Books Sandwiched In 2023-2024

Programs will be in-person @ 12pm on the dates below. Video recordings will be available the following week at <u>www.brightonlibrary.org/books-sandwiched-in</u>. Sponsored by Friends of Brighton Memorial Library.

<u>Oct. 5</u> *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The challenges of being a professional working woman in the 1960s. Presented by Judge Karen Morris, Brighton Town Court Judge and MCC professor.

<u>Nov. 2</u> *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Based on a real thoroughbred, an intertwining story about art, science, and ongoing racism. Presented by Athene Goldstein, teacher and book discussion leader.

<u>Dec. 7</u> Catch the Sparrow: A Search for a Sister and the Truth of Her Murder by Rachel Rear. The telling of a Rochester-based mystery. Presented by Mark Henderson, Director of Community Security, Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and retired Brighton Police Chief.

Jan. 4 A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them by Timothy Egan. Presented by James Spiller, Professor of History, SUNY Brockport.

<u>Feb. 1</u> *Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult. A courtroom drama that reveals a hidden life. Presented by **Pamela Dayton**, Health Project Coordinator for the URMC Transgender ECHO.

<u>March 7</u> Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. A modern retelling of David Copperfield set in Appalachia during the opioid crisis. Presented by Sean Grass, RIT English Dept. Chair and President of the Dickens Society.

<u>April 4</u> Solito by Javier Zamora. The author's story of his dangerous migration from El Salvador to America at age nine. Presented by Ahavya Deutsch, Executive Director for the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center.

<u>May 2</u> Riding the Lightning: A Year in the Life of a New York City Paramedic by Anthony

Almojera. A memoir covering the author's experiences from rookie EMT through the pandemic. Presented by **Tim Czapranski**, Monroe County EMS Administrator.

June 13 The Chaos Machine: The Inside Story of How Social Media Rewired Our Minds and Our World by Max Fisher. The impact of the internet and its algorithms on society. Presented by Tom Bohn, retired dean and current adjunct professor of the Roy H. Park School of Communications, Ithaca College.

If We Could Have Chosen More...

The BSI Committee also recommends the following books:

FICTION

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn Dinosaurs by Lydia Millet Exiles by Jane Harper Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano Homestead by Melinda Moustakis The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz A Most Intriguing Lady by Sarah Ferguson Signal Fires by Dani Shapiro Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin Trust by Hernan Diaz We Are the Light by Matthew Quick

NON-FICTION

And Then There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle by Jon Meacham Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan Immense World by Ed Yong Invisible Women by Caroline Criado-Perez The Nazi Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer & Josh Mensch Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff The Wager by David Grann