

# 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 May!

- April was a busy month at the library with lots of great programming including a wonderful Linocut Printing Class with The Johnson Museum. Take a look at the beautiful prints that were made!
- During May we will have air dry clay kits available for patrons to take home and create a prehistoric creature for a **Tiny Clay Art Show** in June. More details inside *The Hub*.
- We are working on our **Long Range Plan** and during May we will be looking for your feedback with a survey available on our website. Whether you use the library or not, **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**
- Be sure to stop by and take a look at the wonderful work Stock and Stone Masonry have done on the sidewalls of our front steps.
- This month we are showing *The Princess Bride* Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. on our big screen. Our **Annual Plant Sale** is taking place next Saturday, May 9 at 8 a.m. Get here early or you will miss out on some great deals! We welcome your donations as well for our sale.
- **Congressman John Mannion** will visit on Wednesday, May 6 at 10 a.m. for a Coffee with Constituents event. More details inside this issue.
- Our newly established **Chess Club** will meet again on May 27.
- Look inside for more info on our **book clubs** including a new one hosted by a young patron named Meredith.



- Reminder that our **Fiber Friends** group meets at 4 p.m. on Mondays. **Preschool Storytime** continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's **Book Lovers' Ball** at the Aurora Inn on Sunday, October 11.
- Remember we have downloadable books and magazines on Libby which are available with your [library card!](#) We also have passes you can borrow for the NY State Parks, the Sciencenter, and Rosamond Gifford Zoo.
- If you are cleaning out your books, don't forget that we collect books 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. Please email Director Sandy Groth at [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering at the library.

There are lots of ways you can become involved.

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.

We hope to see you soon!



## The Aurora Free Library is looking for your feedback. Please take our survey!

Biblioteca Pública de Aurora busca su opinión.  
¡Por favor, complete nuestra encuesta!



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Survey also on [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org)



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AURORA FREE LIBRARY



# PREHISTORIC TINY ART SHOW

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO

stop by the library during the month of May  
for a clay kit to use to create a dinosaur or  
other prehistoric creature for our  
Tiny Clay Art Show!

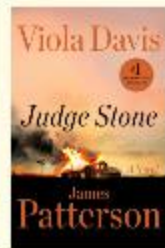
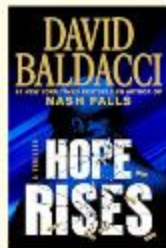
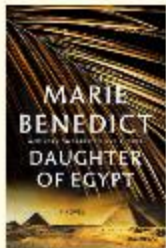


This coincides with our summer reading theme of *Unearth a Story!*

# Aurora Free Library

## YOUNG ADULT NOVELS

## ADULT FICTION

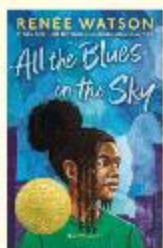
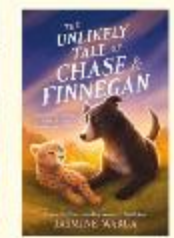
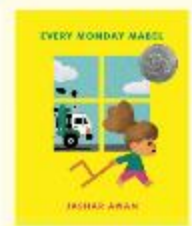
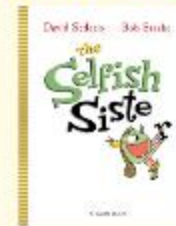
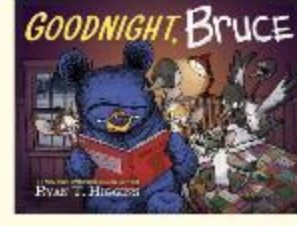


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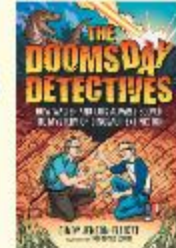
## GRAPHIC NOVELS



## PICTURE BOOKS, EASY READERS, & NOVELS



## CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION



Spring certainly has sprung these last few weeks, and the signs and sounds of nature breaking dormancy are all around. Peepers singing their joyous evening song quietly taper off each morning as busy bees begin their morning humming hymn. The stillness of winter is melting away to green shoots rising up from the rain - so inspiring! Watching the buds develop on the trees, I am amazed by how much can be created in such a short while. Breaking dormancy requires a tremendous amount of energy. Endurance and tenacity is required. Each day presents unique challenges, growth is hard work, and I see it everywhere as we return to the "green season".

In my garden this month things thawed early, many plants taking those first hot days as an invitation to go, go, GROW! I enjoyed watching their exuberance, until Mother Nature played the wild weather card. While the last snow brought a few losses, and a rather dramatic performance from the tulips, the warmth returned soon and all perked up accordingly.



Busy insects and animals remind me that spring is a time for visiting! Driving through town you can see friends and neighbors outside tidying up their yards and gardens. Most wave cheerily, some continue about their business. I myself spent some gloriously balmy evenings weeding, cleaning up, and mowing the lawn. As I work I watch the first pollinators of the season who are out and about. They bop from yard to yard to see what there is to eat and see. Stretching their wings they flit and visit, and swoop and pivot, as they endlessly search for sweethearts and snacks. I am happy to be able to offer them some early blooms to add to the menu, and grateful for having the foresight to have chosen early blooming species to enjoy.



While spring sunshine is splendid, April showers brought the splish and splash we all know so well. Some days warm and misty, others cold and drizzly. These days are for other tasks, such as spring cleaning. As I dust my windowsills I am distracted by a Robin hopping across the yard, who has crammed as many bits of grass as possible into its mouth in an attempt to make the trip efficient. I laugh realizing this must be how I look when I carry too many bags in from the car. I can DO IT! My gaze follows Robin's return to the new home being constructed in the White Pine. Here there is beautiful, meticulous, weaving happening. The effort will be worth it, as each selected blade of grass becomes a summer house, a cradle, and eventually when the fall winds blow, a mouse house, as it settles into the grass from which it came. A wonderful reminder that good work is almost always a worthy pursuit long after the labor has passed.



As April showers give way to May flowers, may you find time for flitting, resting and waving at neighbors. Spring is such a busy time, and there is lots to do, but remember - a nest is rarely built in a day! Make sure to balance the busy with plenty of rest, which is just as important as periods of growth.

Pace yourself, we have a lot more growth on the horizon!

See you out there,

*Liz*

Elizabeth J. Snyder, Sr. CNLP



## Upcoming Presentations:

*Free and Open to Gardeners of All Levels*

### Fall Leaf ID & Leaf Print Making Class

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

### Evergreen ID & Arrangement Class

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

### For more information contact:



Website

[aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org)



Phone

315-364-8074

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

**TRUELEAFDESIGN.COM**

# **COMMUNITY NOTES**

## **Long Point Parking Passes for Town of Ledyard Residents**

2026 Long Point Parking Passes are available to all residents in the Town of Ledyard. Purchase your parking pass during office hours for \$5.00. Parking pass must be adhered to driver's side rear window.

Questions? Call 315-364-5707 or email [townoledyard@outlook.com](mailto:townoledyard@outlook.com).

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

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## **San Pedro Sister Community Thanks You!!**

**Thanks to Bright Leaf Vineyard and  
Simply Cookie Catering!**

**Thanks to the generous attenders and  
donors for our annual Fundraiser Dinner!**

**We raised over \$4000 for Scholarships and a  
growing Sewing Business in San Pedro, El  
Salvador!**

**Want to donate? Send a check to**

**San Pedro Sister Community to**

**Rebecca Ruggles, 2082 Lake Rd, Aurora, NY 13026**



## MOST POPULAR items chosen last month at the Food Pantry

Thank you for your donations that help us purchase these important items!

- Eggs
- Whole Fresh Milk
- Fresh Potatoes
- Bananas
- Sliced White bread
- Onions
- Chicken & Ground Beef
- Pork Tenderloin
- Lettuce
- Cheese
- Cabbage & Peppers
- Juice
- Fresh Carrots
- Sweet Sausage
- Yogurt
- Canned Corn
- Spaghetti & Sauce
- Tortillas
- Cereal
- Rice
- Soup
- Hot Dogs
- Assorted Pasta
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Diced Tomatoes
- Peaches
- Black Beans, Green Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Instant Oatmeal
- Bologna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pancake Mix
- Mandarin Oranges
- Pears & Mixed Fruit
- Beets
- Ground Turkey
- Canned Beans
- Canned & Dry Potatoes
- Fish Sticks
- Beef Stew
- Dry Beans
- Canned Carrots & Peas
- Biscuit Mix
- Applesauce
- Dried Cherries
- Garbanzos
- White Chicken Chili

King Ferry Food Pantry  
PO Box 242, King Ferry NY 13081  
facebook: KingFerryFoodPantry  
(315) 497-2049



# Partner with Camp Gregory

Make an Impact This Summer!

For Over 80 Years...

Spring Road Run

Summer Camp 2026

Fall Trail Run

Camp Gregory has helped kids unplug, explore nature, and create

- ✓ Your business seen by hundreds of families, campers & renters
- ✓ Reach thousands on social media
- ✓ Company logo or name on shirts & signage at camp



## Sponsorship Opportunities

### \$100+ SPONSOR

- ✓ Website recognition and feature on 1 event T-shirt



### \$500 SPONSOR

- ✓ Logo on 3 Camp Event Shirts
- ✓ Website & Social Media Shoutouts
- ✓ Camp Drive Signage  
Hundreds of Families & Visitors!

### \$1,000 LEAD SPONSOR

- ✓ Featured Social Media Spotlight
- ✓ Prominent Logo Placement
- ✓ All \$500 Benefits

## How to Sponsor:

1. Choose Your Level
2. Submit Your Contribution

### Payment Options



- Venmo -



- Credit Card -

By check: Camp Gregory PO Box 322 Aurora, NY 13026

Email: [admin@campgregory.org](mailto:admin@campgregory.org)



Let's Make Summer Unforgettable - For Kids and Your Business!

Want to make a real difference in your community? Become a sponsor of Camp Gregory and help support local kids and families. There are many ways to give back and create a meaningful impact. Reach out to learn more!



# GRANTS SEPTIC SERVICE

Nathan McGeever  
315-246-7518

Portable Toilet Rentals & Septic Pumping

**AURORA FARMERS MARKET 2026**  
**EVERY SATURDAY MAY 30 – OCTOBER 4**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**VILLAGE LAWN BEHIND THE FIREHOUSE**  
**SHERWOOD ROAD, AURORA, NY 13026**



**AMY B**  
*Amy Torea*

**Bird and Turtle Homestead**  
*Kristina Kelley*

**Cravings of Aurora**  
*Terry Martinez*

**Heart Beat Farm & Wild Geese Pottery**  
*Jessanna Levitsky & Nedjula Baguio*

**Kelloggsville Farm Cidery & Winery**  
*Gail Morse & Violetta*

**San Pedro Community Project, Inc.**  
*Cathy Mullarney, President*

**Simply Delicious by Marissa**  
*Marissa Hall*

**Sonny's Best**  
*Sonny Kauffman*

**Standing Stone Honey Bee Products**  
*Ronald Woodburn, Jr.*

**¡VERDURAS!**  
*Vic Muñoz & Ellen Hall*





# Montessori Summer Camp

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00

Ages 3-6 \$200 per session.

\$750 if you sign up for all four weeks

July 6-9

July 13-16

July 27-30

August 3-6

Our summer program builds preschool and kindergarten readiness through the Montessori Method. Children will strengthen motor skills, letters and sounds, early math, and classroom routines, while enjoying nature, art, and outdoor exploration.

Contact Holly Davia for more information at

[hdavia@stalbertacademy.org](mailto:hdavia@stalbertacademy.org)

St. Albert the Great Academy

134 Washington St.

Disconnect to reconnect. Slow down, step outside, and breathe the fresh air. With 34 acres to explore, there's plenty of room to relax, wander, and create your own kind of getaway.



**2026 Date Filling Fast! Secure your spot!**

**CAMP GREGORY**  
CAYUGA LAKE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

**Labor Day Weekend Available!!!**

*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

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Open for 2026-2027

We understand the selection of a school for your child is a very thoughtful decision and we are excited to welcome your family to our community!

Please call the Main Office to start today!

MAIN OFFICE: 315-283-0555

Our Website  
[www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com](http://www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com)



# May 2026 Schedule

*Encouraging Community & Creativity*

## THIS MONTH

### The Ende Brothers

5/15: 6 to 8 PM

The Ende Brothers are a sure hit with their acoustic covers filled with vocal harmonies and expert guitar work. This show is 21+, free, and open to the public.

### Nate Marshall Sing-along

5/22: 6 to 9 PM

Drink-n-Sing-along. Shout out your request, sing along with Nate and have a great evening of unwhining. 21+. Food and Mocktails available

### Briz: The Original Songs

5/31: 3 to 5 PM

Well-known for his Neil Young tribute, Briz is also a song writer. He will be performing a selection of his songs and maybe pop in some familiar covers, too. All-ages, free and open to the public.

## MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

5/10: 2 PM

This is not just for Moms. Come to our 3rd annual High Tea. Reservations are required. More details & tickets at our website [Events](#) page

**MAY 30: 7 PM**

**"DINE IN THE 9's"**  
FINE DINING WITHOUT THE FUSS—JOIN US IN THE NINES

Dine-in series consisting of a 5-Course Prix Fixe dinner (\$55) with optional alcohol or non-alcohol drink pairing (\$30). À la Carte beverage also available.

May 30th dinner will feature  
– **Za'atarday Night Special** –  
Explore one of the oldest defined cuisines, rich in flavor and spices  
Ticket Required, sales end 5/25.

## EVENTS PAGE

You don't do the "socials" or want to check on updates to this calendar? Head over to our [Events](#) pages and see what's happening, what's sold out and what's brewing.



### Northville is more than Quiche

Take-out catering

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Private high tea for small groups,  
private dinners & luncheons  
or event venue



999 State Route 34B  
King Ferry, NY 13081  
(607) 233-0070

Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays: 9 AM - 2 PM  
[northvillearts.com](http://northvillearts.com)

*Schedule subject to change*

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





## Union Springs Lions Club

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: \$14 (½ Chicken, Beans & Salt Potatoes).  
Halves: \$9. 10 AM until sold out.



163 Cayuga Street  
Union Springs

Date	Benefiting Organization
4/18	Union Springs Community Band
5/02	Cayuga Waterfront Festival
5/16	Warren Salem Town Lodge #147 (Masons)
5/30	Senior Citizens Aid Transportation (SCAT) Van
6/13	Frontenac Historical Society / Museum
6/27	Lions / Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation (FLRLHF)
7/11	Camp Caspar Gregory
7/25	Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC)
8/08	Good Shepherd Catholic Community St. Michael's Church
8/22	Union Springs Fire Department
9/05	TUCC Women
9/19	Scouts Programs (pre-sale)

## Upcoming Events at Local Wineries and Breweries

### Aurora Brewing Co.

**JP Payton**  
Saturday, May 2, 5-8 p.m.

**Kevin Sprague**  
Saturday, May 16, 5-8 p.m.

**Petty Thieves Duo**  
Saturday, May 9, 5-8 p.m.

**Porch Couch**  
Saturday, May 23, 5-8 p.m.

**The Soul Bender with Cisco Paler-Large**  
Saturday, May 30, 6-9 p.m.

### Bright Leaf Vineyard

Happy Spring!  
Music in May, every Friday from 5-8 p.m.

May 1: Levi Gangi  
May 8: Tom Chick  
May 15: Katie Alessandra  
May 22: Unreal Village  
May 29: Tru Bleu

Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.  
Menu provided by Mike Dugan's Catering every Friday in May

Other events:

**Sunday, May 3, 1-3 p.m.** Pottery workshop: This is a ticketed event. You may purchase tickets directly from our website: <https://brightleafvineyard.com>

**Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day brunch**  
Menu by Osteria Salina  
Two seatings: this is a ticketed event. Please see our website for more information.

### Treleaven Wines

**Spring Trivia League**  
Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch**  
Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

**Mother's Day Brunch Celebration**  
Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.

**Uptown Groove**  
Friday, May 22, 6-9 p.m.

**The Destination Band**  
Friday, May 29, 6-9 p.m.

# SIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CAYUGA

Submitted by Linda Dugan

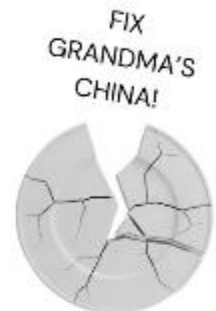


# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## PRESENT A FIX-IT FAIR

WHEN: Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> | 10AM-1PM



WHERE: Sew What! CNY | 25 Seminary St Ste 3  
Auburn, NY

WHY: Our volunteers will help fix your beloved items, keeping them from going to a landfill and saving you money on new purchases!

STITCH ON NEW  
BUTTONS



Scan QR to register or email  
[cayugaclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:cayugaclimateaction@gmail.com)

Not all items will be able to be  
repaired



REWIRE YOUR  
FAVORITE LAMP

SCAN TO REGISTER



Aurora Free Library Film Series Presents



# MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MORGAN OPERA HOUSE!



## THE PRINCESS BRIDE



FREE Showing

Saturday, May 2 | 7:30 PM

*Movie night, as you wish...*

# **NY-22 COFFEE WITH YOUR CONGRESSMAN**

Join Congressman John Mannion for a cup of coffee, to share your views, and ask questions.

**Cayuga County Constituent Coffee**

**Aurora Free Library**

**370 Main Street**

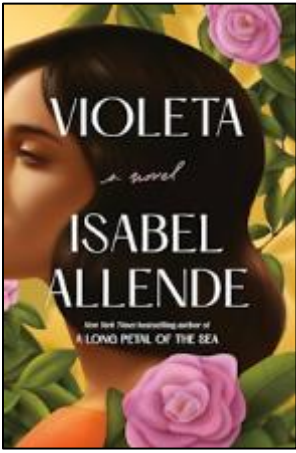
**Aurora, NY 13026**

**May 6, 2026**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

RSVP at [mannion.house.gov](https://mannion.house.gov)  
or scan the QR code





## Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 p.m.

Aurora Free Library

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *Violeta* by Isabel Allende.

**New members are always welcome!** Call either Aurora (315-364-8074 or [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com)) or Hazard Library (315-364-7975 or [librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@hazardlibrary.org)) for more information or to be added to our e-mail list. Books can be interlibrary loaned for you if needed.

The Aurora Free Library is  
hosting its Annual Spring  
**PLANT SALE**  
Saturday, May 9  
8:00 am — Sold out  
Aurora Free Library  
370 Main Street  
Annuals and Perennials For Your Garden  
Donated by Cayuga Landscape Co. and McKissick Farms  
and Aurora Gardens  
*The library very gratefully welcomes donations of plants.  
Donations may be dropped off at the library by 7:30am  
day of sale or contact us and we will pick up your  
plant donations.  
(847) 946-5923 or UKRAD@aol.com*



Join us for a fun, hands-on container gardening class where you'll learn the "spills, fills, and thrills" technique for creating a beautiful annual planter. Liz Snyder will walk you through simple design concepts, including how to combine colors, textures, and plant shapes, along with tips for incorporating pollinator-friendly options.

After the demonstration, you'll have time to explore the greenhouse and select plants that match your personal style. We'll provide 12" terracotta pots for \$5, or you're welcome to choose a different container from the greenhouse that fits your vision.

The \$35 class fee covers instruction and guidance. Plants and containers are not included. Come ready to get creative and leave with a custom container you'll be proud to show off all season long! Visit our website [www.grisamorefarms.com](http://www.grisamorefarms.com) to sign up or use this link: <https://square.link/u/hOVs7ZhZ>



### **Spring Garden Party: A Mother's Day Weekend Celebration**

Celebrate Mother's day with a family-friendly weekend at the greenhouse, filled with flowers, food, crafts, music, and local vendors. Bring your mom, family, and friends to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere surrounded by vibrant spring blooms.

The greenhouse will be bursting with annuals, vegetables, and houseplants—perfect inspiration for the growing season. As you browse, enjoy live music from 11am - 2pm each day, featuring Patrick Young on Saturday and Levi Dusseau on Sunday.

Come hungry! We'll be serving simple, delicious lunch options, along with a variety of local vendors offering tasty eats, baked goods, crafts and other unique finds. Grisamore Cider Works will be on-site pouring hard cider, along with beer and fresh coffee available to enjoy as you explore.

Families can take part in hands-on activities throughout the weekend, including **creating handmade Mother's Day cards or painting and planting a clay pot**—perfect for a thoughtful, personalized gift. Or sign up for our container gardening class by visiting our website. [www.grisamorefarms.com](http://www.grisamorefarms.com)

**FRIENDS OF THE PLANETARIUM PRESENT  
THE 2026 LECTURE SERIES**

**THE MOONS OF JUPITER AND SATURN**



**PRESENTED BY: MIKE DEMPSEY**

**ASTRONOMY LECTURER WITH MASTER'S IN PHYSICS, AND TENURED  
EARTH SCIENCE TEACHER**

**WHERE : THE AUBURN THEATER  
IN THE CINEMA ROOM  
8 EXCHANGE STREET, AUBURN NEW YORK  
DATE: MAY 9, 2026  
TIME: 1PM**

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.00 ADULTS, STUDENTS /SENIORS \$5.00 ALL ARE WELCOME**

**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
PLANETARIUM@GMAIL.COM OR WWW.AUBURNPUBLICTHEATER.ORG**



We are excited to invite you

# HAZARD LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM  
Opendore, 2978 State Route 34B, Sherwood

See the progress on our building!  
Hear about what we did in 2025!  
Meet our board members and staff!  
Celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



Spring into life.

Give blood.



# Southern Cayuga Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

1:00PM – 6:00PM

**Scipioville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**

3428 State Route 34B, Scipioville NY 13147

Incentives for this blood drive include:

Drawing for \$25 *Auburn Bagel Company* gift certificate

All donors receive a \$20 *Amazon* e-gift certificate

*Red Cross* dry bag (while limited supply lasts – handy for outdoor activities!)

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Maximize your blood donation. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a **Power Red** donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Or take a photo of the QR Code and follow the link.

# Aurora Free Library

## TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

### Wednesday, May 13 from 6 – 7 pm



**Discuss the book, share your Roadside Attraction Postcard design, play some Roadside Mini Golf, and munch on snacks with friends!**

**Stop by the library to REGISTER and pick up a copy of the book and your Take Home Roadside Attraction Postcard activity!**

[aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) 315-364-8074 Funded by Rosen Library Fund

Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project

# Difference Makers' Night

SOUTHERN CAYUGA HIGH SCHOOL  
**FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Understanding Immigration Today**  
The Rule of Law and the Reality on the Ground

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## 6:00 COMMUNITY DINNER & TREE TOUR

Baked ziti and sides. Dessert provided by Northville Arts Center.  
Join us at 6:30 for a guided tour of the Chestnut Tree site.

## 7:00 AWARDS

### *2026 Difference Maker Awards*

Honoring the accomplishments of two distinguished community members.

## 7:30 SPEAKER EVENT

### *Understanding Immigration Today: The Rule of Law and the Reality on the Ground*



A presentation and Q&A with prominent immigration lawyer Steve Yale-Loehr. Drawing on decades of experience, he will share insights into today's legal landscape, address common misconceptions, and discuss the real-world impact of immigration policy.

## 2026 COMMUNITY DIFFERENCE MAKERS



BECKY DAVIS



PAUL HAYDEN



SOUTHERN CAYUGA  
**Anne Frank**  
TREE PROJECT

[www.sccsannefranktree.org](http://www.sccsannefranktree.org) | 2384 Route 34B, Aurora, NY



# Spring Road Run/Walk Fundraiser

Help to support our nonprofit children's  
summer camp!

\$25 per runner | \$5 for kids under 12 | T-shirt included

## 5K & 1 MILE RUN & WALK

### Race Details

9:30am - Race Registration

10am - Race Begins

10am - 1pm - Community Picnic & Open House

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

Every step you take helps a camper find their place!

#### REGISTER HERE



Register with the QR code or [CampGregory.org/spring-road-run](https://CampGregory.org/spring-road-run)

Bring your family and friends along, as camp will stay open until 1:00 PM for everyone to enjoy. Pack a picnic and make a day of it!

Interested in sponsoring this race and future events at Camp Gregory?

Become a sponsor by emailing us at [info@CampGregory.org](mailto:info@CampGregory.org)

 [WWW.CAMPGREGORY.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPGREGORY.ORG)

Email: [info@CampGregory.org](mailto:info@CampGregory.org)

Camp Gregory is a 501c3 nonprofit

Hit the road for a good cause! Join us for our Spring Road Run/Walk camp fundraiser. Stick around after and enjoy camp! Grounds will be open to explore until 1 p.m., so pack a picnic, bring the family, and make a day of it. Get outside and support local kids and families, or join us as a sponsor!

# Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore Annual Meeting and Presentation, “Three Harriets: The Story of Extraordinary Women In the Oneida Community”

Sunday, May 17  
7:00 p.m.

The Howland Stone Store Museum and Opendore will hold their annual meeting followed by a presentation by Thomas A. Guiler, the director of Museum Affairs at the Oneida Community Mansion House.

The Oneida Community was one of the most radical and successful utopian communes in American history. Much of this is due to the elevated status that women enjoyed inside this Community. Indeed, due to their radical conceptions of sex, family, and gender, women were afforded far more opportunities than their counterparts in the outside world. This presentation will explore women’s experiences in the Community through the biographies of three women named Harriet that both exemplify and complicate the lives of women in the Oneida Community.

Thomas A. Guiler (Ph.D. Syracuse University) is the Director of Museum Affairs at the Oneida Community Mansion House. A scholar of intentional and utopian communities, Tom taught previously at the University of Delaware and Winterthur Program in American Material Culture. He researches and teaches 19th and 20th century American social and cultural history and has particular interests in social protest, material culture, decorative arts, and the digital and public humanities. He has published and presented on a wide variety of intentional communities including Byrdcliffe, Roycroft, and Rose Valley in addition to extensive work on the Oneida Community. He has served as the president of the Communal Studies Assoc. His book, *The Handcrafted Utopia: Arts and Crafts Communities in America’s Progressive Era*, which examines utopian communities in the Arts and Crafts Movement was recently published by the Richard W. Couper Press of Hamilton College.

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Many thanks to those who attended our clean-up day at Opendore on the 18th of April. On that day we welcomed new HSSM volunteers Lydia Bailey and Allie Bunnell and we are grateful for their interest in the history of Sherwood. They join Lynn McDonald as new volunteers. Lynn has assisted with collections work for several weeks and she has offered valuable insight and ideas as we catalog and research the wealth of material in our collection. Anya Ross, a junior at Ithaca High School, is joining us as a new docent. We look forward to working with her through this new season.

We need and encourage anyone who has an interest in local history to inquire about volunteer opportunities. There are so many facets to running a museum and so many different skills are needed. Time offered is up to the individual and is a rewarding experience for those helping. If you are interested, please email Lorrie Butcher ([lorrieb7@gmail.com](mailto:lorrieb7@gmail.com)) and wherever your interests and skills lie, we’ll connect you to the person that can best help you get started.

## Patrick Tavern Market – Weekly Markets Start with Salads and Flowers!

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Yes! The season will be off and running soon: weekly Tuesday markets at Patrick Tavern begin 4:30-5:30 p.m. on May 19. The first tender greens of spring are such a wonderful treat, and starting then you can satisfy that healthy craving. Debi Lampman put in fourteen dozen lettuce plants, and Julia will continue with delightful bagged greens. Look for more eggs, too; both chickens and ducks are in full production. Alicia will be on hand with sourdough and pizza crusts, plus a special bread each week, and Ron will be bringing his delicious honey (plus beeswax candles and more). Chocolate and coffee are on a break, getting organized for the Saturday markets.



If your fresh-frozen organic blueberries are running low, email [glenda\\_neff@juno.com](mailto:glenda_neff@juno.com) with how many 3# bags you want. She won't make it in person, but has a couple of delivery options worked out.

The dinners were a big hit the last two months, too, and again, orders are important. Email Linda at [lschwab.glebefarm@gmail.com](mailto:lschwab.glebefarm@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the mailing list. Watch for more news on the May line-up, and be sure to stop by Patrick Tavern from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on May 19 and every week thereafter!

Debi Lampman's lettuce bed; photo provided by Debi



Meredith's

Soup & Story

club



Follow Meredith's traveling book club from library to library, where each month brings a new story, a warm bowl of soup, a hands-on craft, and a thoughtful discussion.



WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026 | 4:30 PM

Aurora Free Library | Aurora, NY AGES 8-14

Please read *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart before the meeting. Copies are available at the Aurora Free Library!

Register at library or email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org)



**Fur**

**Friends**

**First Responders**



A visit from cuddly critters from Chester's Barn (11-2)

**SATURDAY  
MAY 23, 2026  
11 AM - 3 PM**

Trinity Massage (11-1)

Local Vendors

Kids Zone Activities

Fun Photo Booth

Ambulance Exploration

Hands-Only CPR Demos

Wellness Checks & Education

EMS Skills Showcase

Meet the Providers

# SCIA COMMUNITY DAY!

Hot Dogs - Beverages - Baked Goods  
to benefit SCIA



**May 17-23, 2026 is National EMS Week**

Join us to recognize our providers  
and get to know your neighbors!

## SOUTHERN CAYUGA INSTANT AID

2530 State Route 34B in Poplar Ridge ~ [SouthernCayugaAmbulance.org](http://SouthernCayugaAmbulance.org)



Re-dedication of Civil War Monument  
Monday May 25th  
Immediately following the 11AM Memorial  
Day Service  
5 Corners Grange Veterans Monument  
King Ferry Presbyterian Church



Original statue



Prior to restoration



Restoration completed

This monument has stood at the entrance of the West Genoa Cemetery since its original installation in 1882 as a memorial to local Civil War veterans. Sadly, it was in notable disrepair and was removed for renovation in April 2024. This arduous process was completed this year and the statue re-installed.

Please join us for both the Memorial Day service and the re-dedication ceremony.

# **Aurora Free Library**



## **CHESS Club**

**Wednesday, May 27**

**5 pm - 7 pm**

**Chess Club is for players of all  
ages and all levels looking for  
friendly competition.**

**Please bring your own chess set.  
Chess set donations welcomed.**

**aurorafreelibrary.org 315-364-8074**



# 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.



**We are reading the Kingdom of Wrenly Series!**

**Friday, June 5 at 4:30 pm**

**LEGO Marble Mazes**

**and**

**“DRAGON-Sized” Building Tiles**



**Email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) or stop by the library to REGISTER.**

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# Pickleball Doubles Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, June 6

9:00 a.m.

Wells Courts

All proceeds to Aurora Fire Department

\$40 per team

Contact Frank Losurdo by phone or text at (607) 256-3024 to sign up.



**AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

— JOIN US AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT! —

**WELLS COLLEGE GOLF CLUB**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026  
WELLS COLLEGE GOLF COURSE

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

- REGISTRATION: 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
- SHOTGUN START: 1:00 PM

**TOURNAMENT DETAILS**

- FORMAT: 3-PERSON, 9-HOLE SCRAMBLE
- COST: \$100 PER PERSON
- INCLUDES:
  - 9 HOLES OF GOLF
  - CART
  - MEAL

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

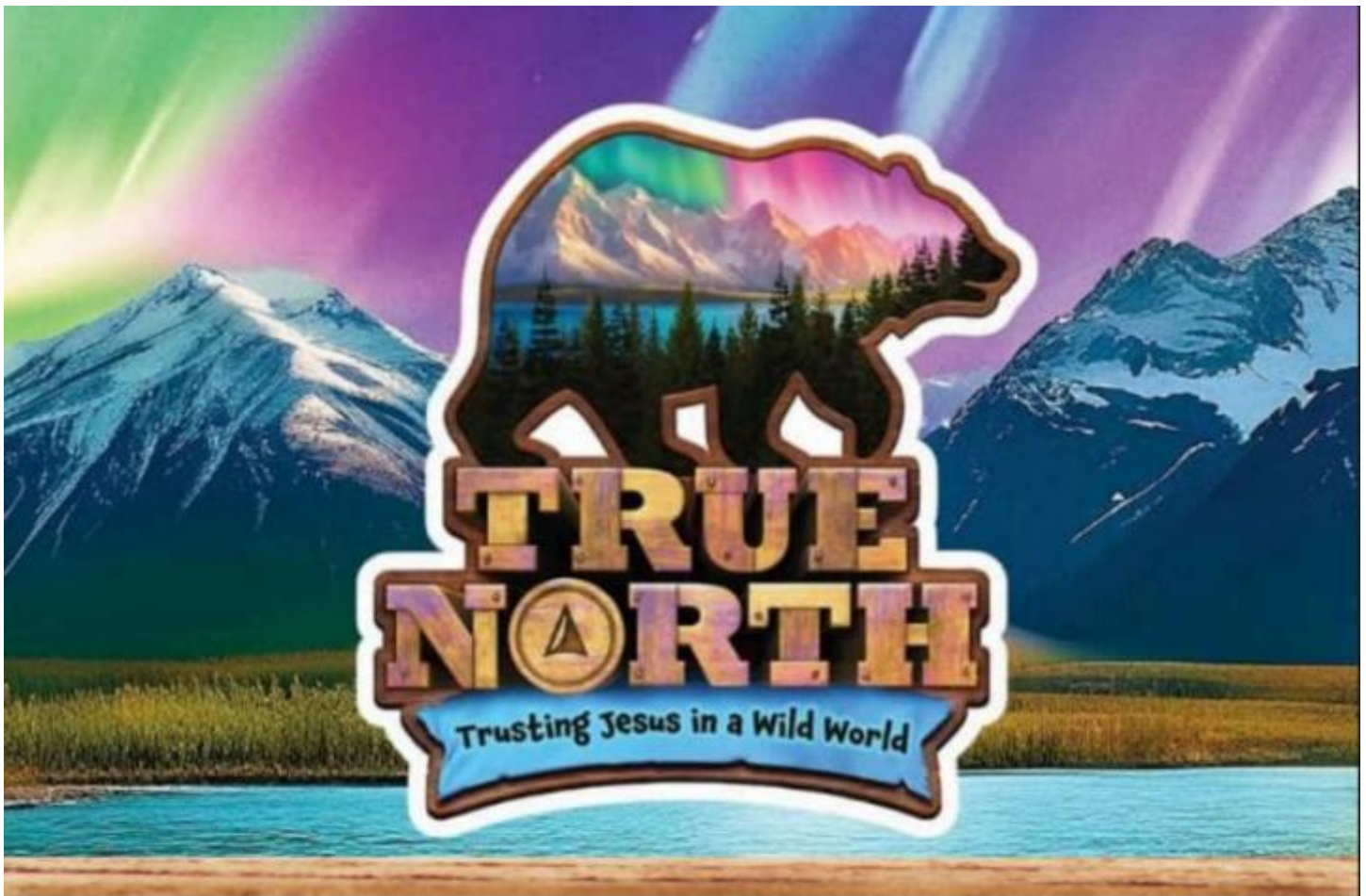
- FUN GOLF GAMES
- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50 DRAWING
- LIVE MUSIC
- PRIZES FOR TOP TEAMS

**SIGN-UP INFORMATION**

- WELLS COLLEGE GOLF COURSE: 315.364.8024
- TEXT FRANK ZIMDAHL: 315.224.7602

**JOIN US, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026!**  
Bring your friends, enjoy a great day of golf, and help support the **Aurora Volunteer Fire Department** and the vital services they provide to our community. Sponsor a Firefighter (\$100) so they can play!

*We appreciate your support!*



We're going on the ultimate Alaskan adventure in this Catholic VBS where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As we trek the tundra each day, we'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. But when we follow Sacred Scripture, Holy Mother Church and Sacred Tradition, we can know the Truth.

Jesus is our True North!

**Ages: 4-12 (K-7)**

**When: July 20th-24th, 9am-noon**

**Where: St. Patrick's Church, Aurora**

**Cost: FREE**

**Contact: Register online or scan QR Code**



# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Levi Gangi, 5-8 p.m.  Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Lions Chicken BBQ, 10 a.m.  Fix-It Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  JP Payton, 5-8 p.m.  Film screening, <i>The Princess Bride</i> , 7:30 p.m.
<b>3</b> Bingo & Brunch, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  Pottery workshop, 1-3 p.m.	<b>4</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	<b>5</b> Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m.	<b>6</b> Coffee with Constituents, 10 a.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>8</b> Tom Chick, 5-8 p.m.  Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Plant Sale, 8 a.m.  Spring Garden Party, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. →  Container Class, 10-11 a.m.  “Moons of Jupiter and Saturn,” 1 p.m.  Petty Thieves Duo, 5-8 p.m.
<b>10</b> Mother’s Day Brunch Celebration, 10 a.m.  Spring Garden Party, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  Mother’s Day High Tea, 2 p.m.  Mother’s Day Brunch, 2-4 p.m.	<b>11</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.  Hazard Library Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.  Graphic Novel Book Club, 6-7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> Katie Alessandra, 5-8 p.m.  The Ende Brothers, 6-8 p.m.  Difference Makers’ Night, 6-8:30 p.m.  Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Lions Chicken BBQ, 10 a.m.  Spring Road Fundraiser, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Kevin Sprague, 5-8 p.m.
<b>17</b> Bingo, Bubbles & Brunch, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  HSSM Annual Meeting and “Three Harriets,” 7 p.m.	<b>18</b> Fiber Friends, 4 p.m.	<b>19</b> Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m.  Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Soup and Story Club, 4:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> AFL Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>22</b> Unreal Village, 5-8 p.m.  Nate Marshall Sing-Along, 6-9 p.m.  Uptown Groove, 6-9 p.m.  Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  <i>The Hub</i> submissions due	<b>23</b> SCIA Community Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  Porch Couch, 5-8 p.m.
<b>24</b> Bingo & Brunch, 12:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> Re-Dedication of Civil War Monument, 11 a.m.	<b>26</b> Chair Yoga, 9:30 a.m.  Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Chess Club, 5-7 p.m.	<b>28</b> Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.	<b>29</b> Tru Bleu, 5-8 p.m.  The Destination, 6-9 p.m.  Trivia League, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>30</b> Lions Chicken BBQ, 10 a.m.  Farmers’ Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Soul Bender, 6-9 p.m.  Dine in the 9’s, 7 p.m.
<b>31</b> Bingo & Brunch, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  Briz, 3-5 p.m.						