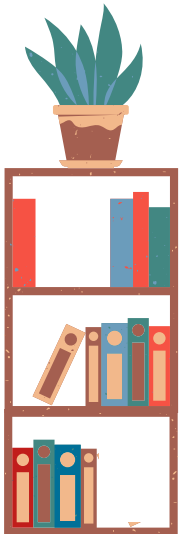
What is BSI?

BSI is a longstanding book review series run during the lunch hour -- sandwiches welcome! Join us from **12-1 pm** for a free presentation given by an expert on the book's topic followed by Q&A. Talks will be in-person on the listed dates; video recordings will be available about one week later at www.brightonlibrary.org/books-sandwiched-in



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If we could have chosen more...

FICTION:

- *The Bright Years* by Sarah Damoff
- *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan
- *Crux* by Gabriel Tallent
- *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige
- *Lake Effect* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
- *Land* by Maggie O'Farrell
- *Like Family* by Erin O. White
- *The Names* by Florence Knapp
- *The Rest of Our Lives* by Ben Markovits
- *The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout
- *Twice* by Mitch Albom
- *Vigil* by George Saunders

NON-FICTION:

- *The Gales of November* by John U. Bacon
- *Judy Blume: A Life* by Mark Oppenheimer
- *London Falling* by Patrick Radden Keefe
- *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst

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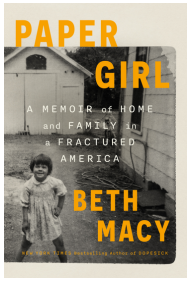

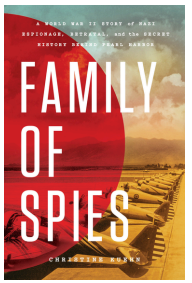

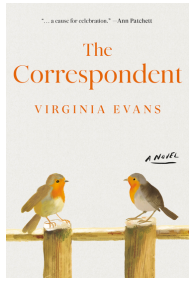

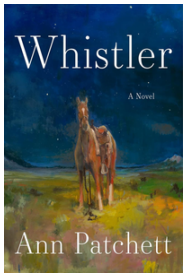

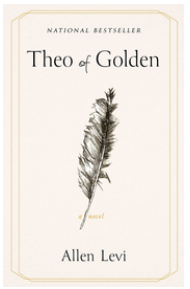

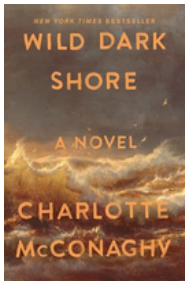

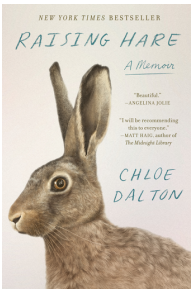

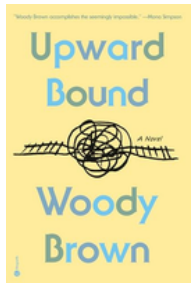

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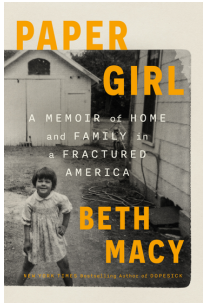
Thurs, 10/1

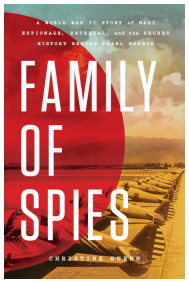
Paper Girl: A Memoir of Home and Family in Fractured America
by Beth Macy



A journalist returns to her rural hometown and is surprised by the changes over the past 40 years. Presented by **Justin Murphy**, author, journalist, and Research & Communications Officer for Our Local History.

Thurs, 11/5

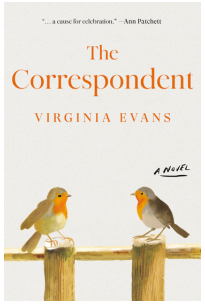
Family of Spies: A WWII Story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal, and the Secret History Behind Pearl Harbor
by Christine Kuehn



The author's 30-year investigation and her shocking discoveries about her family. Presented by **Jamie Spiller**, SUNY Brockport Distinguished Teaching Professory, History.

Thurs, 12/3

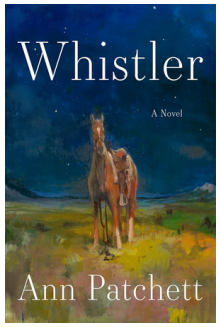
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans



A retired lawyer reflects on her life through letters exchanged with friends, family, and more. Presented by **Athene Goldstein**, adult educator at Temple B'rith Kodesh Kollel.

Thurs, 1/7

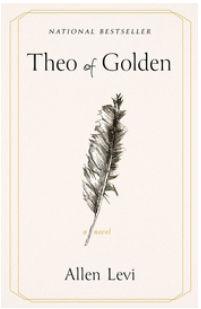
Whistler by Ann Patchett



A woman's reunion with her step-father opens up memories of well-kept secrets. Presented by **Michael Solis**, author and Executive Director of Writers & Books.

Thurs, 2/4

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi



How one stranger changes lives when he arrives in the small town of Golden. But why? Presented by **Gail Swanson**, retired Pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church.

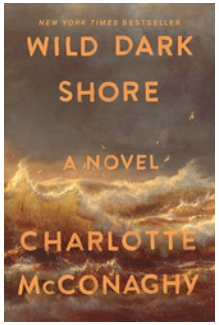
Thurs, 3/4

Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging by Anglea Buchdahl

The story of the first Asian American ordained as a rabbi and cantor in North America. Presented by **Rabbi Rochelle Tulik**, Associate Rabbi and Director of Education at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Thurs, 4/1

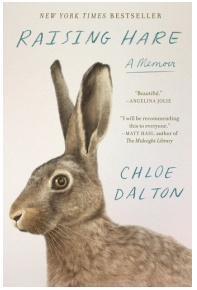
Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy



A mystery about an isolated family on a remote island that is threatened by rising waters. Presented by **Hon. Karen Morris**, MCC Professor and retired Brighton Town Justice.

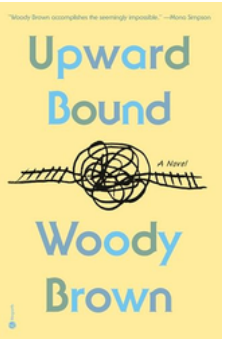
Thurs, 5/6

Raising Hare: A Memoir
by Chloe Dalton



The author cares for a wild baby hare during the Covid-19 lockdown and goes on a journey of self-discovery. Presented by **JoAnne Iovoli**, Director of Hopper Hills Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Thurs, 6/3

Upward Bound by Woody Brown

A novel about life in an adult day care center by an author who is a non-speaking autistic person. Presented by **Mary Brzustowicz**, URMC Family Navigator at AutismUp.