

THE HUB

FEBRUARY 2021

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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.

Announcements from the Aurora Free Library

The Aurora Free Library is pleased to announce that it now offers a drop off location for King Ferry Food Pantry food donations during our open hours. The library's current hours are **Mondays and Fridays 3-7 p.m.** and **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



Leaving Our Fingerprints: A People's History of COVID-19



Help make history by sharing your story of the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as we relied on information about the Spanish Flu epidemic in 1917-1918 to inform our response to COVID-19, future generations may benefit from understanding what we experienced. By collecting your stories, we become witnesses-to-history, providing insight into daily life during this global pandemic and adding to the historic record. How can you get involved? Please take some time to fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/shareyourstory-fls> and feel free to share with your friends, family members, and neighbors — the more people participate, the better understanding we'll have of the impact of COVID-19.

This survey consists of 20 questions—you do not have to answer them all. Answer what you like—each one you answer helps paint a portrait of our community during COVID-19. Feel free to fill out this survey multiple times. For example, if you answered the questions on February 1st and have more information that you wish to report on May 1st (random dates selected), submit a second survey response. Questions can be directed to Aurora Free Library Director, Sandy Groth at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com. Thank you for participating!

Southern Cayuga Book Club Selections for 2021

New members are always welcome!

Book Club typically meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm (currently on ZOOM).

February 3:	<i>The Blood of Flowers</i> by Anita Amirrezvani
March 3:	<i>Fer-de-Lance</i> by Rex Stout
April 7:	<i>An American Marriage</i> by Tayari Jones
May 5:	<i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins
June 2:	<i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> by Isabel Allende
July 7:	<i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Jiles
August 4:	<i>The Dutch House</i> by Ann Patchett
Sept 1:	<i>The Shape Shifter</i> by Tony Hillerman
Oct ?:	Community Read (TBD)
Nov 3:	<i>Caste: The Origins of our Discontents</i> by Isabel Wilkerson
Dec 1:	Christmas cookie exchange, short Christmas story and choose for 2022



Contact Aurora Free Library aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or Hazard Library librarian@hazardlibrary.org to be added to the email list and for books.

The Aurora Free Library wants to hear from you!

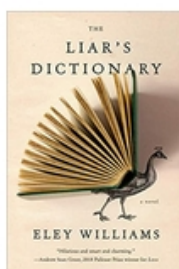
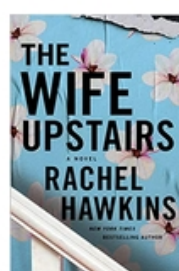
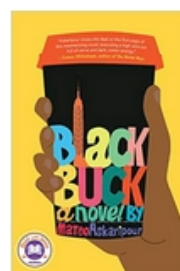
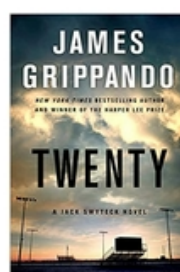
Please check aurorafreelibrary.org and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/aurorafreelibrary>) for more information on all of our programming and services including games, puzzles and Take and Make Bags!

Email us at staff@aurorafreelibrary.org or call 315-364-8074 if you need materials delivered or have any questions!

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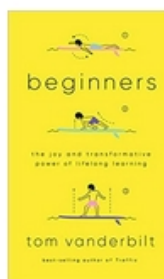
New Adult Fiction

- Black Buck* by Mateo Askaripour
The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani
The Burning Girls by C.J. Tudor
The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin
The Liar's Dictionary by Eley Williams
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict
Outlawed by Anna North
The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
People Like Her by Ellery Lloyd
The Russian by James Patterson
The Survivors by Jane Harper
Twenty by James Grippando
The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins



New Adult Non-Fiction

- Beginners: The Joy and Transformative Power of Lifelong Learning*
 by Tom Vanderbilt
Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America 1619-2019
 by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times
 by Katherine May



New Book-on-CD

The Butterfly House by Katrine Engberg

Random Acts of Kindness Day



kindness activities



Complete ten or more acts of kindness and bring your sheet to the Aurora Free Library or the Hazard Library and receive a free book!

- ___ Help a friend or neighbor
- ___ Send a valentine to someone special
- ___ Bake something for a special friend
- ___ Make a card or gift for a teacher or someone you love
- ___ Donate old clothes or toys or food
- ___ Do a secret Act of Kindness for someone
- ___ Give compliments to three different people
- ___ Make a bird feeder to feed the birds
- ___ Do a chore without being asked
- ___ Remember your manners without being reminded
- ___ Call someone you have not spoken to in over a month and share a book, picture or a joke
- ___ Write a letter to someone who has changed your life for the better. Tell them how they have helped you and send it
- ___ Write a letter to yourself. Describe your strengths and skills! Put it in an envelope and save for a time to open it when you are feeling down.
- ___ Draw a picture of a flower and give it to someone
- ___ Paint a rock and leave it in your neighborhood or give it to someone
- ___ Write a poem and read it to someone
- ___ Make a bookmark for a friend
- ___ Tell someone why you think they are awesome
- ___ Make an encouraging sign to hang up in your window
- ___ Find a local group/organization doing something good for our community and mail them a thank you card
- ___ Create your own _____
- ___ Create your own _____
- ___ Create your own _____
- ___ Create your own _____

NAME: _____

Feb. 17th is
Random Acts of
Kindness Day!

The Aurora Free Library

aurorafreelibrary.org

The Hazard Library

hazardlibrary.org



[@kidscreatekindness](https://www.instagram.com/kidscreatekindness)

The Wells Food Pantry Feeds More Than You Know

By Savannah Olsen

I was finishing up an assignment one night in the fall. Between classes and my work study job, I had been busy nonstop all day. I clicked *Submit* and looked at the clock. I was starving but knew that at this hour, neither the dining hall nor the campus pub would be open. I contemplated taking a walk down the street to The Fargo for a bite to eat, but due to my tuition bills, I was running low on money. The snack shelf in my room was empty. I let out a lingering breath. Due to my tight schedule, this is how nearly every night went for me. I could feel myself struggling not only mentally, but physically; I was constantly grinding to make ends meet, and usually I did it on an empty tank. I took a stroll to the food pantry, and to my relief, it was open. I signed in and grabbed a box of pasta and sauce. This was one of my favorite things to eat and to cook. Feeling a bit better, I returned to my dorm with the food to make myself a much-needed dinner.

Seeing that Wells tuition is fairly expensive, some might assume the majority of the student body is affluent and able to afford things like food and other necessities with ease. This is a myth. The fact is that many of us come from low-income families or have to pay for school on our own with money from one or several concurrent low-paying jobs. While I and many students like me came to Wells searching for a sound education and a place to call home, it often comes at the price of not being able to afford a meal.



In the spring and fall of 2020, I had the privilege of interning with the Wells College Food Pantry under site supervision of Professor Vic Muñoz. The pantry at Wells has been operating since 2017, the year I first enrolled in the college as a freshman. The Wells Food Pantry developed from the thesis of Wells alumna Stacy Eddy, who majored in psychology. The pantry emerged from the ground up due to the efforts of Stacy and students whose primary needs were not being met: the pantry is and has been a product of student, faculty, and community collaboration to address food insecurity on campus.

Many are familiar with the concept of food security as a measure of the availability of food and an individual's ability to access it. However, the notion that food security exclusively refers to a plate of food on the table is a common misconception. Affordability is only one factor. David Strumfels's *A Medley of Potpourri* accurately summarizes how the perceived pertinence of food security and its definitions have evolved and been modified overtime to include not only having access to affordable meals, but meals that are nutritious and culturally appropriate:

...at the 1974 World Food Conference the term “food security” was defined with an emphasis on supply. They said food security is the “availability at all times of adequate, nourishing, diverse, balanced and moderate world food supplies of basic foodstuffs to sustain a steady expansion of food consumption and to offset fluctuations in production and prices.” Later definitions added demand and access issues to the definition. The final report of the 1996 World Food Summit states that food security “exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.”

Beyond affordability, food security also requires the meal to be culturally appropriate and respectful of spiritual and religious practices. The mission statement of the Wells Food Pantry promises to “assist anyone in the Wells community (students, faculty, or staff) with food needs, while supporting good mental and physical health” and to

foster the values of “self-sufficiency, sustainability and community support” whilst providing access to food for everyone. Members of the Wells community come from a variety of different places and cultural backgrounds, and thus culturally identify with a range of different foods. Food is not just a mode of bodily sustenance but also a homeplace; food is culture, and cultural nourishment. We can be eating enough and still be culturally malnourished. This part of food security is most essential for fostering a person’s mental well-being.

While more elusive, these cultural aspects of food security are equally significant and central to the purpose of a food pantry. The pantry at Wells takes this under serious consideration. During my time working at the pantry, I was overwhelmed by the amount of care and vigilance that both supervisors and volunteers took to make sure every student had what they required. We sent out frequent surveys asking students for their requests and recommendations for what items the pantry should acquire. The pantry is consistently involved with our campus community and works to maintain a heightened awareness of student needs and wants when it comes to the food we stock and the hours we are available. Before the Covid-19 outbreak, we hosted cooking events that were culturally grounded in foods like black beans and rice and plantain and arepas—events that took us home, even for just a few minutes.

I was a part of January 2020’s open house for the food pantry, wherein we held one of these cooking events and introduced students and faculty to our new location in Main 104. We served black beans and rice, and everyone was welcomed to come in, enjoy the food and chat with Professor Muñoz, myself and other interns like me. My experience at the food pantry was humbling and one I am grateful to have had the opportunity to engage in. While I am an English major at Wells and this wasn’t an internship directly relevant to my field, it corresponded with my values and taught me a lot about more targeted ways to help people in need. Each day I volunteered to work the pantry, students like me who couldn’t afford to buy a meal or transport themselves to somewhere with more options came in to grab food items and expressed their gratitude.



The Wells Food Pantry is unique because we target every aspect of food security. We know that a lack of affordable food and cultural nourishment not only impacts physical health, but mental health as well. I, personally, have had days where Wells dining services did not provide enough options; where I couldn’t afford to eat out, and where I could feel my mental stamina suffering because I hadn’t eaten. The food pantry at Wells, while it may seem like it has a small effect on the community, is a resource that remains of great help to and vastly appreciated by students and faculty alike.

An enormous amount of credit for the pantry’s success goes to the generous community members that have donated and continue to donate to the

pantry, whether it be monetarily or with food items. Another part of the Wells community that has gotten little credit but is essential to the pantry is Campus Safety, predominantly Dave Hewitt, who makes a habit of bringing anything of use that is left in the dorms during breaks to the pantry. There is a plethora of people, both visible and invisible, who continue to contribute to the effort and make it possible for the Wells Food Pantry to thrive and continue to offer their service to people on campus. The pantry is extremely appreciative of how supportive community members in Aurora have been, the value of that support extending beyond physical health to stimulate psychological and emotional health as well.



Aurora Farmers' Market 2021 Wells College Boathouse Lawn May 29 to October 2, 2021

Calling for Vendors!

Soon it will be time for the Aurora Farmers' Market again! We are getting ready! Charles Guy, Ron Woodward, Vic Muñoz, and Ellen Hall will continue as the Aurora Farmers' Market Management team for 2021. We are all enthusiastic about getting the market underway for another year!

The market will begin on Saturday May 29 and will end 20 weeks later with the last market session on October 2, 2021. We are adding 2 market days to the schedule this year. The market will be open each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please email Ellen Hall at vewh2014@gmail.com or text at 315-515-8354 to request an Aurora Farmers' Market application for 2021. Vendor fees will remain the same as last year—\$70.00 for the season, and \$5.00 for the daily fee.

We don't yet know about guidelines for COVID-19, but will certainly let the community know as soon as we find out.

Please pass this notice along to others who may be interested.
We will see you at the market!

Final Month for “Scoundrels and Scamps” at AHS

When you need an outing with family or a friend or two, make an appointment to tour, or tour again, the popular and light-hearted show at the Aurora Historical Society, on the rear courtyard of “The Schoolhouse” (371 Main St.).

On display you'll also find a sneak preview of a new show, opening (fingers crossed) in March. Just make an appointment by calling or texting 315-246-1130. Bring your mask, and enjoy a good time with some very funny stories.

Tuesday Mobile Farmers' Market Returning Soon

The popular Tuesday pre-order/pick-up market will be returning soon in a slightly different format for winter. Because Patrick Tavern is unheated, it will be necessary to pick up orders within a one-hour time frame. There will be some items available for spur-of-the-moment purchase, but fewer than usual.

However, the focus on meeting basic needs remains. Based on requests in December, Cookie is working on a menu of reheat-able meals. Restock your freezer with Loomis Farm beef and stewing chickens. Benlauck Farm potatoes should still be available. “Out of Our Jars” will have a variety of delicious breads. Extra-moisturizing sheep's milk soaps from Trinity Farm are just the thing for winter-dry hands. Robert LoMascolo has some beautiful new cards; a handwritten letter sustains relationships in ways that email just can't do. There might be still more local businesses taking part, too. Watch for announcements online, on the Hub's Facebook page, and on posters, and “shop local.”

San Pedro Matching Fundraiser Challenge

Dear San Pedro Sister Community Supporters,

We are pleased to announce that anonymous donors have presented us with a \$1000 Matching Challenge to contribute to operating expenses for the Non-Governmental Organization FUNDAHMER, our sister organization in El Salvador.

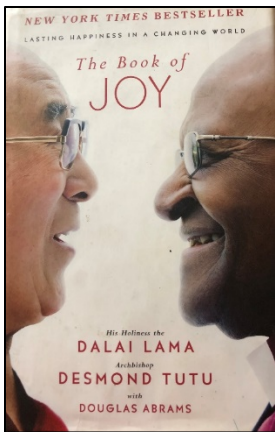
FUNDAHMER is a small NGO dedicated to year-round accompaniment of poor communities in El Salvador, including San Pedro, in their efforts to realize self-reliance and progress in the face of decades of repression and economic, educational, and agricultural challenges. The worldwide COVID pandemic has practically eliminated the normal funding they receive from Sister Community visiting delegations, and everything has become more expensive and more challenging in El Salvador. Now, FUNDAHMER is struggling to pay staff, which may mean less assistance for poor communities, including San Pedro.

We have been working with the people of FUNDAHMER for over 15 years. We can assure you they are talented in their jobs and absolutely dedicated to the people they serve. Your donations of any amount will be matched up to a total of \$1000.

Donors should send a check in any amount made out to San Pedro Sister Community to our treasurer Kay Burkett at PO Box 343, Aurora, NY 13026. Please put "Matching Challenge" in the memo line.

Many thanks, and we send thoughts for good health to all of you and your families as we continue to fight this global pandemic.

In solidarity,
Cathy Mullarney
For the San Pedro Sister Community



Read *The Book of Joy* with UMA!

Are you having trouble finding joy? Need a little more joy in your life?

"His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than 50 years of exile and soul crushing violence. Despite their hardships - or as they would say, because of them, - they are two of the most joyful people on the planet."

For five days the two of them talked about their experiences; through laughter and tears, they stared into the abyss and despair, revealing how to live a life brimming with joy despite life's challenges.

Please join the United Ministry of Aurora as we read and explore how we too can find joy amidst the challenges of today. We will meet in February on Tuesdays (2/9, 2/16, and 2/23) at noon; bring your lunch and join the conversation. Books can be picked up at the library or in the church. For more information or questions, please call or text Barb at 607-342-6281 or email barbeblom@gmail.com.

Join via ZOOM

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86841181477?pwd=MzIxYkEoZmJDSlV2WkZlZWV9LWZlS0Zz09>) or in person in the church Social Room.

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.

Community Assistance for Wells College Students



Two outstanding international Wells students from Liberia have been in need of support and our wonderful community has reached out to help! Emmanuel Chea and Patience Koenig, both recipients of a highly competitive scholarship through Smart Liberia to study overseas have lost their funding due to COVID and the inability of Smart Liberia to continue to raise the money to fund them.

Emmanuel and Patience have been very involved in Wells and the potential of losing their funding in their last semesters is devastating for both of them. But members of the community who have come to know them have stepped up and begun fundraising for them to stay and finish their degrees that they have worked so hard for and have been successful in raising funds for them!

Emmanuel is a physics and mathematics major. His father died in 2016, leaving his mother and seven children. He worked with Wells IT and helped develop the new Master Plan.

Patience is a graduating senior majoring in Environmental Study and Sustainable Food Systems. She was a winner of the “Be Your Own Boss” business pitching competition organized by the college’s Sullivan Center for Business and Entrepreneurship. She went on to represent Wells College at the New York State business competition and did extremely well. She also worked with Admissions during the college’s 150th anniversary, and is dedicated to the campus community.



Wells College President Jonathan Gibraltar says of them, “Patience and Emmanuel are terrific students and I know them both very well” and he and the college are also working with them to ensure that they can finish their degrees. If you are interested in helping these two outstanding students, you can send a check made out to Wells College (be sure to say who and what the money is going for!) to President Gibraltar’s office:

Jonathan Gibraltar, President
Wells College
170 Main Street
Aurora, NY 13026

What an incredibly generous community we live in!



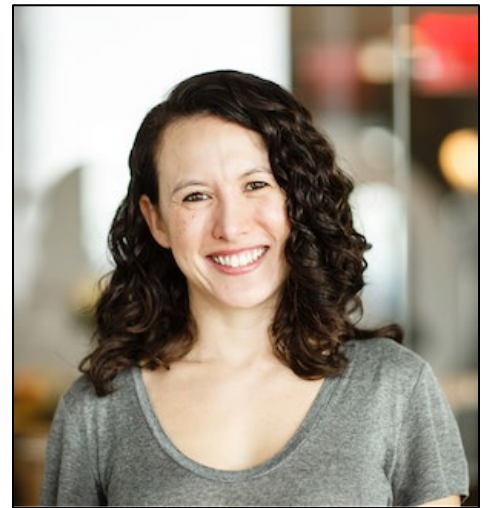
Is your family storm-ready? Have ideas for making Cayuga County more resilient to hazard events? Let us know! We are updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and want to hear from YOU about preparedness, alleviating storm damage, and how we can make Cayuga County more resilient. As part of developing 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](#).

Katie Fong '06 Named 2020 Young Alumni Award Recipient

The Wells College Association of Alumnae and Alumni (WCA) is proud to announce that Kathryn "Katie" Fong '06 is the recipient of the 2020 Young Alumni Award. The award recognizes Katie's extraordinary professional and personal achievements, civic engagement and legacy of service to her alma mater.

Katie's leadership in these areas was already evident during her time as a student, when she served as a class officer and student organization leader, and also made fundraising phone calls on behalf of the Advancement office. Her enthusiasm for Sister Wells has continued in the years since graduation. She served on the board of the Friends and Recent Graduates Organization (FARGO) for young alums, and was always a supportive and friendly advocate for countless alumnae and alumni. She has also long been a constant presence at Wells events in both New York City and Aurora as well as the annual Reunion weekends, and served as a panel facilitator in the College's second annual Women's Leadership Conference back in February.



After earning her bachelor's degree from Wells — majoring in women's studies with a minor in history — Katie spent the first 13 years of her career as an executive search consultant and has worked with senior finance, operations, supply chain and merchandising executives in some of the world's most well-known retail, fashion and consumer brands. In 2016, Katie decided to refocus her career on guiding organizations toward healthier, more equitable culture and practices, and so began pursuing her graduate degree while working full time. Last year, she transitioned fully to a career in organization development consulting.

Katie currently specializes in coaching emerging leaders and advising leaders and teams on how to integrate the values of equity, diversity and inclusion into their strategic priorities. She completed her master's degree in organizational change management from the New School in May of this year. Katie was awarded her program's prize for best graduate thesis for her paper entitled, "Renewing the Interrogatory Imperative: Hope and Persistence from 20 Years of Interrogating Whiteness in Organization Development."

Five years ago, Katie was selected by her peers to serve on the Board of Trustees; her second term as an alumna trustee will end June 30. With her deep perspective on the College's complicated history and her professional expertise in mentorship, change management and diversity and inclusion issues, she has emerged as a leading voice on the board.

This year, she was also a central figure in the Bell Tower Committee, the *ad hoc* group of concerned trustees, alums, faculty and staff who helped lead the response to the financial challenges the College has been facing, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was chair of the Auxiliary Academic Programs and Student Life Enrichment Subcommittee, and also a member of the Ancillary Revenue Subcommittee. The Bell Tower group collected and analyzed numerous ideas submitted by the greater Wells community, and its report served as a springboard toward a more comprehensive strategic planning prioritization effort that is currently underway. Katie has since served as a member of the Strategic Steering Committee for that process and has dedicated tremendous time and effort to this work throughout the summer and fall of 2020.

Katie writes, "Wells shaped who I am in profound and fundamental ways, and it has been the greatest privilege of my life to give back to the College through service as a trustee. My term on the board has frequently felt like a second Wells education. Much like my time as an undergrad, this experience has broadened my worldview, stretched me intellectually, solidified my values, and introduced me to some of the most remarkable people I could have imagined. More than ever, I appreciate that Wells is about relationships; I owe a debt of gratitude to the Wells friends who have been my touchstones since I was a student, and to my board colleagues — whom I am proud to also call my friends — who have guided, mentored and encouraged me these past five years."

"Perhaps the greatest reward of my time on the Board has been getting to know the students who call Wells home — I am always impressed (though never surprised) at the brilliance, tenacity, and strength of voice and character our students demonstrate," Katie adds. "The persistence of the Wells spirit across generations constantly inspires me and gives me hope for the future of Wells and the world our graduates will shape."

This December brings the start of a new Aurora adventure for Katie. She and her partner Abby purchased an 1850s octagonal house in Poplar Ridge and moved from Brooklyn with their cat Bea. Together they look forward to supporting Wells and the Aurora community as locals, and hope to host alums, Wells students and community members, local residents, friends and family as home renovations and public health conditions allow.

Of being this year's Young Alum award recipient, Katie says: "To receive this award, especially at this moment in time, is a tremendous honor and a humbling responsibility. My profound belief in the value of a Wells education and in living the Wells mission as an alumna — to think critically, reason wisely and act humanely as I cultivate a meaningful life — has guided my work on the board as well as my personal and professional ethos. Amidst the change and challenge facing all of us as 2020 comes to a close, I can't imagine a more relevant moment to recommit to these guiding values and, as our motto says, *to have* and *to share* with others all that Wells has given me."

This year's award is being given in memory of Shirley Schou Bacot Shamel '58, who passed away in January. Shirley was, for many years, a generous donor and extremely committed volunteer not just to Wells, but numerous other community, artistic and civic organizations. Upon stepping down from the College's Board of Trustees in 1998, Shirley was named honorary trustee, and received the WCA Award in 2007.

Due to the pandemic and the cancelation of Fall Weekend, we were not able to honor Katie in person this year. We look forward, however, to celebrating her accomplishment sometime in 2021, so please stay tuned for more details.

Think Spring with the Wells College Seed Exchange Program!



Starting February 1, the Wells College Seed Exchange program is open for the 2021 season. All seed is available **for free** from our exchange and will be available while supplies last. Due to COVID, we cannot allow in-person access to the Seed Exchange inventory this year. Instead, we have created an on-line inventory to review and an order form you can download and complete. The inventory list includes information for each item about the specific seed company donor if you wish to research particular seed varieties of possible interest.

To view the current inventory, click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13oUT11JDbBLs9NJ9ooyqnizEy3Mp3wSo/view?usp=sharing>. Note that this inventory spreadsheet features separate tabs for the inventories of Flowers, Herbs, and Vegetables seed.

To request seed, please download and complete this Seed Exchange order form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wTieLh4qAgVQQaAAemTA5pOVqv0qvBTv/view?usp=sharing>. Please save your order form to include your name in order to prevent confusion.

Email your completed order form to mbrown@wells.edu; we will fulfill orders as they are received and update the seed inventory accordingly. If you have a preference for seed from a specific company, please provide that information on the order form—we will do our best to accommodate your request. We will safely and sanitarily pack your order and will advise when and where we will have your order available for curbside pick-up on campus. If necessary, we can mail orders but in order to keep our program costs manageable, onsite pickup is preferred.

Our 2021 Seed Exchange season is opening with an inventory of well over five thousand packets of different varieties of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. Seeds were generously donated by over a dozen different seed companies, including: Adaptive Seeds, Artistic Gardens, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Bounty Beyond Belief Wildflower Seed, Companion Plants, Ferry Morse, Chas C. Hart Seed Company, High Mowing Seed Company, Northeast Seed, Restoration Seeds, Seed Saver's Exchange, Turtle Tree Seed Co., and Twilley Seed Co.

All seeds in our exchange program are available for free. Please note that most seed offered is from earlier growing seasons (which is why companies donate it to us); we offer no warranties about germination rates although most seeds should grow just fine. We may receive a few more seed shipments, so check back for updates to the Seed Exchange inventory. But don't delay—once the exchange opens, the seed stock disperses quickly. Check out our *Wells College Seed Exchange* and get growing!

This community has a Ton of Love for their Neighbors in Need!



The King Ferry Food Pantry's annual "Ton of Food" campaign raises funds to help our neighbors who struggle with hunger. As a member of the Food Bank of CNY, the pantry can purchase some of its food for a shared maintenance fee of 19¢ per pound or \$380 per ton.

Our 2021 Goal?

We hope to raise funds to purchase 50 tons of food, which will help ensure that families in our school district do not have to worry about going hungry.

As of January 20th, we have received donations to purchase 26 TONS of food for local families!

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported this fundraiser!

A Ton of Food = A Ton of Love

Donations of any amount are appreciated
and may be submitted via PayPal at

kingferryfoodpantry.org

or by check made payable to KFFP and mailed to
King Ferry Food Pantry, PO Box 242, King Ferry NY 13081

The food pantry is located at Southern Cayuga High School, and is open on
the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 am – 12 noon.

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

“These are photos from a few weeks ago when flocks of redhead ducks stopped in Aurora during their migration.”

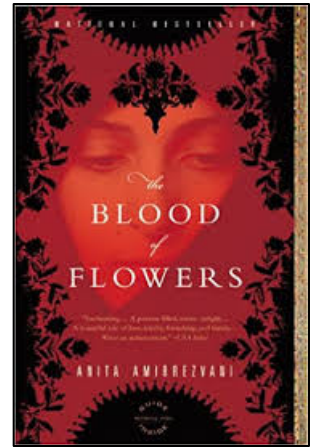


EVENTS


Virtual Southern Cayuga Book Club

**Wednesday, February 3
7:15 p.m.**

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss this month's selection, *The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani. Please email librarian@hazardlibrary.org or staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for the ZOOM link to join. New members are always welcome!



Next month's selection will be *Fer-de-Lance* by Rex Stout.



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IT'S COMING! THE 10TH ANNUAL

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Stop by Aurora Free Library on February 6th from 10 am – 1 pm for a Storywalk and other fun goodies and activities!

Learning by the Lake: “Hidden Stories from Aurora’s History”

**Wednesday, Feb. 10
7:30 p.m.**

Some of Aurora’s settler families arrived here enslaved. Others found this village on their search for a free life. For this month’s edition of Wells College’s virtual “Learning by the Lake” series, we are pleased to be joined by Dr. Linda Schwab—a 1973 Wells graduate and Aurora Village Historian—who will tell some of the rediscovered stories of Aurora’s long African-American history.

This virtual event is free to attend, but you *must* register ahead of time at: <http://alumni.wells.edu/lxl-feb-2021>. Attendees will be sent a presentation link on the morning of the event. If you have questions about the event or the “Learning by the Lake” series, please contact communications@wells.edu.

Great Backyard Bird Count

24th Annual • Feb 12-15, 2021

Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online.

birdcount.org



Black-capped Chickadee. Photo: Jessica Ann McConahay/Great Backyard Bird Count



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Sustainability Speaker Series

Be the Change!

You're just one in 7 billion people in a very confusing time on Earth. Is it possible for you to make a difference? Is it worth trying? Rob Greenfield's answer to these questions is a resounding "Yes!" and he is here to share why and how you can be the change you wish to see in the world. Through his lead-by-example activism, Rob's life has served as a wake-up call to millions of people and has changed the lives of many. Rob will share his unique projects - from diving into thousands of grocery store dumpsters, to wearing his trash for 30 days, to living off the grid in a tiny house, to his most recent year of growing and foraging 100% of his food - all designed to wake people up and instigate change. Although Rob takes his life to the extreme, his message is one of moderation. His work creates a counterbalance to the consumeristic society we live in today and encourages mainstream media to report on important issues, while being able to use his attention-grabbing stories. You will walk away from this evening with a deeper understanding of the life that you are living and with solutions you can adapt to be the change you wish to see.



Photo credit: Sierra Ford

Rob Greenfield
adventurer,
environmental activist,
humanitarian, and
difference-maker

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:00PM
Zoom event info: <https://www.wells.edu/academics/center-sustainability-environment/events>

This event is free and open to the public.

The *Sustainability Speaker* series is offered by the *Center for Sustainability and the Environment* with generous sponsorship support from the *National Fenestration Rating Council* (NFRC), an organization that holds sustainability as a guiding value. *NFRC* conducts objective, scientifically rigorous testing and rating of windows and doors that allows consumers, architects and contractors to make informed selections of fenestration products offering increased energy efficiency and building occupant comfort.





Aurora Free Library Zoom Travel Series Join Kelly Buck in ICELAND

Thursday, February 18
7:00 p.m.

Ten years ago, before travel to Iceland became really trendy, Kelly Buck had the opportunity to explore Reykjavik and the western part of the North Atlantic island. Did you know that the Icelandic language has 6 more letters than English? That males and females in the same family have different last names? That Iceland is a land of fire and ice, where the two tectonic plates of the earth meet? That Iceland boasts the

oldest parliament in the world, dating back to 930? Tour the capitol city, visit the Blue Lagoon, and take the Golden Circle Tour with Kelly.

Email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for the link or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86135939759?pwd=amtHQ2xkZ2hHUmJtUHMyR044UWpoUT09>.

Southern Cayuga Community Read and/or Watch

February 21-28

Join the SC Anne Frank Tree Project in a Community Read and/or Watch centered around "*Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria?*" *And Other Conversations About Race*, by Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum. Wells College recently hosted Dr. Tatum for a panel discussion on the topics of inclusion and how to have meaningful conversations about race and racism. We invite participants to read the book and/or watch the recording (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPf9yD03pnM>).

Virtual small group discussions will take place the week of February 21-28. Please email or text Elaine Meyers (elaine.meyers4@gmail.com or 602-318-8603) if you would like to participate. Complimentary copies of the book will be available for pick up at both the Aurora Free Library and the Hazard Library starting Feb. 1st.



SC Community Read and/or Watch

Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria?

Written by Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum





2021 Aurora Free Library Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 25
5:30 p.m.

We will review Library progress in 2020 and look ahead to 2021.

All are welcome to attend remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81950297419?pwd=VWJlYXhYwRGtNRnlncnhXb05HZVJ3dz09>

Special Notes for this Special Time

In keeping with Executive Order 202.1 regarding emergency adjustments to the Open Meetings Law in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the public is not permitted in-person access to this meeting. The meeting shall be held remotely via Zoom. As required by the Governor's Order, the public will have the ability to listen to such proceeding using their telephone or view and listen on a screen. The meeting will be recorded and transcribed, both of which will be available upon request.

A regular business meeting of the Board will immediately follow the Annual Association Meeting.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Wells College Seed Exchange Program opens	2 UMA Caregivers Unite, 1-2 p.m.	3 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m.	4	5	6 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Take Your Child to the Library Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
7	8 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m.	9 <i>Book of Joy</i> Reading Group, 12 p.m. UMA Good Grief Support Group, 1-2 p.m.	10 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Learning by the Lake, 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Great Backyard Bird Count Begins →	13 →
14 →	15 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m. → Great Backyard Bird Count Ends	16 <i>Book of Joy</i> Reading Group, 12 p.m. UMA Caregivers Unite, 1-2 p.m. Sustainability Speakers Series, 7 p.m.	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Aurora Free Library ZOOM Travel Series: Iceland, 7 p.m.	19	20 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
21 Southern Cayuga Community Read and/or Watch begins →	22 UMA Bell Ringing, 11:50 a.m. Deadline for submissions to <i>The Hub</i> →	23 <i>Book of Joy</i> Reading Group, 12 p.m. UMA Good Grief Support Group, 1-2 p.m. →	24 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. →	25 Aurora Free Library Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m. →	26 →	27 →
28 Southern Cayuga Community Read and/or Watch ends →						