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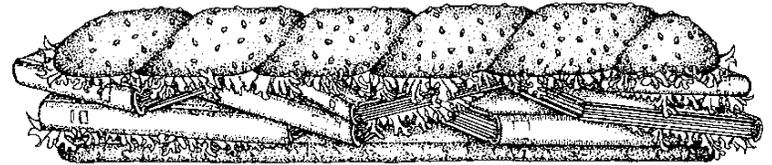
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*We are always looking for books and speakers.
Please pass on any suggestions to the
Books Sandwiched In committee.*

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN



—book reviews by guest speakers—

Wednesdays
April 18—May 9, 2018

12:10-1:00 p.m.

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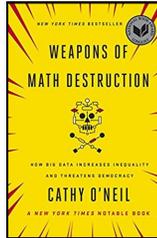
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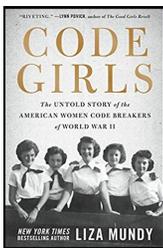
Here's what you can expect during this spring's session: Coffee, tea, and cookies; interesting talks about new books; audience participation, including Q & A, and occasional door prizes. (You are not expected to read the books prior to these talks.)



April 18: *Weapons of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil is a look at the way computer algorithms or models are making decisions for and about us. From the books Amazon's Kindle recommends for us to whether we get a loan, many decisions are now made by computer algorithms rather than people. O'Neil points out that many of these algorithms are hidden from us, unregulated and even wrong but are still in use.



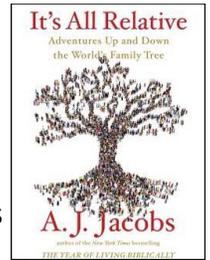
Reviewers Bob Knipe and Gregg McAllister are recent retirees, Bob from GCC and Gregg from Tompkins Bank of Castile and Tompkins Financial Corporation. Both are active in community causes and both enjoy traveling to visit their children.



April 25: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy fills in an untold story from World War II: the breaking of German and Japanese codes by an unknown army of women cryptographers. Described as “a sleek, compelling narrative,” *Code Girls* tells how the women, many recently out of college, lived and worked and how they broke the codes. These women also helped shape our intelligence agencies of today. Mundy's book rescues them and their exploits from obscurity

Reviewer Garth Swanson is a professor of history at Genesee Community College, teaching world civilizations and American history. He also serves as Stafford Town Historian.

May 2: *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree* by A. J. Jacobs explores what makes a family, specifically the family of humankind. The quest began with an e-mail: “You don't know me, but I'm your eighth cousin. And we have over 80,000 relatives of yours in our database.” In response, Jacobs set out to build the world's largest family tree and host the world's largest family reunion.



Reviewer Jason Smith, a Batavia High School graduate, taught social studies in Albion for 10 years, then served as K-12 principal in Elba for 7. He's now superintendent of the Lyndonville Schools.



May 9: *Ball of Fire* by Stefan Kanfer is a biography of Western New York's superstar, Lucille Ball, in all her contradictory personalities. Her TV personality thrived on chaos while in reality she was a control freak. Her TV personality worshipped her husband but her real marriage dissolved. Kanfer explores the publicly loved comedienne and the private coldness of Lucille Ball.

Reviewer Joan Meyer is a retired surgical nurse from St. Jerome's Hospital and currently works at Crossroads House. She “likes to read about famous people to learn how they came to be who they are” and believes “everyone can relate to Lucy but few know her background.”