

# 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

BRRRR! It has been a very cold start to the year, but we have enjoyed seeing many of you come in for books and dvds, which has been wonderful! If you don't want to venture out, remember we have downloadable books and magazines on Libby, all you need is [your library card](#)!

- This month we are beginning a monthly page in *The Hub* by landscape designer Liz Snyder called Leaflet. Thank you, Liz, for offering this! We look forward to your presentations at the library this year.
- February is always the **Annual Meeting** at the Library. It is when our members (library cardholders over age 18) elect our new board members. This month we have three people on the ballot: Michele Belot, Jo Gunderson May and Lars Peterson. Join us to listen to a review of 2025, what is coming up in 2026, to meet our Library Board and to vote in new members. All are welcome Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the library or on Zoom.
- We have a lot planned on Saturday, February 7! During open hours 10 a.m.-2 p.m. enjoy **Take Your Child to the Library Day** with fun activities including crafts, a book giveaway and a scavenger hunt. In the evening we will have **Movie Night**. Enjoy the classic Rob Reiner movie *The Princess Bride* at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and we'll provide drinks and popcorn FREE! Donations are always welcome. There will be a dinner at UMA from 5-7 p.m. that night if you would like to grab dinner prior to the movie.
- The **Southern Cayuga Book Club** will meet and discuss the Community Read *James* on Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. and our **Tween Graphic Novel Book Club** meeting is on Wednesday, February 11 at 6 p.m. Details in this issue of *The Hub*.
- During February Break we will have a **Winter Games Fun Night** on Wednesday, February 18, 6-8 p.m. and **Lego Fun** for the rest of the week.
- The Fargo Bar and Grill is holding a **Community Benefit Day Fundraiser** for the library on Friday, February 20 all day long. Details in this issue of *The Hub*.
- Our **Fiber Friends** group meets at 4 p.m. on Mondays. Bring a project and meet new friends.

- **Preschool Storytime** continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. when school is in session. Children and their caregivers are welcome.
- If you are cleaning out your books, don't forget that we collect year round during library hours for **our July Book Sale**.

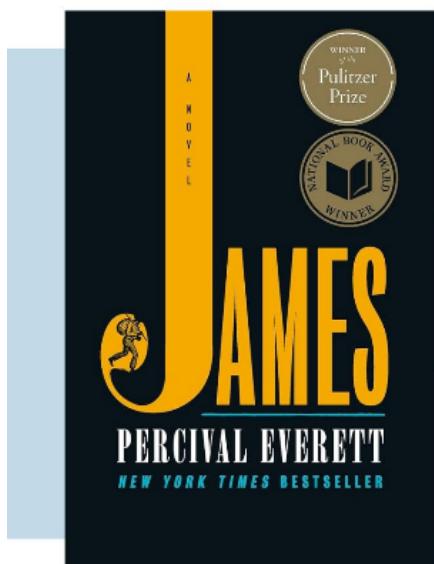
Check [www.aurorafreelibrary.org](http://www.aurorafreelibrary.org) and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information. If you are interested in volunteering at the library, please email Director Sandy Groth at [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) or ask next time you visit. 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.

Stay warm and drop in for a visit if you are out!

## 2026 SOUTHERN CAYUGA Community Read

### James

by Percival Everett



#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

##### February 4 | 7:00 pm

Aurora Free Library  
(Aurora Free Library and Hazard Library  
Southern Cayuga Book Club)

##### February 5 | 11:00 am

King Ferry Meeting  
Contact Elaine Meyers at  
[elaine.meyers4@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.meyers4@gmail.com)

##### February 12 | 4:00 pm

United Ministry of Aurora Social Hall

More locations and times will be  
announced soon.

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

View all small group meeting times at  
[sccsannefranktree.org](http://sccsannefranktree.org) or email  
[elaine.meyers4@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.meyers4@gmail.com)





Aurora Free Library Film Series Presents

# MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MORGAN OPERA HOUSE!

Coming Soon



THE  
PRINCESS  
BRIDE

FREE Showings!

*Enjoy classic films on the big screen  
in your local community!*

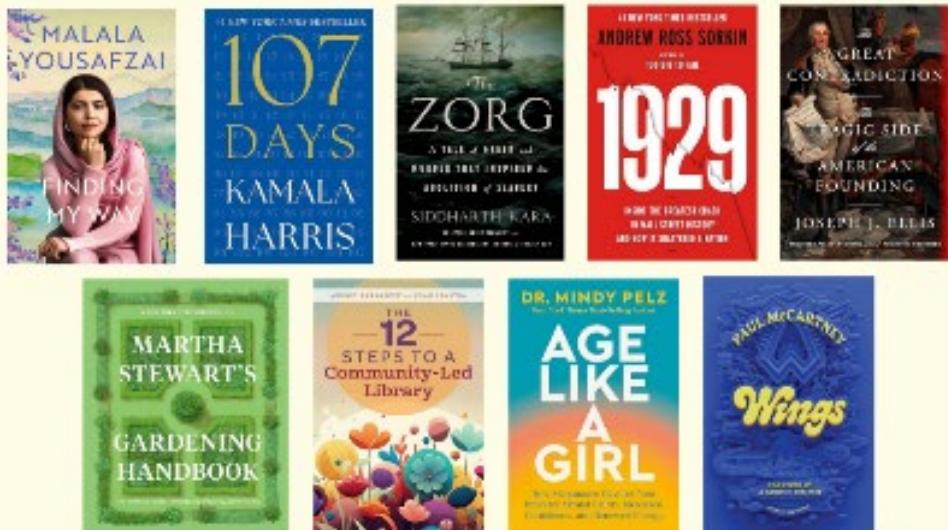
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## Aurora Free Library NEW ADULT FICTION



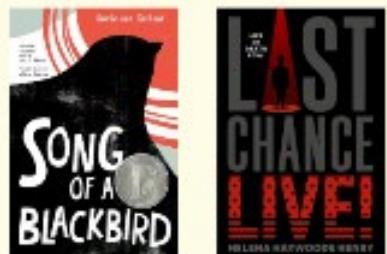
## NEW ADULT NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHIES



## NEW DVD & AUDIOBOOK



## NEW YOUNG ADULT



## NEW PICTURE BOOKS, NOVELS, & GRAPHIC NOVELS



## COMMUNITY NOTES

# Leaflet

A Monthly Nature Periodical  
Presented by True Leaf Design

As a lifelong nature enthusiast, I eagerly look forward to spending time outside each day. In the Northeast we are lucky to have such diverse seasons, each with their own special qualities and quirks. While winter brings an incredible opportunity to rest our bodies quietly indoors, it also offers clear, cold refreshment that invigorates the mind and body.

The Finger Lakes region is bursting with incredible day trip opportunities for all types of nature lovers, in all seasons. From short walks to mile long treks, may it be by foot, snowshoe, skis, horses or sleds - all one needs to do to access the possibilities is to simply get out there.

It can be difficult to rouse oneself from the warm comfort of the indoors, but I always find that I am never disappointed by a morning or afternoon spent outdoors. Getting used to any routine is difficult. Setting aside time and honoring it is hard work. But when the hard work is rewarded by delightfully tired muscles, a quietly rejuvenated nervous system and the feel of clean fresh air and natural light - it is worth it. I promise you.

I am often asked if I get cold. Yes, it's cold, but I dress for the weather to stay warm. I am often warned that it is dangerous out there this time of year. It sure can be, but with proper footwear and gear, I assure you it is completely safe. The most amusing questions I receive beyond safety concerns, are usually regarding why anyone would want to be out in the snow and the wind, (and let's face it, many days the rain), to look at trees and birds and rocks?! Simply put, I love it and find it the most fascinating thing in the world. By getting out there I have been fortunate enough to appreciate firsthand how fresh snow pack feeds lakes and streams. And witness the saturating rains that replenish the water table, so necessary for all life. And marvel about how delicately birds use air currents to soar through frosty winter mornings. Birds who land in trees that are strengthened everyday by their incredible resistance to prevailing winds.

It can be rough out there in winter, but when one really loves nature and outdoor recreation, there is no "off" season. Winter is only temporarily harsh. I encourage us all to take time to appreciate this crisp, slow season, and to absorb winter's still beauty without which spring wouldn't feel so sweet!

I know I will continue to be out there, and I hope you will join me. Dress warm.

See you out there,



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**Upcoming Presentations:**  
March - Rain Gardens & Making the Most of Drainage  
April - Spring & Summer Garden Color Stunners  
October - Fall Leaf ID Class & Leaf Printing Workshop  
December - Evergreen ID & Arrangement Workshop

**Free & Open To Gardeners Of All Levels**  
**Aurora Free Library - 370 Main St. Aurora**

Landscape Designer & Horticulturalist Liz Snyder has been designing and consulting in the landscape and green industry of NY for over 20 years  
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Aurora Free Library





## KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors helping neighbors.

### **Love in Action: Community Compassion Fills the Pantry Shelves**

February is often associated with love - love of family, friends, and the people who matter most in our lives. But in our community, love also takes on another meaningful form: neighbors caring for neighbors.

Every month at the food pantry, that care shows up quietly but powerfully. It's there in the volunteers who give their time to stock shelves and welcome families with a smile. It's there in the donors whose generosity ensures that nutritious, appealing food is available for anyone who needs it. And it's there in the families who, often during a difficult season of life, find reassurance in knowing their community is standing with them.

Food insecurity doesn't always look the way we expect. Many of the households served by the pantry include people who are working, raising children, caring for aging parents, navigating their own senior years, or managing health challenges. A job loss, an unexpected medical bill, or rising living costs can quickly strain even the most carefully planned budget. When that happens, having access to reliable food support can make all the difference.

This work is truly a community effort. Volunteers turn generosity into action, ensuring pantry days run smoothly and efficiently. Donors make it possible to keep shelves full and respond to growing need. Together, they form a network of compassion that reaches far beyond any single pantry day.

As demand for food assistance continues to grow, the impact of this shared commitment becomes even more significant. Each act of generosity - whether time, food, or financial support - contributes to a stronger, more caring community.

This February, as we reflect on love in all its forms, we are reminded that love in action looks like a full pantry, a warm welcome, and the reassurance that no one has to face hard times alone.

## Birthday Wishes for Jeanne Herst

Hi to our friends from Aurora, Southern Cayuga County, and beyond.

Many of you know my mom, Jeanne (Tuttle) Herst, now of Union Springs, NY. She was born in King Ferry, lived in Union Springs 1951-1955 where my dad taught school, lived in Aurora from 1958 to 1967 while my dad (Rev. Robert Herst) was pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Aurora, now United Ministry of Aurora. Mom and Dad retired back to Union Springs in 1990.

Jeanne is turning 99 on February 9! We have been out of state wintering in Myrtle Beach, SC on her birthday, away from family and friends, for many years now! This year I was thinking it would be wonderful if she was flooded with cards from home. (Belated is fine. She loves her mail!) Her address is Jeanne Herst, Box 70775, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572. Her email is [dillsb1949@gmail.com](mailto:dillsb1949@gmail.com).

I also wanted to share something many know and have already supported but which others might be interested to learn and consider. Recognizing her passion and excellence as a violinist (starting lessons at age 7 and still playing), her children in May 2025 began a fund in her honor through the Auburn Chamber Orchestra. Her dream is to assist young string students to expand their musical gifts with a goal of advancing toward or enhancing orchestral experiences. If anyone would be interested in sharing a gift small or large in honor of her passion for music, young musicians, and her 99th birthday, Auburn Chamber Orchestra (ACO) has its own website with a donation tab which describes the award and ways to contribute. A check to Auburn Chamber Orchestra, Box 352, Auburn NY, 13021, memo: Jeanne Herst Award (old school option) still works!

Thanks to all of you who have known and supported Mom and our family over the years. I have high hopes that others who don't know her might still meet her and/or come to an Auburn Chamber Orchestra concert to celebrate in 2026!

Peace, Deb Herst Hill  
[debhersthill@gmail.com](mailto:debhersthill@gmail.com) or 315-283-5331 for questions

## 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!



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



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## HOW IT WORKS:

- SIGN UP ONLINE (QR CODE BELOW!)
- CHOOSE WEEKLY PICKUP LOCATION
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## 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](#) 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](mailto: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](http://campgregory.org) for full registration details and secure your camper's place today. We can't wait to see you this summer!



### Planning for 2026 Season

Winter is always a time for planning, editing, and creating at Opendore. Updating our docent manual is a priority this year, so that docents can feel completely prepared when guests stop for a visit during Saturday and Sunday open hours. We find that new docents are needed to fill out our list for this season.

Volunteering in any form is rooted in service but it isn't a one-way street. Volunteers end up feeling more connected to their community, fulfilled, and purposeful. Helping the HSSM in this manner can help gain new perspectives about our historic community and meet new people one generally wouldn't cross paths with. Please consider letting us add your name to our list of docents. We'll have an in-person orientation and an up-to-date manual that will answer any questions you may have. You'll not be on your own. Our Board of Trustees and our seasoned docents will all be at your disposal as you take this step to become part of our volunteer family. Please contact Bill Schmitt ([sch7652@hotmail.com](mailto:sch7652@hotmail.com)) and let him know of your interest in joining our docents.

### Winter Reading and Discussion Series

On January 18, our Reading and Discussion series kicked off with 20+ participants discussing the first reading related to the Semiquincentennial of the Revolution. It isn't too late to participate! The next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. We will discuss "The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America" by Colin Calloway. We welcome new participants and a Zoom link is also available. Contact Marilyn Post for books and information ([madeline4394@gmail.com](mailto:madeline4394@gmail.com)). Auditing is encouraged as well. Even if the material hasn't been read, listening to the conversation would be interesting and educational and perhaps be the catalyst that encourages your active reading and participation.

## February 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. In the winter, we meet in the Social Room. Pastor Barb is available to all for spiritual or pastoral counseling, or just to chat: 607-342-6281 (text is best) or [revbarbe@gmail.com](mailto:revbarbe@gmail.com). Office email: [umaofc@gmail.com](mailto:umaofc@gmail.com) and phone: 315-364-8543.

We have a variety of Associate Preachers who bring different perspectives and depth to our traditional Sunday morning service, often with a little fun added.

February 1 – Rev. Dr. Barb E. Blom  
February 8 – Rev. Larry Bell

February 15 – Rev. Dr. Barb E. Blom  
February 22 – Rev. Felicity Wright

### Weekly Events

Barb and Office Manager Christine are in the office on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9-11:30 a.m. and love to have company. Stop in for a cup of tea or coffee or just to chat!

#### **Lenten Devotional Series – Mondays, 4 p.m. (starting February 16)**

Christmas is a holiday and a holy time filled with both secular activities and church services. However, the Easter story is the center of our faith. Let us join together to share reflections and devotionals on the Lenten journey and what it means in our lives. There will be daily devotionals and every Monday we will gather together to share and reflect. This will be followed with candles and Taize music.

#### **Chair Yoga with Kathleen Ganley – Tuesdays, 10:30 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 and experience welcome! Donations are also welcome!

#### **Book Club – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to join in our interesting conversations even if you haven't read the book, *Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories: Reflections of the Life of Christ* by Debie Thomas. This book consists of 52 essays covering familiar readings from all four Gospels. We will discuss this book over the next several months. Books are available in the Social Room or from Sandy Wendler: 703-772-1099 or [sandra.wendler@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.wendler@gmail.com).

#### **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!

### February Events

#### **Meditation with Rev. Betty Hurley – Friday, February 6, 9 a.m.**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85965553314>

#### **Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, February 7, 5 p.m.**

Homemade pasta, spaghetti, meatballs, and lasagna, plus spaghetti squash and sauce for vegetarians. Green salad, veggie tray, cupcakes, muffins, and cookies for dessert. Then enjoy a free movie, *The Princess Bride*, at the Aurora Free Library at 7 p.m. following the dinner. Donations to support homeless youth of Uganda with vocational training and tools are welcome. It is easy to say, it's not my child, not my community, and not my problem. Let us be the people that respond to the need!

**Seminar with Professor Arthur Bellinzoni - Sunday, February 15, 4 p.m.**

“The Quest For God, Part 3: The Journey Forward Moves Slowly With Setbacks” - Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence; Negro Slaves and Negro Spirituals; Daughters of the American Revolution, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Marian Anderson. In person and via

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84494263636?pwd=JplkjliN2liAgg3QYWxQnM9HiYgDq8.1>

**Ash Wednesday – February 18, 8-9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

Come receive your ashes any time between 8-9 a.m. Short service at 5 p.m. This is the beginning of our Lenten journey to the cross where we will give our “sins,” those places where we have fallen short and not reached our potential, to Christ. So we can rise again with joy on Easter morning!



# COMMUNITY BENEFIT DAYS

**OCTOBER 24**

KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

**NOVEMBER 21**

AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

**DECEMBER 19**

MORGAN OPERA HOUSE

**JANUARY 16**

PEACHTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 20**

AURORA FREE LIBRARY

**MARCH 20**

CAMP GREGORY

**we'll make a \$5.00 donation for each sandwich,  
full-size salad, burger, or regular entrée sold**



## February 2026



Unless impacted by weather, café is open regular hours.  
Check our social media or call/text (607) 233-0070 before visiting us.



♥ FEB 13 or Feb 14 ♥

*Preorder your "Date Night" or  
"Breakfast in Bed" Basket*

*Order cut-off is February 9th at 5 pm.*

*Pick-up can be made on February 13th or 14th, between 9 am and 2 pm.  
Specify pick-up date at time of order.*



### NEED BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES FOR SCHOOL?

*Gluten-free and Vegan are available  
contact us a week before they're needed*



### MARCH 7 - Takeout Supper!

*Bibimbap - Vegetarian, Omnivore, Pescatarian  
Details to come*



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

*Schedule subject to change*

999 State Route 34B  
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[northvillearts.com](http://northvillearts.com)

Hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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

## Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

### Aurora Brewing Co.



### Bright Leaf Vineyard

#### Fun Fridays in February

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for music, wine and special menus prepared by **Simply Cookie**

\*Music & dinner menu from 5-8 p.m.

\*JD Balloni Duo

February 6

**Valentine's Day Wine-Pairing Dinner**

February 14, 6-9 p.m.

Reservations are required—tickets available soon! Food prepared by Chef Guillermo of Osteria Salina

\*The Pelotones

February 20

\*Travis Rocco

February 27

\*Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

Tasting room hours on Fridays in February, 12-8 p.m.

### Treleaven Wines

**Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch**

Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

**Winter Trivia League**

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

**Acoustic Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.**

The Shylocks – February 7

**Valentine's Day 6 Course Wine Dinner**

Saturday, February 14, 6-9 p.m.

## **SIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CAYUGA**

Submitted by Linda Dugan



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Aurora Free Library  
Saturday, February 7th  
10 AM - 2 PM**

**Cat Craft, Huggable Hats,  
Creative Coloring, and an**

**Art Scavenger Hunt  
in the library!**

**My Hugging Rules books  
will be handed out!**



# Hope is on the Horizon

*Help End Homelessness with Vocational Schools*



## Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

*Pasta Dinner, Homemade Pies & Desserts, 50/50 Raffle*

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**United Ministry of Aurora Church**

**337 Main Street, Aurora, NY**

**Admission: Donation**

*Free Family Entertainment to follow at the Aurora Library*

***The Princess Bride Movie at 7 PM***



*Proceeds to benefit Auburn Rotary Global Grant 2690725 which will benefit Benjamin House and the homeless in Kampala, Uganda. For more information about Benjamin House, visit [www.benjaminhouse.net](http://www.benjaminhouse.net).*

**United for Good**



Aurora Free Library Film Series Presents

# MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MORGAN OPERA HOUSE!

## THE PRINCESS BRIDE

FREE Showing

**Saturday, February 7 • 7:00 PM**

*Dinner and a Movie! Start your night off with an Italian Dinner at UMA, then pop across the street to finish your night with this classic and quotable movie!*



**Union Springs Lions Club**

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**February 8, 2026**

**at the American Legion Dining Hall**

**8 Schobey St.**

**Serving 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Join us to raise funds for Lieng (Li) Wells.**



**Li has been diagnosed with Stage 2 Colorectal Cancer. She is unable to undergo chemotherapy due to taking other critical medications.**

**She is therefore left using alternative treatments, not covered by insurance, to defeat this cancer.**

**Funds raised will help pay for these treatments for Li.**

**Buffet style service. All you can eat!**

**Adults: \$12:00; Children (5-10): \$8:00**

**Children (4 and under): Free**

***Make checks payable to: Union Springs Lions Club***

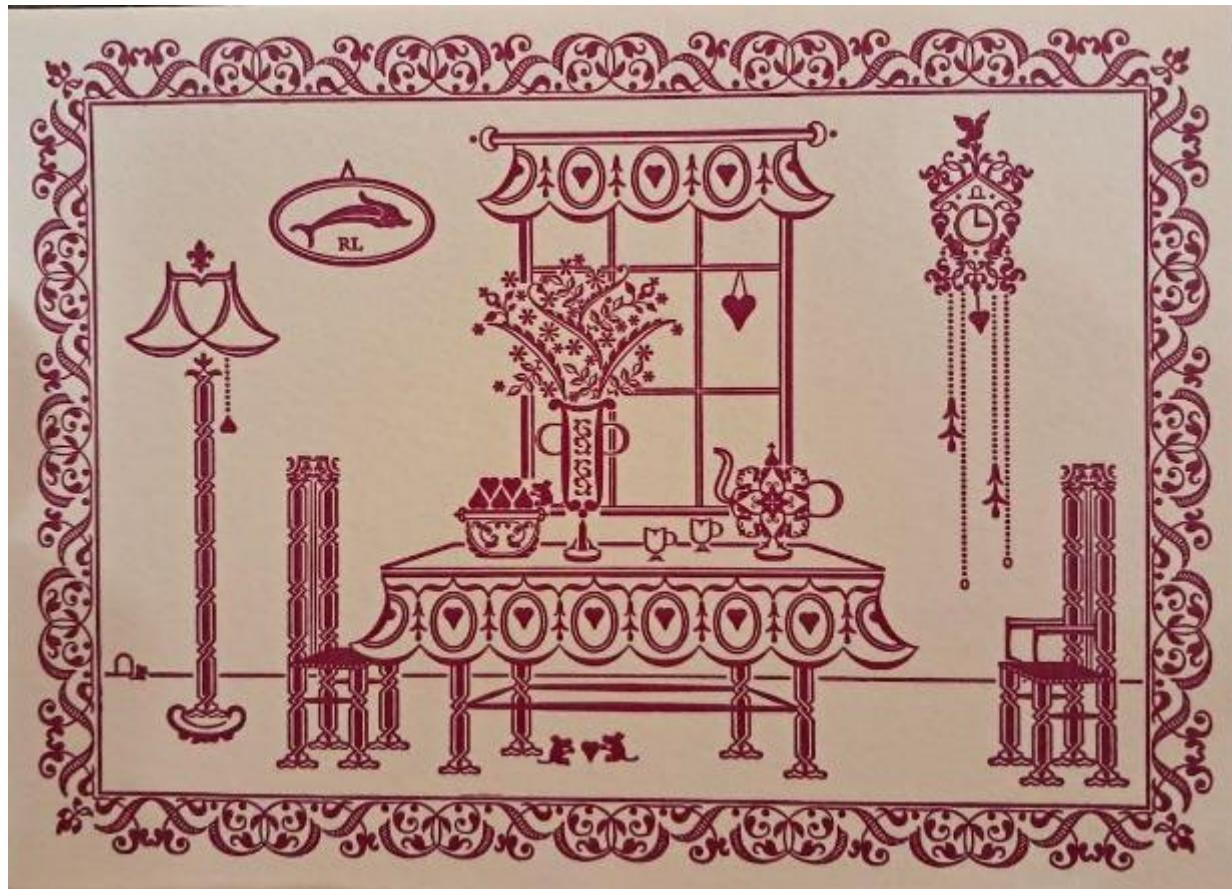
## Patrick Tavern Market

**Tuesday, February 10  
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Drive away the chill on Tuesday, **February 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** (note: just one hour!) at the Patrick Tavern monthly winter market. The theme is Valentine's Day, with sweets in abundance! Be sure to stock up on chocolate bars, coffee, nuts, and turmeric-ginger tea from San Pedro Sister Community; this will be the last order at the "old" prices. Baked goods from Alicia will include the yummy cinnamon roll bread as well as sourdough bread and pizza crusts. Ron will be bringing not only his honey but also honey soap—a lovely gift—in lavender, lemongrass, orange clove, peppermint, and rosemary fragrances. Ron and/or Jessanna might even have fresh eggs, if "the girls" get busy.

Jessanna will have heart ornaments, and Rob LoMascolo will bring letterpress Valentines; Debi's working on a new item from Bedlam Gardens, and Julia will have crafty things and catnip toys. Don't forget the birds: Thane will send barley grain and whole and ground corn for your wild and domestic friends. Finally, we're again working with Café 108 to **order-ahead** Chef Gregg's generous, tasty specialties. To find out more, sign up for market notices by writing [lschwab.glebefarm@gmail.com](mailto:lschwab.glebefarm@gmail.com)—that's also how you can get an update if weather causes postponement.

Above all, the monthly winter market is a chance to beat cabin fever, do your shopping with warmth and convenience, and mingle with friends. See you then!



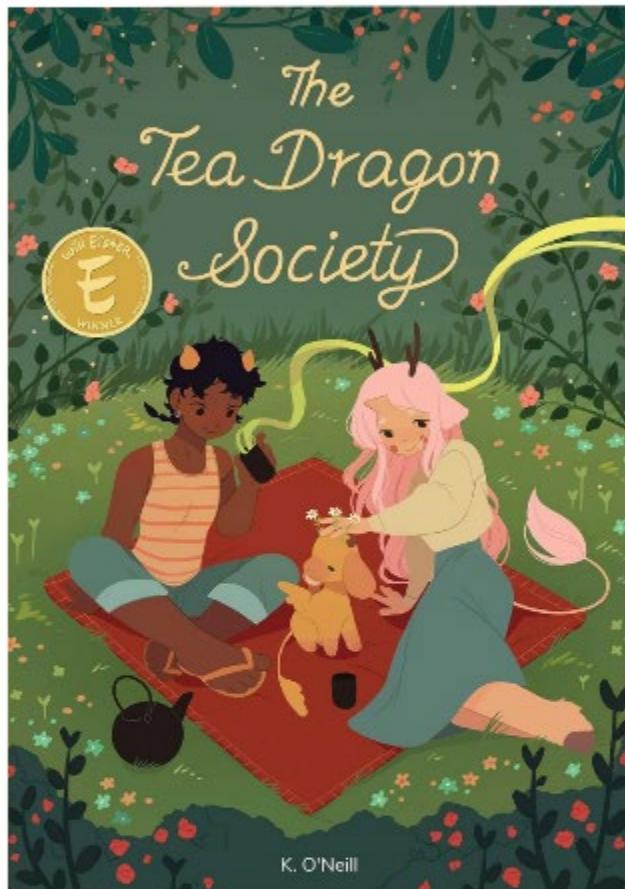
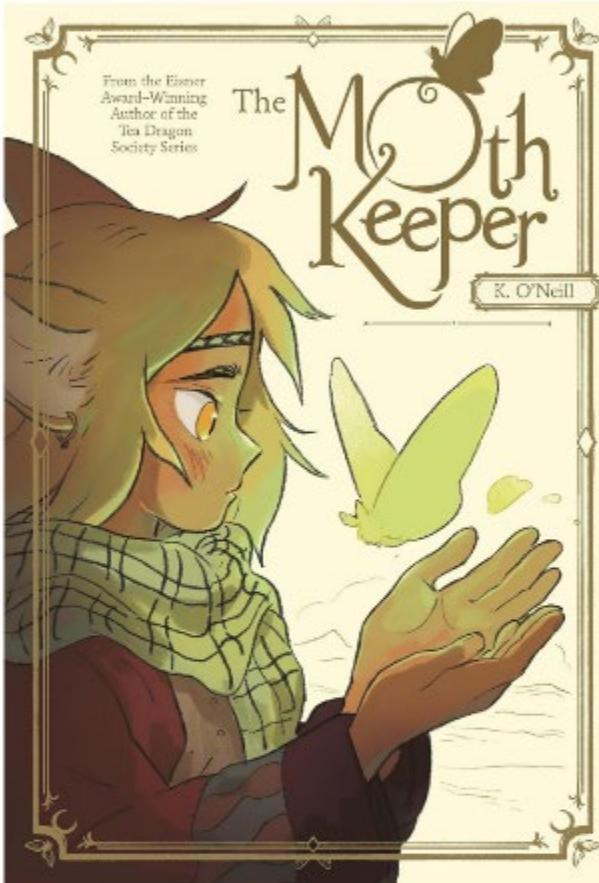
Letterpress Valentine by Robert LoMascolo

# Aurora Free Library

## 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!**

# Aurora Free Library

## ANNUAL MEETING



**Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 5:30 pm In Person and Zoom**

**Community members are encouraged to attend!**

- Meet the Library Board
- Review 2025
- Hear about 2026 goals
- Vote in Board Trustees

**Association Members\*** will vote on Election of Trustees:  
Michele Belot, Jo Gunderson May and Lars Peterson

**All are welcome to attend in person or remotely.**

If you plan to attend via Zoom, please contact  
**[aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com)** for the Zoom address.

**A short regular business meeting of the Board will immediately follow the Annual Association Meeting.**

***\*Association Members are those over the age of 18 who have an Aurora Library Card.***

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Celebrate the Winter Olympic Games

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**WINTER GAMES!**

**Wednesday, February 18**

**6 pm - 8 pm**

**Compete in  
Ice Fishing,**

**Yeti Snowball Slam,**

**Reindeer Ring Toss,**

**Snowman Mini Golf Hole, &**

**LEGO Minifigure Bobsled Races!**





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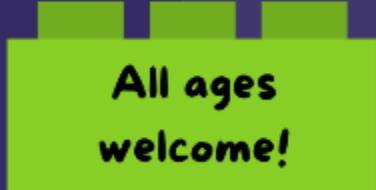
# Winter Recess Library LEGO Free Build Drop-In

Friday, Feb. 20, 3 - 7 pm

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 am - 2 pm



We provide the  
LEGO bricks!  
You provide the  
imagination!



All ages  
welcome!



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# Aurora Free Library Presents:



## Kids' International Cooking Class

Come taste  
recipes from  
around the  
world & learn  
how to cook  
yourself.

All families who  
attend will receive a  
FREE Global Feast  
Cookbook courtesy of  
the Rosen Library  
Fund.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD**  
6 pm

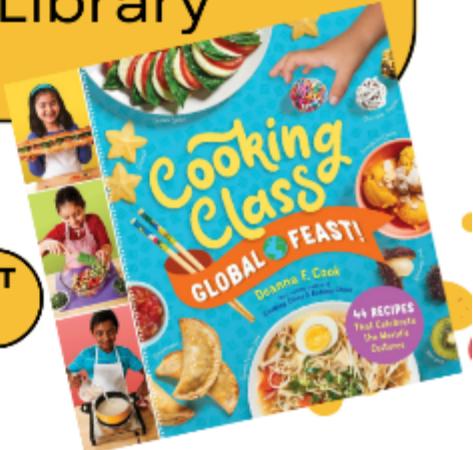
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Led by Registered Dietitian,  
Erin Burroughs

Assisted by Ines Stein



## FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.	<b>2</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	<b>3</b> Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m.  ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	<b>4</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  Community Read, 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Community Read, 11 a.m.  Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>6</b> Meditation, 9 a.m.  JD Balloni Duo, 5-8 p.m.  Winter Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Take Your Child to the Library Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  The Shylocks, 1-4 p.m.  Pasta Dinner, 5 p.m.  Film screening, <i>The Princess Bride</i> , 7 p.m.
<b>8</b> Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.  Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.  Reading and Discussion series, 4 p.m.	<b>9</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	<b>10</b> Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m.  Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	<b>11</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  Graphic Novel Book Club, 6 p.m.	<b>12</b> Community Read, 4 p.m.  AFL Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>13</b> Winter Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> Bright Leaf Valentine's Day Dinner, 6-9 p.m.  Treleaven Valentine's Day Dinner, 6-9 p.m.
<b>15</b> Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.  "The Quest for God," 4 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m.  ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	<b>18</b> UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.  Winter Games, 6-8 p.m.	<b>19</b> Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>20</b> Lego Drop-In, 3-7 p.m.  The Pelotones, 5-8 p.m.  Winter Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  Fargo Benefit for AFL, all day	<b>21</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Lego Drop-In, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>22</b> Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12-6 p.m.  <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	<b>23</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  Teen D&D, 5 p.m.	<b>24</b> Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m.  ABC Trivia, 6 p.m.	<b>25</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  UMA Book Club, 12:30 p.m.	<b>26</b> Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>27</b> Travis Rocco, 5-8 p.m.  Winter Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>