"Books Sandwiched In" is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library The programs are free.

Bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and cookies are provided.



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We are always looking for books and speakers. Please pass on any suggestions to the Books Sandwiched In committee.



Book reviews by guest speakers

Wednesdays

October 10– October 31, 2018 12:10-1:00 p.m.

The Gallery Room Richmond Memorial Library *19 Ross St, Batavia NY batavialibrary.org*

Titles & Reviewers Fall 2018:

October 10: American Eden; David Hosack, Botany and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic by Victoria Johnson

When Dr. David Hosack tilled the country's first botanical garden in the Manhattan soil more than two hundred years ago, he didn't just dramatically alter the New York landscape; he left a monumental legacy of advocacy for public health and wide-



ranging support for the sciences. A charismatic dreamer admired by the likes of Jefferson, Madison, and Humboldt, and intimate friends with both Hamilton and Burr, the Columbia professor devoted his life to inspiring Americans to pursue medicine and botany with a rigor to rival Europe's. (*Publisher*)

Reviewer Emily Conable is a native of Alexander and currently runs a cut flower business called Vernal Gardens in Stafford. Emily worked at Genesee Country Village in many capacities over the past 32 years. Her varied repertoire includes stuntperson, actress, gardener to the stars and freelance speaker.



October 17: Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency by David Greenberg

In *Republic of Spin*—a vibrant history covering more than one hundred years of politics—presidential historian David Greenberg recounts the rise of the White House spin machine, from Teddy Roosevelt to Barack Obama. His sweeping, startling narrative takes us behind the scenes to see how the tools and

techniques of image making and message craft work. (Publisher)

Reviewer Derek Maxfield is an associate professor of history at Genesee Community College in Batavia, NY. Among Maxfield's research interests are 19th century politics and culture, especially Victorian death ways and the Civil War. Maxfield lives in Churchville, NY, with his wife two children.

October 24: Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees by Thor Hanson

Bees are like oxygen: ubiquitous, essential, and, for the most part, unseen. While we might overlook them, they lie at the heart of relationships that bind the human and natural worlds. In *Buzz*, the beloved Thor Hanson takes us on a journey that begins 125 million years ago, when a wasp first dared to feed pollen to its young. *(Publisher)*



Reviewer Leslie Moma is a relative newcomer to Western New York. She is a landscape architect and also has a degree in Environmental Studies, which marry her two interests in environmental stewardship and urban design. She and her spouse David enjoy traveling; their present focus is on Western New York, exploring the numerous historic towns and cities of the region. They let the quest for local ice cream be their tour guide.

Killers of the Flower Moon The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI David Grann

October 31: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Killers of the Flower Moon presents a true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI . A true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. (*Publisher*)

Reviewer Terry Abrams is the Administrative Coordinator for the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies and has recently been appointed the Collections Curator for the Niagara County Historical Society. He is a former president of the Tonawanda Reservation Historical Society. A graduate of Genesee Community College and an alumnus of the University of Arizona, Terry has worked in the museum and history field for 20 years.

New to Books Sandwiched In?

Here's what you can expect during this fall's session: Coffee, tea, and cookies; interesting talks about new books; audience participation, including Q & A, and occasional door prizes. (You are <u>not</u> expected to read the books prior to these talks.)