

# THE HUB

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**YOUR SOURCE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND SOUTHERN CAYUGA  
PRESENTED BY THE AURORA FREE LIBRARY**

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Visit the Village of Aurora Website for COVID-19 Resources and Updates

Please check the Village of Aurora website, <http://auroranewyork.us/>, for updates and information related to the COVID-19 pandemic. There, you can find links and information from the Aurora Fire Department, Cayuga County, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and Senator Pamela Helming. You can also find updated information on village office operations, meetings, and the village election.

To get on the Aurora municipal e-blast list for news updates and emergency alerts, send a request to [VillageClerk@auroranewyork.us](mailto:VillageClerk@auroranewyork.us) or [DeputyClerk@auroranewyork.us](mailto:DeputyClerk@auroranewyork.us).

### Notice from the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department

The Aurora Volunteer Fire Department would like all of the Aurora-Ledyard Fire District to know that we are still [here](#) and covering calls like normal.

Please follow CDC and government guidelines to keep yourself safe and healthy. Follow good hand-washing techniques, and social distancing. Stay home if possible! Check on the elderly and home bound—from a distance.

Call your doctor: If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. (CDC guide to symptoms [here](#).)

Don't hesitate to call 911 if you are experiencing a true emergency. Always report symptoms to dispatch so we can protect ourselves before our arrival.

Video from Auburn Fire Department: [Stop the Spread of Covid-19](#).

*Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay home.*

## Free Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch for Students

The Southern Cayuga Central School District will be offering free grab and go breakfast and lunch to all students who need it beginning March 18 on a daily basis. These meals will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the high school loading dock for pick up. There will be signs to guide you where to go and someone to greet you at your vehicle. Please do not exit your vehicle as the meals will be delivered to you. There will be free wifi access for students in the vicinity of the meal pickup point to allow students to download classroom information if needed.



*It's great to see you again - even if from afar!*

## The AURORA FREE LIBRARY has great news!

**We will open for Outdoor Contactless Pickup Monday, June 15th!**

### Revised Open Hours:

**Monday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Initially, the only items we will be able to offer are those items owned by the Aurora Free Library. You can start placing holds on these items now!**

### **There are 3 ways you can place your order:**

1. Online via catalog. Just log in and place a "hold request" at [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org)
2. Call us at 315-364-8074 during our revised open hours or leave a message.
3. Email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) with your request

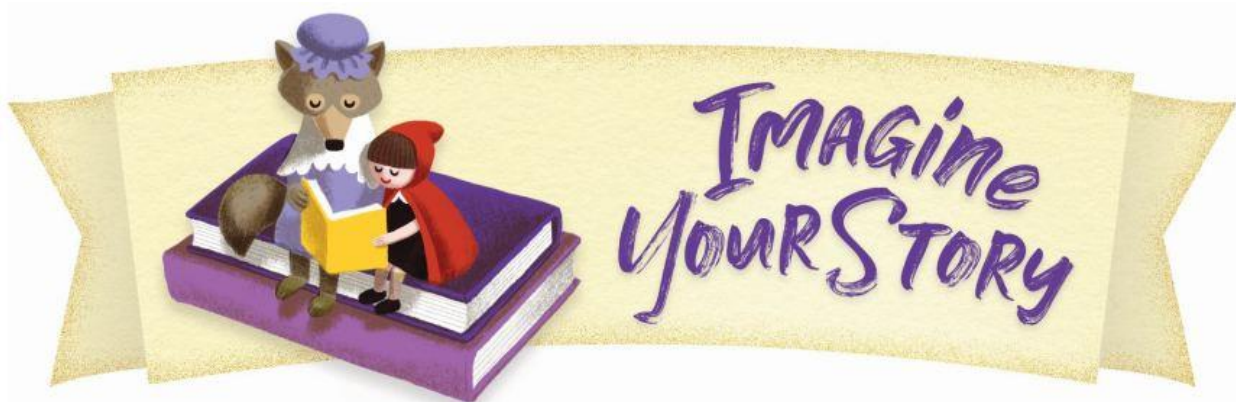
Once your order is ready we will contact you to schedule a pickup time at our back door on Cherry Avenue.

- Since there is no Finger Lakes Library System delivery at this time, we ask that you please **return Aurora Library owned items borrowed from us back to us** and not to another library.
- All materials are to be dropped off in the book drop and will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- Check out our FAQs on [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) and please don't hesitate to email us at [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) with additional questions.

**We miss you and are looking forward to serving you safely again!**

## Have You Filled Out the Census?

If not, please follow the link to do so: <https://www.2020census.gov/>.



### Aurora Free Library Summer Reading Program 2020

We will be presenting a full summer of **VIRTUAL FAMILY PROGRAMMING**—5 days a week for 10 weeks starting **Monday, June 22!** It will include comedy theater shows, author interviews, crafts, guest performers, and more through **Page Turner Adventures**. To access the content throughout the summer, please join our [Aurora Free Library Summer Reading Facebook Group!](#)

- Literary Lego Virtual Program: Tuesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. Contact [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) for link.
- Preschool Storytime will continue Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook Live through July.

We are still planning more fun so please check our website, [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org), and [Facebook page](#) in the next few weeks for our reading logs for all ages, fun giveaways, raffles and more!

Questions? Contact [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org).

## Message from the King Ferry Food Pantry

Dear Southern Cayuga Community,

When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in March our lives were changed. At the King Ferry Food Pantry we had to develop new protocols and make quick adjustments to our service, and the system has been working very well under the circumstances. A safe, no-contact, drive-through service replaced clients coming into the pantry to shop. A home delivery program was created to accommodate some of the most vulnerable members of our community who were not able or allowed to leave their homes. Shopping became more challenging as some food and personal care products became difficult to obtain when panic buying interrupted the supply chain. Even though the number of people served increased by about a third we have still been able to maintain the same level of service as before the pandemic.

If you or anyone you know does not have access to the food they need to keep their family healthy, be assured that all of our neighbors in need will find help at the pantry. We remain open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m.-noon, or call for an appointment at 315-497-2049.

Over these past several months we felt very blessed that many of you stepped forward to help the pantry—joining the volunteer team or being on standby, helping with errands, donating food, and purchasing needed items. We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of financial and in-kind support from individuals, organizations, businesses, farms, churches, and the many fundraisers and food drives—all which will enable us to keep the food pantry shelves stocked in the months ahead.

We're so proud to be associated with a tremendously caring community who consistently supports our efforts to provide this important safety net. We are "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Sincerely,  
Jim Burkett - Board President



**KING FERRY  
FOOD PANTRY**  
Neighbors helping neighbors.

Located in the Ag Wing at Southern Cayuga High School

Open from 9 am-12 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

Contact us at (315) 497-2049 or email  
[kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com](mailto:kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com)

King Ferry Food Pantry, Inc.  
PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081

Learn more about us at: [facebook.com/KingFerryFoodPantry/](https://facebook.com/KingFerryFoodPantry/) or [kingferryfoodpantry.org](https://kingferryfoodpantry.org).



## Check Out the Virtual Art Show!

At the end of May, the library was excited to put together a Virtual Art Show. Local artists Kay Burkett, Robert Egan, Jessica Havens, Ginger Johnson, Rob LoMascolo, Susan MacCormick, Lisa Morris, Lori Radcliff-Woods, Mnetha Warren, and Melissa Baird Wetzig all submitted work, which you can view at the link below. We hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yW1WE-46kO8&t=27s&fbclid=IwAR2jpQ5wowm8a71-mNY5i0ldOfjjoKFA8PA7LINYC5eweU9dEFxm8fB9J4Y>

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## Bells and Prayers and Welcome to UMA's New Pastor

The United Ministry of Aurora will be ringing the bells every Monday at noon in recognition of all who feel pain in this time of uncertainty, anxiety, and heartache.

All community members are welcome to join us! No experience necessary, just show up at 11:50 a.m. At 12:00 p.m., we will open our social room for those who wish to join our Central NY Episcopal Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe in a prayer vigil

[https://cnyepiscopal.org/event/prayer-vigil-for-racial-justice/?utm\\_source=Episcopal+Diocese+of+Central+New+York&utm\\_campaign=f2db614b70-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_bishop-statement-do-better&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_863dcf2fd3-f2db614b70-179419665&mc\\_cid=f2db614b70&mc\\_eid=0316a17191](https://cnyepiscopal.org/event/prayer-vigil-for-racial-justice/?utm_source=Episcopal+Diocese+of+Central+New+York&utm_campaign=f2db614b70-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_bishop-statement-do-better&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_863dcf2fd3-f2db614b70-179419665&mc_cid=f2db614b70&mc_eid=0316a17191)

The Council and congregation of the United Ministry of Aurora is pleased to announce that the Reverend Doctor Barbara E. Blom has agreed to be our pastor at the United Ministry.

We are excited to have Barbara join us as we work to become a community faith center. Her office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and you are invited to stop by during those hours.

Our traditional Sunday Services will be at 9:30 a.m. for the summer months. Stay posted on our website and Facebook pages for other events and opportunities to connect with your spiritual and religious journey.

**Everyone is welcome at the UMA!**

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## Wells College Ranks High in This Year's "RecycleMania" Nationwide Competition

*The College placed first among all New York State schools in the "Per Capita" category, and was competitively ranked in several other areas.*

**By Marian Brown**  
**Director, Wells College Center for Sustainability and the Environment**

The RecycleMania 2020 results are in and Wells College did quite well again this year in several categories!

RecycleMania ([recyclemania.org](http://recyclemania.org)) is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over an eight-week period each spring, colleges across the United States and Canada report the amount of recyclable materials and landfill

trash collected each week. Participating schools are, in turn, then ranked in various categories based upon which schools recycle the most on a per-capita basis, which schools have the best recycling rate as a percentage of total waste, and which institutions generate the least amount of combined trash and recycling.

The 2020 competition period began Feb. 2 and had been slated to end March 28; due to the COVID-19 pandemic that closed most campuses starting in mid-March, however, the RecycleMania competition period was shortened to only five weeks, ending March 7.

Below is how Wells stacked up in individual RecycleMania categories this year.

- The **Diversification** category combines trash and each of the core recyclable materials, plus food organics to determine a school's recycling rate as a percentage of its overall waste generation. Posting a 45.7% recycling rate, Wells ranked #46 nationally out of 145 participating schools, and came in at #3 among 17 New York State schools (NYS) reporting in this category. This rate represented an 11% reduction from our all-time high 2019 recycling rate of 51.4%, but we were not very surprised to see a marked reduction in our recycling rate, given the substantial changes in global recycling markets this past year.
- In the **Per Capita** category, schools compete to see which can collect the largest combined amount of paper, cardboard, and bottles & cans on a per-person basis. Wells ranked #11 out of 190 participating schools, and ranked #1 out of 18 participating NYS schools. At 22.68 pounds of recyclables per person, our per-capita rate was significantly down from our 2019 high of 39.55 pounds of recyclables per person. We also attribute this decrease to the collapse of the global recycling market which necessitated us to try to re-educate our campus community to stop recycling single-use plastic items starting in fall 2019. The College's national and statewide rankings, however, were unchanged from 2019, signaling that participating institutions were facing similar recycling challenges this year.
- In the **Waste Minimization** category, schools compete to see which can produce the *least* amount of recyclables, food organics, and trash on a per-person basis. Where other categories recognize schools' efforts to divert the most recyclables, this competition focuses on efforts to reduce the total amount of waste generated overall, including recyclables. In this category, more is decidedly **not** better. Wells ranked #168 out of 173 participating schools, posting a whopping total of 134.9 pounds per person; we ranked #18 among 19 NYS schools reporting in this category. We are diverting a lot of material to recycling or compost processing — which is good! — but as a community, we still generate far too much total waste.
- In the **Total Recycling** category, schools collecting the most total pounds of recyclables score the best, so tiny Wells can never be in the top tier. For reference: #10 ranked SUNY Buffalo collected over *one million pounds* of recyclables in this five-week period. In sharp contrast, Wells came in at #146 out of 221 participating schools, collecting 41,146 pounds of recyclables during the abbreviated RecycleMania period. We placed #17 among 21 NYS schools, holding our own considering we are by far the smallest New York school to compete. Surprisingly, even with a three-week shorter competition period than in 2019, we collected significantly more recyclables this year (2019: 32,775 pounds, which last year found us ranked at #181 nationally and #17 statewide).
- We competed in the “targeted materials” category of **Food Service Organics** again this year. Results are calculated based upon points allotted for quantities of organic material donated to people, fed to animals, used as biofuels, or composted. Out of 140 schools reporting in this category, we scored #11 nationally and #3 among the 16 NYS schools that reported this material. We earned 20.53 points from our efforts to divert food waste to compost collection and to recycle used fryer oil for biofuel; this is an increase from our score of 19.27 points in 2019, even with a three-week shorter competition period. But as good as these numbers are in comparison to other schools, it still means we are wasting too much edible food, something we need to work on next year.

- Wells participated again this year in the **E-waste Electronics Recycling** competition, a special category that tracks the amount of computers, printers, TVs, and other consumer electronica and peripherals collected across campus. Instead of weekly updates, this category is based on a one-time tally of materials collected over a month during the RecycleMania competition window; in our case, we had just one e-waste collection pickup by our contractor. Only 24 schools competed in this category this year, which is likely due to the shortened competition period (last year, 148 schools participated). Wells came in #7 nationally, reporting 525 pounds of total e-waste (0.78 pounds per person) and we ranked #3 among the four participating NYS schools.
- This year, Wells participated in the **Game Day Basketball Challenge** for the first time. Recycling intern Brittany Anderson '21 collected and weighed trash, recyclables and food waste at the end of the final women's team home game against Penn College on February 22. Only 29 schools participated in this competition; Wells ranked #13 nationally by posting a 71.9% diversion of recyclables, and we came in first among the two participating NYS schools.

While we welcome public recognition of our recycling efforts, RecycleMania is more useful to us in that it brings added focus to the importance and value of recycling and waste reduction efforts. We pay \$45 per ton for trash to be landfilled, but pay only \$15 per ton for recyclables to be processed, so diverting material to recycling streams saves us money. RecycleMania provides a useful snapshot of our progress year over year and points out areas needing attention, like minimizing our waste generation and addressing unnecessary food waste.

Wells College's successful showing again this year is a real tribute to several campus departments—Facilities, Dining Services, and Information Technology, among others – that have established and maintained great recycling infrastructure systems which our whole campus community has rallied to support. We expect our Wells community to *keep pitchin' in* – into the right bins, that is! Check out the Wells College Center for Sustainability and the Environment at [wells.edu/sustainability](http://wells.edu/sustainability).

## San Pedro Sister Community Marketing



The San Pedro Sister Community will be a regular presence at the Tuesday Pre-Order/Pick-Up Market from 4-5:30 p.m. at Patrick's Tavern in Aurora. Just email [cathy.mullarney@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.mullarney@gmail.com) for the current inventory list and to order. Most orders can be received by the day before for delivery on Tuesday. Payment by check preferred; cash accepted.

You'll also find us at the Aurora Farmers Market from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.

We have fair trade organic coffee, tea, chocolates, and nuts from Equal Exchange, and hand-made purses and hammocks from artisans in San Pedro, El Salvador.

Thank you for supporting our scholarship and other community programs in San Pedro, El Salvador! Recent nursing graduate Mario Perez (pictured right) is now working with COVID patients in Sal Salvador, and university graduate Freddis Argueta works for a bank and consults with farmers in his home region. Your purchases make a difference!





## Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“I took some pics of the eagle nest this weekend. I didn’t realize that there were two eaglets...[they] are getting ready to fledge. And one of our many local osprey.”





# **EVENTS**

## **Village Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 17**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Village Firehouse Meeting Room**

Go to the [Board of Trustees](#) page for the agenda, and information on the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization Request for Quotes for their organizational assessment.

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## **Aurora Free Library Board Meeting**

**Thursday, June 18**

**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

The meeting will be held using remote meeting software. For a call-in number, please send your email address to [aurorafreelibraryny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibraryny@gmail.com). All are welcome to attend remotely.



# VIRTUAL Literary Legos



## **AURORA FREE LIBRARY NEW! VIRTUAL Lego Fun Tuesday, June 30th**

**Listen to a fun story on ZOOM @ 11 am  
& then build a lego creation based on the  
story at home!**

**Join a 2nd ZOOM call to show off  
your final creation @ 1 pm.**

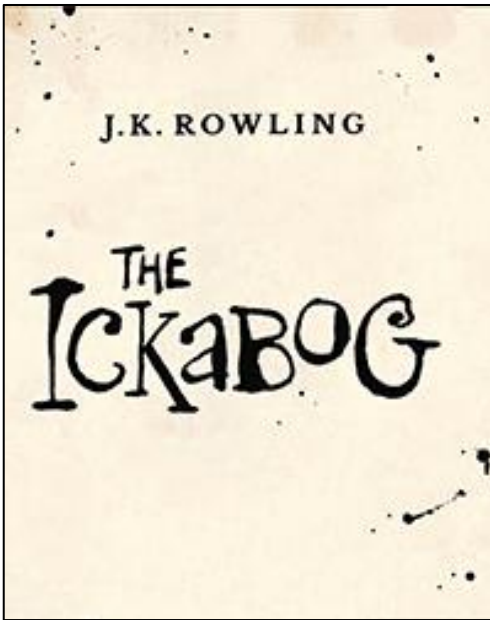
**\*\*For kids in Grade 1 & up!\*\***

**Must register by emailing  
[staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org)**

## Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, July 1

7:15 p.m.



The Southern Cayuga Book Club will hold a book discussion on *The Ickabog*, a new children's book by J.K. Rowling. This book is being published in a serial fashion online. On her website, Rowling says "*The Ickabog* will be published for free on this website, in installments, over the next seven weeks, a chapter (or two, or three), at a time. It isn't Harry Potter and it doesn't include magic. This is an entirely different story." She has plans to publish hard copies of the book in November.

The chapters of the book can be accessed at:

<https://www.theickabog.com/en-us/read-the-story/>. You can read the book on any device that has internet access (computer, tablet, phone).

New members are always welcome.

Please email [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) for the link to our meeting.



## JUNE AND JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	<b>16</b> Patrick Tavern Market Pick Up, 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Village Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>18</b> Aurora Free Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	<b>23</b> Patrick Tavern Market Pick Up, 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	<b>25</b> Deadline for submissions to The Hub	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	<b>30</b> Literary Lego Virtual Program, 11 a.m.  Patrick Tavern Market Pick Up, 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>July 1</b> Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, <i>The Ickabog</i> , 7:15 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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