

2024 Highlights

WE CELEBRATED 125 YEARS IN OUR BUILDING

with 2 parties! One in September with hors d'oeuvres, displays, wine, music and a slideshow and then on our 125th Anniversary date of December 11, 2024.

What's New? Lili MacCormick's Artist Puppet Display, Summer FLX Library Road Trip, Lego Club and Teen D & D Group formed, STEAM and Sensory Summer Programs, Downloadable Magazines available on Libby, 'William Shakespeare' rock snake and paper chain, Painted Paper Art Club, joined NYS Talking Book and Braille Library, and held Classic Movie Nights.

Financial Good News A successful Book Lovers' Ball at a new location- Treleven Winery. Received funding from the Cayuga Foundation and grants from Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund, NY Statewide Community Re-grants, Friends of TCPL and Family Literacy and Collection Development Grants from FLLS. Successful school ballot vote, received county funding, and a NYS Construction Grant for an AC project for the MOH. Thank you to Steam Boiler Works for performing at our Fargo Fundraiser and Bet the Farm for serving wine at our 125th Celebration.

Ongoing Outreach Food Pantry Take and Make Kits, UPK classroom visits, SCCS Jarrett Krosoczka author visit, Peachtown and Aurora Preschool visits, SCCS Book Giveaways, Back to School summer reading Ice Cream Party, AuroraFest Parade Float, SCCS Book and Breakfast, Open House and June Fun Night, Storywalks, Hosted Polished Silver Senior Luncheon, Co-hosted Ignite and Inspire, Food Pantry Ice Cream Sundae Party and Halloween Hocus Pocus event with United Ministry and Create Kindness, Great Give Back and published 'The Hub', our monthly community newsletter.

Our People

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2024 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

2024

Income

Operating Funds \$106,895

Fundraising \$65,122

Grant Income \$76,820

Total Income* \$248,837

**54% of total income comes from school taxes and the Book Lovers' Ball. Grant income and expenses are out of alignment due to the timing of receipts and expenditures.*

Expenses

Administrative Expenses \$135,000

Building & Maintenance \$19,959

Grant Expenses \$17,316

Total Expenses* \$172,275

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

Library Statistics

- Visitors 8,823
- Registered Patrons 684
- Total Programs 234
- Total Program Attendance 5,879
- Additions to Holdings 588
- Total Cataloged Holdings 10,899

Circulation

- Adult Books 3,939
- Children's Books 7,813
- Other Items (DVDs, etc.) 2,877
- eContent 2,729

Mission & Values

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

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



Your Library Card Rocks!

Here's what it can do:

- 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 books, audiobooks and magazines with the Libby app.
- Learn languages and research your family history.
- Use your card to take out passes to local museums and parks.

More 2024 Highlights

Well-Received Children's Programs Dan the Snakeman, Movie Nights, Tie Dye and Game Night, Rev Theatre, Art Workshops, Tom Knight Puppets, The Bubbleman at Teddy Bears' Picnic, Storycrafters, Take Your Child to the Library Day, Spooky Library, Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Tri-Cities Opera Ugly Duckling, Book to Movie Nights, Take and Make Kits, Adopt-a-Stuffie, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Christmas in Aurora Graham Cracker House Decorating, and Gnome on the Roam.

Adult Programs Southern Cayuga Book Club, Fiber Friends Group, Gardening Programs, Banog, Little House Blues Band, Denice Karmardian, Nick Schillace, Perry Ground, Local author Melinda Oakes, Zimbabwe Travel Talk, Skaneateles String Quartet, Embers Brass Trio, Pollock-Krasner Zoom, Solar Eclipse Talk, *The Agitators* and *My Friend Anne Frank* Community Reads and Barbie and Classic Movie Nights.

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 and Metcalf Foundation, Aurora Masonic Center, Village of Aurora and Wells College Golf Club.

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, Ethan McCormick for tech help and to Alexis Boyce for producing 'The Hub' Newsletter! Thank you to all program volunteers as well!

Thanks To Finger Lakes Library System We loaned 3,028 items and received 3,478 items from FLLS member libraries.