

# THE HUB

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

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Local Municipal Updates

Check the [Village of Aurora website](#) for updates on Cayuga County vaccine clinics and other programs and guidance related to the pandemic as well as information on village office operations and meetings.

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### Announcements from the Aurora Free Library

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our outpost at the United Ministry Social Room at 337 Main Street in Aurora. We are open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** If you have any questions or cannot make it during those hours, please email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org).

Please check our website and Facebook to see where our **Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.** will take place. Email [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) to be put on our Storytime family list to receive updates.

We are looking forward to hosting some more **Travel Talks** this winter probably on Zoom. Please email us at [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) if you have photos from a trip you would like to share. Please spread the word to others in the community who might have interesting trips to share or let us know so we can reach out to them.

The **Southern Cayuga Book Club** always welcomes new members and usually meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please email [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) to be added to the list. The next book discussion will be on Wednesday, December 1 at Opendore on Rt. 34B. The club will be listening to a holiday story, having a cookie exchange, and will begin to plan their book selections for 2022.

If you need help with downloading audiobooks or ebooks please email Nicole Jackson at [njackson@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:njackson@aurorafreelibrary.org) so she can set up a time to meet with you in-person or on Zoom.

We have a Quilt Raffle going on with tickets for \$10 each. The quilt will be on display at the library and at the Masonic Center during Christmas in Aurora.

The library will hold a **Storywalk** at the library during Christmas in Aurora on Saturday, December 4. There will be a special Take and Make Project at the end provided by Create Kindness and the Rosen Library Fund. We continue to have a collection box for nonperishable items for the King Ferry Food Pantry. Thank you to all who have brought donations.

Please check our website [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) and [Facebook](#) for the latest information and updates on when we will return to our building and be sure to stop down to check us out at the United Ministry of Aurora! Happy Holidays to all!

## **WE'RE HIRING!**

### **Aurora Free Library Library Assistant**

The Aurora Free Library is seeking a dynamic, energetic, creative and flexible part-time employee to develop, implement and publicize adult and children's programs for the community and also work at the circulation desk. The individual will be an organized, creative, and detail-oriented person who can help in assessing community interests and devising and administering programs based on those findings.



- Position will begin after January 1, 2022
- Position is 10-15 hours per week, including some evenings and occasional Saturdays

Compensation: Range \$15-\$20 per hour dependent on experience and/or qualifications  
Full description on [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org)

Please send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references to:  
Sandra Groth, Library Director at [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com). Review of applications will begin immediately.

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## **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 ext. 159 if you would like to speak to a Health Care Navigator to assist you with your health insurance. Please contact Hazard Library for more information or to make an appointment.

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## New Adult Fiction

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*A Christmas Courtship* by Shelley Shepard Gray

*The Family* by Naomi Krupitsky

*Fear No Evil* by James Patterson

*The Hidden Child* by Louise Fein

*The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

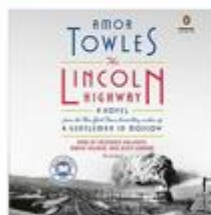
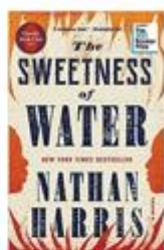
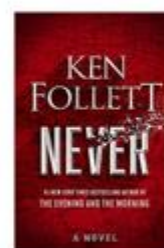
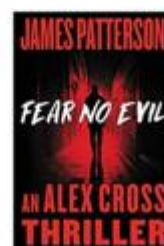
*London Bridge is Falling Down* by Christopher Fowler

*The Midnight Lock* by Jeffrey Deaver

*Never* by Ken Follett

*Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout

*The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris



## New Books-on-CD

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*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

## New Adult Non-Fiction

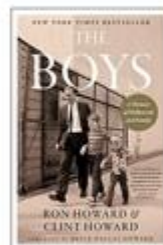
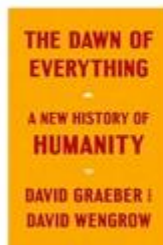
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*The 1619 project: A New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones

*The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family* by Ron Howard & Clint Howard

*The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity*  
by David Graeber & David Wengrow

*Going There* by Katie Couric





# King Ferry Food Pantry



**Help make the season a little brighter for our neighbors in need by donating these twelve items in early December:**

- December 1 - reusable shopping bag to hold your gifts
  - December 2 - can of vegetable soup
  - December 3 - can of diced tomatoes
  - December 4 - can of pineapple
  - December 5 - can of beets
  - December 6 - can of pasta with meat
  - December 7 - box of child-friendly cereal
  - December 8 - package of pasta
  - December 9 - package of tortillas
  - December 10 - shelf-stable pudding cups
  - December 11 - package of holiday cookies
  - December 12 - hot chocolate mix
- Optional: Add a holiday greeting card or note from you

Gift bags may be dropped off at the food pantry on  
Thursday, December 16 between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at  
Southern Cayuga High School Ag Wing (next to the greenhouse)  
2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY 13026

For more information, call Debbie at (315) 497-2049.

## “Christmas in Aurora” Offers All-Day Fun

On Saturday, December 4th, the Village of Aurora welcomes the area community with a lively assortment of activities and experiences, many within easy walking distance of one another.

Events begin at 10:00 a.m., with the All Day- Outdoor Holiday StoryWalk at the Library, 370 Main St. See [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) for more and new events. From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., visit the Craft Fair at Patrick Tavern, 302 Main St. (at the corner of Dublin Hill Rd.) Explore unique local goods as you watch spinning, felting, and knitting, taste eggnog and fire cider, enjoy fine art and jewelry, choose seasonings, stock up on chocolate, and find just-right gifts; bid at the Silent Charity Auction (this year benefitting the Aurora Historical Society) at the Masonic Temple, 325 Main St., and purchase raffle tickets for an exquisite handmade quilt to support the Aurora Free Library; enjoy local artists, refreshments and tastings, performances, and caroling at the United Ministry of Aurora, 337 Main St.; tour the Inns of Aurora’s newest restoration and renovation, Taylor House Conference Center, 396 Main St. (until 2 p.m.).

From 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., visit Copperesque Boutique Gallery, 378 Main St. to shop a curated collection of oil paintings by Kari Ganoung Ruiz, photography by Diego Ruiz, jewelry, pottery, and more, with a painting demonstration starting at 5pm. From noon to 5:00 p.m., take a short drive up the hill to Robert LoMascolo’s Antique Print Shop at the corner of Rt. 90 & Moonshine Road to see the working printing museum and holiday shop, and go a little farther to the Holiday Festival at Treleaven Winery, 658 Lake Rd, King Ferry; swing back to Aurora for hot mulled cider and local gifts, snacks and pastries at the Village Market, 385 Main St.

Above all, don’t miss the free trombone octet concert, featuring a mix of Christmas and other music at 2:00 p.m. at the Morgan Opera House, (over the library) 370 Main St., the Village Tree Lighting at 4:00 p.m. at 373 Main St. in front of the Post Office, and Pizza at the Fire Department, 456 Main St, pick-up or eat-in 4:30 p.m. on. (call 315-364-8590 after 3 p.m. to place your order). You’re bound to meet up with Santa somewhere during your day.



*Rob LoMascolo demonstrates a press to Diego Ruiz, stereo photographer. Both will hold studio events at Christmas in Aurora; Diego's features Kari Ganoung Ruiz, plein air painter.*



*Baker, jam-maker, and fiber artist Alicia Kirk also creates journals using handmade paper and paints one-of-a-kind cards.*

## Have an Alternative Shopping Experience at Trader Rose!

Trader Rose is full to bursting with everything under the sun, for a grand alternative shopping experience. Shop hours are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.—or by appointment (call 607-592-6893).

P.S. No longer wearing shorts here, but the heat is on!



*Photo by Jacci Conderacci*

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## Holiday Gifts at the Howland Stone Store Museum

Looking for easy, local holiday gifts? Visit the Howland Stone Store Museum website <https://www.howlandstonestore.org/shop> for a complete list of available merchandise and publications, including *Miss Emily* by Mildred Myers. Postcards, books, calendars and stencil blocks and t-shirts are available by PayPal or credit card. To shop in person (and pay by cash or check), call Jackie at 315-364-5591 to schedule a visit to the museum shop. Also consider a gift membership to the museum!





## **Upcoming Events at the United Ministry of Aurora**

### **Christmas in Aurora – Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

UMA will be hosting artists, crafts people, and more in the social hall. And refreshments to keep you going while you shop.

“Good Giving, Oh My,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the chapel, kids of all ages are invited to draw an animal to support the Heifer Project. A \$5 donation will be made for every animal drawn to raise funds for a basket of rabbits and chickens for a family in India to help them become more self-sufficient.

Santa will also be around bringing good cheer and reminding us that Christmas isn't all about receiving but also about giving.

### **Conversation on the Biblical Christmas Narrative – Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m.**

The Biblical Christmas narrative is a combination of the two, very different Gospel stories in Matthew and Luke. Dr. Arthur Bellinzoni, Wells College Professor Emeritus and Rev. Barb will lead a conversation on the historical and cultural perspectives of these stories and how they inform Christian theology.

It's recommended that you read the stories to make this conversation more interesting: Matthew, Chapters 1 and 2 and Luke, Chapters 1 and 2.

### **Blue Christmas Service – Wednesday, December 22, 5 p.m.**

Christmas can be a crazy and often sad time. Many of us just want a time to reflect, grieve, pray, and meditate. All are welcome to join us for a Blue Christmas service to help us through the Christmas blues.

### **Christmas Eve Services – Friday, December 24**

Although we will not be gathering in person for our Pageant again this year, please enjoy our **Aurora Christmas “Picture Pageant”** at the following link: <https://youtu.be/bL0N8qJhYFo>.

#### **Candlelit Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m.**

A simple service for children of all ages, storytelling, carols accompanied by the piano, everyone is invited to dress as an angel, shepherd, wise person, drummer boy.....

#### **Candlelit Traditional Christmas Service at 5:30 p.m.**

With communion, organ, and choir

The UMA Chapel will be open for meditation and prayer daily. Come and enjoy our chapel, the beautiful creche, and a few moments of peace amidst the busy holiday season.

## Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“We found the pheasants wandering through our neighborhood at the end of the village a few weeks ago. The boathouse pic was obviously taken after the big rainstorm.”







## EVENTS

### Sustainability Speaker Series

# Grounding: From Theory to Practice and Back Again

Nance Klehm's work and being lies at the complex intersections of theory and practice. She seeks to embody the mundane magic of relationships built with land and place, to empower people to know and honor the complexities of social ecology, and to bridge the gaps between the folk hero day-to-day of skinned-knuckle activism, and the theoretical practices of the academy, gallery, or studio.

Her work as a communicator, translator, curator, medium and provocateur is internationally recognized in communities of practice ranging from publishing to fine art, environmental justice activism to philosophy, growing to podcasting. She lives her work—she writes, facilitates, lectures, teaches, consults, makes, and does.

Sharing some of her personal journey toward a more integrated and collaborative relationship with the land she lives and works on, Nance will be leading in-person and on-line participants in a mapping exercise that hopes to serve as an inspiring tool in reflection of how we are being and in dreaming futures.



Nance Klehm  
Founder  
*Social Ecologies*

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
7:00PM**

**DeWitt Lecture Room, Zabriskie Hall 106  
and on-line via *MS Teams***

This event is free and open to the public.

Wells is committed to providing access to all events; anyone needing assistance should contact Marian Brown, *Center for Sustainability and the Environment*, at 315-364-3304 or by email at [mbrown@wells.edu](mailto:mbrown@wells.edu), as soon as possible.



This **Sustainability Speaker** series is sponsored by 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.

## Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 p.m.

Opendore

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## D96 Collab Release & Live Jazz with Not From Brooklyn Jazz Trio

Friday, December 3

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Aurora Brewing Company

Steve Webb's jazz trio "Not From Brooklyn" will be here to get our heads noddin' this Friday from 5-8 p.m.! Not From Brooklyn is a jazzish trio influenced by MMW, John Scofield, Yussef Kamal, Julian Lage, and the beauty of the Finger Lakes. We'll also be dropping our collab with District 96! The wood fired oven will be hot and we'll be serving dinner! It's Friday, clock out and come hang!

**And save the date on Saturday, December 11:** We're celebrating the one-year anniversary of our expansion and new tap room! The Petty Thieves are booked, playing all the Tom Petty covers you can think of. We've also raised some of our barrel aged stouts and mixed culture beers from their slumber in wood, bottled them, and are set to release them for this event. More details coming soon.





# Christmas in Aurora

December 4th, 2021

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- ☀ 10am to 4pm- Craft Fair at Old Patrick Tavern, 302 Main St. (at the corner of Dublin Hill Rd.) Explore unique local goods as you watch spinning, felting, knitting, and weaving, taste mead and fire cider, enjoy fine art and jewelry, choose seasonings, stock up on chocolate, and find just-right gifts.
- ☀ 10am to 4pm- Silent Charity Auction at the Masonic Temple, 325 Main St. Come bid on donated items to support the Aurora Historical Society.  
The Book Lovers' Ball Raffle, same time and location as above. Purchase tickets for an exquisite handmade quilt in the sampler pattern. \$10 donation per ticket. All funds raised go to support the Aurora Free Library.
- ☀ 10am to 4pm- United Ministry of Aurora, 337 Main St. Local artists, refreshments and performances/caroling.
- ☀ 10am to 7pm- Copperesque Boutique Gallery, 378 Main St. (former Jane Morgan's location). Shop a curated collection of oil paintings by Kari Ganoung Ruiz, photography by Diego Ruiz, jewelry, pottery, and more! Free painting demonstration starts at 5pm. Visit [Copperesque.com](http://Copperesque.com) for more information. "Join us at this location Nov. 26 through Dec. 31st!"
- ☀ 12 to 5pm- Robert LoMascolo's Antique Print Shop, just up the hill, corner of Rt. 90 & Moonshine Road. Annual open house and holiday shop. Come see the working printing museum, or shop any time at [rlfinepress.com](http://rlfinepress.com).
- ☀ 12 to 5pm- Holiday Festival at Treleaven Winery, 658 Lake Rd, King Ferry (nearby). Cookie decorating, live music etc. See [treleavenwines.com](http://treleavenwines.com) for more information and additional events.
- ☀ Afternoon- The Village Market, 385 Main St. Warm up with hot mulled cider and shop local gifts, snacks and pastries. Fargo & 1833 Kitchen open.
- ☀ 2pm- Morgan Opera House, (top floor of the library) 370 Main St. Free trombone octet concert. Featuring a mix of Christmas and other music.
- ☀ 4pm- Village Tree Lighting, 373 Main St. in front of the Post Office.
- ☀ 4:30pm- Pizza at the Fire Department, 456 Main St, pick-up or eat-in. Please wear a mask. Call 315-364-8590 after 3pm to place your order.

## **Octet Horns Performance**

**Saturday, December 4**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Morgan Opera House**

An octet, eight horns, formed from the original Bones East ensemble, will perform at the Morgan Opera House as part of the village Christmas in Aurora celebration. Those who enjoyed the 2019 performance featuring 26 musicians squeezed onto the Opera House stage know what a thrilling concert of Christmas and secular music this promises to be. William Harris, former principal trombonist with the Syracuse Symphony and music professor at Syracuse University and Onondaga Community College serves as conductor. The concert is FREE, but donations for the King Ferry food pantry will be gladly accepted. Masks required regardless of vaccination status.

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## **Wells College Learning by the Lake: Conversation with Sarah Heppner '05 and Sue Trainor '84**

**Thursday, December 9**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Virtual on Zoom**

Join Sarah Heppner '05 & Sue Trainor '84 for a conversation about their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sue is a nurse practitioner in Pennsylvania, and Sarah is working on vaccine rollout to rural communities. Please register [on our website](#).

Sarah Heppner '05 is the Director of Policy and Research in the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), located in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She has been with FORHP since 2012 and prior to becoming the PRD Director she served as Deputy Director of FORHP's Office for the Advancement of Telehealth. Her professional interests include using health services research to understand the impact of policies on access to care in rural communities and rural health disparities. She holds a Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Sciences from the University of Vermont and received her degree in Chemistry from Wells.

Sue Trainor '85 has been a nurse for over 30 years, working since 2010 as nurse practitioner. She studied Philosophy at Wells with the intention of working in retail in NYC after graduation but found her way into nursing through the ASN program at Tompkins Cortland Community College. Currently working for Mount Nittany Health in Central Pennsylvania she specializes in caring for patients with diabetes and associated metabolic disorders and is also the Clinical Coordinator for outpatient diabetes education services. Certified in diabetes education she mentors upcoming diabetes educators and is a member of the Provider Outreach workgroup for the Certification Board for Diabetes Education. Sue serves her community by chairing the YMCA Advisory Board of the State College YMCA. She also loves to bake bread and stays active working out at OrangeTheory.

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## **Live Music Featuring Tom Chick**

**Saturday, December 11**

**1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Barrel Room, Treleaven Wines**

Join us as Tom Chick makes his debut performance. Food available for purchase from Simply Cookie. Grab a glass of wine, pint of beer, and get cozy!



## **Aurora Free Library Board Meeting**

**Thursday, December 16  
5:30 p.m.**

The December Board meeting will be held on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Please contact [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) for the link.

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## **Cold Moon Christmas Celebration**

**Saturday, December 18  
3:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Historic Howland House and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Farm Museum**

Dress in all your coziest layers and warmest boots to celebrate the Winter Solstice and Christmas on the Full Cold Moon of December 18th!

Family friendly, for everyone who is a child at heart!!

From 3:00-4:15ish:

Join the circle, Who-ville style, and sing your favorite holiday songs at the Christmas-carols-karaoke-sing-a-long!! If you missed this last year, don't miss it this year! I have printed out all the carol lyrics in booklets and have cued up an hour worth of popular songs (some classics, some more contemporary) to play over speakers so that we can belt along joyously!! Don't worry if you can't sing, the point is to have fun!! See how many songs you actually know the lyrics to and try not to break out laughing during this portion of the event!! Interpretive dancing is always welcome!

Tip: Bring a big thermos of hot tea and maybe some throat lozenges!!

After the Sing-A-Long:

The giant fire pyre will be lit to celebrate the holiday season, the Winter Solstice, friends & family, and our ancestors on the Full Moon, which rises at 4:05. Bring hot drinks / snacks if you'd like. Bring a warm blanket and camp chair if you want to sit and relax.

TBD weather, so possibly park on the lawn, possibly along the road. If the ground is too squishy, it'll be the road.  
No smoking on property.



# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.  "Grounding," 7 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Not From Brooklyn Jazz Trio, 5-8 p.m.	<b>4</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Octet Horns Performance, 2 p.m.  Village Tree Lighting, 4 p.m.  Christmas in Aurora, various times and locations
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Patrick Tavern Farmers' Market, 4-5 p.m.	<b>8</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	<b>9</b> Learning by the Lake, 7:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Tom Chick, 1-4 p.m.  Aurora Brewing Anniversary Party featuring Petty Thieves, TBA
<b>12</b> UMA Conversation on the Biblical Christmas Narrative, 3 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Patrick Tavern Farmers' Market, 4-5 p.m.	<b>15</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> Aurora Free Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Cold Moon Christmas Celebration, 3-6 p.m.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Patrick Tavern Farmers' Market, 4-5 p.m.	<b>22</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Deadline for submissions to <i>The Hub</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Patrick Tavern Farmers' Market, 4-5 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	