Thank you to everyone who donated, purchased books, and volunteered at our Route 90 Book Sale. Thank you to Marie, Robin, Dennis, and Barb for your work on this fundraiser! It was a success and we truly appreciate everyone’s support!

It has been a busy summer of projects. Our roof project is coming to completion and our basement jail room should be ready to use by fall. More on our Roof Project can be found here: https://aurorafreelibrary.org/current-projects.

There are several events in August planned and a few still in the works including a bee presentation and movie night. Take a look throughout The Hub for our events including art workshops, music, and the Teddy Bears’ Picnic. We still have weekly drawings for ice cream (thank you, Jim Wilcox) and other prizes for teen and adult readers along with kids’ Take and Make kits.

Our Annual Book Lovers’ Ball is Friday, October 6 at the Inns of Aurora. Tickets will be on sale soon and silent auction items are welcome.

The library always welcomes volunteers. If you are interested in discussing opportunities, please reach out to Sandy at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or ask next time you are visiting.

Interested in gathering with others to play cards, chess, or another game? How about meeting with others who share a common interest or hobby you have? Email us at staff@aurorafreelibrary.org.

Check aurorafreelibrary.org and Facebook for up-to-date information.

Library Hours:
Mon 3-7 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., and Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Stay Tuned!
The Town of Ledyard Celebrates its 200th Birthday!

Events & Exhibits Coming This Fall at Town Hall & Patrick Tavern

Watch for Announcements!

Plus... Did you see how Ledyard learned of Independence on July 4th—1776 style? Left to right: Steve Zabriskie, Town Crier; Cash, the Horse; Lauren Landsdowne, Post Rider; Shirley Egan, Town Historian; and Mark Jordan, Town Supervisor, read aloud to 200 people the exciting news of independence from Great Britain just minutes after it arrived from Philadelphia. Actually, the horse didn’t read much.
Join Us! **Buy a Brick!**  
**United Ministry of Aurora Brick Campaign**

As you may know, The United Ministry of Aurora has launched a Building Restoration Capital Campaign to raise funds to restore and repair much needed brick work on the 162-year-old building.

Already the campaign has raised over $150,000 towards its $200,000 goal from generous members of the congregation, community members, and local foundations. We are now entering another phase of the campaign and we are looking for your support.

Friends and community members may buy a brick for $100 each which will be engraved with the name of a loved one you may wish to memorialize. These bricks will be laid next to the walkway leading to the church.

Please consider purchasing a brick (or multiple bricks) to honor family members, a friend or even a pet. The building improvements that we are making to the church today are not only imperative, but they preserve our building in memory of those that have come before us and in service of those who will benefit from the use of this church in years to come. To order, please visit our website at: [https://polarengraving.com/unitedministryofaurora](https://polarengraving.com/unitedministryofaurora). Questions may be directed to the UMA office at 315-364-8543.

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**Extra Garden Produce?**  
**The King Ferry Food Pantry could use it!**

By donating your garden surplus to the pantry, you will be contributing to the health of our community! Produce may be dropped off at the pantry (Ag Wing of Southern Cayuga High School) between 8:00-10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month or contact Debbie Patrick at 315-497-2049.
Aurora Farmers Market Celebrates Farmers’ Market Week 2023!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and New York State have declared the week of August 6–12 to be Farmers’ Market Week, to celebrate all things Farmers Markets!

We will celebrate Farmers Market Week on August 5 and 12 since we are open on Saturdays. The New York State Theme is perfect for AFM:

**Farmers Markets Bring People Together**

- Aurora Farmers Market vendors from different communities have become acquainted, making friends with one another and customers.

- Wells College, our sponsor, offers the space and facilities to bring Market people together on the shore of Cayuga Lake.

- Vendors share the bounty of their gardens and creative work with their friends, neighbors, and travelers who attend the market.

- Children and parents come together to enjoy Cayuga Lake, see their friends, and learn about the Market.

- Create Kindness, led by Alexis and Natalie and families, once again brought a collaborative project, BEE TOGETHER to the Market to ask everyone to write affirming messages they pinned to a constructed beehive to be shared in the Aurora Free Library.

- Aurora Free Library director Miss Sandy and helpers set up a story walk on the lake shore about bees and a friendly bear named Benedict.

- Vendors who sell at the Aurora Farmers Market have expanded their businesses through customers who came to the Market and spread the word about wonderful products!

Perhaps most important of all, we set up a donation box for the King Ferry Food Pantry; vendors and customers from the Aurora Farmers Market and Patrick Tavern Market contributed $606 in 2022; the total given promises to grow in 2023!

Let’s gather donations at the Market for our neighbors who shop at the King Ferry Food Pantry. The donation box will be on the market table with the Student Market Managers. Through our markets, we come together as a community. Thank you!
19th Annual Book Lovers Ball Returns Oct. 6 at the Aurora Inn

Ready to kick up your heels for a good cause?

The 19th annual Book Lovers Ball returns Oct. 6 at the Aurora Inn. A fabulous evening to benefit the Aurora Free Library includes dinner by the Inn, dancing to the music of one of Central New York’s favorite rock bands, The Destination, and a silent auction with items for diverse tastes and budgets.

The ball raised over $27,000 in 2022.

This year, the fund raiser hopes to help the library tackle several capital projects, including repairs to the roof, front steps, and side door. Installing air conditioning in the Morgan Opera House, located on the library’s second story, will allow for more use during hot summer months.

Tickets go on sale later this summer.

The Book Lovers Ball fundraising committee seeks cash donations and sponsorships, as well as donated items for the silent auction.

For more information:
Web: www.bookloversball.com
Email: aurorabookloversball@gmail.com
Phone: 518-339-0541

Available for Preorder!

House of the Broken Promise

When her husband is killed in a car accident with his mistress, Anna Lazos-Bishop is left to raise her three-month-old by herself—and quickly discovers that her husband lied about more than just his affair. With a small child, a new job, and an old house collapsing around her, she barely makes it through each day. When town do-gooders hire a contractor to help with repairs and intrusive neighbors push their way into her life, her fragile, solitary existence crumbles. Forced back into society, Anna makes progress as her new job gets underway. Then she is dragged at a work event, a coworker drowns, and her house is broken into. As the truth unfolds and danger rises, Anna must decide if she will fight to stay or be forced to go.

*House of the Broken Promise* is driven by elements of suspense, romance, and humor, taking the reader on an emotional journey of triumph, not just of good over evil, but of love over bitter heartbreak, and friendship over solitude.

Sonja Roberts is a local mother of two. More of her writing may be found at sonjaroerbars.wordpress.com.

Photo credit: Dani Cournoyer

Sonja is Wells class of 1999 and tended bar at the Fargo. The book is set on Cayuga Lake.

House of the Broken Promise will only be traditionally published with 750 preorders. Preorder your copy now and be one of the first to receive the book! Scan the code above or go to [https://www.inkshares.com/books/house-of-the-broken-promise](https://www.inkshares.com/books/house-of-the-broken-promise) and preorder your copy today!
Saturday
August 26, 2023
AuroraFest

"REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY TIME IS NOW." - GRATEFUL DEAD
Come celebrate with your friends, neighbors and local area businesses in that way that only Aurora can!
ROCK ON!

PARADE PARTICIPATION
Get inspired by the Grateful Dead. Decorate your float in honor of a song, band member, album, or just the world of classic rock and the psychedelic vibes of the 60s, 70s & 80s.
Parade Entry Form

BE A VENDOR
It's Free!
Have you very own 'Shake Down Street' as a vendor. Email us or complete our registration form to participate.
Vendor Registration Form

SPONSOR AURORAFEST
We cannot run AuroraFest without your support. To support this community event, email about sponsorship or send check payment to:
P.O. Box 103
Aurora, NY 13026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We depend on volunteers to ensure AuroraFest runs smoothly. Email to learn how you can help.
See you there!

NOMINATE A GODDESS!
Lili MacCormick proudly served as the 2022 Goddess of Aurora. Who will be this year’s goddess? You tell us! Email us your nominations today.

AURORAFESTCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM

THE HUB 6
EVENT DAY ACTIVITIES

PARADE - 3PM
START: AURORA FIRE DEPT
END: WELLS MAIN BUILDING
FLOATS | MARCHING BANDS | CLASSIC CARS | COMMUNITY | MUCH MORE!

CELEBRATION 4 - 9PM
WHERE: WELLS COLLEGE
AA FIELD
FLOATS | MARCHING BANDS | CLASSIC CARS | COMMUNITY | MUCH MORE!

GET YOUR STRETCH ON!
Participate in morning yoga and run along the Aurora sidewalk. Yoga and run lead by Olivia Shea.
Time: 9AM
Where: Wells Boathouse

AURORA FARMERS MARKET
Come check out local vendors, farmers, and crafts people and grab a snack and a cold beverage before the parade.
Market Starts: 10AM
Where: Wells Boathouse

BE THE PARTY!
Wear tie dye attire or your favorite Grateful Dead shirt.
Purchase an AuroraFest bandana
OR bring your own clothing and get into the fun at the
TIE DYE STATION
Tie dye station sponsored by generations bank

FIELD GAMES SPONSORED BY RE/MAX IN MOTION
Games | Pie Eating Contest | Sack Races | Spoon & Egg | Frozen T-shirt

SNACKS PROVIDED BY:
SOUTHERN CAYUGA BOYS SOCCER
Cotton Candy | Snow Cones | Popcorn

FOOD TRUCKS
Pete's Treats | Bambino's Pizza | Muzzies Ice | Wells Club House

BEER | WINE | CIDER
Aurora Volunteer Fire Department Beer Tent | Gristmore Cider Works | Treleavan | BrightLeaf

VENDORS
Our list of vendors continues to grow. Come see for yourself!

GEORGE & GLORIA PETER PARADE LINE-UP
Grateful Dead themed floats, marching bands, Wells stagecoach, Buffalo Bills Percussion Band, Goddess & Cricket and so much more!
Parade Line-up: 2PM
Participants line-up at on Court St near fire house
PARADE TIME: 3PM
Parade begins at AVFD and travels south to Wells College
Please join us for
Live Music

Friday, August 4th, 6-9 PM
LAKE COUNTRY BAND
An eclectic mix of classics of Americana, Country, Bluegrass & Pop.
And their own originals.

Friday, August 11th, 5:30-8:30 PM
8-Traxx
Get ready to dance to a mix of classic rock!

Music is FREE
Food and beverage available for purchase

August Events

Mondays
INDUSTRY NIGHT
If you work in hospitality or restaurants, get 20% off entire bill!

Thursdays, 11 AM - 4 PM
BEER & BURGER LUNCHES
$15 featured burger and craft pint special

Sunday, Aug 20 at 4 PM
COMMUNITY TASTING NIGHT
Free samples from Finger Lakes Distilling & specialty cocktail deals

Fridays, 4 - 6 PM
FLIP IT HAPPY HOUR
With every drink purchased, call a coin flip to win a $4 Fargo Fund voucher!

Fridays, Aug 4 & 18 at 9 PM
LATE NIGHT LIVE MUSIC
Rock out to late night live music at the Fargo until 11 PM!

Fridays, Aug 11 & 25 at 9 PM
LATE NIGHT BAR GAME NIGHTS
Play Beer Pong, Cornhole, House Rules Jenga & more, with bar specials!
Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

**Aurora Brewing Company**

Psychedelic Sushi  
Saturday, August 19, 4-7 p.m.

**Bright Leaf Vineyards**

**BRIGHT LEAF VINEYARD**

**SUMMER BY THE LAKE**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS**

**MUSIC FROM 6-8:30**

**AUGUST**

2 - EVAN DILLON  
9 - DAVE TURNER  
16 - AUSTIN MAC RAE  
23 - JIM E LEGGS TRIO  
30 - RACHEL BEVERLY

**Treleaven Wines**

Hangtime Trivia  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thompson Square and Jon Reep  
Friday, August 4, 5 p.m.

Hangtime Concerts, Fridays, 6-9 p.m.  
August 11: Brass Inc.  
August 18: Tailor Made

Live Music, Sundays, 2-5 p.m.  
August 6: Tailor Made Duo  
August 13: Jacob Shipley  
August 20: Rachel Beverly  
August 27: Evan Dillon

Hangtime Comedy Night  
Thursday, August 17, 7-9 p.m.

Bonfire: A Tribute to AC/DC  
Friday, August 25, 6-9 p.m.
Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“A few weeks ago I caught the Aurora Fire Department volunteers practicing water rescues. They let me take their pictures…I’m throwing in local wildflower shots for good measure.”
BEE Musical!
AURORA FREE LIBRARY PRESENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
6:30PM

The Didgeridoo Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation.

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Funded by Rosen Library Fund
The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The book list for the year is available on the [Aurora Free Library website](https://www.aurora.lib.ny.us/). New members are always welcome.

The Finger Lakes area is home to many small farms and businesses related to the production of fibers for the textile arts. Farmers raise plants and animals as sources of fiber, while local artisans and craft enthusiasts utilize these fibers to create beautiful and utilitarian works of art.

Tours of some local fiber farms and craft centers will give participants a view of how yarns and textiles begin, as well as how they are used by some Finger Lakes artists.

Carol Gyory Fitzsimons ’72 will demonstrate “Painting with Fiber,” a technique she uses to produce landscapes and other nature-themed works.

There will also be time for participants to work on their own fiber-arts projects while enjoying the serene beauty of the Wells campus and Cayuga Lake, as well as the opportunity to sample local cuisine and beverages.

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:** three nights’ lodging on campus, all meals on campus (3 breakfasts, 2 dinners), transport to all program events, admission fees, welcome reception, and supplies for “Painting with Fiber” demonstration.

For schedule, more information and to register: [wells4.me/FiberArtsFingerLakes](https://wells4.me/FiberArtsFingerLakes).
BEE Creative!
AURORA FREE LIBRARY

FELTING WORKSHOP
FELT A BEAR. REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY OR STAFF@AURORAFREELIBRARY.ORG
SPACE IS LIMITED. AGE 13 AND UP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD
6:30 PM

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All Together Now
**Wheat Harvest Festival**  
**August 4-5, 2023**  
920 Rt 34B, King Ferry, NY  
*Sponsored by the Genoa Historical Association and the NYS Draft Horse Club*

**Friday Night, August 4: 6:00-8:30pm**  
Music & Dancing by Donna & the Mystics  
Food provided by Genoa Fire Department

**Saturday, August 5: Ends at 3:00pm**
- 7-11 am Pancake Breakfast at Presbyterian Church
- 9 am Festival Grounds Opens
- 11 am PARADE BEGINS
- 12 pm Musical Entertainment

*For more information contact the Rural Life Museum at 315-364-8202.  
www.genoaahistorical.org*

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**Community Meet and Greet for Southern Cayuga FFA members Past and Present**

Sharing of memories and memorabilia, including FFA jackets from King Ferry, Genoa, and Sherwood Schools, yearbooks, and agriculture practices, plus the one room schoolhouse museum, 1810 threshing barn, GULF station, outhouse, blacksmith shop, and more!
BEE Happy!
AURORA FREE LIBRARY
TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC
RED TIE VARIETY PERFORMING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 12:30 PM
Come at 12 noon with a picnic lunch and your favorite bear. All bears will win a prize.
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THE HUB 15
BEE Creative@
AURORA FREE LIBRARY
COLLAGE WORKSHOP

WITH ARTIST MICHAEL ALBERT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 6:30 PM

DURING THIS WORKSHOP, YOU SEE EXAMPLES OF HIS WORK, AND CREATE YOUR OWN COLLAGE USING THE SAME MATERIALS THAT HE USES TO CREATE HIS CEREALISM ART. ALL AGES WELCOME!

CHECK OUT HIS WORK AT
WWW.MICHAELALBERT.COM
AURORAFREELIBRARY.ORG

STATEWIDE COMMUNITY REGRANTS (SCR)
AUBURN PUBLIC THEATER
LOCAL ARTS FUNDING

All Together Now
Scoop for a Cause

Join our Ice Cream Social Fundraiser to Support the King Ferry Food Pantry!

Thursday, August 17th at 6:30 pm at the United Ministry of Aurora
Aurora Fest
Aug 26
GRATEFUL DEAD OR ALIVE

FLEA CIRCUS
4 - 5 pm

CRUISE CONTROL
7 - 9 pm

STEAM BOILER WORKS
4 - 5 pm

FLEA CIRCUS
5 - 7 pm

EVENT DAY SCHEDULE
9AM - YOGA & RUN @ WELLS BOATHOUSE
3PM - PARADE - DOWNTOWN
4 - 9PM - CELEBRATION @ WELLS AA FIELD

GROOVY CELEBRATION DETAILS
FREE PARKING | FREE ENTRY
LIVE MUSIC | VENDORS | FOOD | BEER | GAMES | CONTESTS | TIE DYE STATION | PRIZES AND MORE!

To participate, sponsor or volunteer contact:
AURORAFESTCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM
Come Join Us for a Fun Day of Pickleball

Saturday, September 2
10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wells College Outdoor Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Wells alumnae & alumni, the Aurora community, and Wells students are all invited to join Marion Schooley Hares ’84 and Jessie Sandford DeWitt ’79 as we celebrate the generous donation from Debra Dahn ’78 that has allowed for an upgrade to Wells’ fabulous outdoor courts!

There’ll be gifts and prizes, food and drink. Come participate in what is expected to be a good time!
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