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

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

As summer comes to a close we want to thank everyone who visited the library or attended one of our events. We enjoyed sharing our summer with you! Our Enchanted Festival last weekend was a great way to end the summer. Many thanks to all who participated and volunteered their time to make it such a wonderful community event!

- Although fall at the library will not be as busy as summer, we do have a number of programs planned. **Storytime** will start up again mid-September and we look forward to regular visits from Peachtown and the Aurora Preschool. Our **Gardening Guru** Liz Snyder of True Leaf Designs will give a fall talk at the end of the month on September 29. **Lego Club** will take place on Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 19. All ages are welcome! Our **Book Lovers' Ball Fundraiser** will take place on Friday, October 3 (sign up by September 15 for early-bird pricing) and our **Book Lovers' Ball author**, Sheila Myers, will speak on October 5. Copies of her book, *The Truth of Who You Are*, will be available for check out this month.
- If you are interested in volunteering at the library, please email Director, Sandy Groth at aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or ask next time you visit. We have a variety of opportunities based on your interest and skill set.
- Lastly, it is Library Card Sign-Up Month- "One Card, Endless Possibilities." The library has so many wonderful items to read, but remember we also have items to take out including 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. We also loan out puzzles and games and have downloadable magazines, books and more! We welcome suggestions that you may have for how we can serve you best. See you soon!

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.



Join us for fun stories, songs and other early literacy activities. Meet and play with other young families.

<u>Begins</u>

Wednesday, September 17th

9:30 am

(Doors open at 9 am)
SEE YOU THEN!

**Storytime meets during the school year when school is in session.

aurorafreelibrary.org

Funded by the Rosen Library Fund

Please join us for the 21st annual



Friday, October 3rd, 2025 | 6 = 10 pm Treleaven Winery | 658 Lake Rd. | King Ferry, NY Local Wine & Beer | Dinner | Silent Auction | Dancing to Brass, Inc.

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS













Event is open seating | Ticket price: \$125 until September 15th.

To guarantee group seating, a table can be purchased for \$1,000

Thereafter, ticket prices will increase to \$150 | A table can be purchased for \$1,200

All tickets include dinner, dancing, local wine and beer, and a spectacular silent auction

Tickets available at: www.bookloversball.com, or make checks payable to The Aurora Free Library c/o Book Lovers' Ball, PO Box 85, Aurora, NY 13026 Inquiries: 518.339.0541

Proceeds benefit Aurora Free Library, a nonprofit organization

Aurora Free Library

NEW ADULT FICTION

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

Culpability by Bruce Holsinger

Tomlimson's Wake by Randy Wayne White Hemlock and Silver by T. Kingfisher Finding Grace by Loretta Rothschild The Girl I Was by Jeneva Rose

The Great Mann by Kyra Davis Lurie The Hamptons Lawyer by James Patterson The Listeners by Maggie Stiefvater

Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure by Rhys Bowen Rober Ludium's The Bourne Escape by Brian Freeman

Rose in Chains by Julie Soto

She Didn't See It Coming by Shari Lapena Silver Elite by Dani Francis

Spectacular Things by Beck Dorey-Stein The Teacher by Freida McFadden

These Summer Storms by Sarah MacLean Too Old for This by Samantha Downing Under the Stars by Beatriz Williams

We Are All Guilty Here by Karin Slaughter

The Whyte Python World Tour: A Novel by Travis Kennedy



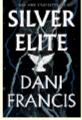


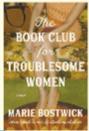








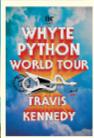






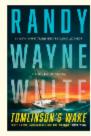


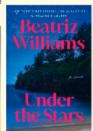


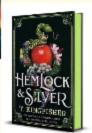












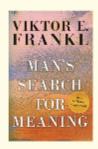


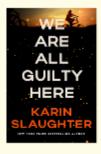


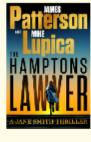
Man's Search For Meaning by Victor Frankl This Dog Will Change Your Life by Elias Weiss Friedman













NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Aggie and the Ghost by Matthew Forsythe All the Hulk Feels by Dan Santat

The Baby Who Stayed Awake Forever by Sandra Salsbury Bob the Vampire Snail by Andrea Zuill

The Day the Books Disappeared by Joanna Ho

Ellie Has a Secret by Amelia Bothe

Ghouldilocks and the Three Ghosts by Annie Sullivan

Hello Hello Numbers by Brendan Wenzel

Island Storm by Brian Floca

Kitty vs. Kindergarten by Martha Freeman The Marvelous Now by Angela DiTerlizzi

The Pie That Molly Grew by Sue Heavenrich







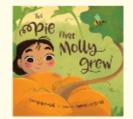


















NEW KIDS' FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Another by Paul Tremblay

Eva and the New Teacher by Rebecco Elliott

Fireworks Night by Cam Higgins

Guardian of the Sea by Jordan Quinn

Herd You Loud and Clear by Cam Higgins

A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation by Pablo Cartaya

Home is Where the Heart Is by Cam Higgins

The Library of Unruly Treasures by Jeanne Birdsall

Magic of the Wizard Dragon by Tracey West

Path of the Winter Beast By Jordan Quinn

Raised in a Barn by Cam Higgins

Snoop by Gordon Korman

The How-To Cookbook for Young Foodies by Joanna Saltz





Grumpy Monkey: School Stinks by Suzanne Lang Karen's Ghost by Ann Martin

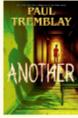
Pizza and Taco Best Party Ever! by Stephen Shaskan Wish I was a Baller by Amar Shah







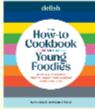






























COMMUNITY NOTES



Cayuga County Health Department is conducting a survey about the health status of Cayuga County residents.







2 WAYS TO TAKE THE SURVEY:

Follow the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQ8G7QZ

Scan the QR code



Your thoughts and opinions help shape the programs and services provided to Cayuga County residents.



"From Main to the Kicking Tree: Daily Walks in Aurora, ca. 1905"

Experience Aurora around the turn of the last century in the upcoming show at Patrick Tavern, 302 Main St. From Wells College's opening in 1868 for many decades, students were required to walk about a mile each day. The most usual walk began at Main Building and went north to a big elm tree on the west side of the street, not quite opposite Sherwood Rd., which came to be called the Kicking Tree.

From about 1905 to 1910, Henry A. Morgan (a son of Edwin B. Morgan, and in his turn a community leader) had photographed and printed a series of postcards of Aurora, offered both in black and white and hand-colored. A few years earlier, the Kodak Brownie camera had made photography accessible to anyone, and Wells students took to it enthusiastically. Some of their scrapbooks of candid photos joined the Wells yearbook, The Cardinal, as a record of their times.

This show combines formal postcards and informal snapshots for a glimpse of the daily walks along Aurora's Main Street, and some other popular destinations, from the shoreline to the waterfalls. The display is self-guided, free, and accessible to all. Watch for the opening date and celebration.

♥ The Ripple Effect **♥** Grow Food. Give Back. Fight Food Insecurity

Did you know your garden can help fight hunger in our community? Whether you're growing herbs on your windowsill or veggies in your backyard, you can make a big difference. Every seed planted is a step toward food security for our neighbors in need. Grow what you can. Share the extra!

Fresh produce is in high demand at the Pantry, and donations from local gardeners help us offer healthier, more flavorful options to those we serve.

We know it has been a hot and dry summer in our community.

But maybe you're lucky enough to have extra

tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash, or herbs.
You can donate them to King Ferry Food Pantry!

Every little bit helps.

Fresh produce is accepted on first and third weekends Fridays (2:15-3:15 p.m.) Saturdays (7:30-8:30 a.m.)

> King Ferry Food Pantry at Southern Cayuga High School 2384 State Route 34B Aurora, NY 13026

For more information call (315) 497-2049

2026 PARK CITY, UTAH SKI TRIP

Sat, March 7 – Sat, March 14, 2026 \$1,900* per person (does NOT include lift tickets)



The Finger Lakes Ski Club is excited to hit Park City, Utah next season, featuring two amazing ski resorts: Park City/Canyons and Deer Valley. Less than an hour from Salt Lake City, this fun ski town has it all! Park City resort merged with Canyons 10 years ago, making it one of the largest ski areas in North America with 40 lifts, 330 trails and 3,200 feet of vertical. Deer Valley, just down the road, is a high-end resort featuring the famed St. Regis Hotel and Stein Eriksen Lodge plus a 4.2 mile run along with 24 lifts and seven bowls. Plan to ski at least one day at each mountain to get the full experience!

https://www.parkcitymountain.com/ https://www.deervalley.com/discover-deer-valley/winter



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Syra or Roch to Salt Lake City. Return flight is a red eye departing late Friday night, March 13, landing in SYR about 10:30am on Sat, March 14.
- Bus to and from Salt Lake City to Park City (less than 1 hour east)
- Six nights at the <u>Park City Peaks Hotel</u> centrally located in the wonderful western ski town of Park City. Free hotel and town shuttles to lifts, restaurants, bars, shops, etc. Free wi-fi, small fridges, and coffee pots in the rooms.
- Breakfast included each morning. https://www.parkcitypeaks.com/
- Welcome pizza party at our hotel on Saturday evening of arrival (if we sell 20 rooms/40 people)
- Midweek happy hour / gatherings (TBA)

LIFT TICKETS: Park City resort is on the Epic Local pass; Deer Valley welcomes the full Ikon pass. If you buy your Epic pass through Encompasse Tours, you will receive a small discount off the entire package price. Buy yours now online: https://www.encompasse.com/passes/epic-passes/ Later this fall, we'll adjust package pricing based on pass purchases. You will be alerted to your final balance before it's due in early December.

Registration and Payment: About 10 spots remain. Open to all, club membership required. Register and pay w/ credit card online at https://www.fingerlakesskiclub.com/ OR mail an initial payment of \$1,100 with completed Trip Registration Form (on FLSC website) to Finger Lakes Ski Club, c/o Park City trip, PO Box 161, Auburn NY 13021.

Remaining payments: October 1 – \$600 December 2 – final balance TBA

Questions? Contact trip leader Kelly at kdbskier@gmail.com or 315-406-0791



A huge thank you to our campers, families, staff, and volunteers for making Camp Gregory's 2026 summer season such a success! We're so grateful for the energy, laughter, and support that made this summer truly unforgettable.



Did you know you can help send a child to camp? Each year, Camp Gregory provides scholarships so more kids can experience the joy of camp. Your donation today could make it possible for a child to join us in 2026. Give via pay app, check or visit campgregory.org/donate.

Donation Options:





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Saturdays 10:00AM-2:00PM Aurora Village Lawn behind the Firehouse

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Baked Goods
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Pottery
Flowers
Jewelry
Honey
Gifts













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					
9/06	Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) Women					
9/20	Scouts Programs					

163 Cayuga Street, Union Springs

Updates from the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore

On Sunday, September 21 at 4 p.m., the Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore will welcome Gary Emmerson who will present a program titled "Steamboats on the Finger Lakes." The steamboat era generally spanned from the late 1830s until the 1920s or 1930s depending on the lake. Cayuga Lake was the first lake to adopt steamboats in the region. The Enterprise, the Seneca Chief, and the Lady of the Lake were some of the ship names on the Finger Lakes. Please join us to learn of the fascinating history of steamships as they carried people to resorts and towns and transported goods and agricultural produce to the Erie Canal.

On Friday, September 12, Opendore, along with Dove Art Block, Onondaga Creek Walk, Clute Memorial Park, Elmira Infinite Canvas, Gere Block Stewart Park, and Waverly Glen will be honored at the Chusid Symposium on Place. These eight sites are being celebrated at the Christopherson Center as places where "diverse voices engage with economic development, heritage, climate resiliency and equity to recognize and build place and a sense of community."

Ongoing work at Opendore is vast and includes preparation for this winter's Reading and Discussion Group, landscaping plans, grant writing, collections management, and the Hazard Library project. As always, the community is encouraged to request usage of Opendore for meetings and gatherings of their own and as the museum lives because of the efforts of an entirely volunteer group of people, please contact any member of the board if you have skills that could contribute to our efforts.

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

Our Sunday morning services are at 10:30 a.m. Communion is on the first Sunday of the month. Pastor Barb is available to all for spiritual or pastoral counseling, or just to chat. If you would like to be added to Barb's email list, please email her at revbarbe@gmail.com or by text/call (text best) at 607-342-6281. We have a variety of guest preachers on Sunday mornings who bring different perspectives and depth to our traditional worship services—sometimes with a little added fun.

September 7 - Rev. Dr. Barb E. Blom
September 21 - Rev. Dr. Barb E. Blom
September 22 - Rev. Dr. Barb E. Blom
September 28 - Rev. Betty Hurley

We are taking orders for bricks in honor or in memory of someone or a favorite pet. We will be lining the south side of the walkway soon so hurry and get your order in!! Email the office umaofc@gmail.com for more info!!!

Coffee, tea, and treats on Saturday mornings 9-11 a.m. Stop in for a cup of coffee, tea, a treat, a chat, or maybe play a board game, do a puzzle, or just sit and enjoy!

We also offer many opportunities to learn, to come together in community and to follow a Way of being in the world that brings hope, peace, joy, and love to ourselves and others. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship, one or all events, discussions, and presentations!

Chair Yoga with Kathleen Ganley – Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Kathleen owns Healing Grounds in Union Springs and has over 20 years of experience as a physical therapist, yoga teacher and more. All abilities welcome!

Music Ensemble with Laura Cambell (Wells College and Colgate University) – Every Thursday, 7 p.m. Are you interested in playing music with others in our community? Then join in the fun! Musicians of all instruments, ages, and abilities are welcome!

Meditation with Rev. Betty Hurley – Friday, September 5, 9 a.m., Zoom only (email the office for the link)

Discussion of the Gospel of Luke – Friday, September 5, 10 a.m.

Our Sunday morning lectionary readings leave out so much of the Gospel story. It might be fun and inspiring to read the Gospel for ourselves. Luke is the longest and most scholarly of the four Gospels with different interpretation of the "atonement." Please read the first four chapters, two are very familiar, reflect, research, and then let's get together and share what we've learned and how the Gospel still speaks to us today. If people are interested we can continue with the discussions.

Summer Drumming by the Lake – Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Come and experience the joy and healing of a drum circle. Whether you have drummed all your life or never, you are welcome. Drums will be available so no need to bring one!

The UMA Reading Group – Wednesday, September 17, 12:30 p.m.

The UMA Reading Group will begin its fall study and will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. This fall we will be discussing the Epistle of James and reading *James in the Suburbs: A Disorderly Parable of the Epistle of James* by April Love-Fordham. Books will cost \$10 and can be purchased from Sandy Wendler on the 17th. Please let her know if you would like a book (703-772-1099 or sandra.wendler@gmail.com).

Movie Night, Faith Like Potatoes - Wednesday, September 17, 5-7 p.m.

Potatoey snacks and popcorn! All are welcome to join us for a beautiful and poignant story of hardship and faith in South Africa.

Former Wells College Professor Emeritus of Religion Dr. Arthur Bellinzoni Seminar, "The Quest for God" – Sunday, September 21, 4 p.m.

Based on his book, *The Future of Christianity: Can It Survive?* Is God a person? A thing? An illusion? He expects interesting group discussions!

"Our World Underwater" - Sunday, September 28, 4 p.m.

Henry and Joan MacDonald of Finger Lakes Scuba will share photos and videos of the vast species, corals, and wrecks of the Caribbean Sea, the Indo-Pacific Ocean, and right here in our very own Cayuga Lake. Join us in seeing the unbelievable beauty of the underwater world! Donations for Peachtown Elementary School and Preschool welcome!

"Gaza," - Date and time TBA

Mahmoud Burton, Vice President of the Al-Huda Islamic Center, as well as Jewish and other religious leaders will talk about the situation in Gaza and what we can do. Hope you join us for this very important opportunity. Please check our Facebook page and emails for more information and updates on date and time.





Photos from the recent "Scoop for a Cause" Community Ice Cream Social



SEPTEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

Encouraging Community & Creativity

9/10 12:30-6:30 PM

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Register in advance or at the drive.



9/12 6-9 PM

Nate Marshall Drink-n-Sing

21+ Live request show & LOUD Sing-along with local musician, Nate Marshall to help keep you on tempo, even if your voice can't stay on key (singing well is not a requirement)



9/13 10 AM-2 PM

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE:

SAN PEDRO SISTER COMMUNITY
FIBER ARTS FAIR

San Pedro Sister Community, Inc. works together with San Pedro, El Salvador to financially facilitate their goals for long term community improvement.

A portion of the day's sales will benefit the artisans of San Pedro.

9/21 3-5 PM

JP Payton & Nick Dittmeier

JP Payton of Ithaca-based FREIGHT will be appearing at Northville with Nick Dittmeier from Louisville, KY. The event is free and open to the public. This is an all ages show but parental guidance is always suggested.

9/27 2-4 PM

HIGH TEA

Reservations are required.

More details to come. Tickets will be available at our website or at the café during regular hours.



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

CHANGE OF HOURS! CATERING & VENUE RENTAL STILL AVAILABLE

Big 'Ol Change in Hours! We will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 9 AM to 2 PM, all year round. We are focusing on what we do best. We will be expanding our brunch menu, while continuing to offer after hours event. This also means Northville Arts Center will have more hours available for your personal needs on the weekends. Birthday party? Business luncheon? Friends get-together? The family just told you that you're hosting the Holiday Gathering? Contact us for catering options - cakes, cupcakes for school, cookie platters, light fare for brunches, luncheons and other social gatherings. This is all available for take-away or rent Northville Arts Center to host your social occasion. Talk to us about options not listed here - customization is available.

Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

Aurora Brewing Co.

Old Tall Buildings

Friday, September 5, 5-8 p.m.

Kevin Sprague

Saturday, September 13, 5-8 p.m.

Raedwald Howland-Bolton

Saturday, September 20, 5-8 p.m.

Jim Scala

Friday, September 26, 5-8 p.m.

Bright Leaf Vineyard



Treleaven Wines

Trivia League

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

Y2K Party

Friday, September 5, 6-9 p.m.

Acoustic Saturdays, 4-7 p.m.

September 6 – Scott Tremolo

Grillin' & Chillin' Bingo

Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

Hangtime Concert Series

Fridays, 6-9 p.m.

September 12 – Nicholas Stark and These Dudes September 26 – Zac Brown Tribute Band

The Destination 30th Anniversary

Saturday, September 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

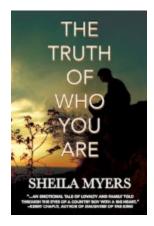
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Submitted by Linda Dugan





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

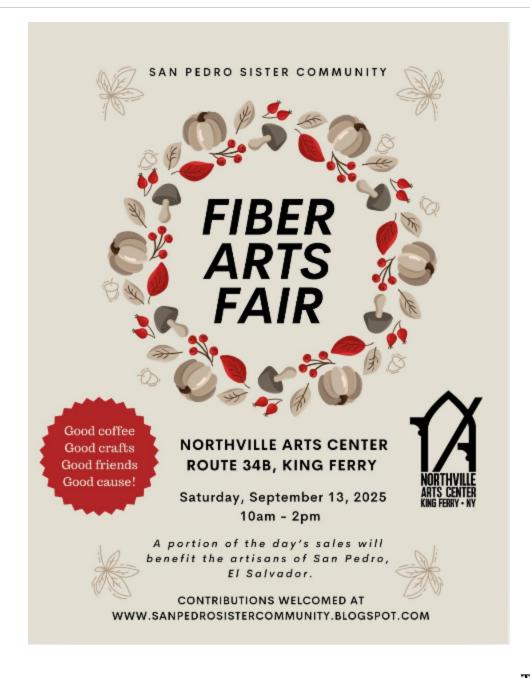


Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, September 3 7:00 p.m.

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *The Truth of Who You Are* by Sheila Myers. This month, the book club will meet at a member's home. Emails have been sent to list of members; call the library for more details. New members are always welcome!

* This selection is part of the Book Lovers' Ball author talk on Sunday, Oct 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Aurora Free Library.



Aurora Music Ensemble

Welcomes Musicians Of All Kinds

Are you interested in playing music with friendly people in the community and beyond?

All instruments are welcome *

Our new season will be starting September 18

Please join us:

When: Thursdays at 7:00 PM Where: United Ministry Church

337 Main St.

Aurora, New York 13026

For more information contact: Laura Campbell - Director

lcampbell@colgate.edu

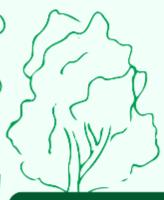
*If you would like to play, but don't have an instrument, please contact me. I may have an instrument you can use.



Help build a 3-D LEGO Pirate Treasure Map!







LEND A HAND!

DATE: Saturday, September 27th, 2025

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Great Gully Parking Lot

along NY-90





Free Community Landscaping Series



Fall Planting For Winter Interest Monday, September 29th @ 7 p.m.

Our discussion will focus on easy to grow, low maintenance plants for your landscape and garden that provide color and interest during the winter/dormant season. We will cover plants that feature unique bark, stems, berries and interesting textures and shapes, that will ensure beauty and interest in your garden all year long.

Fall is one of the best times for planting! Learn why and so much more!



Free & Open To Gardeners of All Skill Levels

Location: Aurora Free Library 370 Main St. Aurora, NY 13026

Upcoming Presentation:

December 3rd - Evergreen ID & Holiday Arrangement Class



Presented By True Leaf Design

Local landscape designer & horticulturalist Liz Snyder has been designing and consulting in the landscape industry of NY for over 20 years.

TRUE LEAF DESIGN, INC. 607-343-3752 GENOA, NY





The Lodge, Skaneateles Falls I 8am - 4:30pm

Join us for a day of learning - from experts and from each other. We could be the heroes we've been waiting for!

Is the need for your nonprofit growing? Is your funding stream in jeopardy? Are you struggling to get the help you need to deliver on your mission? As individual nonprofit leaders, we face uncertainty now more than ever. But together, we possess the expertise, the connections and the resources to thrive.

This year's summit features more opportunities for targeted networking. Have breakfast with nonprofit leaders who are struggling with the same problems you are. Have lunch with a local expert in marketing, fundraising, coalition building, board development or staff engagement.

Breakout sessions will address the topics that keep you up at night, such as:

- How to boost fundraising
- How to collaborate with other nonprofits
- · How to better engage and retain your nonprofit's staff

The registration fee of \$35 includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and peace of mind.

Presented By





SCAN OR CODE FOR EVENT INFORMATION, SPEAKERS, AND TO REGISTER. REGISTRATION DUE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025



OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND 2025 4-6:30PM

VISIT BOTH 134 Washington Campus 59 Pulaski Campus



Questions on registration? Next steps scan here!





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!

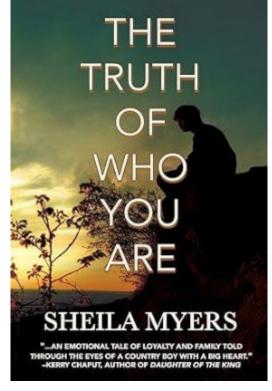
Tickets and info available at: www.bookloversball.com

Book Lovers' Ball Author Talk

The Book Lovers' Ball is delighted to introduce its 2025 featured author, Sheila Myers. Ms. Myers will give a talk at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Morgan Opera House. She will discuss her most recent book, *The Truth of Who You Are*, as well as the books in her Durant family trilogy.

The Truth of Who You Are, set during the Great Depression, is about Ben Taylor who, when his family is plunged into poverty, takes a job with the US Civilian Conservation Corps developing the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A tragic accident puts him in a dilemma that follows him all the way to the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Inspired by actual events and the people who once lived in the Smoky Mountains before it became a National Park, this saga explores how people use stories to hide uncomfortable truths. The Seattle Book Review states "The Truth of Who You Are is a beautifully written saga of a young man's coming of age and journey into adulthood, as rich and stark as the Appalachian Mountains of his childhood."

Myers' Durant trilogy is a fictionalized account of the family of the Gilded Age robber baron, Dr. Thomas C. Durant, who was vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, among other ventures. Myers was inspired to write the series after a trip to one of the Great Camps built by Durant's son William, in the Adirondack wilderness. The books



include Imaginary Brightness (2015), Castles in the Air (2016), and The Night is Done (2017). The Night is Done won the 2017 Best Book of Fiction Literary Award from the Adirondack Center for Writing.

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The talk is free, open to the public, and includes refreshments.

The Book Lovers Ball is a fundraiser for the Aurora Free Library. Tickets are now on sale. For more information, visit: www.bookloversball.com.

SEPTEMBER 2025								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.	3 Pickleball, 5 p.m. Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	4	5 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Meditation, 9 a.m. Gospel of Luke, 10 a.m. Old Tall Buildings, 5-8 p.m. Y2K Party, 6-9 p.m.	6 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m12 p.m. Lions Club BBQ, 10 a.m. Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. Scott Tremolo, 4-7 p.m.		
7 Grillin' and Chillin' Bingo, 12-6 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m.	8 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5:30 p.m.	9 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.	10 Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-6:30 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m. Summer Drumming, 6:30 p.m. Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	11	12 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Nate Marshall Drink-n-Sing, 6-9 p.m. Nicholas Stark and These Dudes, 6-9 p.m.	13 Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. Coffee for a Cause/Fiber Arts Fair, 10 a.m2 p.m. Kevin Sprague, 5-8 p.m.		
14 Grillin' and Chillin' Bingo, 12-6 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m.	15 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5:30 p.m.	16 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.	17 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. UMA Reading Group, 12:30 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m. Film screening, Faith Like Potatoes, 5-7 p.m. Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	18 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m. AFL Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.	19 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Lego Club, 3-7 p.m.	20 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m 12 p.m. Lions Club BBQ, 10 a.m. Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. Harvest Festival, 12-8 p.m. Raedwald Howland- Bolton, 5-8 p.m. The Destination 30th Anniversary, 5:30- 8:30 p.m.		
21 Grillin' and Chillin' Bingo, 12-6 p.m. JP Payton and Nick Dittmeier, 3-5 p.m. "Steamboats on the Finger Lakes," 4 p.m. "The Quest for God," 4 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m.	22 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5:30 p.m. <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	23 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.	24 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. UMA Reading Group, 12:30 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m. Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	25 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	26 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Jim Scala, 5-8 p.m. Zac Brown Tribute Band, 6-9 p.m.	27 Trail Clean-Up, 10 a.m12 p.m. Farmers' Market, 10 a.m2 p.m. High Tea, 2-4 p.m.		
28 Grillin' and Chillin' Bingo, 12-6 p.m. "Our World Underwater," 4 p.m. Pickleball, 5 p.m.	29 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5:30 p.m. "Fall Planting," 7 p.m.	30 Pickleball, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-6 p.m.						