

# 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 2025 to you all! We hope you all had a lovely holiday season and look forward to serving you in the new year.

- I would like to begin by giving a HUGE shout out to Alexis Boyce who is our *Hub Newsletter* volunteer. She does a wonderful job putting this resource together for our community. THANK YOU ALEXIS!
- If joining a Book Club is on your list for the new year, our book for this month is *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. We will meet on January 8. New members are always welcome. We meet at the Aurora Free Library January until June and then at Opendore from July through December.
- On Mondays our Fiber Friends group meets at 4 p.m. Families are welcome to join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. We offer a number of monthly kids' programming including Lego Night, Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, and Painted Paper Art Club, and often have other activities whenever you visit.
- We have a teen D&D club that meets regularly and have had an adult show interest in holding a D&D group. Please let us know if you are interested. Would you like to gather and play another game (chess, mahjong, Scrabble, cards, etc.) or have a group around a hobby? Let us know. Maybe we can convene a group.
- The library always welcomes volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Sandy Groth at [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) or ask next time you visit. There are a variety of opportunities from shelving books to helping with fundraisers and more.
- Thank you to all who have donated to our Annual Appeal. We truly appreciate your support!
- Check our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information. Library hours are Monday and Friday 3-7 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and Saturday 10 am.-2 p.m.

- Be sure to visit to check out our new materials next time you visit and look online for our ebooks and magazines at <https://fls.overdrive.com/>.
- 2024 was a wonderful year celebrating 125 years. We look forward to another great year serving our community. Happy New Year!

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# GAME TIME

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30  
AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 3  
3-5 PM**

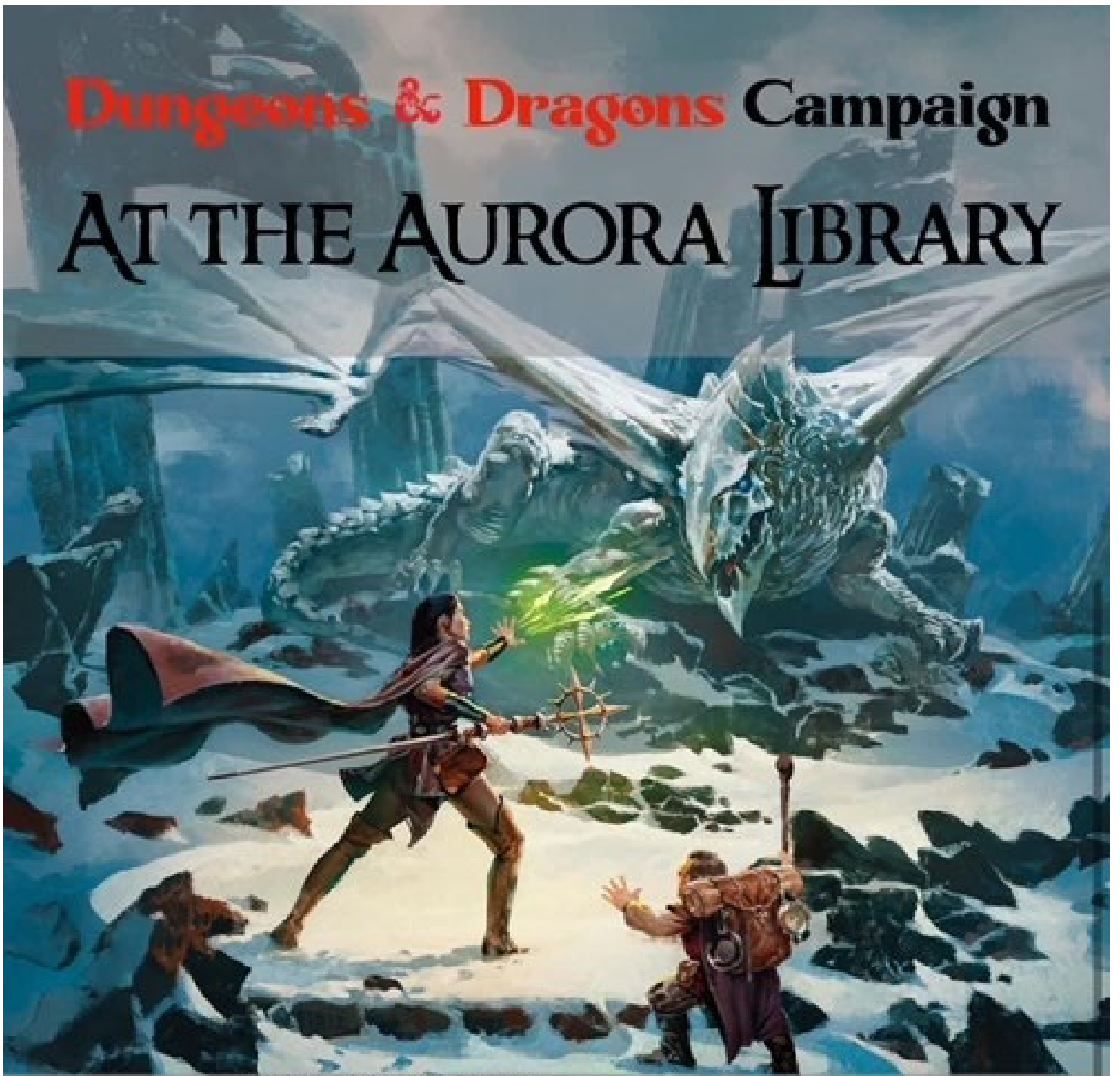
**AT AURORA FREE LIBRARY**

**SNACKS INCLUDED!**

**Drop by our basement "jail" room for  
some fun gaming on our Switch!**

# Dungeons & Dragons Campaign

# AT THE AURORA LIBRARY



**New & Veteran**

**Adventurers Are Welcome!**

- New DM looking for a group to play with.
- Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- If you have dice, please bring them. If not no worries I have some that you can borrow.





# Aurora Free Library



## NEW ADULT FICTION

**Long Island Compromise: A Novel** by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

**The Perfect Son** by Freida McFadden

**Liars: A Novel** by Sarah Manguso

**Shadow State** by Tom Clancy

**What Does it Feel Like?** by Sophie Kinsella

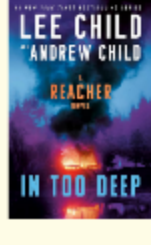
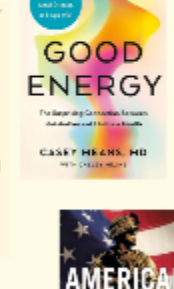
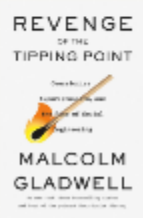
**Death at the Sign of the Rock** by Kate Atkinson

**Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers** by Jesse Q. Sutanto

**In Too Deep** by Lee Child

**Blue Sisters** by Coco Mellors

**The Grey Wolf** by Louise Penny



## NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

**John Lewis: A Life** by David Greenberg

**Revenge of the Tipping Point** by Malcolm Gladwell

**The Small and the Mighty** by Sharon McMahon

**America First: Roosevelt vs. Lindbergh** by H.W. Brands

**Be Ready When the Luck Happens** by Ina Garten

**American Heroes** by James Patterson

**Autocracy Inc. The Dictators Who Want to Run the World**

by Anne Applebaum

**Book and Dagger** by Elyse Graham

**The Elements of Marie Curie** by Dava Sobel

**Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions**

by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey

**Good Energy** by Casey Means, MD

## NEW YOUNG ADULT

**Broken Wish** by Julie Dao

**House of Marionne** by J. Elle

**Powerless** by Lauren Roberts

**Reckless** by Lauren Roberts

**Sleep Like Death** by Kalynn Bayron

**The Art Thieves** by Andrea Zuckerman

**The Hiding Place: A Graphic Novel** by Corrie Ten Boom

**Better Must Come** by Desmond Hall

**Huda F Cares?** by Huda Fahmy

**When the World Tips Over** by Jandy Nelson

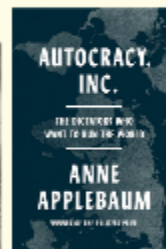
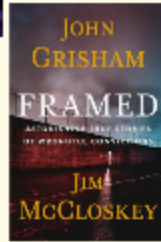
**Not Like Other Girls** by Meredith Adamo

**Everything We Never Had** by Randy Ribay

**Go Home** by Terry Farish

**Sync** by Ellen Hopkins

**The Forbidden Book** by Sacha Lamb





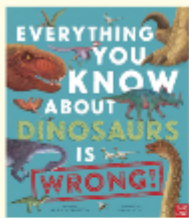
## NEW PICTURE BOOKS

**Otto Goes North** by Ulrika Kestere  
**To Mimi's House We Go** by Susan Meissner  
**That Always Happens Sometimes** by Kiley Frank  
**Christmas at Hogwarts** by J.K. Rowling  
**The Trouble with Children** by Katie Weaver  
**How Do Dinosaurs Say Trick or Treat?** by Jane Yolen  
**An Adventure for Lia and Lion** by Al Rodin



## NEW KIDS' NON-FICTION

**Human 2.0: A Celebration of Human Bionics** by Patrick Kane  
**Frogs: Awesome Amphibians** by Liz Prince  
**The Presidents Decoded: A Guide to the Leaders Who Shaped Our Nation** by Katie Kennedy  
**Dinosaurs: A Children's Encyclopedia**  
**Everything You Know About Dinosaurs is Wrong!** by Dr. Nick Crumpton  
**Big Words for Little Paleontologists** by Lisa Gerry  
**Curious About Factory Robots** by Lela Nargi  
**Quetzalcoatlus**  
**Peacock Bass**  
**Iguanas**  
**Who is Ken Jennings?**



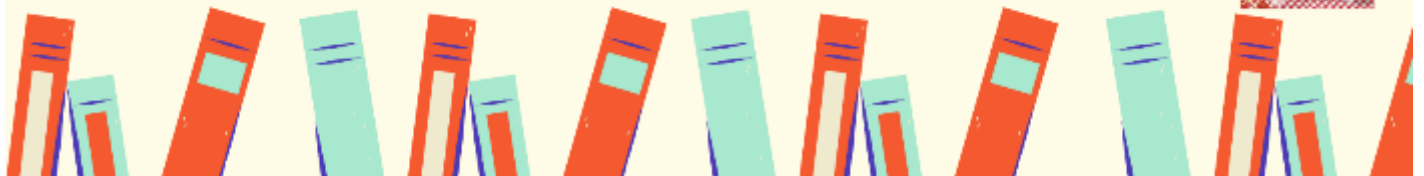
## NEW DVDS AND GAMES

**House of the Dragon: Second Season**  
**Beetlejuice Beetlejuice**  
**Godzilla Minus One**  
**Hogwarts Legacy** Nintendo Switch  
**Sonic x Shadow Generations** Nintendo Switch  
**Super Mario Odyssey** Nintendo Switch  
**My Sims: Cozy Bundle** Nintendo Switch



## NEW KIDS' FICTION

**Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell  
**Boy 2.0** by Tracey Baptiste  
**Hot Mess** by Jeff Kinney  
**I Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964**  
**Map of Flames** by Lisa McMann  
**Night of the Ninjas: the Graphic Novel**  
**Nutmeg All Alone**  
**Out of my Dreams** by Sharon Draper  
**Sofia the Lagoon Dragon** by Maddy Mara  
**Zoe the Beach Dragon** by Maddy Mara  
**Grace the Cove Dragon** by Maddy Mara  
**Uncle Fred is a Knucklehead!** by Dan Gutman  
**There's a Skunk in my Bunk!** by Dan Gutman  
**Weirdo** by Tony Weaver, Jr.  
**Top Dog** by Eric Luper  
**A Two-Placed Heart** by Doan Nguyen  
**Super Turbo vs. Flying Ninja Squirrels** by Lee Kirby  
**Stick Dog Tries to Take the Donuts** by Tom Watson  
**Alliana, Girl of Dragons** by Julie Abe  
**The Bad Guys in One Last Thing** by Aaron Blabey  
**Bingo** by Ellen Miles  
**The Bletchley Riddle** by Ruta Sepetys



## **COMMUNITY NOTES**



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 2024 your generous donations provided  
food for 2,616 household visits to the pantry  
(2,644 children, 4,250 adults and 735 seniors).

### **Best wishes for a peaceful and joyful 2025!**

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.



## Annual Christmas Treat Bag Project

On December 17, the churches of Aurora and the Aurora Art Club joined forces on an annual Christmas project. 50 bags, which were decorated by the Peachtown students, were filled with fruit, snacks, homemade cookies, and some surprises to be distributed around the community. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed helping with this project.



## Unity House Seeks Nominations for 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fred Atkins Community Service Award

**Due date: Thursday, February 13, 2025**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 15th 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 \$1,000 cash prize: \$500 for him/herself 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 28. The public is warmly invited to attend. Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13. 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](mailto:kelly.buck@unityhouse.org).



2024 Atkins Awardee Joe Goodsell, nominated by Matthew House



## Happenings at the United Ministry of Aurora 337 Main Street, Aurora

- Our Sunday morning services are at 10:30 a.m. For the winter months, we are in the Social Room. Communion is on the first Sunday of the month.
- We have a variety of guest preachers on Sunday mornings who bring different perspectives and depth to our traditional worship services - with a little fun added.
  - January 5: Rev. Dr. Barb Blom
  - January 12: Rev. Betty Hurley
  - January 19: Rev. Dr. Barb Blom
  - January 26: Rev. Felicity Wright

- **Coffee, Tea, and More – Saturday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Feeling the January doldrums, need some fellowship? Stop in for a cup of coffee, tea, a treat, take out or stay and chat or play a board game or do a puzzle or just sit and enjoy!

We also offer many opportunities to learn, to join together in community and to follow a Way of being in the world that brings hope, peace, joy, and love to ourselves and others.

- **Book Club – Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.**

January 8 and 15 we are finishing our discussion of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. All are welcome to join in our interesting conversations even if you haven't read the book.

- **Eli Hernandez – Sunday, January 5, 11:30 a.m.**

Cayuga County NAACP President Eli Hernandez will join us following the service to talk about the work the NAACP is doing and how people can become involved. Everyone is welcome to join us for this informative conversation. Also, during the service his children will be providing some outstanding special music.

- **Baha Hilo – Sunday, January 12, 4 p.m.**

The Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church is hosting Baha Hilo, an educator from Bethlehem on a speaking tour across the U.S. He will be speaking at UMA, "What's Going On and What You Can Do," an explanation of the basic historic and present situation and how individuals and groups can help.

- **Aurora Fire Department – Sunday, January 19, 11:30 a.m.**

We will be holding a special collection for the Aurora Fire Department New Ambulance Fund. Some AFD EMTs will join us following the service to talk about the need. Everyone is invited to join us as we honor and support these volunteers and the amazing work they do!

Taking a break from  
the Saturday Supper  
check back with us  
in February



We intend to stay open  
throughout the winter.  
Weather does impact  
comfort at the Arts Center.  
Check socials or call/text  
(607) 233-0070 before  
coming out to see us.

January 2025

\*\*\* Chill in the Chill \*\*\*

**JAN3RD**  
9AM TO 5PM  
*Open Studio*

**JAN13TH**  
5PM TO 8PM  
*Weekend Workers Happy Hour*

**JAN15TH**  
1:30PM TO 6:30PM  
*\*\* Blood Drive - subject to change \*\**



**JAN18TH**  
7PM TO 10PM

*"In The 'No'" Sober Dance Party with Adult mocktails & DJ Doug \$15 per person*

**JAN23RD**  
5PM TO 8PM  
*Game Night*

We are looking for nominations for **Coffee for a Cause**.  
Please continue to nominate organizations that impact our community.

**CALL FOR ARTISANS**  
Valentines Craft Market 2/8 & 2/9

999 State Route 34B • King Ferry, NY 13081  
info@northvillearts.com  
Hours: Saturdays: 9 AM - 5 PM & Sundays: 9 AM - 2 PM  
northvillearts.com

*Schedule subject to change*



## Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

### Aurora Brewing Co.



### Treleaven Wines

#### **Winter Trivia League**

Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

#### **Barrel Room Concert Series**

Saturdays, 5-8 p.m.

January 4 – Petty Thieves Duo

January 11 – Steve Romer & Bradford Allen

January 18 – Dirtroad Ruckus Duo

January 25 – The Ende Brothers

#### **Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch**

Sundays, 12-5 p.m.

#### **Football Sunday**

January 5, 1-5 p.m.

# Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan

“December skies and the Christmas Eve parade with the Aurora Fire Department and Santa.”





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Aurora Free Library FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 7 pm**

**Free - Snacks - Rated PG**

Based on the book *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown





## Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 p.m.

Aurora Free Library

Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. The book club will meet at the Aurora Free Library from January until June and then move to Opendore from July to December.



Reading and Discussion 2025

# The History of Abolition

Discussion groups begin at Opendore on January 26 and continue monthly through May.



Details coming soon to:  
[www.howlandstonestore.org](http://www.howlandstonestore.org)  
Howland Stone Store Museum on FB  
HSSM January Newsletter

[hssmsherwood@gmail.com](mailto:hssmsherwood@gmail.com)  
315.303.2145





We provide the  
LEGO bricks!

You provide the  
imagination!

Aurora Free  
Library

# LEGO CLUB

## Drop-In Challenge

Wednesday, January 29  
from 1 pm to 6 pm

Build LEGO dominos for next month's EPIC  
LEGO Domino Chain Reaction Challenge

Deconstruct our tallest LEGO tower

Make a LEGO snake for Lunar New Year

New Challenge  
Each Month!

All ages  
welcome!

Registration not  
required.



## **Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Recycling Event**

**Saturday, February 8**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Patrick Tavern**

Clean foam packaging, no peanuts or food containers.

Photo from the 2024 Cayuga Climate  
Action Foam Recycling Day

# JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Winter Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Game Time, 3-5 p.m.  Northville Open Studio, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	<b>4</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  UMA Coffee, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Petty Thieves Duo, 5-8 p.m.  Film screening, <i>The Wild Robot</i> , 7 p.m.
<b>5</b> Eli Hernandez, 11:30 a.m.  Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m.  Football Sunday, 1-5 p.m.	<b>6</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  D&D, 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>7</b> ABC Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	<b>8</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Winter Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> UMA Coffee, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Steve Romer & Bradford Allen, 5-8 p.m.
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<b>19</b> AFD at UMA, 11:30 a.m.  Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ABC Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	<b>22</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	<b>23</b> Game Night, 5-8 p.m.  Winter Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> UMA Coffee, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  The Ende Brothers, 5-8 p.m.
<b>26</b> Bingo. Bubbles, and Brunch, 12-5 p.m.  “History of Abolition” reading and discussion, 4-5 p.m.	<b>27</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  D&D, 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>28</b> ABC Trivia, 6-8 p.m.	<b>29</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  Lego Club, 1-6 p.m.	<b>30</b> Winter Trivia League, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>31</b>	