THE HUB

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

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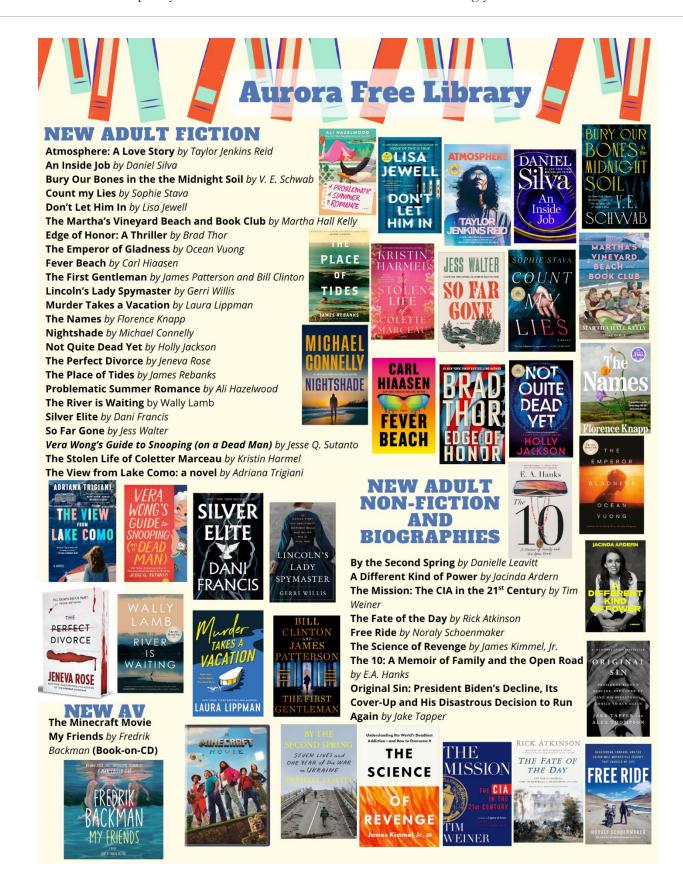
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

What an amazing time of year to live in our community. There have been so many wonderful events and beautiful (and hot) days this summer. August once again will bring a wonderful array of events including the Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic on August 9 and an Enchanted Festival on August 23 which is a new event that the Library and Aurora Farmers' Market are putting together. More details are in this edition of *The Hub*, but please stop by the library if you have any questions.

- July was very busy at the library and this month although we have fewer events we will still have in-house art activities out supporting our Color Our World Summer Reading Theme and there are Ice Cream Cone Drawings to enter weekly thanks to Cream at the Top. When you read this summer there are also drawings for prizes for all ages. Stop by or look on our website for more information.
- Thank you to everyone who supported or volunteered at our Route 90 Book Sale. It was another great success! Our next and largest fundraiser will be our Book Lovers' Ball on October 3. We hope to see you there for the food, dancing, and silent auction.
- With so much going on at the library we are always looking for volunteers. Please reach out if you would like to help with projects at the library or fundraising. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please email Library Director Sandy Groth at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or ask next time you visit.
- Check <u>www.aurorafreelibrary.org</u> and <u>Facebook</u> 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 a.m.–2 p.m.
- The library has been a great place to get cool in our air conditioning this summer both on our first floor and in our upstairs Morgan Opera House. Looking for a summer outing? Remember that we also have NYS

Park Passes, Rosamond Gifford Zoo Passes (good for the whole family) and Sciencenter Passes for the whole family to have a fun day out.

There is still plenty of summer ahead and we look forward to seeing you soon! STAY COOL!



NEW PICTURE BOOKS

The Wild Robot on the Island by Peter Brown This Book is Dangerous! by Ben Clanton When You Go to Dragon School by Chelsea M. Campbell Boo! Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton

NEW KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bunnicula: the Graphic Novel by James Howe Max Meow. Cat Crusader by John Gallagher The Shattered Shore by Jordan Quinn Afternoon on the Amazon by Jenny Laird Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel Sunny Figures it Out by Jennifer Holm **Tryouts** by Sarah Sax

The Secret Garden: A Graphic Novel by Mariah Marsden Science Comics Whales: Diving into the Unknown by Casey Zakroff























NEW KIDS' AND YA FICTION

The Crimson Spy by Jordan Quinn

How to Train Your Dragon School Doom of the Darkwing by Cressida Cowell

Bridget Vanderpuff and the Baked Escape by Martin Stewart

J vs. K by Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft Miss Liberty by Erin Moonyeen Haley

Sea Otter Sunrise by Mary Pope Osborne

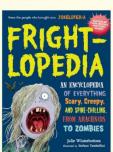
Wings of Starlight by Allison Saft

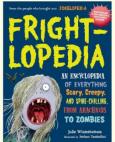
Frightlopedia by Julie Winterbottom Who Was a Daring Pioneer of the Skies? by Melanie Gillman

I am Abraham Lincoln by Brad Meltzer I am Helen Keller by Brad Meltzer
I am Martin Luther King, Jr. by Brad Meltzer
Minecraft Magical Bite-Size Builds

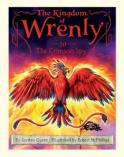




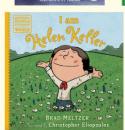


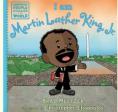




























COMMUNITY NOTES

Town of Ledyard Residents

2025 Long Point Parking Passes are available to all residents in the Town of Ledyard.

Purchase your parking pass during office hours for \$5.00.

Parking pass must be adhered to driver's side rear window.

Questions? Call 315-364-5707 or email TownofLedyard@outlook.com.

Office hours: 9 a.m. to noon - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Helping to Make a Difference -King Ferry Food Pantry Volunteers

Twice a month, we make our way to Southern Cayuga High School to help stock the King Ferry Food Pantry. The pantry is open to anyone living in our school district who may be in need of food assistance. Working (and laughing) alongside other area residents, we organize donations made by residents and businesses, in addition to the items purchased from the Food Bank of CNY or local retailers. Items are checked for safety



and best-by dates, then sorted onto shelves for easy distribution on the drive-through mornings.

In addition to stocking shelves for neighbors in need, the food pantry volunteers work to set aside items for the BackPack Program in the school. Some students at Southern Cayuga are provided with food to take home. The program aims to address food insecurity and ensure students in need have access to meals, especially during weekends or when school is closed.

We started volunteering with the King Ferry Food Pantry about a decade ago and enjoy the camaraderie with other volunteers and the good feeling we get knowing we are helping others in our community, even in a simple supporting role.

New volunteers are always welcome to join the team. We thank Debbie Patrick, the pantry Director, as well as the Board of Directors who continuously support the volunteers.

Jeri Vargo and Anne Brodie

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community?



Whether you have a few hours a month or time to help regularly, there are many ways to get involved, including:

- Picking up and transporting food purchases
- Unloading deliveries and stocking shelves
- Filling client orders and loading cars
- Representing the Pantry at local community events
- Serving on committees or the Board of Directors

Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors, support families in need, and be a vital part of making our community stronger. Your time and energy can make a real difference. To learn more or get involved, contact Carin Kopp at kingferryfoodpantry2@gmail.com, or download a volunteer application from our website.

Together, we're helping to nourish our community - one family at a time.

King Ferry Food Pantry, PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081 ◆ (315) 497-2049
Email: kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com ◆ https://Kingferryfoodpantry.org
https://www.facebook.com/KingFerryFoodPantry/



Saturday August 2, 2025 Aurora Village Lawn behind the Firehouse Sherwood Road, Aurora NY 13034

ORGANIC PRODUCE & HONEY

Heartbeat Farm Jessanna Levitsky, Neddy Baguio
Outlaw Organic Farm Julia Arriaran
Standing Stone Honey Bee Products Ron Woodburn, Jr.
¡VERDURAS! Vic Muñoz, Ellen Hall

WINE & CIDER
Kelloggsville Cidery and Winery Gail Morse

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bird and Turtle Homestead Kristina Kelley
Eclectic Selections Lorrie Butcher
Enchanted Visuals Deirdre Prince
One of a Kind Wood Products Charlie Guy
San Pedro Sister Community Project, Inc. Peter Dalton
Silver Serenity Design Studio Sara Stewart
Wild Geese Pottery Jessanna Levitsky

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Becker Family Farms fresh corn. Available at the ¡VERDURAS! tent.

PLENTY OF PARKING! ACCESSIBLE PARKING AT "RESERVED" SIGNS.
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE AURORA AMBULANCE
FUND AT "THE BOOT" THANK YOU!



Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness

Please consider donating your used eyeglasses

Donation box located in the Cayuga Lake National Bank's Aurora Branch.





Donation boxes are also located in CLNB's Union Springs Branch and the Union Springs Post Office

UPCOMING CHICKEN BBQs

Dinners: \$12 (½ Chicken, Beans & Salt Potatoes). Halves: \$8. 10 AM until sold out.

Date	Benefiting Organization					
8/09	St. Michael's Church					
8/23	Union Springs Fire Department					
9/06	Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) Women					
9/20	Scouts Programs					

163 Cayuga Street, Union Springs

Thank You from the Blessing of the Boats Committee

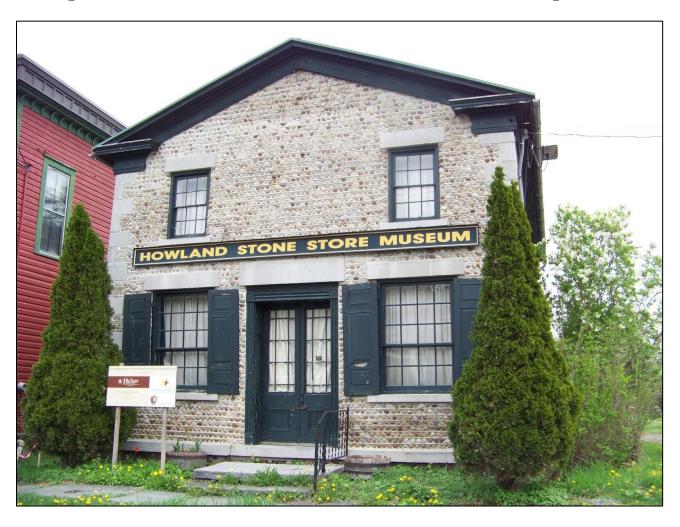
Dear Aurora and Beyond,

Thanks so much for your generous and heartfelt support of the 23rd Blessing of the Boats. May God bless us all as we enjoy our place like no other.

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BoB Committee

Updates from the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore



As July comes to a close, those of us at the HSSM and Opendore have celebrated the opening of two new exhibits for the 2025 season. Our plate exhibit has been a great success and the Slocum Howland Exhibit has captured the interest of all who celebrate Sherwood, NY's history.

But moving ahead, on August 24 @ 4 p.m., we welcome Derrick Pratt, the Director of Education & Public Programming at the Erie Canal Museum. He will present a program entitled "Pathways to Resistance." As a background, the Erie Canal Museum is located in Syracuse, NY and presents the story of the Erie Canal's impacts on peoples and places throughout its history right up to the present. This will be a captivating presentation and we hope you'll join us. Additional details will be forthcoming on the HSSM website.

Behind the scenes:

- Work continues on the plan for the addition of the Hazard Library onto Opendore.
 - Plans for the drainage and landscape project are continuing.
- The new Howland Family Tree is being finalized and will be ready for printing soon.

And finally, as always, Opendore is available to the community for meetings and private tours. To schedule, please call the Howland Stone Store at 315-303-2145, email at hssmsherwood@gmail.com, or write at Box 124, Aurora, NY 13026.

Tennis and Pickleball at Wells College Golf Club

The community is invited to use the Wells courts. Purchase a day pass (\$5) or season pass (\$25) at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

Group Play Schedule (all levels welcome)

Sunday – 5 p.m. Tuesday – 9 a.m. Wednesday – 5 p.m. Friday – 9 a.m.

For more info, contact Frank Losurdo at 607-256-3024

Free Pickleball Beginners Clinic Saturday, August 9 and 16 9-11 a.m. Equipment provided

For more info, contact Jessie Dewitt at 718-414-4756 or Frank Losurdo





August 2025 Schedule

Encouraging Community & Creativity



999 State Route 34B • King Ferry, NY 13081 northvillearts.com Hours: Fridays and Saturdays: 9 AM - 7 PM Sundays: 9 AM - 2 PM

FRI I5 6:30 - 8 PM - Create Kindness present

Capturing Summer: Crafting with Pressed Flowers

Join us for a creative and relaxing activity where
participants of all ages can capture the beauty of
summer by making unique keepsakes with pressed flowers.

Whether you're creating a bookmark, magnet, or small
piece of art, this hands-on activity invites you to preserve
nature's warmth and color in a meaningful way.

All materials provided—just drop in and bring your
imagination! All ages, no reservations and free.

SUN **24**

3 - 5 PM KW Sprague - a performance of familiar covers, tributes to old radio music and vaudeville.
All Ages. Free and open to the public.

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7 - 9 PM - Dinner of the Little Fish 5-course pescatarian feast with Mediterranean flair Mocktails available. 21+ event. Reservations required. \$65 per person.

More information for all events can be found on our website and on social media

CLOSURES 8/8, 8/9, 8/10, 8/17

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Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

Aurora Brewing Co.

Brian Francis and Curtis Waterman

Friday, August 1, 5-8 p.m.

The Soul Benders

Saturday, August 9, 5-8 p.m.

Feed the Fire

Friday, August 15, 5-8 p.m.

Bright Leaf Vineyard

Saturday, August 2 – Music by Rachel Beverly, 1-4 p.m. Food by Azzurri Food Truck, 1-7 p.m. Monday, August 4 – Fire Table dinner by Simply Red. Corn theme, by reservation only. Purchase tickets on our website: www.brightleafvineyard.com.

Wednesday, August 6 – Music by Kevin Ludwig, 6-8:30 p.m. Food by Bright Leaf Kitchen **Sunday, August 10** – Music by Davey O., 1-4 p.m. Food available.

Wednesday, August 13 – Music by Scott Tremolo, 6-8:30 p.m. Italian popup menu by Simply Red, 5 p.m. until SOLD OUT!

Monday, August 18 – Fire Table Dinner by Simply Red. Low Country Boil theme, by reservation only. See menu below.

Wednesday, August 20 – Music by Patrick Young, 6-8 p.m. Food by Bright Leaf Kitchen.

Wednesday, August 27 – Music by Billy and the Therapists, 6-8 p.m. Italian popup menu by Simply Red, 5 p.m. until SOLD OUT!





Treleaven Wines

Hangtime Concert Series

Fridays, 6-9 p.m.

August 1 – Seven Wonders August 8 – ColdFront August 15 – Dirtroad Ruckus August 22 – Atlas August 29 – Bonfire

Acoustic Saturdays, 4-7 p.m.

August 2 – Bill Ali August 9 – Tru Bleu

Grillin' & Chillin' Bingo

Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

Trivia League

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

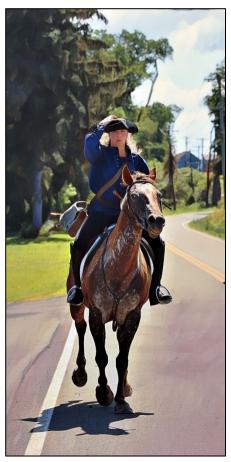
Jazz Festival

Saturday, August 16, 1-8:15 p.m.

SIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CAYUGA

Submitted by Linda Dugan

"A few pics from a busy July in Aurora...4th of July, Aurora Ledyard Historical Society reading of the Constitution and Blessing of the Boats."





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Auburn

Staying Cool This Summer!

Learn about energy saving programs and other ways to save money this coming season.

Come enjoy refreshments and take home a <u>FREE</u> DIY energy kit valued at \$40





August 1, 2025

(Friday)

This Energy Literacy Workshop is brought to you by



5:00 p.m.

(end time: 6:30 p.m.)









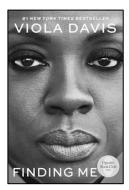




Phoenix Building

2 South St. Auburn, NY 13021





Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, August 6 7:00 p.m. Opendore

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *Finding Me* by Viola Davis. The book club will meet at the Aurora Free Library from January until June and then move to Opendore from July to December. New members are always welcome!



Our landscape will soon change forever -- unless we act NOW!

Industrial wind turbines are coming to the towns of Scipio and Venice and will forever impact the way we see our community. Liberty Renewable's Agricola project will place 24 wind turbines, **each 650 feet tall**, across our rural landscape - negatively affecting our scenic views, property values, roads, ecosystem, and potentially our health.

We urgently need your help to stop this project!

The Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) is holding an **open public hearing on Wednesday, August 6th at 6pm** where you can voice your opposition. Whatever your concerns - economic or environmental, health or quality of life - now is your last chance to be heard.



Please help us prevent this view from becoming your reality.

Comments will be limited to three minutes and are intended to help the judges understand project-specific concerns and impacts to local communities..

Written comments may be submitted until 5pm on August 8th at https://dps.ny.gov/ores. Click ORES Permit Applications --> Project Permit Application 23-03002 --> Post Comments. Comments may also be emailed to ores.comments@dps.nylgov.

Please join us on <u>August 6th at the Hilton Garden in Auburn</u> for this Public Comment Hearing regarding the Agricola Wind Project. **Tailgating begins at 4:30 with a free pizza slice for the first 200 people.** *Public comments begin at 6:00pm* and end when the last person is heard.

For more information and more ways you can be involved, please visit us on Facebook or at: www.AllianceToPreserveTheFingerLakes.com

SALT POINT SPEAKER SERIES





Ospreys Abound: Safer Habitats/Reliable Electricity Presented by Rosanna Hyde and Paul Paradine

Thursday, August 7, 2025 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Rd, Lansing, NY 14882

Free and open to the public

Description: This talk will focus on the Osprey Outage Mitigation Program, which aims to provide safe nesting sites for osprey while increasing service reliability for electric customers throughout New York State. The program proactively installs nest boxes and fiberglass risers on utility poles and relocates new nests from hazardous locations on electric wires to safer boxes during the designated off-season. Osprey, a magnificent species cherished by the birding community throughout New York State, benefit greatly from this initiative.

Presenters:



Rosanna Hyde, Avangrid Rotational Graduate

After completing three summer internships with the RG&E and NYSEG Vegetation Management Team, Rosanna joined Avangrid full-time in August 2024 as part of the Rotational Graduate Program. One of her notable ongoing projects is the Osprey Outage Mitigation Program which she has further developed and formalized during her tenure. Rosanna has arranged conservation learning opportunities for students in the Finger Lake Region, is working toward her Pollinator Steward Certification, and is excited to continue learning and innovating for conservation in the future.



Paul Paradine, Manager of RG&E and NYSEG Vegetation Management

Paul founded the Osprey Outage Mitigation Program in 2009 to provide safe nesting platforms for Ospreys, significantly boosting their population in the region. His initiative has led to nearly 200 managed nests, helping to ensure the species' recovery. As a Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, Paul actively contributes to various environmental committees and projects, enhancing local greenspaces and wildlife habitats. He has created pollinator gardens, installed bat boxes, and supported habitat-improvement projects, making a long-lasting impact on Ithaca's environment and community.

Salt Point is managed by the Friends of Salt Point Ltd., a 501(c)(3) organization, in cooperation with the Town of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, visit www.saltpointlansing.org

Contact: Robert Rieger RobertHRieger@gmail.com 607-283-3032









& MUSIC

AUGUST 10, 2025, 12-3:30

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FOOD AND A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SPCA FUNDRAISER!

FOOD BY PETE'S TREATS AND DUGAN'S
COUNTRY GRILL, MUSIC BY RIVER LYNCH,
DOG & FAMILY FRIENDLY

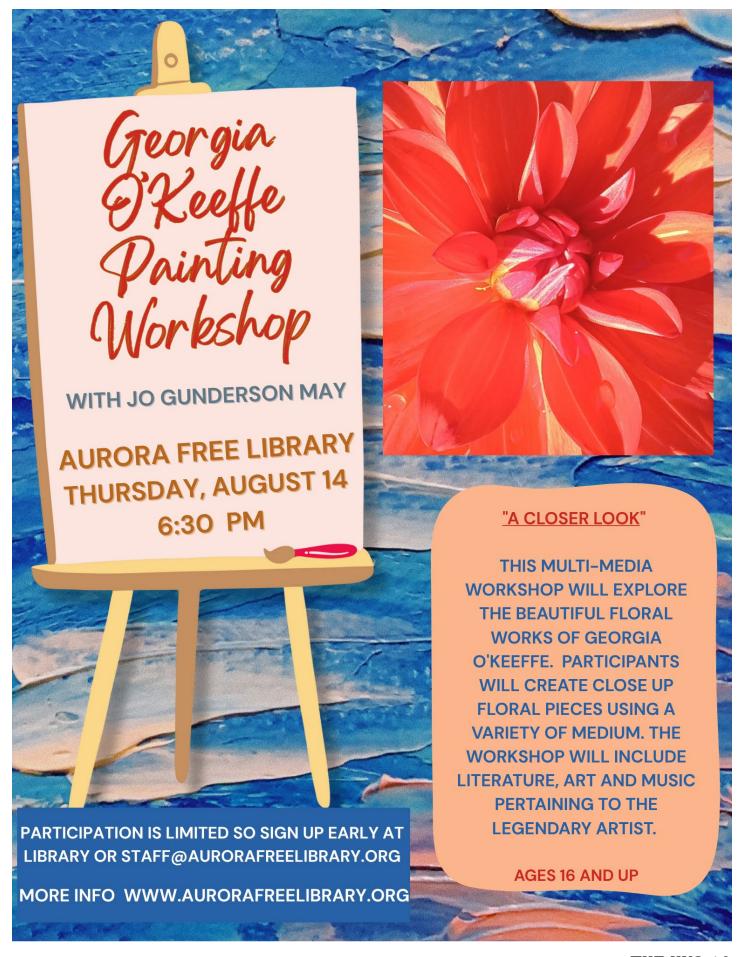
HELD AT THE APPLE STATION 5279 CROSS RD, CAYUGA, NY 13034





PREFERRED TEAM SIGN UP BY AUGUST 7TH @ FLSPCAOFCNY.ORG.

SAME DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED.
TOURNEY STARTS AT 1:30.





STARTS AT 6:30 PM



TO SCOOP ICE CREAM NEEDED!

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SCOOP FOR A CAUSE

A COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

UNITED MINISTRY
OF AURORA

FREE ICE CREAM & LAWN GAMES

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY ARE WELCOMED

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Follow the Fairy Door Trail SATURDAY, **AUGUST 23** 10 AM - 2 PM

VILLAGE OF **AURORA, NY**

Create Fairy, Pirate, Mermaid & Dragon **Crafts**



Meet the Dragon, if you dare!





Visit the Treasure Elf & Pick a Trinket



Feast on Yummy Treats at the Farmers' Market, Ward's Food Truck, and **Firehouse**

Start at the **Aurora Free** Library or the **Aurora Farmers' Market to pick** up your **Enchanted** Festival map!



Play Mermaid Mini Golf at the Library

aurorafreelibrary.org or Facebook for more information **Funded by Rosen Library Fund**



Choral Concert

Friday, August 29
7pm
Morgan Opera House
370 Main St., Aurora NY

Join us for an evening of choral music, in a variety of musical styles, in the beautiful and historic Morgan Opera House

Admission is free. Donations at the door are greatly appreciated.

Want to sing with us?

There's still time to sign up. Email <u>socacoch@gmail.com</u> for more information, or scan the QR code below.

Don't want to sing but still want to support us?

We'd love for you to be part of our community! Email socacoch@gmail.com to ask about opportunities to donate time and/or financial resources, or to sponsor a singer.





Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual Book Lovers' Ball, Friday, October 3rd, 2025

-Trefeaven Winery-

We are thrilled to welcome Brass, Inc, winner of the SAMMY People's Choice

Award for Best Band to the stage this year!

Featuring a delicious dinner by Farm in the Willows Chef Tracy Wildrick, local beer and wines, and, as always, a phenomenal silent auction,

this is an event not to be missed!

Tickets and info available at: www.bookloversball.com

AUGUST 2025								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					1 Pickleball, 9 a.m. "Staying Cool," 5 p.m. Seven Wonders, 6-9 p.m. Brian Francis and Curtis Waterman, 5-8 p.m.	2 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m12 p.m. Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. Rachel Beverly, 1-4 p.m. Bill Ali, 4-7 p.m.		
3 Grillin' and Chillin' Bingo, 12-6 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m.	4 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Fire Table Dinner, 6 p.m.	5 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.	6 Pickleball, 5 p.m. Kevin Ludwig, 6-8:30 p.m. ORES hearing 6 p.m. Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	7 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m. "Ospreys Abound," 7-8:15 p.m.	8 Pickleball, 9 a.m. ColdFront, 6-9 p.m.	9 Pickleball Beginners, 9-11 a.m. Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. Lions Club BBQ, 10 a.m. Teddy Bears' Picnic, 12 p.m. Tru Bleu, 4-7 p.m. The Soul Benders, 5-8 p.m.		
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