviewed by Paul Chapman.** Paul is the Executive director of the Chemung County Library District. Before becoming a librarian, Paul worked in the Fine Arts, teaching art for years. *Howl's Moving Castle* is a modern take on fairy tales, magic and exploring the Heroine's Journey. Sophie, the eldest of three sisters, sets out to seek her fortune after a witch places a curse on her. Jones is a master storyteller and can make anyone embrace the fantasy genre.

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