

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 Library Lover's Month!
We look forward to celebrating with you!



- We hope you will join us this month on **Thursday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m.** at the library for our **Annual Meeting**. Come hear about our accomplishments in 2023 and plans for 2024.
- There are many events going on this month beginning with **Take Your Child to the Library Day** on Saturday, February 3. The **Barbie Movie** will be shown on Saturday, February 10 and **Lili MacCormick** will have her puppets on display and will speak on Monday, February 12. Lastly, a Zoom workshop on **Dance Into Art** will take place at the end of the month. Find out more in this issue about all of these events.
- Annalise will be leaving the library at the end of February to relocate to Atlanta! Please stop in to say goodbye! We will miss her!
- Do you play **mahjong**? There is a patron hoping to start a group here at the library. Email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org if you would be interested in this **or in starting a group for another game or hobby**.
- The following take place regularly at the library and welcome new members:
 - **Fiber Arts Group**: Mondays at 4 p.m.
 - **Southern Cayuga Book Club**: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
 - **Storytime**: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. when school is in session. Children and their caregivers are welcome.

- Thank you to all who continue to donate to our **book sale** throughout the year. Winter is a great time to sort through your unused books. The library welcomes book, audiobook and DVD donations in good condition during open hours.
- We continue to hear how much people enjoy listening to or reading books online. If you are interested in learning how to **download ebooks or audiobooks**, please stop in. It is FREE with your library card!
- 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.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual appeal. We truly appreciate your generosity!

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 February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

AURORA FREE LIBRARY

WE ARE HIRING

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

JOIN OUR TEAM

- *Creative individual with excellent customer service skills*
- *Duties include: work at circulation desk, processing materials & assisting with programs*
- *15-20 hours/ week*

Full description at aurorafreelibrary.org

Send letter of interest, resume and 3 references to Sandra Groth at aurorafreelibraryny@gmail.com

Applications reviewed as received.

2024 SOUTHERN CAYUGA Community Read

My Friend Anne Frank

by Hannah Pick-Goslar

Each year, the Southern Cayuga Community Read brings neighbors and friends together to discuss a book that has local relevance while exploring timeless themes related to justice, freedom, and equity. This year, we will be reading *My Friend Anne Frank*.

The 2024 Community Read will consist of small discussion groups, not a central meeting at the school. We will be breaking up into small groups of participants and one moderator (either in-person or via Zoom) to share, reflect and discuss the book and how it relates to themes we see or feel in our own community.

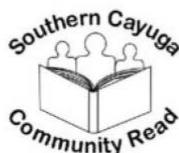


Small groups will meet during February 6 - February 23

- **February 6**, 2:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual meeting
- **February 7**, 7:00 p.m. Hazard and Aurora libraries book club at Aurora Public Library
- **February 16**, 11:00 a.m. Northville Arts Center King Ferry
- **February 22**, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Virtual meeting
- **February 23**, 6:30 p.m. Springport Free Library, Union Springs

If interested in participating, please email elaine.meyers4@gmail.com

**Copies of the book are available at the
Aurora Free Library and the Hazard Library.**



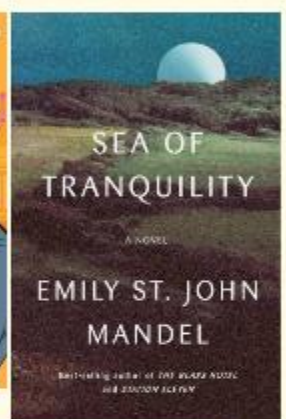
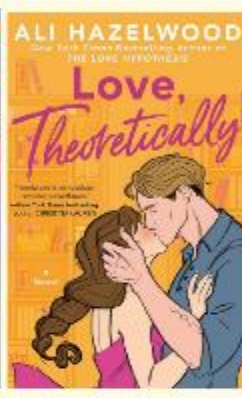
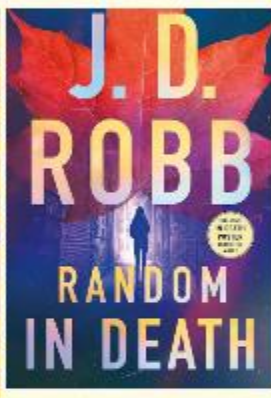
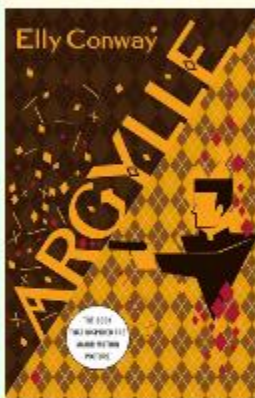
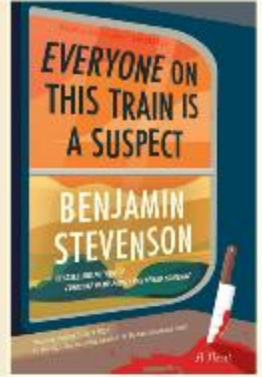
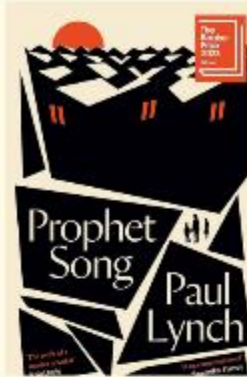
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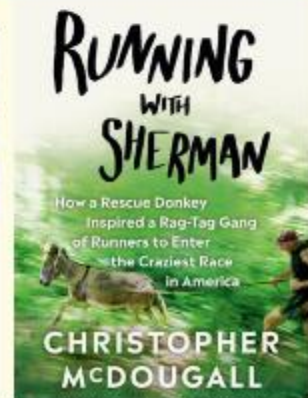
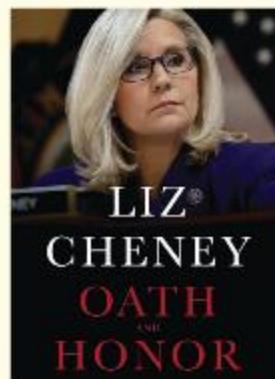
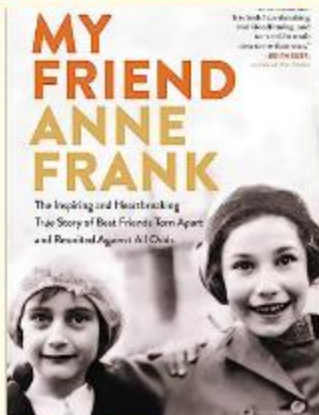
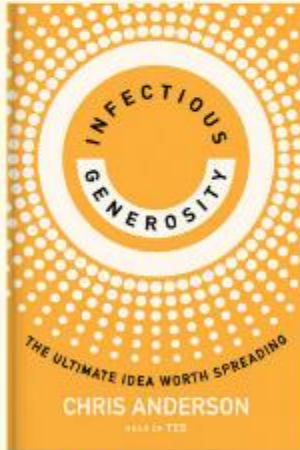
NEW ADULT FICTION & DVDS

- *The White Lotus: The Complete Second Season* on DVD
- *Argylle* by Elly Conway
- *Everyone On This Train Is a Suspect: A Novel* by Benjamin Stevenson
- *Love, Theoretically* by Ali Hazelwood
- *Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame: A Novel* by Olivia Ford
- *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch
- *Random in Death* by J.D. Robb
- *Sea of Tranquility: A Novel* by Emily St. John Mandel



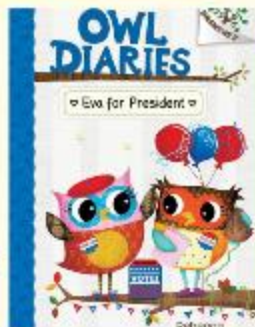
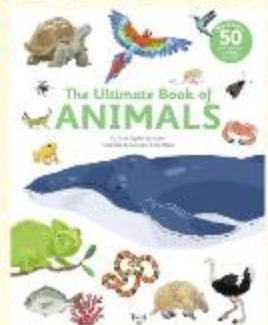
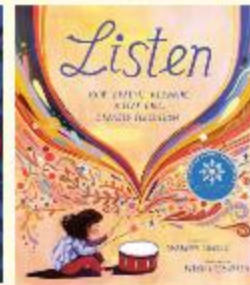
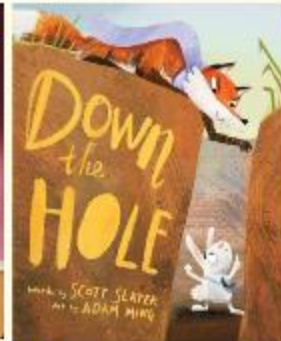
NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

- *Infectious Generosity: The Ultimate Idea Worth Spreading* by Anderson
- *Lead Sister: The Story of Karen Carpenter* by Liz Cheney
- *My Friend Anne Frank: The Inspiring and Heartbreaking True Story of Best Friends Torn Apart and Reunited Against All Odds* by Pick-Goslar
- *Njuta: (Enjoy, Delight In): The Swedish Art of Savoring the Moment* by Brantmark
- *Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning* by Liz Cheney
- *Running With Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero* by McDougall



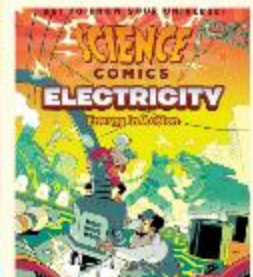
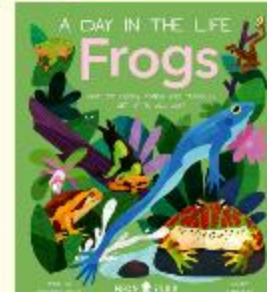
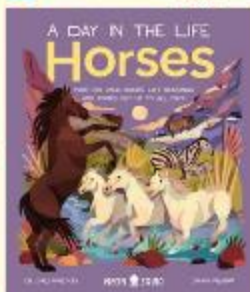
NEW PICTURE BOOKS

- **100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli** by David LaRochelle
 - **Down the Hole** by Scott Slater
 - **Library Mouse: A Museum Adventure** by Daniel Kirk
 - **Margaret's Unicorn** by Briony May Smith
- Non-Fiction:**
- **A Is for Awesome: 23 Iconic Women Who Changed the World** by Eva Chen
 - **The Book of Mythical Beasts** by Stephen Krensky
 - **Frogs: What Do Frogs, Toads, and Tadpoles Get Up to All Day?** by Itzue W. Caviedes-Solis
 - **Horses: What Do Wild Horses Like Mustangs and Ponies Get Up to All Day?** by Dr. Carly Anne York
 - **Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion** by Shannon Stocker on Wonderbook
 - **Paris: Cherche et Trouve, Search and Find** by Laffalteur
 - **The Ultimate Book of Animals** by Anne-Sophie Baumann



NEW KIDS' FICTION & NON-FICTION

- **Eva for President: Owl Diaries #19** by Rebecca Elliott
- **Katie the Catsitter: Secrets and Sidekicks** by Colleen AF Venable (Graphic Novel)
- **Electricity: Energy in Action** by Hirsch (Graphic Novel Non-Fiction)



NEW

Aurora Free Library is now partnered with



A free service for individuals who have difficulty reading standard print.

Come into the library to get help completing an application. Once approved, you'll gain access to a digital player, audio and braille books and magazines, and readers' advisory services. Find out more at:

<https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/>

COMMUNITY NOTES

Dog Control Update



New York State requires all dogs over four months of age to be licensed. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. The license also makes it much easier to locate the owner of a lost dog when he or she is found. Any dog living with you for more than 30 days must be licensed. To obtain this license, owners must provide proof of current rabies vaccination as well as proof of the dog being spayed or neutered (only if applicable). This license must be obtained at the Town of Ledyard, and the license must also be renewed each year. Effective February 1, 2024 the license fee will be \$10 for all spayed/neutered dogs and \$20 for all intact dogs.

Dog Control in the Town of Ledyard is now provided by:
Country Acres Pet Services
5852 West Scott Road, Homer, NY 13077

Call for lost pets, dog complaints, stray dogs, nuisance dogs, sick or injured strays, or dangerous dogs

Office Phone: 607-749-2734
Emergency Phone: 607-345-3139
General Email - info@countryacresanimalshelter.org
Shelter Manager - Lindsay Andersen
Assistant Manager - Suzie Tracy



Patrick Tavern Market, Tuesday, February 13: A Double Celebration

February 13 is, of course, the day before Valentine's Day, and this year, it's also Mardi Gras! (In case you're interested, the dates last coincided in 1945.)

For this monthly winter market, expect to drive away the chill with these highlights, and more. Cookie will have dinners for two, Fasnachts (donuts), and lots more to enjoy. There will be Valentine cards from Ellen

(photographic art) and Rob (letterpress); we'll have a table with some

calligraphy pens so you can sign and address them in a warm and festive atmosphere. To sign up for a box of microgreens—a welcome winter salad—write directly to Vic at vmunoz@wells.edu. (Vic will also have information about custom seed starting, a new service.) Show some love with a purchase from San Pedro Sister Community: chocolate bars and Love Buzz coffee are naturals. Is it iffy to tempt you with chocolate right before Lent? All the more reason to *Laissez le bon temps rouler* on Tuesday, 4:30-6 p.m.!

Any market in the winter is subject to weather. If you don't already receive market notices through the Tuesday Market mailings or Mary Ellen's service, sign up for the former by writing to lschwab@wells.edu to get an update if necessary.

BUY A BRICK! Don't Miss Out

United Ministry of Aurora Memorial 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 163-year-old building.

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. The first installation is expected this spring.

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>. Questions may be directed to the UMA office at 315-364-8543.



United Ministry of Aurora Events

Lenten Book Discussion, *Pause, Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elisabeth Caldwell – Thursdays, noon
Books available in the UMA office. Come even if you don't read the book! Bring lunch and join us for an informative and thought-provoking conversation.

Homelessness Presentation - Wednesday, February 7, noon (email revbarbe@gmail.com for Zoom link)
Nicole Gee from Cayuga Health Network and Eli Gansert, a formerly homeless gentleman, and others will talk about this increasingly serious problem in Cayuga County and what we can do. Come and hear their stories and learn how to help.

Vegetation Communication with Louise Rossmann - Sunday, February 11, 4 p.m.
Do trees communicate? What does the recent research say? What do trees have to say to us? Join us for this fascinating topic, you will never look at trees the same!

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 14, noon and 5:30 pm
Join us for a brief worship service.

Board Games with Connie and Barb - Saturday, February 17, 2-4 p.m.
Tea, coffee, treats and games. A winter afternoon of fun and conversation.

Dr. Arthur Bellinzoni, "Moses, The Exodus of Slaves from Egypt, the Covenant at Mount Sinai, and The Ten Commandments" - Sunday, February 18, 4-5:30 p.m. (email revbarbe@gmail.com for Zoom link)
How do we separate historical facts from legends or story-telling? What can we actually know about events that supposedly occurred about 3,600 years ago? Perhaps the single most important "events" reported in the Old Testament.

Taize Service - Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-6 p.m.
A worship service of music, meditation, prayer, and conversation.

Aurora First Responder Appreciation Dinner and Ambulance Fundraiser - Friday, February 23, 6-8:30 p.m.

A collaborative community effort with the Inns of Aurora and Wells College. Bring a dish to pass and words of gratitude for all that they do for our community.

Praise Moves with Mary Jo! The Christian Alternative to Yoga - TBA

This session will be a worship workout. Adaptable to all abilities. Join us for this unique mind, body, and soul activity!

Ignite and Inspire - Saturday, March 2

Save the date! An afternoon of fun and compassion for all ages! A collaborative effort with Create Kindness, Aurora Free Library and Wells students! More info to come!



for the month of February:

Winter Warm Up!

canned chili
canned soup
crackers

Manwich/Sloppy Joe sauce

King Ferry Food Pantry, 2384 State Rt 34B, Aurora
(Southern Cayuga High School, by the greenhouse).

Donations may be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays, February 1, 15 and 29 between 2:30-3:30
or call to schedule a drop off time (315) 497-2049.

There is also a food collection box at the Aurora Library.
Thank you for your support.

UNITY HOUSE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 14th ANNUAL FRED ATKINS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

DUE DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Nominations are now being accepted for the 14th annual Fred Atkins Community Service Award. This award is given by Unity House each spring in memory of Frederick J. Atkins, a beloved Cayuga County volunteer who passed away in 2009 at the age of 95.

The Atkins Award recognizes an outstanding individual who volunteers in Cayuga County and who exemplifies Fred's high moral standards and philanthropic spirit. The winner receives a \$500 cash prize, and \$500 to donate to a Cayuga County non-profit of his or her choice.

The winner will be announced in early March. The award will be presented at Unity House's annual dinner on Monday, April 29. The public is warmly invited to attend.

Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15. Learn more and find the nomination form at <https://unityhouse.org/atkins-award/> or call 315-253-6227 ext. 313, or email kelly.buck@unityhouse.org.



2023 Atkins Awardee Paul Dungey (left) of Westminster Presbyterian Church with his nominator, Rev. Patrick Heery.



Sustainability Perspectives

Spring 2024

All talks in this series take place on Mondays at 12:30PM.
All presentations will be offered virtually via Zoom.

February 12 *Plastics: Where Do They Come From and Where Do They Go?*

Macy Gustavus, microplastics researcher and speaker for *Beyond Plastics*

Plastic products seemingly make up the world around us, but do you know how they're made or where they end up after they're used? Ms. Gustavus will cover the basics of how plastics are made, what happens once they are discarded, their impacts on people and the environment, how we can make a difference, and everything in between.

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February 19 *Climate Change, Health, and Climate Smart Health Care*

Kristen Kaufman, Sustainability Strategy Manager, *Practice GreenHealth*

The health care sector accounts for 8.5% of all U.S. greenhouse-gas emissions, contributing to inequitable climate-related human health threats and natural disasters for which it bears the cost. Yet, as anchor institutions comprising 18% of the U.S. economy, health care systems have the potential to transform supply chains, drive sustainable practices, and build community health, wealth, and resilience. In this discussion, learn about the relationship between climate change and health and the vital role of health care in achieving a just transition to net-zero by 2050.

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Other Upcoming Events at Northville

- 2/9 Northville hosting Crane's Irish Read & Sing
- 2/16 Northville hosting Crane's Irish Read & Sing
- 2/17 Adult Game Night, 5-7 p.m.
- 2/23 Northville hosting Crane's Irish Read & Sing
- 2/25 Coffee for a Cause Sunday
- 2/28 Sip & Paint, 7-9 p.m.

Looking for additional options for eating out in Aurora?

These three great dining options at **Wells College** are all open to the public!

Note: Dining venues follow the College academic calendar and are not open during most college holidays and extended break periods.



Main Dining Hall – 1st floor of Main Building

Enjoy “*all-you-care-to-eat*” dining in this historic - some say even “*Hogwarts-ian*” - space featuring family buffet style service offering both comfort food and varied entrees, *from-scratch* pizza, pasta options, homemade soups, as well as an extensive salad bar and an array of dessert items.

Guest Meals:

Breakfast: \$7.00+ tax

Lunch: \$9.00 + tax

Dinner: \$10.00 + tax

We accept cash, VISA, Mastercard and Discover cards.

Dining Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday

Breakfast: 7:30 am – 10:30 am

Continental Breakfast: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Lunch: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Continuous Dining: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

Continental Breakfast: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Brunch: 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

See what’s on the menu each day at the Dining Hall:

<https://wells.hallmarkdining.com/main-dining-hall/>



The Well - ground floor of Smith Hall/Sommer Center

This pub, with its eclectic mix of repurposed furnishings and fixtures, offers burgers, pizza and more, and serves beer and wine.

Well Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 3PM – 9PM

Accepting cash and most credit cards.

Check out the Well’s menu:

<https://wells.hallmarkdining.com/the-well/>



The GRIND - 1st floor of Zabriskie Hall

This student-run café serves assorted brewed coffees and baristas make flavored lattes and espresso drinks to order. Also available are bagels, muffins, as well as prepared sandwiches, salads, and other snack items. The nearby lounge is a great place to relax. Bring your own mug and receive a discount on your barista drink.

GRIND Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:45AM – 3:30PM

Some evening hours; to be announced

Accepting cash and most credit cards.



Aurora Farmers Market 2024

Apply to Become a Vendor!

Wells College Boathouse Lawn, Aurora, New York

Opening Saturday, May 25—October 7, 2024

Hours: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM every Saturday

Wells College Boathouse Lawn, Main Street, Aurora, NY

www.facebook.com/AFMBoathouse

What do you grow, make, or bake that you would like to sell?

To learn more about applying to become a vendor, email or text Ellen Hall

vewh2014@gmail.com 315-515-8354

Every Saturday morning in summer, a pop-up market materializes for four hours in Aurora on the shore of beautiful Cayuga Lake. Vendors sell the freshest produce and flowers, delectable breads, sweet pastries, honey, maple syrup, handmade art objects & crafts, prepared foods, and drinks.

Residents, summer visitors, and neighbors from other communities attend to find their favorite lunches, pies, cookies, gifts, snacks, decorations, and flowers. They come to meet, greet, eat, talk, and walk their dogs. It is a wonderful atmosphere. 2024 is our 9th year! Glimpse 2023 in the pictures! Accessible parking is available.

Please join us for Summer 2024!



SOLAR ECLIPSE PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA PLANETARIUM

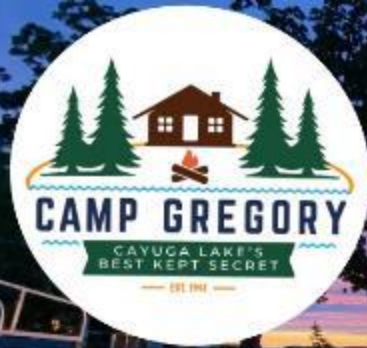
HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED NIGHTTIME DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS? HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE SUN CHANGE BEHIND THE SHADOW OF THE MOON? IF NOT, YOUR CHANCE IS COMING UP ON APRIL 8, 2024, IN CENTRAL NEW YORK. A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE PASSES THROUGH OUR AREA IN THE AFTERNOON ON THIS SPECIAL DAY. IN THE WORDS OF ALAN OMINSKY, PAST DIRECTOR OF THE PLANETARIUM, "THE ECLIPSE IS THE MOST SPECTACULAR ASTRONOMICAL EVENT YOU WILL SEE IN A LIFETIME, BUT YOU NEED TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME TO EXPERIENCE IT." THIS EVENT WILL NOT COME TO CENTRAL NEW YORK AGAIN IN YOUR LIFETIME. THE FRIENDS OF THE SCCS PLANETARIUM IS OFFERING THREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS DESCRIBING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ECLIPSE AND WHAT IS HAPPENING AT EACH PHASE. THE DATES ARE FRIDAY EVENINGS MARCH 15 AND 22, AND SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024, AT THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL PLANETARIUM. THE PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM AND WILL LAST FOR AN HOUR OR SO. THE PROGRAM WILL BE REPEATED EACH OF THOSE NIGHTS, SO YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE. SIGN-UPS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
[HTTPS://SCCSPLANETARIUM-FRIENDS.ORG](https://SCCSPLANETARIUM-FRIENDS.ORG)

OR

EMAIL US AT: FRIENDSOFTHEPLANETARIUM@GMAIL.COM





We're Hiring!!!

2024 CAMP SEASON
JUNE 30 - AUGUST 10

Why You Should Consider Working at Camp Gregory:

Every Day is an Adventure: Say goodbye to the ordinary 9-to-5. Camp life is a daily thrill where every moment is a chance to create lasting memories.

Impact Lives: Be a positive force in the lives of campers, helping them build confidence, resilience, and friendships that last a lifetime.

Unleash Your Creativity: Camp is a canvas for your creativity! There's never a dull moment, from wacky theme days to spontaneous dance parties.

Nature as Your Office: Enjoy the great outdoors, with fresh air, scenic views, and the soothing sounds of nature.

Build Lifelong Friendships: Forge bonds with an incredible team that becomes your second family. Camp friendships are as enduring as the memories you create together.

Seasonal Positions

6 Week Commitment

- Medical Director
- Aquatics Director
- Counselors
- Lifeguard/Counselor
- Cook
- Asst. Cook

8 Week Commitment

6 weeks onsite | 2 weeks of off-site camp prep

- Camp Director
- Program Director

Job Perks

- Discounted fees for children of camp staff
- Free accommodations
- Free Food
- Saturdays off!
- (Friday evening - Sunday mornings off)

Spend Summer On
Cayuga Lake!

Apply and upload your resume at

WWW.CAMPGREGORY.ORG/EMPLOYMENT

OR

[EMAIL:CAMPSPARGREGORY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CAMPSPARGREGORY@GMAIL.COM)



Camp Gregory is a 501c3 nonprofit

Camp Gregory 2024 Registration Now Open!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure at Camp Gregory! We're thrilled to announce that registration is officially open for the 2024 season, and this year promises to be our most exciting one yet.

This year we are offering unique themes and thrilling excursions. Explore a world of creativity and fun with our unique camp themes that cater to every camper's interests. From outdoor adventures to arts and sciences, there's something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our special overnight excursion that promises to be a highlight of the season!



2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Registration is Open!

Camp Themes

Week 1: (DAY CAMP ONLY) - Camping with the Lorax **Ages K - 5th**

Come speak to the trees with the Lorax!

Join us at camp where the story of the Lorax comes to life, inspiring campers to care deeply for the world we call home. Through exciting activities, nature exploration, crafts, skits, and team-building adventures, we'll discover the power each one of us holds to make our planet a better place. Let's learn, laugh, and become Earth stewards together! Come make a difference and have a blast at camp!

"It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

Week 2: - Building for Wildlife

Day Camp: July 15 - 19 | Ages K - 3rd

Overnight Camp: July 14 - 19 | Ages 3rd - 8th

Embrace the joy of hands-on craftsmanship with our woodworking and campcraft sessions.

Get ready to build birdhouses, bat houses, bird feeders, animal blinds, and create habitats for the incredible creatures at Camp, plus so much more! You'll learn new skills and gain an understanding of the importance of helping to provide shelter for wildlife and how it can positively benefit all of us. There's something for everyone, regardless of age.

Let's craft unforgettable memories together!

Week 3: - Mission Impossible (STEM)

Day Camp: July 22 - 26 | Ages K - 8th

Overnight Camp: July 21 - 26 | Ages 3rd - 8th

Embark on a thrilling journey where teamwork prevails!

Conquer mysteries, overcome challenges, and tackle obstacles using the power of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Let your reasoning skills shine as you dive into the excitement of Mission Impossible at our STEM-focused camp!



Camp Gregory is a 501c3 nonprofit



2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Week 4: - Adventure Camp

Day Camp: July 29 - Aug 2 | Ages K - 10th

Overnight Camp: July 28 - August 2 | Ages 3rd - 10th

Gear up for a thrilling week of adventure!

Embark on hikes, indulge in exploration, experience a night of roughing it, unravel scavenger hunts, conquer the challenge course, and much more.

Engage in hands-on learning while immersing yourself in the natural wonders that surround us.

It's time to create lasting memories in the great outdoors!

****Week 4: - Adventure Camp/Special Excursion****

Overnight/Off-Site Experience: July 28 - August 2 | Ages 5th - 10th

Embark on a unique off-site adventure with limited space, exclusively for kids entering grades 5 to 10th!

Develop essential canoeing and camping skills right here at Camp Gregory, then put them to the test on an exhilarating off-site journey, canoeing, and camping along the local canals. Participants must pass a basic swim test to join this extraordinary experience.

Don't miss the chance to make a splash with us!

Week 5: - Into the Wild

Day Camp: Aug 5 - 9 | Ages K - 10th

Overnight Camp: August 4 - 9 | Ages 3rd - 10th

Discover the secrets of self-reliance and thrive in the great outdoors.

Learn essential outdoor skills, like igniting fires, overnight shelter building, plant identification and much more.

Join us for an empowering journey to enhance your survival skills and connect with nature!

Once camp weeks are filled to capacity, interested campers will be automatically placed on a waitlist.

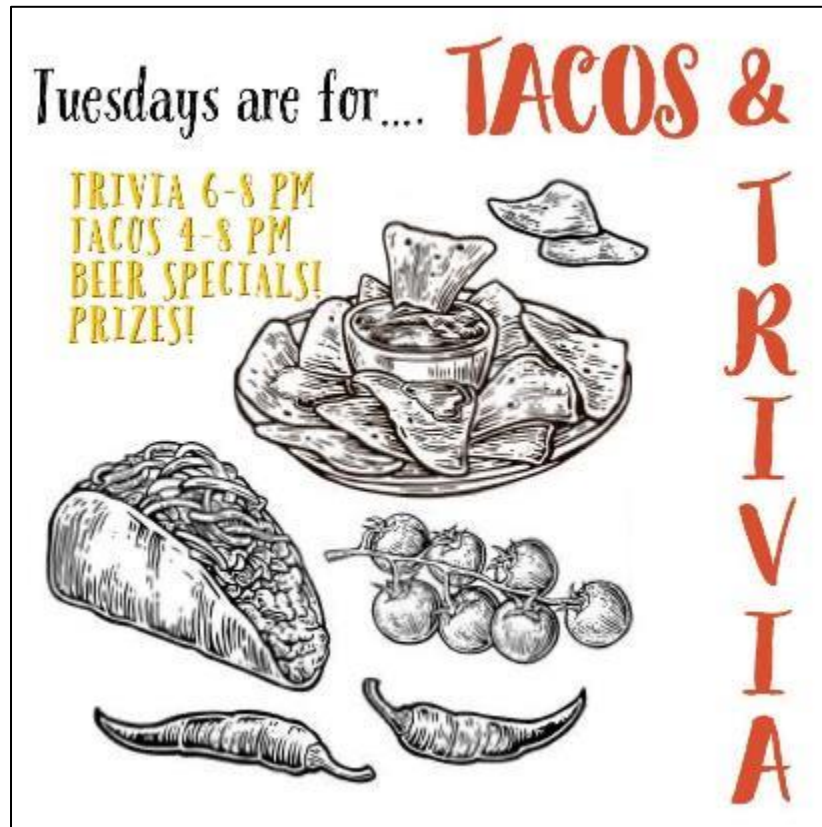


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Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

Aurora Brewing Co.



JD Balloni and Sam Pruyn
Saturday, February 3, 6:00-8:50 p.m.

Treleaven Wines

Cozy Winter Trivia League
Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

February 3: Rachel Beverly

February 10: Evan Dillon

February 17: Dallas Louis

February 24: Tom Chick

Valentine's Comedy Night
Wednesday, February 14, 8-10 p.m.

Bingo, Bubbles, & Brunch
Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

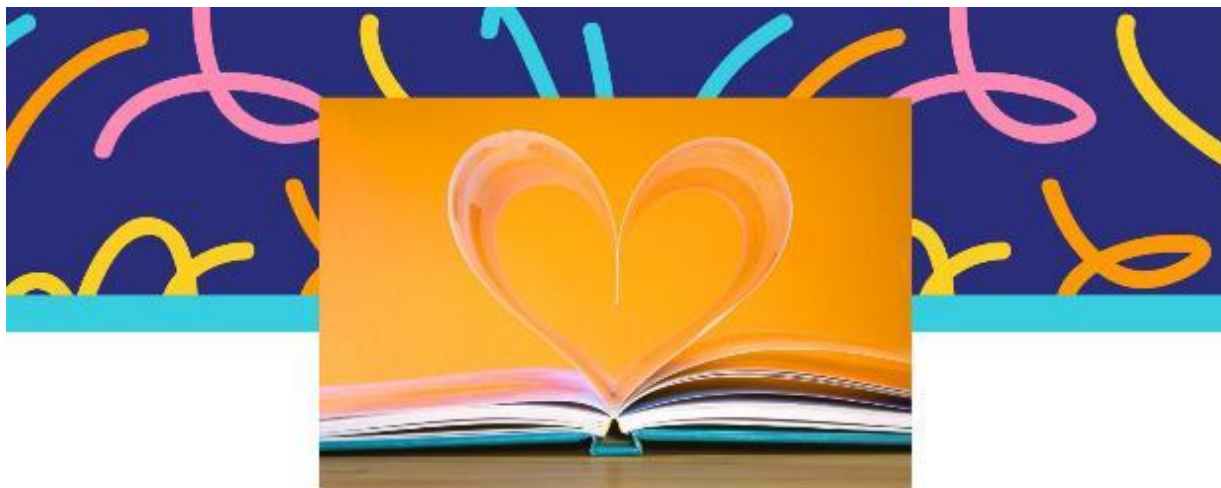
Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“Attached are shots from the morning of the January snowstorm.”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**AURORA FREE LIBRARY
INVITES YOU TO
TAKE YOUR CHILD
TO THE
LIBRARY DAY**

**Saturday, February 3
10 AM - 2 PM**



**Stop in for a Free Book,
Winter Crafts, Scavenger
Hunt and more!**

CHICKEN PARM DINNER



COMMUNITY DINNER BENEFITTING
THE MORGAN OPERA HOUSE

AT THE FARGO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 4 PM

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PRESENTS:

JAVIER COLON



FEB 9 FRI
8PM **BARLER**
AUDITORIUM

WINNER OF NBC'S 'THE VOICE' IN 2011!

**SHOW OPEN TO ALL WELLS COLLEGE
COMMUNITY AND AURORA COMMUNITY -
FREE!**

AURORA FREE LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT



SAT.
FEB 10
7:00 PM
PG-13

*Please consider wearing your boldest, funniest, weirdest,
most-existentially-challenged Barbie get-up.*

Or just a little something pink.

Let's brighten the winter doldrums! All Barbies welcome!

**FREE. ON THE BIG SCREEN IN THE
MORGAN OPERA HOUSE**



Union Springs Lions Club

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Pancake Breakfast

February 11, 2024

at the American Legion Dining Hall

8 Schobey St., Union Springs, NY

Serving 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Aug. 25, 2004 – Dec. 11, 2023 (age 19)

Join us to help raise funds for the benefit of the family of Ana Marsh. Proceeds will be used for unknown medical costs, counseling for family members, and a memorial fund for BOCES graduates going into the work force.

All you can eat!

Adults: \$12:00; Children (5-10): \$8:00

Children (4 and under): Free

Make checks payable to: Union Springs Lions Club

If you cannot join us but wish to donate, send your check to the Union Springs Lions Club, PO Box 150, Union Springs, NY 13160, with "Ana Marsh" on the Memo line.

The Aurora Free
Library invites
you to join

Lili
MacCormick

Monday

Feb.

12th

6:30 PM



for the opening of her show

Handpuppets of Famous Artists

Come hear the story behind Lili's
collection of 43 puppets.

Light refreshments will be served.

Learning By the Lake: “Are You Prepared for the Storm of Lovemaking?: Letters of Love and Lust from the White House”

**Monday, February 12
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Zoom**

Dorothy ‘Dotty’ Hoobler ’63 and her husband Thomas have written over 100 books together. Their newest is being published 2/6/24 and is the topic of our February session, “Are You Prepared for the Storm of Lovemaking?’ Letters of Love and Lust from the White House.” Find it here: <https://hooblerauthors.com>.

Join us to hear more about the upcoming book, the Hooblers’ research, and favorite stories. [Register to attend](#).

We will record this and share on the Wells College YouTube page. For questions, please contact alumoffice@wells.edu or call 315-364-3200.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Tuesday, February 13
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Scipioville Presbyterian Church**

So good to have this feast return! Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Two Special Events during I Heart Wells Week

Talk by Bill Byrne of Byrne Dairy

**Tuesday, February 13
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Ann Wilder Stratton '46 Hall, E. Margie Matthews Filter Hostetter '62 Lecture Hall (Room 209)

AND

Senior Wine and Cheese

**Thursday, February 15
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Wells College Sommer Center**

It’s time to show the Class of 2024 some love during I ❤️ Wells week!
Please join us as we celebrate our current senior class!

Your presence will not only add to the festive atmosphere but also play a crucial role in fostering a strong connection between our esteemed alumni and the promising individuals about to embark on their post-graduate journey!



ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 5:30 pm In Person And Zoom

Community members are encouraged to join!

- Meet the library board
- Hear about 2024 goals
- Review 2023
- Vote in board members

Association Members* will vote on Election of Board nominated Anne (Bird) Cramer & Lori Knopp as Trustees.

All are welcome to attend in person or remotely.

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

If you plan to attend via Zoom, please contact aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com for the Zoom address.

**Association Members are those over the age of 18 who have an Aurora Free Library library card.*



Explore the lakeside studios of the Wells Book Arts Center at this year's Summer Institute.

Study with experienced instructors from around the country in close-knit, intensive workshops for letterpress, risograph printing, papermaking, marbling, book making, woodcut, and wood engraving.

www.wellsbookartscenter.org
bit.ly/bookarts2024

A swarm is coming!

The Beehive Design Collective
 Wells College Sommer Hall
 Friday, February 16, 2024
 Pop-Up Exhibit 1:30 - 4:30
 Talk at 2:45

The Beehive uses images to communicate about the complex realities of our times. The dizzyingly detailed, hand-drawn, large-format banners they tour with are portable murals that come alive through storytelling, illuminating how single issues are interconnected and part of bigger systems.

Free and open to the public. Posters and patches of graphics will be available for purchase by sliding scale donation. For more information about the group, visit www.beehivecollective.org.

Hosted by the Wells Book Arts Center and the Center for Sustainability and the Environment.

Join us for a visual workshop & storytelling on **COAL POWER, CLIMATE CHANGE and SUSTAINABILITY.**
 Gather 'round a giant collaborative mural mapping out the big picture of the fuel that feeds the American Dream - and what we're really paying for it. What are REAL ALTERNATIVES for all of us?

February 16, 2024
 Sommer Hall
 1:30 - 4:30

www.beehivecollective.org

Reading and Discussion Group at Opendore

“Land, Liberty, and Loss: Echoes of the American Revolution” is our third annual Reading and Discussion Group. We will consider the history of the Haudenosaunee and other indigenous peoples during the period of our nation’s founding, and its relevance today. There will be six discussion sessions on the assigned reading, one field trip to the Ganondagan State Historic Site, and one educational program session led by an educator from the Ganondagan Site.

The next session will be held at 4:00 pm, Sunday, February 18 at Opendore. Zoom participation will also be offered to those who register in advance. Email hssmsherwood@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

[See readings here](#). Contact Marilyn Post (315-478-1800) or go to the website at HumanitiesNY.org for more information and securing the readings.

Contact Marilyn Post at madeline4394@gmail.com or 315-478-1800.

The mission of the Howland Stone Store Museum is to tell “the story of the Sherwood Equal Rights Historic District, a crucible for reform in the century following 1830.” Historically, the Sherwood community was strongly Quaker, thus ardent believers in equal rights for all, including Native Americans. The Howland family and other Sherwood residents were leaders in the abolition of slavery, the Underground Railroad, women’s suffrage, temperance, and education for all. The struggle for equal rights is an essential part of the mission of the Museum.

Native American and Colonial settlement history is still alive in this section of the State. Historical markers remind us that we are located on the historic lands of the Haudenosaunee. The Cayuga reservation was established just a mile or so to the west. The Clinton – Sullivan Campaign destroyed “Peachtown” where Aurora now stands. Present-day Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida, and Onondaga nations are close by, and arouse strong feelings among the non-indigenous population regarding issues of sovereignty, land claims, and reservation rights.

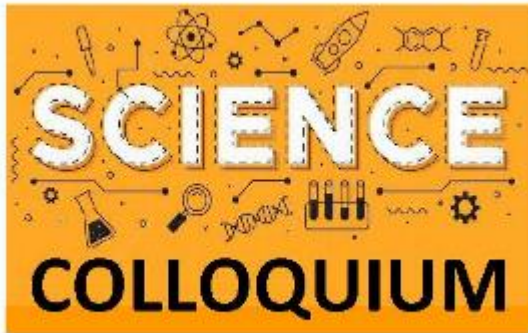
The program is designed to open a dialog on these issues, first educating members and friends of the Museum, then building relationships with local Native groups. Our goal is to understand the history of the conflict from differing perspectives, come to an appreciation of the “other,” and discover ways to address historic injustices. We have planned six discussion sessions on the assigned reading, one field trip to the Ganondagan State Historic Site, and one educational program session led by an educator from the Ganondagan Site.



At Earth's extremes, as the planet changes at superspeed, animals are reacting in surprising ways. With their homes changing all around them, we follow remarkable stories of resilience and hope you might not expect. From humpback whales to mountain butterflies, to shrinking marine iguanas, to ingenious savanna chimpanzees, animals are sending us a powerful and emotive message about our world. *Runtime: 55 minutes*

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 ~ 7:00PM
deWitt Lecture Room, 106 Zabriskie Hall

Free organic popcorn with organic butter will be served.



Spring 2024

Friday, February 23, 2024

12:30 – 1:20PM

Stratton Hall Room 209

Wells College

Wildlife Health and Disease Surveillance in New York State

This presentation will give an overview of the *Cornell Wildlife Health Lab* and *New York State Wildlife Health Program*.

We will go through case examples together and discuss ways that people can support wildlife health and mitigate threats.



Jennifer Bloodgood

Wildlife veterinarian, New York State Wildlife Health Program
Assistant Professor of Practice, *College of Veterinary Medicine*

Dr. Bloodgood is hosted by Professor Marian Brown,
director of the *Center for Sustainability and the Environment*.



Sustainable Business Series

An educational collaboration between the
Center for Sustainability and the Environment and the
Sullivan Center for Business and Entrepreneurship

Electronics Recycling and Distributed Energy Production in the Circular Economy

Steve Figgatt
Founder and CEO
Sycamore International



At Sycamore, they leverage sustainable business practices as a competitive advantage and to increase value capture. A primary tenet of their company is embracing the concept of a global circular economy, in which there is zero waste and all materials are reprocessed for reuse. Immense amounts of energy were invested in the production of electronics we all use. Preserving those assets and reusing those materials is more efficient and sustainable than mining and refining virgin materials. Steve will delve into this industry to explore solutions for responsible electronics recycling and some challenges the industry has faced. Sycamore applied their sustainable business philosophy to their electricity production, installing the first commercial solar microgrid coupled with an ESS Energy Warehouse Iron Flow battery on the planet. By pioneering the use of this system, they've made a viable business use case with a reasonable ROI for distributed energy production and long duration energy storage in industrial applications. These systems will help enable renewable energy to indeed serve as base load power as we decarbonize the grid across the United States. Steve will provide an overview of this system, the technology, the benefits over lithium batteries and general application for these systems.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00PM
Zoom #: 874 2203 7433 passcode: V.&z1Hy2

Wells College

This event is free and open to the public

DANCE INTO ART WORKSHOP

Aurora Free Library

ZOOM Virtual Art Program

Thursday, February 29, 2024

3-4 pm



Join Pollock-Krasner House Educator, Joyce Raimondo, explore how modern artists from Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Edgar Degas, Henri Matisse, and others capture the dynamism of dance in painting and sculpture.

WORKSHOP WILL FOLLOW AT THE LIBRARY FOR YOU TO PAINT OR DRAW A DANCE THAT INSPIRES YOU IN THE STYLE OF YOUR CHOICE OR IF ON ZOOM, USE SUPPLIES YOU HAVE AT HOME.



AUGUSTE RENOIR, *Dance at Moulin de la Galette*, 1876

Come to the library to watch the ZOOM or email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for link to watch from home.

SAVE
THE
DATE!

Warm up with:

- Hip Hop with G-Quan
- Campfire & S'mores
- And More!

Saturday afternoon

▶ **March 2**

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TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

PLANETARIUM SHOW

AT THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA

PLANETARIUM

MARCH 15, 22 AND 30, 2024

7:00 PM

[HTTPS://SCCSPLANETARIUM-FRIENDS.ORG/](https://SCCSPLANETARIUM-FRIENDS.ORG/)

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lenten Book Discussion, 12 p.m.	2 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	3 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Take Your Child to the Library Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rachel Beverly, 1-4 p.m. JD and Sam, 6-8:50 p.m.
4 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Bingo Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	5 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m.	6 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Community Read, 2 p.m. Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	7 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Homelessness Presentation, 12 p.m. Community Read, 7 p.m.	8 Lenten Book Discussion, 12 p.m. Fargo Community Dinner, 4 p.m.	9 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Javier Colon, 8 p.m. Read & Sing, TBA	10 Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Evan Dillon, 1-4 p.m. Film screening, <i>Barbie</i> , 7 p.m.
11 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 -11 a.m. Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bingo Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. "Vegetation", 4 p.m.	12 "Plastics," 12:30 p.m. Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m. "Handpuppets," 6:30 p.m. Learning by the Lake, 7:30 p.m.	13 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Bill Byrne, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m. Pancake Dinner, 5-7 p.m. Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	14 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Valentine's Comedy Night, 8-10 p.m.	15 Lenten Book Discussion, 12 p.m. AFL Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Senior Wine and Cheese, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	16 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Community Read, 11 a.m. Beehive Design Collective, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Read & Sing, TBA	17 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Dallas Louis, 1-4 p.m. Board Games with Connie and Barb, 2-4 p.m. Adult Game Night, 5-7 p.m.
18 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Bingo Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Humanities NY Reading and Discussion, 4 p.m. "Moses," 4-5:30 p.m.	19 "Climate Change, Health, and Climate Smart Health Care," 12:30 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m.	20 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m. Film screening, <i>Evolution Earth</i> , 7 p.m.	21	22 Lenten Book Discussion, 12 p.m. Community Read, 6:30 p.m. <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	23 Pickleball, 10 a.m. "Wildlife Health," 12:30 p.m. First Responder Dinner, 6-8:30 p.m. Community Read, 6:30 p.m. Winter Trivia, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Read & Sing, TBA	24 Tom Chick, 1-4 p.m.
25 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Bingo Brunch, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Coffee for a Cause, TBA	26 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fargo Trivia, 6 p.m.	27 Pickleball, 10 a.m. Tacos and Trivia, 6-8 p.m. "Electronics Recycling," 7 p.m.	28 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Sip & Paint, 7-9 p.m.	29 Lenten Book Discussion, 12 p.m. Dance into Art Workshop, 3 p.m.		

