

2023 Highlights

Thanks To Finger Lakes Library System

We loaned 2,531 items and received 2,982 items from FLLS member libraries.

Ongoing Outreach

Food Pantry Take and Make Kits, HeadStart and UPK classroom visits, SCCS Kalli Dakos author visit, Peachtown and Aurora Preschool visits, book giveaways at SCCS and summer reading Ice Cream Party, AuroraFest Parade Float, Farmer's Market and SCCS Open House, Storywalks, 'The Hub', our monthly community newsletter.

What's New?

Fiber Friends Arts Group formed, Rosamond Gifford Zoo Pass and Wonderbooks added to collection. Roof and Jail room projects completed. Hosted Polished Silver Senior Luncheon. Registered with Talking Book and Braille Library. Co-hosted Halloween Hocus Pocus event with United Ministry and Create Kindness.

Financial Good News

A successful Book Lovers' Ball with high attendance rates and sponsorships. Received funding from the Stanley Metcalf Foundation and Grants from Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund, NY Statewide Community Re-grants and FLLS Family Literacy Grant and Collection Development Grant. Successful school ballot vote, received county funding, and a NYS Construction Grant for an AC project for the MOH.

Volunteer Thanks

Thank you to the Book Lovers' Ball, Plant Sale and Book Sale Committees for their fundraising efforts, library volunteers Linda Kabelac and Debbie Ross and to Alexis Boyce for producing 'The Hub' Newsletter!

Our People

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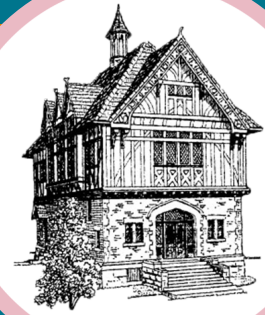
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2023 Annual Report



Aurora Free Library

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Hours

Monday & Friday 3 pm – 7 pm
Wednesday 10 am – 6 pm
Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

We look forward to seeing you at the Library.
Remember, we are a NO FINE Library!

Income, Expenses, & Library Statistics

2023

Income

Operating Funds \$90,418

Fundraising \$55,827

Grant Income \$99,749

Total Income* \$245,994

**52% of total income comes from school taxes and the Book Lovers' Ball.*

Expenses

Administrative Expenses \$117,490

Building & Maintenance \$30,982

Grant Expenses \$104,287

Total Expenses* \$252,759

**Primary expense comes from capital improvements; salaries & benefits; building & maintenance; fundraising; and books, digital, & programming materials.*

Library Statistics

- Visitors 6,994
- Registered Patrons 610
- Total Programs 190
- Total Program Attendance 5,303
- Additions to Holdings 694
- Total Cataloged Holdings 10,497

Circulation

- Adult Books 3,541
- Children's Books 7,158
- Other Items (DVDs, etc) 3,081
- eContent 1,885



Your Library Card Is Powerful!

Your card is good at all 33 libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System and it's free to borrow materials through the online catalog from any of the libraries and have them delivered to our library.

Can't find the book in our system? We may be able to get it from a library out of our system.

Download e-books and e-audiobooks with the Libby app.

Learn languages and research your family history.



More 2023 Highlights

Well-Received Children's Programs

Dan the Snakeman, Movie nights, Author Dan Gemeinhart Zoom visit, Pirate School with David Engel, Rootbeer Float Night, Tie Dye and Game Night, Rev Theatre, Art Workshops with Molly Reagan and Michael Albert, Didgeridoo Down Under, Red Tie Variety at Teddy Bears' Picnic, Catskill Puppet Theater, Take Your Child to the Library Day, Spooky Morgan Opera House, Yoga, Gus, Tween Book Club, Take and Make Kits, Adopt-a-Stuffie and Christmas in Aurora Graham Cracker House Decorating

Adult Programs

Southern Cayuga Book Club, Local author Tom Wilber, Travel Talks, Poetry and Writing Workshops, Fraser and Haas, Petty Thieves, Brig Juice, Little House Blues Band, Skaneateles String Quintet, Klezmer, Bones East, Shepherd's Play, Pollock Zoom, Fiber Arts Group and even Garlic and Lighthouse Talks

Ongoing Partnerships

Triad Foundation, Southern Cayuga Central School District, Hazard Library, Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project, King Ferry Food Pantry, Inns of Aurora, Cream at the Top, Create Kindness, Peachtown School, United Ministry, Jacobs Press, Emerson Foundation, Metcalf Foundation, Aurora Masonic Center, the Village of Aurora, and Wells College Golf Club

Mission & Values

Our **mission** is to provide enrichment through literacy, community, and learning.

We **value** accuracy, transparency, accountability, confidentiality, approachability and quality.