2025 Highlights

What's New? Our first Enchanted Festival attracted over 200 people. It took place throughout the Village with Fairy, Pirate and Dragon stations and a Unicorn too! Dragon Explorers Book Club began which read *Kingdom of Wrenly* books, discussed them, and made a craft.

Financial Good News A successful Book Lovers' Ball at Treleaven Winery. Received funding from the Cayuga Foundation and grants from Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund, NY Statewide Community Regrants, Friends of TCPL and Family Literacy, Outreach Mini-Grant and Collection Development Grants from FLLS. Successful school ballot vote, received county funding, and completed a NYS Construction Grant for an AC project for the MOH. Thankful for Fargo Fundraiser and Book and Plant Sales.

Ongoing Outreach Food Pantry Take and Make Kits, SCCS Jeff Mack author visit, UPK, Peachtown and Aurora Preschool visits, SCCS Book Giveaways, Back to School Ice Cream Party, AuroraFest Parade Float, SCCS Book and Pizza, Open House and June Fun Night, Storywalks, Food Pantry Ice Cream Sundae Party with United Ministry and Create Kindness, Great Give Back & 'The Hub', our monthly community newsletter.



Our People

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Monday & Friday 3 pm – 7 pm
Wednesday 10 am – 6 pm
Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

We look forward to seeing you at the Library.
Remember, we are a NO FINE Library!

Income, Expenses, & Library Statistics



2025

Income -

Operating Funds $114,100
Fundraising $54,682
Grant Income $19,184

Total Income* $187,966

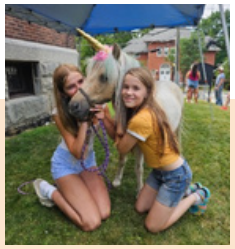
***60% of total income comes from school taxes and the Book Lovers' Ball. Grant income and expenses are out of alignment due to the timing of receipts and expenditures.*

Expenses -

Administrative Expenses $129,775
Building & Maintenance $17,473
Grant Expenses $18,254

Total Expenses* $165,502

***Primary expense comes from capital improvements; salaries & benefits; building & maintenance; fundraising; and books, digital, & programming materials.*



Library Statistics

- Visitors 9,928
- Registered Patrons 753
- Total Programs 267
- Total Program Attendance 6,950
- Additions to Holdings 611
- Total Cataloged Holdings 11,048

Circulation

- Adult Books 3,563
- Children's Books 7,850
- Other Items (DVDs, etc.) 2,512
- eContent 3,416

Mission & Values

Our **mission** is to provide enrichment through literacy, community, and learning.

We **value** accuracy, transparency, accountability, confidentiality, approachability and quality.



Your Library Card Rocks!

Here's what it can do:

- Your card is good at all 33 libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System. It is free to borrow materials through the online catalog from any of those libraries and have them delivered to our library.
- Can't find the book in our system? We may be able to get it from a library out of our system.
- Download books, audiobooks and magazines with the Libby app.
- Learn languages and research your family history.
- Use your card to take out passes to local museums and parks.

Thanks To Finger Lakes Library System We loaned 3,055 items and received 3,494 items from FLLS member libraries.

More 2025 Highlights

Well-Received Children's Programs Wild Robot, Wicked and Minecraft Movies, Create Kindness Tie Dye and Gaming, Rev Theatre, Painted Paper Art Club, Lego, Jeff the Magic Man, Wildlife Rockstars, Bawshou & The Dragon, Steamwarts, Nate the Great at Teddy Bears' Picnic, Sensory Art Adventures, Mr. Buffalo, Invisible Boy Graphic Novel Author, Take Your Child to the Library Day, Spooky Library, Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Teen D & D, Take and Make Kits, Adopt-a-Book Worm, Dinovember, Christmas in Aurora Graham Cracker House Decorating, All Ages Tiny Art Show and Repousse Johnson Museum of Art Workshop.

Adult Programs Southern Cayuga Book Club, Fiber Friends Group, Art Programs including Felting, Zentangle, Llort and Georgia O'Keeffe, Gardening Programs, Brothers Blue, Dave Ruch, Cornell Klezmer, Author Sheila Myers, 48 States Travel Talk, Skaneateles String Quartet, Pollock-Krasner Zoom, SC *Anne Frank Tree* Community Read, Classic Movie Nights, Bones East and the Southern Cayuga Community Chorus Concert.

Ongoing Partnerships Triad Foundation, Southern Cayuga Central School District, Hazard Library, SC Anne Frank Tree Project, King Ferry Food Pantry, Inns of Aurora, Cream at the Top, Create Kindness, Peachtown School, Aurora Preschool, United Ministry, Jacobs Press, Emerson Foundation, Metcalf Foundation, Aurora Volunteer FD, Aurora Farmers' Market, Cayuga Foundation, Aurora Masonic Center and Village of Aurora.

Volunteer Thanks Thank you to the Book Lovers' Ball, Plant Sale and Book Sale Committees for their fundraising efforts, library volunteers Linda Kabelac and Debbie Ross, Ethan MacCormick for tech help and to Alexis Boyce for producing 'The Hub' Newsletter! Thank you to all program volunteers as well!