

THE HUB

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

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Happy New Year everyone! The library will celebrate its 125th year in 2024.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

- Our **Annual Appeal** continues. Thank you to all who have donated. Info can be found on our [website](#).
- Do you play **mahjong**? We hope to start a group here. Email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org if interested.
- Ongoing events include: **Fiber Arts Group** meets on Mondays at 4 p.m. **Southern Cayuga Book Club** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Storytime** meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All groups welcome new members.
- The library welcomes book, audiobook, and DVD donations in good condition throughout the year for our **July Book Sale**. Please donate during open hours or contact the library to make other arrangements.
- If you or someone you know has difficulty reading standard print, Talking Books may be the solution. Talking Books is a FREE program from the Library of Congress and the **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**. Contact the library for more details. Are you interested in learning how to **download ebooks or audiobooks**? Stop by!
- Did you know we have a room in the basement where small groups can meet? Email us at staff@aurorafreelibrary.org or take a look next time you visit.
- The Library has a **drop-off box** for the King Ferry Food Pantry. Please remember that we can only accept nonperishable items.

The Library is open **Mondays and Fridays from 3-7 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** The library will be closed on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We welcome your book and programming suggestions and look forward to serving you in 2024!

Aurora Free Library

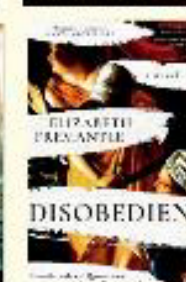
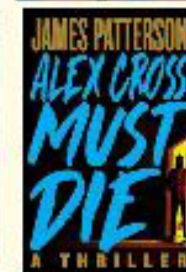
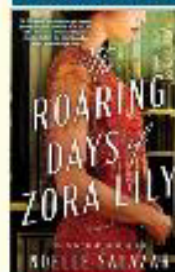
NEW ADULT FICTION, GAMES & DVDS



- *Five Nights at Freddy's* on DVD/BluRay
- *Blue Beetle* on DVD
- *Gran Turismo* on DVD
- *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* on DVD
- *The Last of Us: the Complete First Season* on DVD
- *God of War: Ragnarok* for PS4

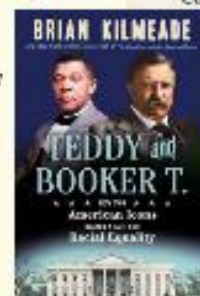
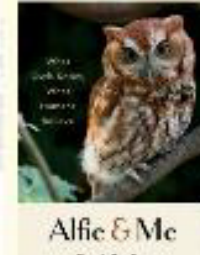
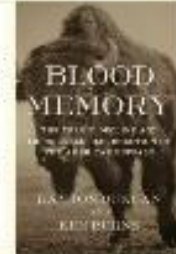
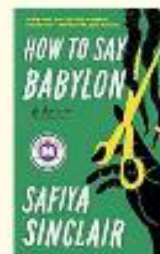


- *Absolution* by Alice McDermott
- *Alex Cross Must Die* by James Patterson
- *Bleeding Heart Yard* by Elly Griffiths
- *Choose Me* by Tess Gerritsen
- *A Court of Frost and Starlight, A Court of Wings and Ruin, A Court of Silver Flames* by Sarah J. Maas
- *The Curse of Penryth Hall* by Jess Armstrong
- *Disobedient* by Elizabeth Fremantle
- *The Edge* by David Baldacci
- *The Exchange: After The Firm* by John Grisham
- *The Frozen River: A Novel* by Ariel Lawhon
- *Inheritance* by Nora Roberts
- *Ink Blood Sister Scribe* by Emma Torzs
- *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
- *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin
- *The Last Love Note* by Emma Grey
- *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom
- *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods
- *The Queen of Dirt Island* by Donal Ryan
- *Queen Hereafter: A Novel of Lady Macbeth* by Isabelle Schuler
- *The Roaring Days of Zora Lily* by Noelle Salazar
- *Take What You Need* by Idra Novey
- *Three Holidays and a Wedding* by Uzma Jalaluddin
- *Up With the Sun* by Thomas Mallon



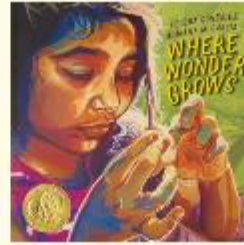
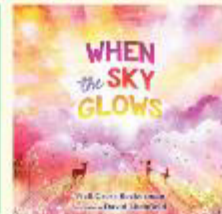
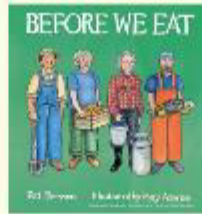
NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

- *Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe* by Carl Safina
- *Blood Memory: The Tragic Decline and Improbable Resurrection of the American Buffalo* by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns
- *Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education* by Stephanie Land
- *The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year* by Margaret Renkl
- *Ghosts of Honolulu: A Japanese Spy, a Japanese American Spy Hunter, and the Untold Story of Pearl Harbor* by Leon Carroll and Mark Harmon
- *Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon* by Michael Lewis
- *How to Say Babylon: A Jamaican Memoir* by Safiya Sinclair
- *Inciting Joy: Essays* by Ross Gay
- *The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000 Mile Horseback Journey Into the Old West* by Will Grant
- *Milk Street Simple* by Christopher Kimball
- *Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell* by Sy Montgomery
- *Raising a Kid Who Can: Simple Strategies to Build a Lifetime of Adaptability and Emotional Strength* by Catherine McCarthy, MD
- *Sailing the Graveyard Sea: The Deathly Voyage of the Somers, the U.S. Navy's Only Mutiny, and the Trial that Gripped the Nation* by Richard Snow
- *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy
- *Teddy and Booker T.: How Two American Icons Blazed a Path for Racial Equality* by Brian Kilmeade
- *These Walls: The Battle for Rikers Island and the Future of America's Jails* by Eva Fedderly
- *To Free the Captives: A Plea for the American Soul* by Tracy K. Smith



NEW PICTURE BOOKS

- *Before We Eat: From Farm to Table* by Pat Brisson
- *If You Take Away the Otter* by Susannah Buhrman-Deever
- *My Powerful Hair* by Carole Lindstrom
- *The Lodge That Beaver Built* by Randi Sonenshine
- *Lonely Bird* by Ruth Whiting
- *The North Wind and the Sun* by Philip Stead
- *A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwa River Reborn* by Patricia Newman
- *Through the Fairy Door* by Gabby Dawney
- *Tree Hole Homes: Daytime Dens and Nighttime Nooks* by Melissa Stewart
- *When the Sky Glows* by Nell Cross Beckerman
- *Where Wonder Grows* by Xelena Gonzalez



NEW KIDS' FICTION

- *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee
- *My Life Begins!* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Out of Range* by Heidi Lang

Graphic Novel Fiction:

- *Cat Kid Comic Club, Vol. 5* by Dav Pilkey
- *PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together* and *Mindy Makes Some Space* by Nathan Fairbairn
- *Witches of Brooklyn, Vol. 1* by Sophie Escabasse



Easy Reader Fiction:

- *Mac and Cheese* by Sarah Weeks
- *Noodleheads Take It Easy* by Ted Arnold
- *Pinkalicious: Dragon to the Rescue* and *Tutu-Rific* by Victoria Kann
- *Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?* and *Rock Out!* by Stephen Shaskan

NEW KIDS' NON-FICTION

- *An Anthology of Our Extraordinary Earth* by Cally Oldershaw
- *A First Time for Everything: A True Story* by Dan Santat
- *The Little Book of Dinosaur Sounds* and *The Little Book of Woodland Bird Sounds* by Andrea Pinnington
- *Marcel's Masterpiece: How a Toilet Shaped the History of Art* by Jeff Mack
- *A Place Called America: A Story of the Land and the People* by Jennifer Thermes

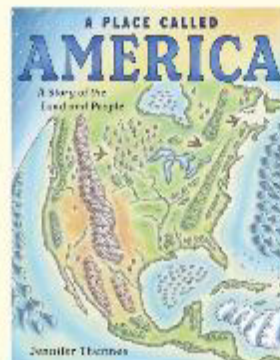
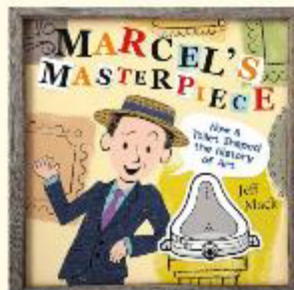
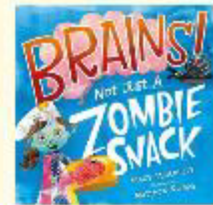


NEW KIDS' GAMES

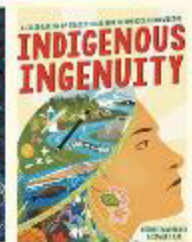
- *Hogwarts Legacy* for Xbox1 (YA)
- *LEGO Star Wars: the Skywalker Saga* for Switch
- *Madden NFL 24* for PS4
- *Mario + Rabbids: Sparks of Hope* for Switch
- *Nintendo Switch Sports*
- *Sonic: Frontiers* for Switch
- *Star Wars: Jedi Survivor* for Xbox1 (YA)
- *Super Mario Maker 2* for Switch

NEW WONDERBOOKS

Read-along audiobooks for beginning readers! Over fifteen new titles, including:



- *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
- *Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack* by Stacy McNulty
- *El Chupacabras* by Adam Rubin
- *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza* by Mac Barnett
- *Indigenous Ingenuity* by Deidre Havrelock
- *Remember* by Joy Harjo



COMMUNITY NOTES

News and Events from the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore

Activities at the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore energetically continue through our off-season. Among our accomplishments this fall are the landscaping plantings around the new parking lot funded by the Stanley W. Metcalf Foundation, the placement of a cedar rail fence defining parking edges installed by Empire Fence, and the completion of a renovation of the Stone Store workroom, which going forward, will be used as display space telling the story of the historic general store office.

Information for the Humanities NY Reading and Discussion Group for 2024 is now available. "Land, Liberty & Loss: Echoes of the American Revolution" will be our 3rd annual R and D group topic as well as the history of the Haudenosaunee, New York State, and the colonial enterprise during the period of our nation's founding.

We plan to read a book every three weeks, then gather and talk about it. The books were chosen by Alan Taylor, a Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar of colonial history. We are hoping to have Haudenosaunee guest speakers during the term of the programs to bring other tellings of this history. Programs are set to start January 28 at 4:00 p.m., with discussion of Chapters 1-3 of *Why You Can't Teach History Without American Indians* and *Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip's War, Parts 1 and 2*.

Subsequent meetings are dated as follows:

February 18, 4 p.m.

March 10, 4 p.m.

April 7, 4 p.m.

April 28, 4 p.m.

May 12, 4 p.m.

June 4, 4 p.m.

Contact Marilyn Post (315-478-1800) or go to the website at [HumanitiesNY.org](https://www.HumanitiesNY.org) for more information and securing the readings.

Please remember that community use of Opendore is encouraged and can be secured for club meetings, etc. by simply contacting us via our website or any board member. Private tours are easily arranged even though we are in our off season. If any community members have free hours during which they could volunteer to help us complete projects, we have many different and interesting opportunities available.

Those of us at the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore wish you a happy and healthy New Year.



Thank You

All of us at the King Ferry Food Pantry
extend our gratitude
for your donations and support
which help us in our mission
to reduce food insecurity.

In 2023, your generous donations
provided for 393 households (2,458 household visits),
serving 222 children, 393 adults and 45 seniors.

Best wishes for a peaceful and joyful 2024!

Everyone in our community is welcome to give or receive.
Those in need of a helping hand will find a warm welcome
on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 9-noon.
We're located in the Ag Wing of Southern Cayuga High School
2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY,
or call (315) 497-2049 for more information.



Interested in the Winter Pickleball Schedule?

Contact Frank Losurdo at franklosurdo@msn.com.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Unity Employment Services participants are seeking employment in:

- Childcare
- Food Service
- Maintenance

CONTACT US:

✉ amanda.mcmanus@unityhouse.org

☎ 315-253-6227 x325





January 2024

★★★ Chill in the Chill ★★★

JAN13TH
5PM TO 7PM

Adult Game Night: Chalkboard Pictionary

JAN19TH
6PM TO 9PM

Cider Pairing Dinner with Grisamore Cider Works (Tickets at Eventbrite)

JAN24TH
7PM TO 9PM

Sip & Plant with True Leaf Design (Tickets at Eventbrite)

JAN28TH
9AM TO 2PM

Coffee for a Cause for Create Kindness

Regular cafe hours with rotating menu for January:
Saturdays 9 AM - 7 PM; Sundays 9 AM - 2 PM

CALL FOR ARTISANS

Market 2/10 & 2/11

email info@northvillearts.com



AuroraFest 2024 will be here before you know it!

What are your AuroraFest theme ideas?
Send us your theme ideas and if your idea is chosen you will win a
prize!

Ideas can be sent to aurorafestcommittee@gmail.com or mailed to
PO Box 103, Aurora NY 13026

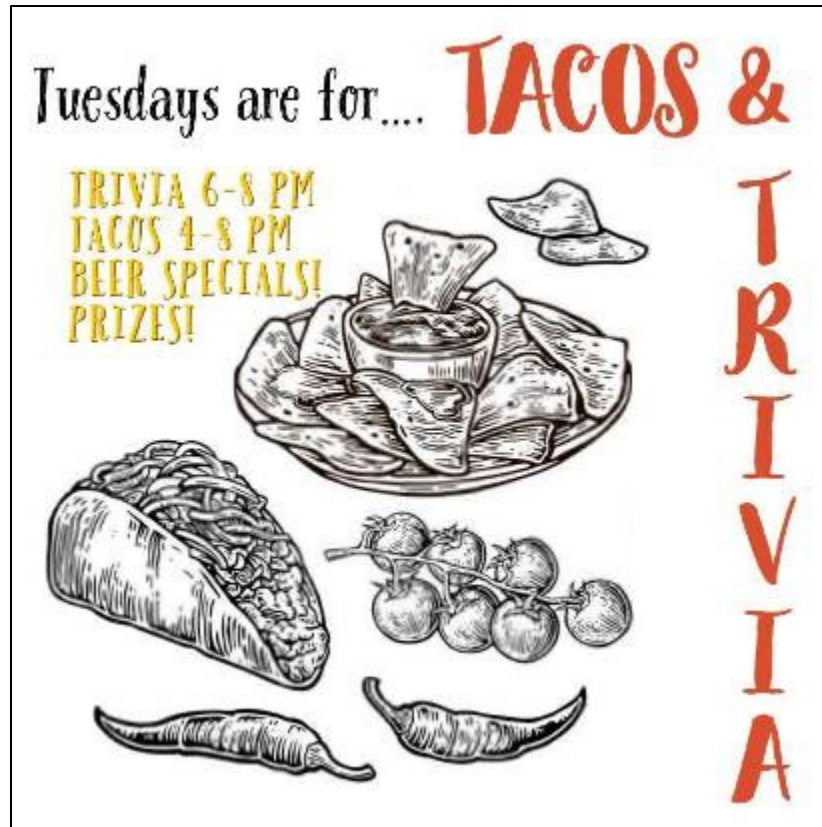
Save the Date: Saturday August 24, 2024

Parade, field games for the whole family, live music,
food trucks, vendors, AVFD beer tent and more!

If you are interested in being a volunteer,
please contact us at aurorafestcommittee@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

Aurora Brewing Co.



Charlie Coughlin

Saturday, January 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Raedwald Howland-Bolton

Friday, January 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Treleaven Wines

Cozy Winter Trivia League

Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Barrel Room Music, Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

January 6: Roadhouse Prophets

January 13: Darkwine

January 20: J.D. and Sam from the Petty Thieves

January 27: High Energy Live Music featuring Bill Ali

Football Sundays

12-5 p.m.

Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch

Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sights of Southern Cayuga

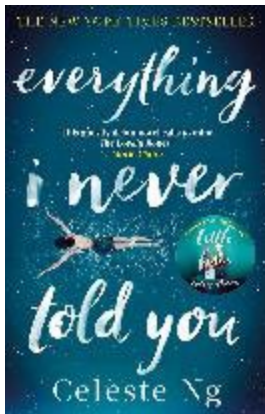
Submitted by Linda Dugan

“Officially winter when the snow geese return 😊. Plus, Sandhill Cranes coming in for a landing.”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Southern Cayuga Book Club



Wednesday, January 3

7:00 p.m.

Aurora Free Library

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet at the Aurora Free Library for January-March at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesdays of the month. In January, we will meet to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. On February 7, the Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Committee Community Read, *My Friend Anne Frank* by Hannah Pick-Goslar, will be discussed. New members are always welcome.

Do you hate sending packaging foam to the landfill?



We have an alternative for you!

**Drop off your 'Styrofoam'
during this one-time
recycling event!**

Not recyclable curbside, Cayuga Climate Action has found a Syracuse-based recycler for clean, white, polystyrene foam (aka '**Styrofoam**'). Throughout this holiday season, save your clean, white packaging foam for proper recycling!

Contact
cayugaclimateaction@gmail.com for
more info

**Accepted
materials:**

Clean, white polystyrene
packaging foam (seen in
picture above)
Clean, white foam coolers

Brought to you by



**Not Accepted
materials:**

Packing Peanuts
Multi-colored foam
Food containers or meat
trays

WHEN:
Saturday January 6th, 2024
10AM-2PM

WHERE:
Auburn-BOCES Lot 1879 W Genesee St
Weedsport-2621 Earl St (Recycling
Center)
Ledyard-Transfer Station
Fair Haven-Cayuga St
(South of Village Hall)

NOTICE:
PUBLIC MEETING ON
NEW VILLAGE OF AURORA
ZONING LAW

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 24, 2024
6:00 PM
Morgan Opera House
370 Main Street
Aurora, NY, 13026

Posted December 5, 2023
Ann Balloni
Village Clerk

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	3 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	4	5 Cozy Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	6 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Styrofoam Recycling, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Roadhouse Prophets, 1-4 p.m. Charlie Coughlin, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
7 Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m.	9 Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	10 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	11	12 Cozy Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	13 Darkwine, 1-4 p.m. Adult Game Night, 5-7 p.m.
14 Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	15 Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m.	16 Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	17 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	18 Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	19 Cider Pairing Dinner, 6-9 p.m. Cozy Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	20 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. J.D. and Sam, 1-4 p.m.
21 Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	22 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m. <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	23 Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	24 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Aurora Public Meeting, 6 p.m. Sip and Plant, 7-9 p.m.	25	26 Raedwald Howland-Bolton, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cozy Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	27 Bill Ali, 1-4 p.m.
28 Coffee for a Cause, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Humanities NY Reading and Discussion, 4 p.m.	29 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	30 Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	31 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.			