

THE HUB

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

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AURORA FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely holiday season and look forward to serving you this year!

- Feeling isolated or looking for something to do? Stop in to see what's new, read a book, use our wi-fi, or just hang out in the library. Remember we have downloadable books that are available with your library card 24/7 at <https://fls.overdrive.com/>.
- We are kicking off the new year on Saturday, January 3 at 6 p.m. with a sing-a-long showing of *The Sound of Music* movie! Come sing along to this favorite classic celebrating 60 years! Free popcorn, candy, and drinks or bring your own.
- The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet at the library on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss *O Pioneers!* New members welcome, [take a look at this year's book list](#). We also have a Dragon Explorers Book Club and Graphic Novel Book Club for children.
- We will host a Zoom Impressionist Art Talk by the Pollock-Krasner House on Tuesday, January 20 at 4 p.m.
- Monday Fiber Friends group meets at 4 p.m. Bring a project and meet new friends.
- Preschool Storytime continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Children and their caregivers are welcome.
- Our Annual Appeal is ongoing. Check [our website](#) to learn more.
- If you are cleaning out your books, don't forget that we collect year round for our book sale.

Check www.aurorafreelibrary.org and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information. 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. 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.

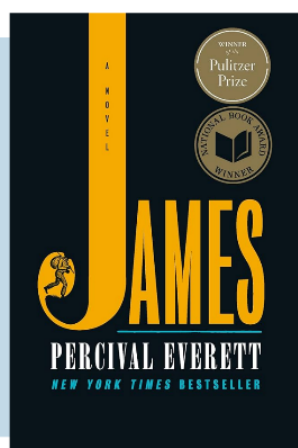


Liz Snyder's December evergreen workshop.

2026 SOUTHERN CAYUGA Community Read

James

by Percival Everett



**Small groups will meet
in February.**

*More details on dates and
times to come!*

Copies of the book are
available through the
Finger Lakes Library
System's interlibrary loan.

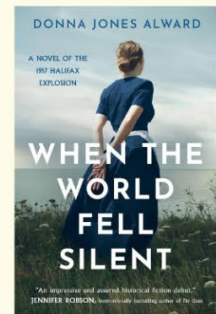
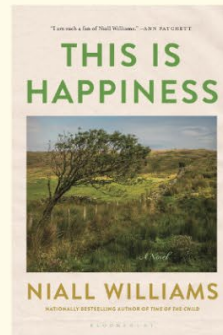
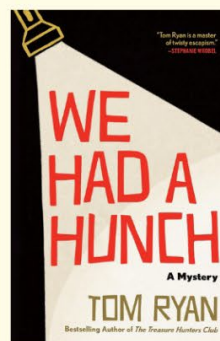
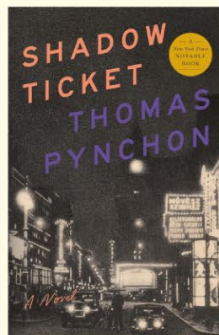
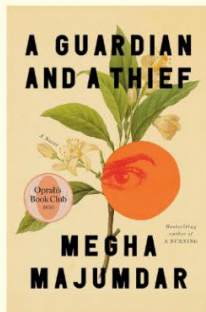
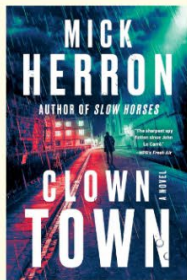
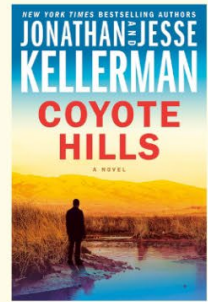
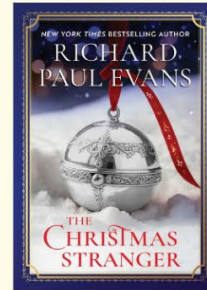
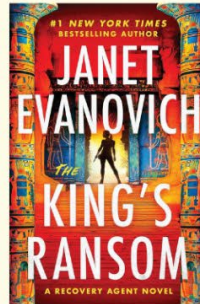
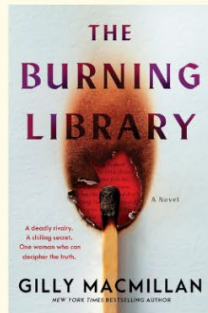
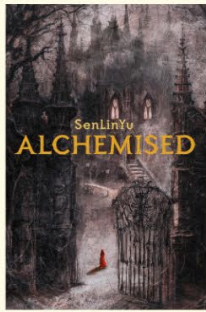


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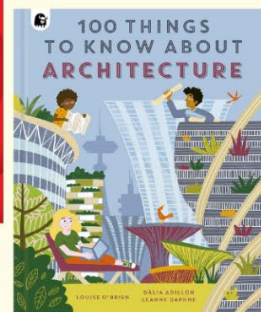
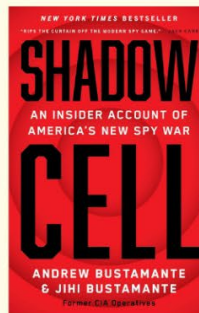
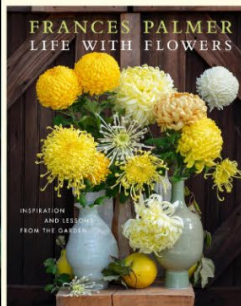
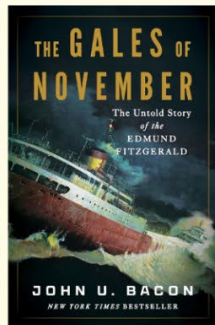
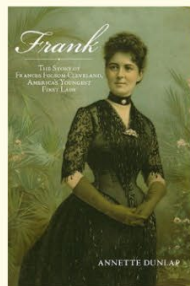
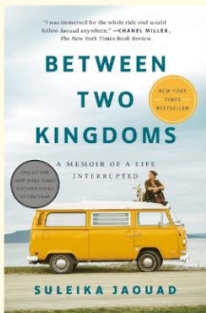
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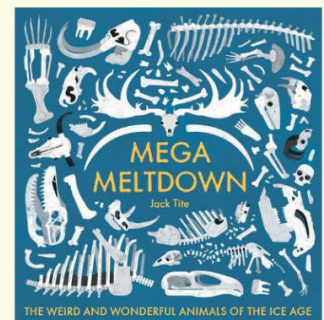
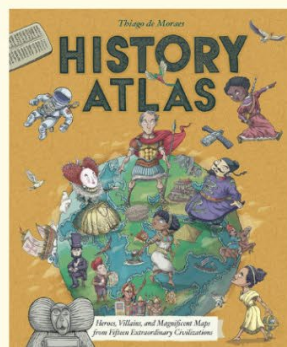
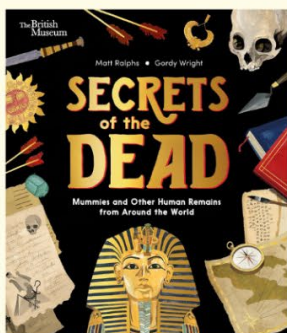
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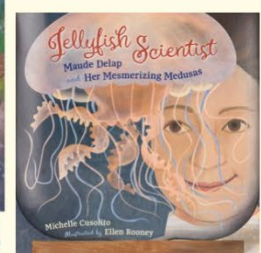
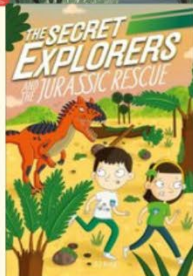
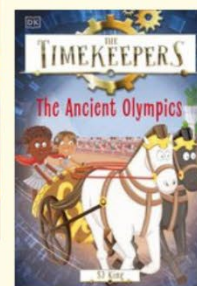
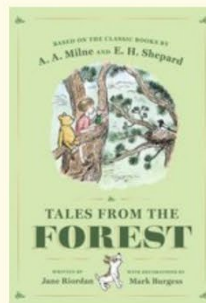
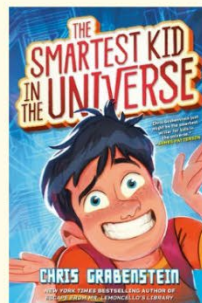
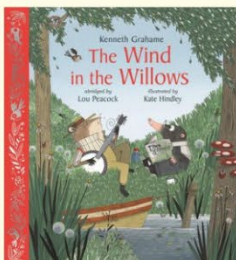
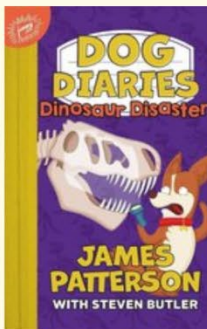
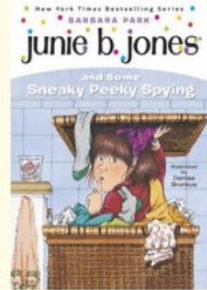
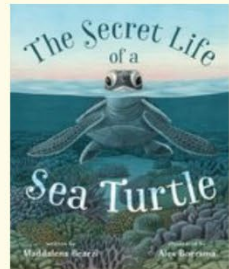
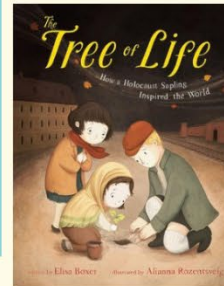
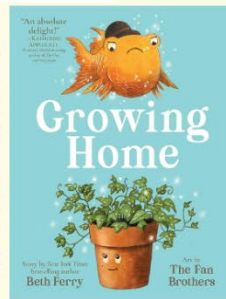
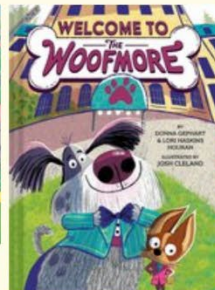
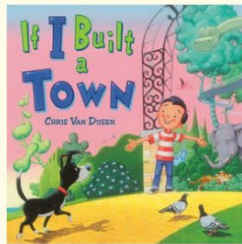
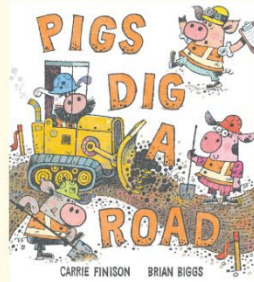
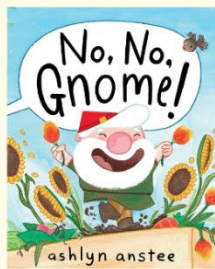
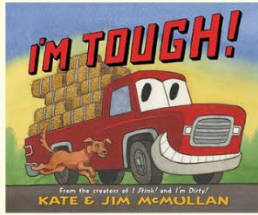
NEW NONFICTION AND BIOGRAPHIES



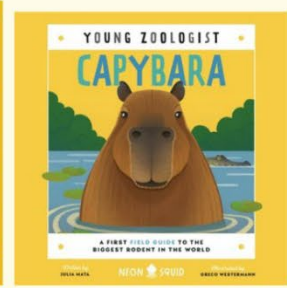
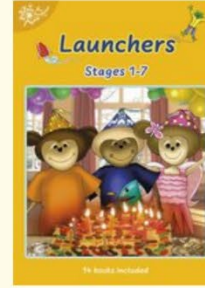
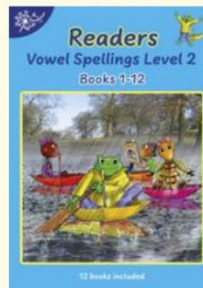
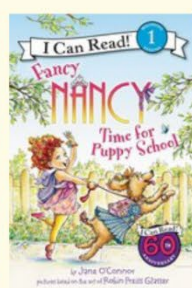
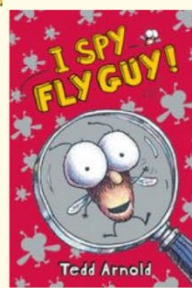
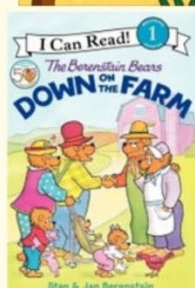
NEW KIDS' NON-FICTION



NEW PICTURE BOOKS, NOVELS, & WONDERBOOK AUDIOBOOKS



NEW BOOKS FOR EMERGING READERS



COMMUNITY NOTES

CAYUGA COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

YOU'RE THE MISSING PIECE!

Cayuga County is developing a Strategic Plan to guide our community's growth, development, and investments for the year ahead - **and we need your help!** This is a community-driven effort, and your input is essential to ensure the plan reflects the real needs, priorities, and vision of our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey and play a direct role in shaping the future of our community. New targeted topic surveys will be released quarterly, so keep this sheet for future access. Your feedback will help build a stronger, more vibrant Cayuga County for everyone!



Check out our website for updates, new surveys, and more by scanning the QR Code below!



Your Voice Matters!

Cayuga County
NEW YORK



Department
of State

<https://cayugacountyplanning.wixsite.com/strategicplan>

We are feeling especially grateful this season
for the thoughtful touches that make our food pantry distributions feel a little brighter.



A huge thank-you to Peter Bakija and Southern Cayuga School art students for decorating grocery bags with beautiful holiday artwork. These hand-painted bags were used to pack food for our pantry clients and brought smiles along with groceries.


We also extend our sincere thanks to Doreen Nettleton's Girl Scout troop for donating heartfelt holiday greeting cards. Messages of kindness mean so much to our neighbors in need.

These special efforts are a powerful reminder that food assistance is about more than groceries - it's about dignity, compassion, and community. We are also appreciative of everyone who helps spread care to our neighbors with financial and food donations!

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/>**




Your Private Camp Experience Awaits

WHAT YOU'LL ENJOY

- ✓ Private lakefront access
- ✓ Lodge & pavilion
- ✓ Commercial kitchen
- ✓ Multipurpose court
- ✓ Trails & team-building course
- ✓ Full access to all facilities

RATES & CABINS

- Rates starting at **\$500** per night



BOOK YOUR STAY

Enjoy privacy, nature, and memorable experiences at Camp Gregory!

📍 34 acres of camp & shoreline on Cayuga Lake

✉ rentals@campgregory.org

All rental income supports Camp Gregory's nonprofit mission.

The 2026 Camp Gregory rental season is open, and we're ready to welcome you!

Book your private camp experience and enjoy 34 acres all to yourself, complete with lakefront access and full facilities. Visit the [Camp Gregory website](https://www.campgregory.org) for rental information and current availability.

Unity House Seeks Nominations for 16th Annual Fred Atkins Community Service Award

Due Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Nominations are now being accepted for the 16th 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 27 (location TBA). The public is warmly invited to attend.

Nominations are due by 5:00 pm on Wed, February 11. 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.

Camp Gregory 2026 Early-Bird Registration Is Now Open!

It's never too early to plan for summer! Camp Gregory is thrilled to announce that early-bird registration for the 2026 season is now open. Families can now secure their camper's spot and enjoy a \$50 early bird discount, which is a perfect way to kick off the season of giving with savings and excitement! Earlybird pricing ends March 31.

Don't wait, as spaces fill quickly, and the early bird discount won't last forever. Visit campgregory.org for full registration details and secure your camper's place today. We can't wait to see you this summer!



A vibrant promotional graphic for Camp Gregory Summer Camp 2026. The design features a mix of green, yellow, and orange geometric shapes. At the top center, the text "CAMP GREGORY SUMMER CAMP 2026" is displayed in bold, with a small campfire icon above "CAMP GREGORY". Below this, a yellow oval contains the text "Camp Season JULY 6 - AUG 7". On the left, the phrase "We're Hiring!" is written in a large, stylized font. In the center, there are two circular photos: one showing a group of adults and children outdoors, and another showing a group of children with their hands raised in a circle. To the right of the photos, a yellow starburst shape contains the text "Scholarships & Financial Aid Available". At the bottom right, the text "Registration is Open!" is written in a large, stylized font. At the very bottom, a dark blue banner contains the website address "www.campgregory.org" in green, flanked by small icons of a swimmer, a house, a campfire, a person, and a sailboat.

Preschool Volunteers for Bread Making Starting October 2025

Need volunteers for January and February 2026

Mornings in the Preschool Wing
134 Washington St. Campus

New Volunteers:

Fill out Volunteer application

Background Check

Safe Environment Training

Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44ABA72EA4FAC61-57485804-preschool#/>



Howland
STONE STORE
Museum

2026
Reading & Discussion

The Semiquincentennial of the Revolution

We will be commemorating our nation's semiquincentennial by going beyond well-known events like Lexington & Concord to engage in a deeper and more comprehensive exploration of the Revolution. The War for Independence was as much a brutal civil war as it was a military struggle for national self-determination. Our readings will take us from a sweeping global perspective of imperial conflicts that set the stage for the War for Independence to a more focused exploration of convulsive events on the frontier of upstate New York. We will concentrate particularly on the experiences of people often ignored by traditional narratives of the Revolution: settlers, working people, African Americans, Indigenous Americans, women – loyalists and pacifists as well as patriots.



**When all is said and done,
how “revolutionary” was the
American Revolution?**

All are welcome to join us as we consider this and other provocative questions during our 2026 winter/spring reading & discussion series

**January 18, February 8, March 1, March 22,
April 12, and May 3**

Books will be provided.

Discussions take place at Opendore in Sherwood, with a remote Zoom option
For more info see the HSSM website or call Marilyn at 315.478.1800

www.howlandstonestore.org

315.303.2145



January 2026

Chill in the Chill



We intend to stay open throughout the winter.
Weather impacts your comfort at Northville Arts Center.
Check our social media or call/text (607) 233-0070 before visiting us.

JAN4TH

closed for private event

Need catering?
or planning your own event for 2026?

**** Contact us ****

**Check our Events Page for
special popup events**



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

Schedule subject to change

If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us

Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

Aurora Brewing Co.



Treleaven Wines

Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch

Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

Acoustic Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

Leecy and Greg – January 10

The Ende Brothers – January 17

Patrick Young – January 24

Levi Gangi – January 31

Italian Themed Buffet Wine Party

Saturday, January 17, 6-9 p.m.

SIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CAYUGA

Submitted by Linda Dugan



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**AURORA FREE LIBRARY
FILM SERIES**

MORGAN OPERA HOUSE!

**60th
ANNIVERSARY**

Special Showing of
The Sound of Music

Saturday, January 3 • 6:00 PM

Sing along and enjoy the classic film on the big screen!

 **Morgan Opera House**

 **Saturday, January 3**

aurorafreelibrary.org

FREE

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



New Year's Blood Drive

Scipioville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
3428 State Route 34B, Scipioville NY 13147

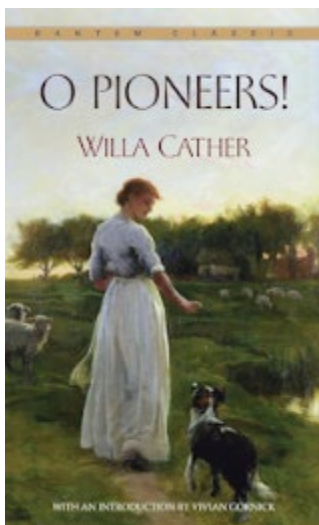
**Wednesday, January 7, 2026
1:00PM – 6:00PM**

Contact: Marian Brown, Red Cross Ambassador
marianmbrown@gmail.com

If you aren't already a blood donor,
scan this QR code to download the
app to your phone and get started
today to **Give the Gift of Life!**



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



Southern Cayuga Book Club

**Wednesday, January 7
Aurora Free Library
7:00 p.m.**

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather.

New members are always welcome!

Call either Aurora (315-364-8074 or aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) or Hazard Library (315-364-7975 or librarian@hazardlibrary.org) for more information or to be added to our e-mail list.

Books can be interlibrary loaned for you if needed.

Do you hate sending packaging foam to the landfill?



We have an alternative for you!

**Drop off your 'Styrofoam'
during this one-time
recycling event!**

Not recyclable curbside, Cayuga Climate Action has found a Syracuse-based recycler for clean, white, polystyrene foam (aka '**Styrofoam**'). Throughout this holiday season, save your clean, white packaging foam for proper recycling!

Contact
cayugaclimateaction@gmail.com for
more info

**Accepted
materials:**

Clean, white polystyrene
packaging foam (seen in
picture above)

Clean, white foam coolers

Brought to you by



WHEN:

Saturday January 10th, 2026
Varied Locations and Times

WHERE:

Auburn- Riester's Main Office
1533 Clark St Rd-10-1

Weedsport DPW- Thurs 9-3, Sat 7-3
weekly until 1/10/26

Lansing- Contact
Travis.Kitch.08@gmail.com

Southern Cayuga Instant Aid- 10-1

**Not Accepted
materials:**

Packing Peanuts
Multi-colored foam
Food containers or meat
trays



Dragon Explorers Book Club

If you like reading about dragons and other magical creatures, exciting journeys, and challenging quests, then join us for our book club filled with adventures for ages 6-9.

Friday, January 16 at 4:30 pm

We are reading the Kingdom of Wrenly Series!

On National Dragon Appreciation Day, we will create a Dragon Treasure Hoard to take home and have a Dragon Scavenger Hunt in the library.



Email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org or stop by the library to REGISTER.

aurorafreelibrary.org 315-364-8074 Funded by the Rosen Library Fund



AURORA FREE LIBRARY

Nature Inspiration: East End Painters Talk & Workshop

**In person and
on ZOOM*
Tuesday,
January 20,
2026
4-5 pm**



Idle Hours, William Merritt Chase

Discover how Impressionist painters William Merritt Chase and Childe Hassam, abstract expressionist painters Lee Krasner and Jackson Pollock and others were inspired by the natural beauty on Long Island's East End. Then create your own painting inspired by nature.

***Come to the library to watch the ZOOM or email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for link to watch from home.** *Paint supplies will be available or feel free to bring your own as well as a photograph that inspires you.*

**Offered by the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center,
a national landmark in East Hampton, NY**



JANUARY CONCERT!

Southern Cayuga Community Chorus



Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 7pm
SCCS HS Auditorium

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

**Treat yourself to an evening of fun and
beautiful choral music of different styles,
sung by your neighbors and friends!**



THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CHORUS!

For more information email socacoch@gmail.com



Scan for more info or to join.

SCCS
BOOSTERS

SAVE THE DATE

Dinner and a game

➔ **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

SOUTHERN CAYUGA HIGH SCHOOL

TICKET AND DINNER DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

ABOUT THE SCCS BOOSTERS

The SC Boosters support a range of student clubs, teams, and events!

A few examples include:

- Drama Club AV equipment
- FFA trips
- Varsity athlete duffle bags
- The 6th-grade trip to Boston
- Senior yard signs
- SC t-shirts for all elementary students

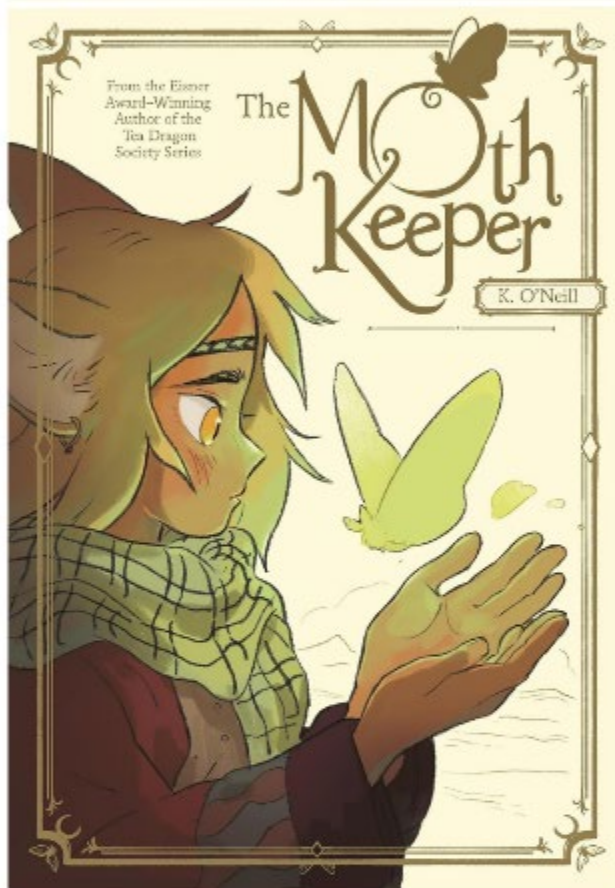


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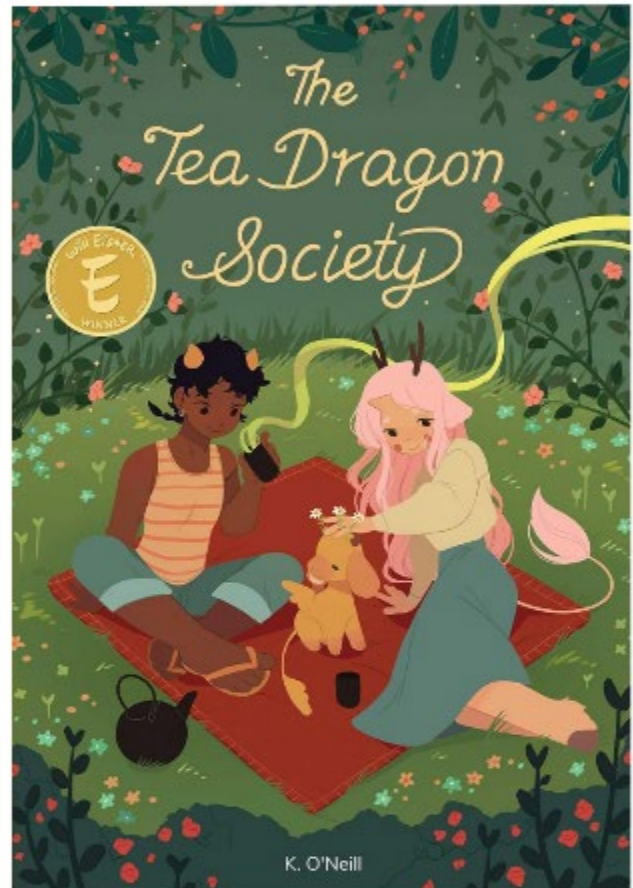
GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

for Ages 10-13

Wednesday, February 11th from 6 - 7 pm



Being a Moth Keeper is a huge responsibility and a great honor, but what happens when the new Moth Keeper decides to take a break from the moon and see the sun for the first time?



Follow the story of Greta, a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons.

Discuss the books, create a 3D paper moth, have a tea tasting, and munch on snacks with friends!

Stop by the library to REGISTER and pick up a copy of the books!

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JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	2	3 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Film screening, <i>The Sound of Music</i> , 6 p.m.
4 Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.	5 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	6 Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	7 Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	8 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	9	10 Leecy and Greg, 1-4 p.m. Styrofoam recycling, various times
11 Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.	12 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	13 Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	14 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	15 AFL Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	16 Dragon Explorers, 4:30 p.m.	17 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Ende Brothers, 1-4 p.m. Italian Themed Buffet Wine Party, 6-9 p.m.
18 Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m. Reading and Discussion series, time TBA	19	20 Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. Nature Inspiration, 4 p.m. ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	21 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	22 Community Chorus concert, 7 p.m. <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	23	24 Patrick Young, 1-4 p.m.
25 Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.	26 Fiber Friends, 4 p.m. Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	27 Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m. ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	28 Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	29 Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	30 SCCS Boosters event, time TBA	31 Levi Gangi, 1-4 p.m.