

THE HUB

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**YOUR SOURCE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND SOUTHERN CAYUGA
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the Village of Aurora and Cayuga County Websites for Information on COVID-19

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 and meetings.

For information on New York's COVID-19 Moratorium on Utility and Municipal Shutoffs, please visit: <http://village.auroranewyork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Utility-assistance-1.pdf>.

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

Message from the Town of Ledyard Clerk

Happy 2021! I hope the new year finds you safe and healthy. The town offices are currently open for regular business hours, but we do ask if you can conduct your business via email, telephone, or US mail, that would help us serve you and help keep the offices open in these ever-changing times. Please continue to wear those masks and practice social distancing. For up to date information on the pandemic in our county, please visit: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/1571/COVID-19-Response-Cayuga-County>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Clerk Bailey @ townofledyard@outlook.com.

Announcements from the Aurora Free Library



Virtual Lego – inspired by
“Dragons Love Tacos” book



Take & Make
Puppet
Creation!



Virtual Storytime
with Miss Sandy!



Halloween
“Candy Chute”
Social distancing
at its tastiest!



Summer Take & Make Kit



Reading on a StoryWalk



DINOVember Take & Make and...
...a DINOVember Discovery!

What's New?

- Virtual Storytime
- Curbside Pickup
- Take & Make Activity Bags
- StoryWalks
- Main Street Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
- Adult Virtual Book Club, Travel, Space and Audubon Bird Talks, & Writing Workshops
- Community Virtual Art Show
- Kids' Virtual Lego Events
- The Hub Community Newsletter

Same great service, we just adapted how we serve you!

Aurora Free Library Annual Appeal

Take a look at what we've done this year and if you are interested our annual appeal is going on:

<https://aurorafreelibrary.org/annual-appeal-2020>.

The Aurora Free Library wants to hear from you!

Please take our survey so we can find out how we can serve you best at this time!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6N5YY6>.

Please check aurorafreelibrary.org and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/aurorafreelibrary>) for more information on all of our programming and services!



New Adult Fiction

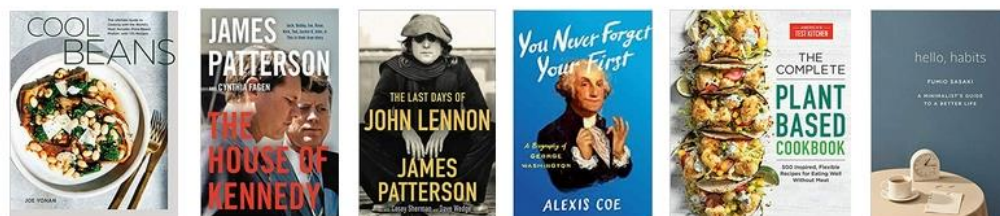
Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner
The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
Hush-Hush by Stuart Woods
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell
NYPD Red 6 by James Patterson
Oranges and Lemons by Christopher Fowler
Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley
The Scorpion's Tail by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
Someone to Watch Over Me by Ace Atkins
When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole

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New Adult Non-Fiction

The Complete Plant-Based Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen
Cool Beans: The Ultimate Guide to Cooking with the World's Most Versatile Plant-Based Protein by Joe Yonan
Hello, Habits: A Minimalist's Guide to a Better Life by Fumio Sasaki
The House of Kennedy by James Patterson
The Last Days of John Lennon by James Patterson
You Never Forget Your First: a Biography of George Washington by Alexis Coe



Thank You from the King Ferry Food Pantry



The King Ferry Food Pantry wishes to thank the community for their overwhelming support of our recent food drive. Over 90 holiday bags of food were collected because of your kindness and generosity!

May your holidays be a bit merrier knowing how much you have helped others during this time of need.

January Openings for New Students at Peachtown Elementary School

Limited openings available in January!

Grades pre-K-8

Operating full-time

4-day school week (Monday-Thursday)

Safe COVID Practices • Small Student Body

Learn more about Peachtown

Contact Alyssa Binns Gunderson

alyssa@peachtownschool.com

315-364-8721

www.peachtownschool.com



Calendars and Publications from the Genoa Historical Association

HOLIDAY IDEAS FROM THE GENOA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

GHA 2021 Wall Calendar with Genoa and King Ferry photos - \$12.00

GENOA by Ward O'Hara - \$30.00

Early Cayuga Days by Dorothy E. Snow - \$5.00

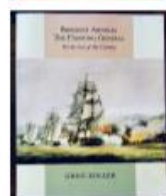
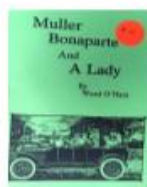
Muller Bonaparte and A Lady by Ward O'Hara - \$10.00

The Dark Eagle by Greg Zoller - \$20.00

Benedict Arnold, The Fighting General by Greg Zoller - \$20.00

Greg Zoller's 2 Volume Set - \$35.00

(additional mailing costs will be applied)



Contact the King Ferry Rural Life Museum to place your order!
315-364-8202 or email: genoahistorical@gmail.com

Need ideas for Stocking Stuffers or a Holiday Gift for an out of town friend or relative?

We have just what you are looking for!



GHA 2021 Wall Calendar with photos of
Genoa and King Ferry, New York - \$12.00/each
(Additional \$2.00 charge for mailing.)



Contact the King Ferry Rural Life Museum at 315-364-8202, or
email: genoahistorical@gmail.com

Students Go Virtual for End-of-Semester Presentations

With help from the College's Center for Academic and Career Advising and the departments of Educational Technology and Information Technology, Wells students devised an innovative new way to present what they learned during their fall 2020 internships.

At the end of a typical semester, the Wells community comes together to enjoy presentations from students about their recent internships—but of course, this semester has been anything but typical! Instead, the Center for Academic and Career Advising partnered with staff from the College's Information Technology and Educational Technology departments to host this semester's presentations virtually.

During the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 5, community members could “drop in” on any one of 29 individual presentations; topics included genetic disorders, heat pump technology, how to run a nonprofit, and interning for a U.S. congressman.

Though the virtual presentations were done in a style similar to a traditional session, there was still a bit of a learning curve for all involved. “The hardest thing for students was learning how to host their own meeting and to share their screens [with the viewers],” said Jonathan Gans, the College's educational technology coordinator.

When planning the event, Jon and his colleagues realized that the best method would be to enable simultaneous individual presentations. They decided to create a separate “meeting” for each presenter using the Microsoft Teams platform, giving the virtual presentations an open-house feel as guests dropped in and out of various presentations.

Jazzmyne Williams '21, a health sciences major, worked with the Aurora Farmers Market to understand how such markets can not only build a bridge with the greater community but also provide more tangible health benefits compared to shopping at a regular grocery store. “I realized that a farmer's market isn't just about providing healthy food, but it's also about healthy spending, too. We also wanted to show how supportive Wells students are of the Aurora community,” Jazzmyne said.

Jazzmyne's original plan after graduation was to pursue a physician's assistant degree, but after her internship she is now considering other options in the area of public health. “I am passionate about making sure that people get access to the resources they need,” she added.

“The poster session allows students to showcase their good work so that the campus community (and beyond — all are welcome!) can learn about the students' experiences and our valuable community partnerships,” said **Linda Galbato**, director of academic and career advising. “The experience itself leads to the development of skills that are valued by prospective employers as well as graduate and professional programs,” Linda added.

Mollie Walts '21 presented on LGBTQ individuals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (“STEM”) fields. Mollie, who is majoring in health sciences and minoring in biology, showed how LGBTQ retention in these fields is approximately 7% lower than that of their non-LGBTQ peers. In addition, she analyzed their experiences in each STEM field, showing that their levels of openness differed; for example, she found that engineers were less comfortable revealing their full identity at their workplace versus those working in the life sciences.

Identifying and celebrating LGBTQ members of the STEM fields is important, Mollie said, because it can help students and burgeoning professionals “see themselves” and thus make these professions more accessible. One aspect of her research involved identifying several professional associations for LGBTQ scientists, including 500 Queer Scientists, Pride in STEM and the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists & Technical Professionals. In fact, Mollie is working on creating a database of scholarships and other academic opportunities specific to LGBTQ scientists, and her goal is to share this resource with the entire Wells community.

Tiffany Miner '21 took an entrepreneurial approach to her fall 2020 internship, convincing the owner of a local campground in her hometown of Marathon, N.Y., to create an internship position specifically for her. Tiffany, a psychology major, spent part of her internship creating a new reservation system. “The original system was created using Excel, but I was able to use Google Sheets — that way the customer and the campground staff could make updates in a more efficient manner, and it helped cut down on accidental double-bookings,” Tiffany said. She also created a tax ledger, helped with advertising and campsite rentals, and other behind-the-scenes aspects of running a small business.

Janlynn McCoy '21 spent her internship working at a local not-for-profit wildlife rehabilitation center near Utica, N.Y. There, she learned how to work with a wide variety of species, including herons, ducks, owls, hawks, skunks, raccoons, beavers, rabbits and deer. Meeting new challenges and animals made every day “a new experience and a new form of chaos,” she added. Janlynn, an environmental science major and biology minor, learned that the job is not always a “happy” one (and not all animals can be saved) — and she's now interested in pursuing a career in wildlife rehabilitation.

Staff who were involved in the event were pleased with how things went. “In some ways, the virtual experience was superior to the traditional model. I really liked the opportunity to interact with each student without the distractions of a large, noisy venue,” said Linda Galbato. “One thing I really like about all of our poster sessions is the energy generated during the event — I felt that same energy in the virtual showcase due to the technological orchestration of the event. I will definitely consider virtual presentations in the future,” she said.

San Pedro Sister Community 2021 Fundraising Campaign

The San Pedro Sister Community is launching its 2021 fundraising campaign (look for our newsletter soon)! We are unable to receive new purse or hammock shipments due to COVID restrictions and Salvadoran infrastructure challenges, and of course, we cannot visit for the foreseeable future. But we have committed to supporting seven university students from San Pedro, knowing how committed they and their community are to moving forward and serving their families, their community, and their country. At the same time, they have experienced two major tropical storms that have compromised crops throughout the country. They need our help and our accompaniment from a distance, and anything you can contribute to fulfill their requests for educational, agricultural, and health needs are hugely appreciated!

Please send checks made out to San Pedro Sister Community to:

Kay Burkett
PO Box 343
Aurora, NY 13026

OR for a tax deduction, you can send checks, earmarked for the San Pedro Sister Community, to our U.S. 501(c)3 partner:

FACES
PO Box 5411
Wayland, MA 01778

Thank you for being part of this important project of friendship and solidarity across the miles, especially at this time of worldwide isolation and challenge.

Cathy Mullarney for the San Pedro Sister Community

Health Care Navigator @ Hazard Library

- Do you need health insurance?
- Do you need help using the NY State of Health Marketplace?
 - Do you have questions about your health insurance?



You can call 315-255-1703 if you would like to speak to a Health Care Navigator to assist you with your health insurance.

A graphic for the Cayuga County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. It features a photograph of a red barn and a lake in the background. The text on the graphic reads: "Cayuga County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update", "COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!", and a URL: "https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CayugaHMP2020". There is also a QR code and the Cayuga County seal.

Is your family storm-ready? Have ideas for making Cayuga County more resilient to hazard events? Let us know!

We are updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and want to hear from YOU about preparedness, alleviating storm damage, and how we can make Cayuga County more resilient. As part of developing the plan, we are asking Cayuga County residents, business owners, and stakeholders to complete a brief survey and share their concerns about potential disasters.

Please [visit the website](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CayugaHMP2020) for more information on the planning process and take the [Cayuga County citizen survey](#).

Remember Your Local Restaurants, Wineries, and Breweries This Winter!

Aurora Brewing Co. – Packaged beer for takeout. Call or text 315-294-0447 or [visit the website](#).

Aurora Cooks – Eat in special chef-made dinners and a glass of wine. [Visit website for menu and times](#).

The Aurora Inn: 1833 Kitchen and Bar – Eat in breakfast, brunch, and dinner. Call 315-364-8888 or [visit the website](#).

Bright Leaf Vineyard – Tastings available. Call 315-364-5323 or [visit the website](#).

Dugan's Country Grill – Downhome cooking, eat in or takeout. Call 315-364-5500 or [visit the website](#).

Fargo Bar & Grill – Food and beverages for eat in and takeout. Call 315-364-8006 or [visit the website](#).

Genoa Hotel - Food for eat in and takeout. Call 315-497-9565 or [visit them on Facebook](#).

King Ferry Corner Store – Soups, sandwiches, and baked goods for takeout. Call 315-364-5300 or [visit them on Facebook](#).

King Ferry Pizzeria – Pizza, subs, wings, and other Italian favorites for takeout. Call 315-364-8084.

Long Point Winery – Tastings available and Amelia's Deli open for takeout. Call 315-364-6990 or [visit the website](#).

Treleaven Wines – Eat in or takeout from Simply Cookie, and wine tastings by reservation. Call 315-364-5100 or [visit the website](#).

Village Market – Breakfast sandwiches, meals, and delicious soups for takeout. Call 315-364-8803 or [visit them on Facebook](#).

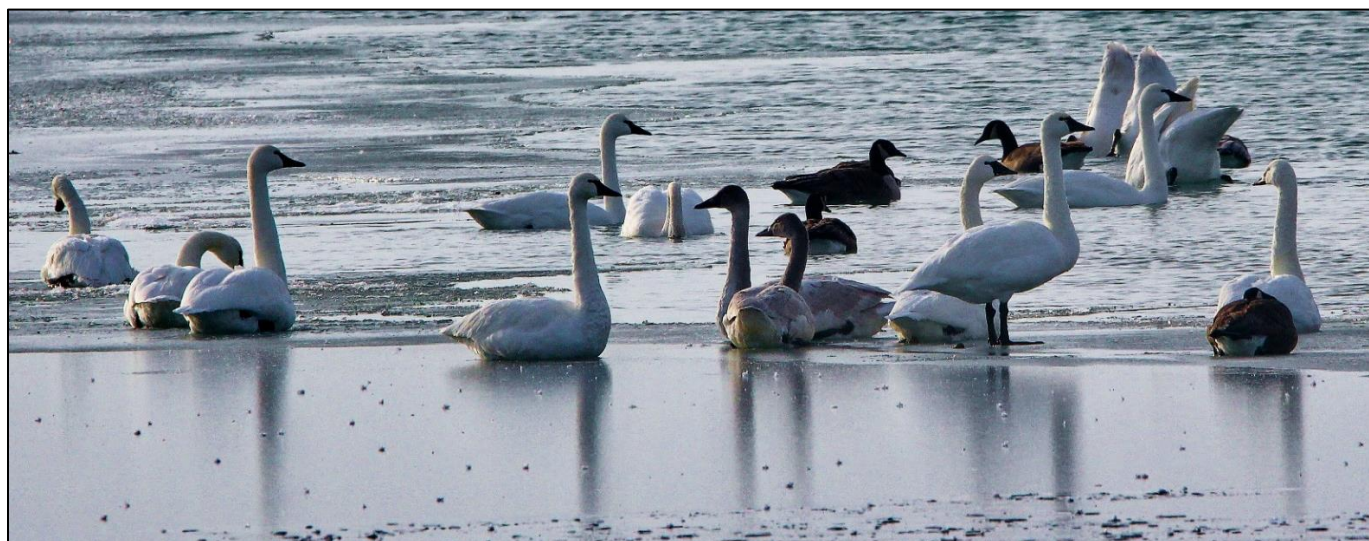
Wilcox General Store – Takeout breakfast and lunch sandwiches and fresh burgers. Call 315-364-8076 or [visit them on Facebook](#).

And don't forget [Gus's](#), [Heart and Hands Wine Company](#), [Hua Mei](#), [Quarry Ridge Winery](#), [Salt of the Earth](#), and [Susan's Servings](#) in Union Springs!

Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“Attached are photos I took during December. I had the opportunity to photograph trumpeter swans as they stopped at a resting site at the northern end of Cayuga Lake.”



EVENTS

Virtual Southern Cayuga Book Club

**Wednesday, January 6
7:15 p.m.**

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to choose books for 2021. Please email librarian@hazardlibrary.org or staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for the ZOOM link to join. New members are always welcome!

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Tuesday Travels Series

Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM



*Join Monica Groth as she tells
of her exploration of the Incan wonders
of coastal and highland Peru.*

*Follow her into the temples of Cusco and the restaurants of Lima;
up the heights of Machu Picchu and to the excavation sites of Huanchaco,
where she'll unearth human sacrifices and centuries-old artifacts.*

*Come hear a fun and exciting adventure amidst the rich
cultural and archaeological treasures of the Andes.*

Email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for the ZOOM link to join.

Aurora Free Library Board Meeting

Thursday, January 21
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 aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend remotely.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
3	4 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	5 UMA Caregivers Unite, 1-2 p.m.	6 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	12 UMA Good Grief Support Group, 1-2 p.m.	13 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
17	18 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	19 UMA Caregivers Unite, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday Travel Series: Peru, 7 p.m.	20 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	21 Aurora Free Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	22 Deadline for submissions to <i>The Hub</i>	23
24	25 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	26 UMA Good Grief Support Group, 1-2 p.m.	27 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	28	29	30
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