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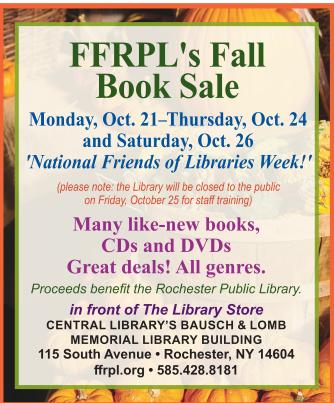
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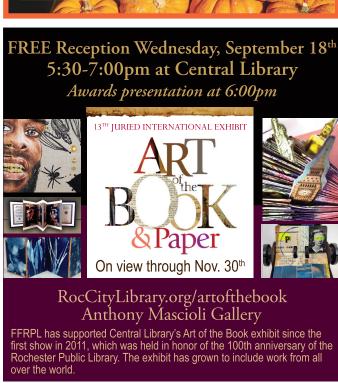
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# BOOKS SANDWICHED IN Fall 2024

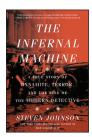


Reviews will also be posted to YouTube at 'Rochester Public Library NY'

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## Books Sandwiched In • Fall 2024 • 12:12-12:52pm • Kate Gleason Auditorium • Downtown Central Library, 115 South Avenue



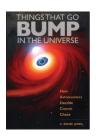
# **September 10**

Gary Craig will review Infernal Machine: A True Story of Dynamite, Terror, and the Rise of the Modern Detective by Steven Johnson

The Infernal Machine is a historical account of two ideas: the political philosophy of anarchy – along with the "dynamite-driven political terrorism" that furthered that vision

in the U.S. – and the idea of crime fighting as information science, based on data (vs. 'brute force').

Award-winning investigative journalist Gary Craig is a member of the *D&C's* Watchdog team. He focuses on public safety and criminal justice. He has worked at Rochester newspapers since 1990.



# **September 17**

Jim Bader will review Things That Go Bump in the Universe: How Astronomers Decode Cosmic Chaos

by C. Renee James

Things That Go Bump in the Universe follows astronomers worldwide, who are exploring everything from the very first explosions in the

universe to the dark energy that threatens it. Each chapter explains a different type of astronomical event, using metaphors and stories.

Jim Bader is Director of the RMSC Strasenburgh Planetarium, an astronomy and space enthusiast, a planetarian, and a life-long learner.



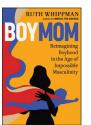
# **September 24**

Amanda Rampe-Eggleston and Maggie Rex will jointly review Rebel Girl: My Life as a Feminist Punk by Kathleen Hanna

Rebel Girl is a raw, insightful memoir by the legendary front woman of the bands Bikini Kill and Le Tigre. Learn first-hand how her

transformative voice developed from her tumultuous childhood, her formative college years, and her early years as a performer.

Maggie Rex (she/her) is the Executive Director for Girls Rock! Rochester and is a Professor of Sociology at SUNY Geneseo. She has been involved with Girls Rock for over 10 years. Amanda Rampe-Eggleston (she/her) has played in local bands for the past 20 years. She was an organizer with Girls Rock! Rochester for 10 years and she is currently the bassist for Fox 45.



#### **October 1**

Dr. Rachel Bryant will review BoyMom: Reimagining Boyhood in the Age of Impossible Masculinity by Ruth Whippman

BoyMom is a humorous, heartbreaking study of the complexities of raising boys who have a healthy sense of self and also respect women.

Combining memoir, cultural analysis, and reporting, Whippman outlines some of the contradictory societal pressures and harmful aspects of male socialization that many young men experience.

Dr. Rachel Bryant is a NYS licensed psychologist who has spent over 30 years working with individuals, couples and families in a variety of settings. She is the Director of Hillside's Snell Farm Campus, a residential treatment facility in Bath, NY, that serves adolescent males ages 12 to 21.



## **October 8**

Tonya Noel will review
Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden
by Camille T. Dungy

Soil recounts the author's seven-year struggle to diversify her garden in the predominantly white community of Fort Collins, Colorado, against the neighborhood's strict policies.

She uses her garden as a metaphor to illustrate national issues of diversity.

Tonya Noel is a self-described Planeteer, Black Joy, and revolutionary love enthusiast. She is a co-founder of Flower City Noire Collective (FCNC585). She is an alum of the Soul Fire Farm "train the trainer" BIPOC farmer immersion program. She was named a 2018 City Paper WaveMaker for her urban farm and community work.



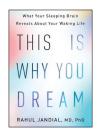
### October 15

**Karen Morris** will review **The Briar Club** by Kate Quinn

The Briar Club is a haunting historical mystery set in the 1950s in an all-female boardinghouse in Washington, D.C. The novel explores themes of race, class, gender, friendship, love, secrets, societal expectations, and politics. It offers a

compelling plot and a unique mix of characters.

Karen Morris is a retired judge, a distinguished Professor of Law at Monroe Community College, a prolific author, and a children's magician. Abrakadazzle!



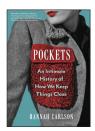
### **October 22**

Dr. Leisha Cuddihy will review This is Why You Dream: What Your Sleeping Brain Reveals About Your Waking Life by Rahul Jandial, MD, PhD

Tracing cutting-edge dream research and brain science, neuroscientist and

neurosurgeon Dr. Jandial outlines how to tap into dreams to practice real-life skills, promote learning, amplify creativity, rewrite nightmares, reveal desires, and forecast mental and physical ailments (such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's).

Dr. Leisha Cuddihy is a licensed clinical psychologist, board certified in Behavioral Sleep Medicine. She is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester and an internationally recognized leader in non-medication treatments for insomnia and other sleep disorders.



#### October 29

Diane Spacher will review Pockets: An Intimate History of How We Keep Things Close by Hannah Carlson

Pockets examines issues of gender politics, security, sexuality, power, and privilege and outlines how clothing influences how we

navigate the world. "Unlike female kangaroos, human women (and other historically second-class citizens) have always had a harder time securing storage close to their person." (NYT review 9/10/23)

Diane Spacher is a Costume Designer recently retired from RCSD School of the Arts (SOTA). She has also designed for Blackfriars Theatre, Pittsford Musicals, and JCC CenterStage.



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