

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Agenda of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

1. Comments from the audience:
2. Minutes of the Meeting: December 17, 2024
3. Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: December 2024
4. Director's Report: December 2024
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. ATPL received two passes for free general admission to the Buffalo Museum of Science for a one-time visit through the Check It Out! Program sponsored by M&T Bank. Each pass is good for up to four individuals, one of whom must be an adult 18 years or older. Passes may be checked out on an adult library card and circulated for 10 days.
 - b. The Children's Librarian collaborated with the Director to apply for the B&ECPL Equipment & Technology Funding Grant to support the introduction of Yoto Mini Player kits to our successful Library of Things Collection. Parents have asked for access to a Yoto Player. Obtaining this grant would meet that need, and provide a wide variety of quality audio content for the entertainment and education of our community's children.
 - c. ATPL is participating in Winter Fest 2025 by holding a "Snowlandia" winter carnival for families with children ages 3-11.
 - d. Other
6. Personnel
 - a. Payroll Report
 - b. Board May Enter Executive Session
 - c. Rachael Nicolosi was hired as a PT Librarian I, starting Pay Period 3
 - d. Due to the minimum wage increase, effective January 1, 2025, the hourly rates for Pages and Sr. Pages have increased: Pages - \$15.50 per hour and Sr. Pages - \$16.50 per hour
 - e. Other
7. Old Business
 - a. Schedule of Meetings of the Library Board 2025
8. New Business
 - a. Agreement for Outgoing Loan Form - Rachelle Francis, Aurora Historical Society
 - b. Compliance Officer Report
 - c. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Dec. 17, 2024, Minutes

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Elaine Chow, Sashi Racho, Adam Zaremski and Paula M.A. Ausberger, ATPL Director

President Spencer-Ching called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (MB, EC) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: November 26, 2024 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (AZ, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: November 2024 was carried by a voice vote.

During discussion Racho informed the board that it could purchase another Certificate of Deposit with M&T Bank for \$50,000. She suggested a 12-month CD at 3.21 percent interest. She also recommended that the board roll over interest earnings from the past CD into this one. Additionally, she is going to check to see if there are any fees associated with this transaction.

A motion (EC, AZ) to approve purchasing a \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit from M&T Bank at 3.21 percent interest for 12 months was carried by a voice vote.

4. A motion (EC, MB) to approve the Director's Report: November 2024 was carried by a voice vote.
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. On Dec. 5, the 2025 Erie County Budget was approved. (System Total 2025 Operating Budget is \$34,669,428; System Total 2025 Grants Budget is \$625,005; as a System, we received a 4.3% increase in our Library Real Property Tax; Library Materials has been increased to \$3.2 million; Increase in system-wide support for programming was included.
 - b. 236 letters from ATPL patrons were sent to Erie County Legislator Lindsay Lorigo encouraging her to vote for Erie County Executive's proposed 2025 budget allocation of Library Real Property Taxes for \$30,947,322.
 - c. December 3 - December 23, the community is welcome to select an ornament from the ROC Squad holiday tree to purchase a toy from an Amazon registry at ATPL. ROC will distribute the gifts to children in need.
 - d. Genrefication of the juvenile readers is underway.
 - e. Other

6. Personnel

- a. There was no payroll report at this time.
- b. There was no reason for the board to enter into an executive session.

c. Other

There was further discussion on the need for a full-time librarian at ATPL, but there is a gap in funding from Central. The board and Ausberger said they would monitor the situation.

7. Old Business

a. Schedule of Meetings of the Library Board 2025

KSC suggested we have meetings at 6 p.m. on the listed dates. Board members agreed on the idea, but no formal vote was taken.

8. New Business

a. Governance Committee & Governance Committee Chair (Compliance Officer)

KSC said she would like everyone to be on the committee and asked if EC would be the chair.

A motion (MB, EC) to appoint ATPL trustees to the Governance Committee was carried by a voice vote.

A motion (MB, KSC) to appoint EC as the chair of the Governance Committee was carried by a voice vote.

b. Review Schedule for Board Adopted Policies

c. A motion (MB, AZ) to approve the Resolution for Contract Library Boards of Trustees Personnel Policies and Procedures was carried by a voice vote.

d. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 28, 2025, at 6 p.m.

A motion (EC, SR) to adjourn at 1:49 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Zaremski

Secretary

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

31-Dec-24

LOCAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	1-Dec-24		\$10,939.52
Plus Receipts/Deposits		Total:	\$4,050.00
Less Checks/Debits		Total:	\$209.38
Ending Balance:	31-Dec-24		\$14,780.14

Transaction Details

Receipts:

Alice Askew	(I/M of Connie Maloney)	\$500.00
Alice Askew	(Snack Fund Donation)	\$200.00
Martha Buyer	(Discretionary Fund donation)	\$100.00
Ken Kloczek	(Unspecified Donation)	\$3,000.00
Judith Morganti	(Unspecified Donation)	\$250.00
	Total:	\$4,050.00

Disbursements:

ATPL	(Snack Fund Reimbursement)	\$200.00
William Ruof	(Mileage Reimbursement)	\$9.38
	Total:	\$209.38

Director's Discretionary Fund (Expended from Contingency)

Beginning Balance: \$500.00

Transaction Details - Spent from Contingency Fund:

5/30/2024	(Vidler's Greeting Cards)	\$17.35
6/24/2024	(Vidler's Greeting Cards)	\$7.96
7/26/2024	(Vidler's Greeting Cards)	\$11.74
8/6/2024	(The Deli - Kathy B's Retirement)	\$50.00
9/13/2024	(Vidler's Greeting Cards)	\$27.07
12/18/2024	(Plates for Staff Holiday Party)	\$2.50
12/19/2024	(Discretionary Fund Donation)	\$100.00
12/20/2024	(Pizza Del Aureo's - Staff Holiday Party)	\$81.62
12/23/2024	(Homegrown Creations - Rachael VG's Goodbye Lunch)	\$13.95

Ending Balance: \$387.81

Internal Auditor's Report

Elaine Chow, Internal Auditor

Voucher#	Amount	Approved	Check #	Reason
L130	\$200.00	12/17/2024	1087	(Snack Fund Reimbursement)
L131	\$9.38	12/17/2024	1088	(Mileage Reimbursement)

Friends Ongoing Book Sale Month	\$356.00	YTD	\$3,748.00
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Friends Pop-Up Sale Month	N/A	YTD	\$884.55
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Contingency Fund	\$281.21	Counted	12/16/2024
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Alice Askew Snack Fund	\$27.22	Counted	12/16/2024
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Savings Account

Balance Forward	1-Dec-24	\$614.46
Transfer from CD 8164	6-Dec-24	\$408.25
Transfer to CD 8233	27-Dec-24	\$522.71
Interest Earned		\$0.01
Balance	31-Dec-24	\$500.01

Certificate of Deposit	12-Dec-24	12 Month Term	3.21%	Maturity 12-Dec-25
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Beginning Balance: \$52,530.62	Ending Balance: \$52,530.62
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Certificate of Deposit	6-Dec-24	12 Month Term	3.23%	Maturity 6-Dec-25
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Beginning Balance: \$20,000.00	Ending Balance: \$20,000.00
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CONTRACT MEMBER LIBRARIES - Monthly Financial Report

LIBRARY: AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTH: DEC

SAP Acct.	Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Transfers	Year-to-Date Expenditures	Available Budget	Projected Utilization at 12/31	Projected Variance at 12/31	Comments
500000	Salaries - Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	
502000	Fringe Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Utility Charges:								
515000	Water	550	(121)	440	(11)	440	(11)	
515000	Sewer	800	(40)	760	0	760	0	
515000	Telephone - Maintenance	500	(140)	360	0	360	0	
510200	Dues and Fees	20	0	20	0	20	0	
545000	Rental Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	
506200	Repairs & Maintenance Chgs.	2,550	75	2,625	0	2,625	0	
555050	Insurance Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	
510000	Travel & Mileage Expenses	200	(50)	150	0	150	0	
530000	Other Expenses & Charges	600	276	876	0	876	0	
530000	Contingency (Bullet Aid)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSES		5,220	0	5,231	(11)	5,231	(11)	

DIRECT LOCAL INCOME	Adopted Budget	Budget Revisions	Y-T-D Revenues	To Be Realized	Projected Revenues	Projected Variance	Comments
Fines, Lost Books, etc.	100	0	477	(377)	477	377	
Copy Machines	400	0	609	(209)	609	209	
Print Cost Recovery	1,500	0	2,080	(580)	2,080	580	
Other Income	100	0	0	100	0	(100)	
State Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Municipal Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Donations (priv. persons/foundations)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fundraising (events/booksales)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Misc Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME	2,100	0	3,166	(1,066)	3,166	1,066	

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

COUNTY LEDGER

COUNTY CHECKING ACCOUNT

31-Dec-24

Beginning Balance:	1-Dec-24		\$8,072.46
Plus Receipts/Deposits		Total:	\$234.60
Less Checks/Debits		Total:	\$112.51
Ending Balance:	31-Dec-24		\$8,194.55

Transaction Details

Receipts:

Library Revenue	12/16/2024		\$76.65
Library Revenue	12/31/2024		\$117.60
Copier	12/31/2024		\$40.35
		Total:	\$234.60

Disbursements:

Village of East Aurora	(Water Bill)		\$112.51
		Total:	\$112.51

Internal Auditor's Report

Elaine Chow, Internal Auditor

Voucher#	Amount	Approved	Check #	Reason
C201	\$112.51	12/31/24	5959	Village of East Aurora (Water Bill)

Contingency Fund Report 2024

DATE	AMOUNT	BUYER	PURPOSE	BILLS	COIN	TOTAL	INITIALS
1/16/24	\$195.19		Counted	\$187.00	\$8.19	\$195.19	PK/KB
1/30/24	(\$20.91)	KB	AA Batteries Lib of Things	\$167.00	\$7.28	\$174.28	PK/KB
Unknown	\$12.97		Donations				
2/15/24			Counted	\$177.00	\$10.25	\$187.25	PK/KB
3/7/24	(\$5.61)	KB	Mail books to Aurora Free			\$181.64	PK/KB
3/8/24	\$10.00		Donation			\$191.64	
3/8/24			Counted	\$190.00	\$11.60	\$201.60	SR/KB
3/11/24	(\$10.00)		Deposit Donation to Local	\$180.00	\$11.60	\$191.60	PK/KB
3/12/24	\$9.96		Donations				
3/13/24			Counted	\$180.00	\$11.60	\$191.60	PK/KB
3/13/24	\$1.00		Donation	\$181.00	\$11.60	\$192.60	PK/KB
4/1/24	(\$5.00)	KB	Seed \$ Mother's Day Raffle	\$176.00	\$11.60	\$187.60	KB
4/3/24	\$1.00		Donation	\$175.00	\$13.60	\$188.60	KB
4/10/24	\$5.00	KB	Donation	\$180.00	\$13.60	\$193.60	KB
4/10/24	\$6.00	KB	Donation	\$186.00	\$13.60	\$199.60	KB
4/15/24	\$5.60	KB	Reimbursement for Book Mailing	\$189.00	\$16.21	\$205.21	KB
4/15/24			Counted	\$189.00	\$16.21	\$205.21	PK/KB
4/15/24	(\$111.17)	KB	Office Depot				
4/26/24	(\$33.96)	DD	Valu Home Store				
5/3/24	\$5.00	KB	Return Seed \$ From Raffle				
5/15/24			Counted	\$58.00	\$7.07	\$65.07	PK/KB
	\$65.07						
5/28/24	\$145.13		Reimburse Contingency				PK/KB
5/30/24	4.55	KB	Patron Donation				
	214.75						
5/30/24	(\$17.35)	KB	Vidler's Greeting Cards				
6/3/24	(\$10.00)	KB	Seed \$ for Basket Raffle				
6/12/24	\$3.00	KB	Desk Donation				
6/14/24	\$189.40		Counted	\$182.00	\$7.40	\$189.40	PK/KB
6/24/24	(\$7.96)	AL	Vidler's Greeting Cards				
7/1/24	\$2.00	KB	Counter Donation				KB
7/1/24	\$10.00	KB	Return Seed \$ From Raffle				KB
7/10/24	(\$72.08)	KB	Pay for Postage				KB
7/10/24	\$72.08	KB	Reimburse for Postage				KB

7/12/24	\$4.00	KB	Counter Donation				
7/15/24			Counted	\$188.00	\$9.20	\$197.20	PK/MC
7/19/24	\$1.24	KB	Counter Donation			\$198.44	
7/19/24	\$3.76	KB	Counter Donation			\$202.20	
7/26/24	(\$11.74)	AL	Vidler's Greeting Cards			\$190.46	
8/5/24	\$2.00	KB	Counter Donation			\$192.46	
8/6/24	(\$125.00)	PK	The Deli--KB's Retirement			\$67.46	PK
8/6/24	\$150.00	KB	Contingency Refill			\$217.46	KB
8/6/24	\$4.00	MC	Counter Donation			\$221.46	MC
8/7/24	\$2.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$223.46	PK
8/13/24	\$1.00	KB	Counter Donation			\$224.46	
8/14/24			Counted	\$211.00	\$8.46	\$219.46	PK/KB
8/23/24	\$2.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$221.46	PK
9/3/24	\$3.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$224.46	PK
9/3/24	\$19.95	PK	Cash ACE Hardware Credit			\$244.41	PK
9/4/24	\$19.95	PK	Cash ACE Hardware Credit			\$264.36	PK
9/6/24	(\$119.00)	DD	Lowes Pegasus Saw Horse			\$145.36	PK
9/9/24	\$1.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$146.36	WR
9/13/24	(\$27.07)	WR	Vidler's Greeting Cards			\$119.29	WR
9/16/24			Counted	\$111.00	\$8.29	\$119.29	PK/WR
9/18/24	\$2.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$121.29	WR
9/24/24	\$200.00	WR	Contingency Refill			\$321.29	WR
9/26/24	\$3.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$324.29	PK
10/1/24	\$20.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$344.29	PK
10/3/24	\$5.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$349.29	WR
10/9/24	\$2.00	PK	Counter Donation			\$351.29	PK
10/15/24	\$1.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$352.29	WR
10/15/24			Counted	\$345.00	\$7.29	\$352.29	WR / PK
10/17/24	(\$13.67)	WR	CVS plates and forks			\$338.62	WR
10/19/24	(\$79.16)	WR	Tim Horton's for ACT			\$259.46	WR
10/22/24	\$3.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$262.46	WR
10/24/24	\$4.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$266.46	WR
10/25/24	\$2.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$268.46	WR
10/26/24	\$3.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$271.46	WR
11/8/24	\$3.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$274.46	WR
11/14/24	\$2.75	WR	Counter Donation			\$277.21	WR
11/15/24			Counted	\$267.00	\$10.21	\$277.21	WR / AL
12/3/24	\$1.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$278.21	WR
12/9/24	\$3.00	WR	Counter Donation			\$281.21	WR
12/16/24			Counted	\$269.00	\$12.21	\$281.21	WR / PK

Alice Askew Staff Snack Fund Report 2024

DATE	AMOUNT	BUYER	PURPOSE	BILLS	COIN	TOTAL	INITIALS
12/27/2023	\$250.00		Counted	\$250.00		\$250.00	PK/KB
1/16/2024			Counted	\$250.00		\$250.00	PK/KB
2/15/2024			Counted	\$250.00		\$250.00	PK/KB
3/13/24			Counted	\$250.00		\$250.00	PK/KB
3/23/2024	(\$84.20)	DD	Staff Snacks	\$165.00	\$0.80	\$165.80	KB
4/15/2024			Counted	\$165.00	\$0.80	\$165.80	PK/KB
5/15/2024			Counted	\$165.00	\$0.80	\$165.80	PK/KB
6/4/2024	(\$129.39)	DD	Staff Snacks				
6/14/2024		KB	Counted	\$36.00	\$0.41	\$36.41	PK/KB
7/10/2024	(\$9.19)	DD	Snacks	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	PK/KB
7/15/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	PK/MC
8/14/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	PK/KB
9/16/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	PK/WR
10/15/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	PK/WR
11/15/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	WR / AL
12/16/2024			Counted	\$27.00	\$0.22	\$27.22	WR / PK
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Director's Report: December 2024

Monthly Statistics

Circulation	Total-Month	Average / Day	Average / Hour	YTD Total
2024	14,106*	586.8	75.3	174,362**
2023	13,144	525.76	67.8	168,894
2022	12,255	510.63	65.9	140,261

Note: Circulation for the contracting libraries was -6.3% this month from last year (EAU was 7.3%) and -0.8% over YTD (EAU was 3.2%). *Original checkouts at EAU are 6,717 for this month. **Original checkouts YTD at EAU are at 85,828.

Library of Things (Including Chromebook Kit, Hotspots & Wilson Sports Equipment)	2024	2023
Monthly	78	33
Year-to-date	542	261

System e-Branch	Month 2024	Month 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Online Renewals	564	677	-16.7%	6,866	8,092	-15.2%
Interlibrary Loans	1,250	1,163	7.5%	16,771	15,726	6.6%
eAudiobooks	69,509	62,063	12.0%	840,996	711,129	18.3%
eVideos	1,372	761	80.3%	14,568	8,928	63.2%
eBooks	84,358	86,814	-2.8%	1,064,883	1,019,409	4.5%
eMusic	293	232	26.3%	2,839	2,687	5.7%
eMagazines	25,410	29,401	-13.6%	287,165	157,885	81.9%

Open for Operation	2024	2023	2022	2021
Days / Hours	23/179	25/194	24/186	24/203

CLOSED: 12/5 & 12/12-Weather; 12/24 & 12/25-Christmas Eve & Day; Special Hours 12/31, 10a.m.-5p.m.-New Year's Eve

Computer Use	2024	2023	% Change
Monthly	303	413	-26.6%
Year-to-date	4,378	4,541	-3.6%

Note: Computer use for the contracting libraries was -13.4% this month and 1.5% YTD.

Wi-Fi	2024	2023	% Change
Monthly	2,001	1,881	6.4%
Year-to-date	24,110	21,497	12.2%

Note: Wifi use for the contracting libraries was 1.3% this month and 16.4% YTD.

Patron Visits	2024	2023	% Change
Monthly	4,802	5,338	-10.0%
Year-to-date	69,858	64,417	8.4%

Note: Door counts for the contracting libraries were -10.0% this month and 8.3% YTD.

New Library Card Memberships	Total-month	YTD
Adults	13	296
Children	2	144

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Director's Report: December 2024

Programs Name / Number of Sessions / Sponsor	Age group	Attendance
Family Storytime (Wednesday) (Friends)	0-5 w / Caregiver	34
Family Storytime (Friday) (Friends)	0-5 w / Caregiver	18
Winter Wonderland: Make a Vintage Snow Globe (Friends)	Teens / Adults	17
Book a Technology Trainer (TechKnowLab) (3)	Adults	3
Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Allergy-Friendly (Friends) (2)	Children / Teens	30
Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House (Friends) (2)	Children / Teens	62
Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Teen Night (Friends)	Teens	16
Noon Year's Eve (Friends)	Children, 2-12	92
LEGO Club	6-11 yrs. old	16
Tutor (7)	Teens	7
Tutor (18)	6-11 yrs. old	18

At a Glance: Month of 2024	Circulation (Original Checkout-Not Including Auto-Renewals)	Patron Count	Computer Use	Wi-Fi
January	14,515 (7,862)	5,090	413	1,696
February	14,352 (7,927)	5,962	398	1,786
March	15,181 (7,711)	6,489	375	2,018
April	15,343 (8,414)	6,265	371	1,932
May	12,855 (6,475)	5,446	334	1,962
June	13,638 (7,600)	5,186	352	2,134
July	16,609 (9,417)	7,596	415	2,175
August	15,402 (8,494)	6,106	440	1,932
September	13,730 (6,667)	5,285	362	1,990
October	14,548 (7,603)	6,254	351	2,336
November	14,033 (7,658)	5,377	309	2,148
December	14,106 (6,171)	4,802	303	2,001
Total	174,362 (85,828)	69,858	4,378	24,110

Out of all B&ECPL locations, ATPL ranks YTD

11 out of 37 in circulation of materials (11 for month); 12 out of 37 in patron visits (12 for month);

7 out of 37 in Wi-Fi (4 for month); 22 out of 37 in computer use (20 for month)

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Director's Report: December 2024

Cumulative Statistics

Programs, Outreach, Meeting Rm Use, Training, Book Displays, Exhibits, Fundraisers & Improvements

Programs (Not Including Tutoring & Outreach)	Names, Age Group, Date & Time
January 2024	<p>Find the Snowman Game - Children - Monday, January 1 - Wednesday, January 31, during all open hours.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - January 4 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Chair Yoga – Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, January 12 through February 16 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Unwind & Design To-Go Kit: Playing Card Heart Wreath- Adults, 19+ - Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Participants will be called to pick-up their take-home kit the day of the program.</p> <p>Family Story Time - Children, Ages Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Week of January 22 through Week of April 22 - Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., OR Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, Ages 3 1/2 - 5, Thursdays, January 25 - April 25 @ 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Can You Escape? Library Game Night – Teens, 12-18 – Thursday, January 18 @ 6:00 p.m. - TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER</p> <p>Book Buddies - Children, Grades 5-7 – Tuesday, January 23 @ 3:15 p.m.</p>
February 2024	<p>Family Story Time - Children, Ages Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Week of January 22 through Week of April 22 - Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., OR Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, Ages 3 1/2 - 5, Thursdays, January 25 - April 25 @ 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 - First Saturday of the Month February 3, March 2, & April 6 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Chair Yoga – Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, January 12 through February 16 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>New Sky Coaching: BAM - Heart Health Seminar - Seniors, 55+ - Tuesday, February 6 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Creating with Canva - Teens & Adults - Monday, February 12 @ 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Book Bites Take-Home Box – Grades 5-8 – Pickup Beginning on Friday, February 16, 2024</p> <p>Can You Escape? Library Game Challenge – Teens, 12-18 – Saturday, February 17 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Pajama Games- Children, Ages 6-11, Tuesday, February 20 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Dance Party- Children, Ages 6-11, Wednesday, February 21 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Cupcake Challenge- Children, Ages 8-12, Friday, February 23 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Paint & Sip Night – Teens, 12-18 – Thursday, February 22 @ 6:00</p>

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	<p>p.m. Book Buddies - Children, Grades 5-7 – Tuesday, February 27 @ 3:15 p.m. Emergency Response & CPR Introduction - Teens & Adults - Thursday, February 29 @ 6:15 p.m.</p>
March 2024	<p>Family Story Time - Children, Ages Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Week of January 22 through Week of April 22 - Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., OR Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. Preschool Story Time - Children, Ages 3 1/2 - 5, Thursdays, January 25 - April 25 @ 1:15 p.m. LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 - First Saturday of the Month February 3, March 2, & April 6 @ 11:00 a.m. Fitness Fridays: BAM—Balance & Mobility – Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 12 & 19 @ 1:30 p.m. Job Seeking 101 – Adults, 19+ - Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:00 p.m. Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - March 7 @ 6:30 p.m. Mindfulness for Teens - Teens, 12-18 - Tuesday, March 12 & 19 @ 4:00 p.m. Canva One-on-One Sessions- Adults, 19+ - March 8 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., & 4:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - March 11 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Beaded Bracelet Craft – Teens, 12-18 – Thursday, March 14 @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Buffalo Science Museum: Solar Eclipse – Families, All Ages – Monday, March 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Butter Lambs – Families with children 6 and up, groups of 3 maximum – Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m. Butter Lambs – Adults, 19+, groups of 2 maximum – Monday, March 26 @ 6:30 p.m. Take a (Spring) Break Teen Book Bag – Teens, 12-18 – Pickup Beginning on Thursday, March 28, 2024</p>
April 2024	<p>Love Your Library Month FREE Raffle - Adults and Children of All Ages - Monday, April 1 through Tuesday, April 30 during regular library hours - Winner will be selected at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Cupcake Challenge: Family Edition - Children, Ages 4+ with an Adult - Monday, April 1 @ 6:15 p.m. Baby Animal Meet & Greet - All Ages- Tuesday, April 2 @ 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Introduction to Karate - Children, Ages 6-11- Wednesday, April 3 @ 11:00 a.m. LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 - First Saturday of the Month</p>

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	<p>February 3, March 2, & April 6 @ 11:00 a.m. Job Seeking 101 – Adults, 19+ - Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:00 p.m. Our Sun and the Eclipse – Children & Adults, 8+ - Wednesday, April 3 @ 3:00 p.m. Pizza & Poetry Night - Teens, 12-18 – April 4 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Fitness Fridays: BAM—Balance & Mobility – Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 12 & 19 @ 1:30 p.m. Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - April 15 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Unwind & Design To-Go Kit: Floral Greeting Card - Adults, 19+ - April 17. Participants will be called on the date of the program to pick up their kits. Robert Lowell Goller, Town & Village Historian: East Aurora Throwback Trivia—Library Edition – Children and Adults 12+ - Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Poem In Your Pocket Day - All Ages - Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.</p>
May 2024	<p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, May 2 @ 6:30 p.m. Annual Discard Sale - All Ages - Friday, May 3 through Friday, May 24 @ 4:00 p.m. Screen-Free Saturday - All Ages - Saturday, May 4 @ 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Book Bites Take-Home Box – Grades 5-8 – Pickup Beginning on Friday, May 9, 2024 Poetry Café – Adults, 19+ - Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
June 2024	<p>Summer Registration Celebration - All Ages - Saturday, June 1, All Day - Magic Show @ 11:00 a.m., Secrets of Magic Workshop @ 12:00 noon. Family Picnic Basket Raffle - All Ages – Monday, June 3 through Saturday, Jun 29 – Winner Drawn on Monday, July 1 @ 10 a.m. Getting the Most out of Ancestry Library Edition- Adults, 19+ - Thursday, June 6 @ 11:00 a.m. Fitness Fridays: BAM - Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, June 7 through June 28 @ 1:30 p.m. Crazy Art Party – Teens – Saturday, June 8 @ Noon – 2:00 p.m. Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - June 10 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Book Buddies - Children, Grades 5-7 – Tuesday, June 11 @ 3:30 p.m. Roycroft Chamber Music Festival Concert - All Ages – Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Dr. John A. Sterba: Emergency Preparedness – Adults, 19+ – Tuesday, June 18 @ 6:00 p.m. Manga Movie Matinee - Teens –Saturday, June 22 @ Noon-2:00</p>

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	<p>p.m. Vidler's 5 & 10: Behind the Red-and-White Striped Awnings – Adults, 19+ – Thursday, June 27 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
July 2024	<p>Read It & Keep It - Children, All Ages - June 1 - July 8: Register and get your Reading Log. July 8 - August 10: Read and redeem. Library of Things Open House - All Ages - Monday, July 8 @ 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Adventure Academy – Children, 6-11 - Mondays, July 8 through August 5 @ 2:00 p.m. A.F.O.L (Adult Fans of LEGO) Club - Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 p.m. Choose Your Adventure - Children, 6-11 - Wednesdays, July 10 - August 7 @ 11:00 a.m. Mr. K.'s Mobile Dome Planetarium - Children, Ages 6 - 12 - Wednesday, July 10 @ 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. My Person & Me - Children, Ages Birth - 3 years with a Caregiver - Thursday, July 11 @ 10:30 a.m. Crafternoons - Children, Various Ages - Thursdays, July 11 - August 8 @ 1:00 p.m. Fitness Fridays: Chair Yoga – Seniors, 55+ - Fridays, July 12 through August 2 @ 1:30 p.m. Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, July 11 @ 6:30 p.m. LEGO Club Summer Series – Children, 6-11 - Saturdays, July 13 & August 3 @ 11 a.m. Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, July 15 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Renaissance Faire - All Ages, Tuesday, July 16 @ 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bob Colligan of Gentle Bee Honey—Honeybees: Products & Pollinators – Children & Adults, 8+ - Thursday, July 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Penn-Dixie - Children, Tuesday, July 23 - Dinosaurs, Ages 6-8 @ 1:00 p.m. & Fossils, Ages 8-11 @ 2:30 p.m. Teen Improv - Teens, Ages 12+ - Tuesday July 23 @ 6:30 p.m. UP Reading Celebration with Nels Ross - All Ages - Tuesday, July 30 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
August 2024	<p>Read It & Keep It - Children, All Ages - July 8 - August 10: Read and redeem your Reading Log. Adventure Academy – Children, 6-11- Mondays, July 8 through August 5 @ 2:00 p.m. Choose Your Adventure - Children, 6-11- Wednesdays, July 7 - August 10 @ 11:00 a.m. Crafternoons - Children, Various Ages - Thursdays, July 11 - August 8 @ 1:00 p.m. LEGO Club Summer Series – Children, 6-11 - Saturdays, July 13 & August 3 @ 11 a.m.</p>

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	<p>Summer Adventure Book Bags - Teens, 12-18 – Pickup will Begin, Thursday, August 1. Participants Should Register and Complete Survey by Saturday, July 27.</p> <p>My Person & Me - Children, Ages Birth - 3 years with a Caregiver - Thursday, August 1 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Staycation: Teen Spa Night at the Library – Teens – Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Self-Defense - Teens, 12+ - Wednesday, August 7 @ 2:00 p.m.</p>
September 2024	<p>Family Story Time - Children, Ages Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Week of September 23 through Week of December 5 (Except Week of November 25) - Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., OR Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, Ages 3 1/2 - 5, Thursdays, September 26 (Not on November 28) – December 5 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Round Up at the Register Fundraiser at the EA Co-Op – September 1 through October 31</p> <p>Library Card Sign Up Month Raffle for Children - Children, Ages Birth-12 - September 3 through September 30, During Regular Library Hours - Two winners will be randomly selected at 10:00 a.m. on September 30 @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Library Card Sign Up Month Raffle for Teens & Adults - Teens & Adults - September 3 through September 30, During Regular Library Hours - One winner will be randomly selected at 10:00 a.m. on October 1 @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, September 5 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - September 16 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 1:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Local Author, Peter Talty: The Anatomy of a Pummeled Life – Adults, 19+ – Saturday, September 21 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>WNY Be in Business: A Nexusi90 Initiative Presented by Vicki Haas, Business Assistance Specialist – Monday, September 23 @ 6:30 p.m. - CANCELED</p> <p>Resume Revamp - Adults, 19+ - Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Books & Bagels – Teens, 12-18 – Saturday, September 28 @ 11 a.m.</p>
October 2024	<p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., September 25-December 4; Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., September 26-December 5; or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., September 27-December 6</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 26-December 5</p> <p>Round Up at the Register Fundraiser at the EA Co-Op – September 1 through October 31</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: BAM – Adults, 50+ - Fridays, October 4 through</p>

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October 25 @ 1:30 p.m.
Upcycled Denim Earrings – Teens & Adults, 12+ - Tuesday, October 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: October 12, November 9, & December 7 @ 11:00 a.m.
Football Fan-Demonium! - Children, 6-11 - Monday, October 14 @ 3:00 p.m.
Friends of the Library Week – All Ages – Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26
Trick-or-Read Storywalk – All Ages – Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26 at 2:30 p.m., During Regular Library Hours
Bat Buildings – All Ages – Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
Local Author, Eileen Werbitsky – Adults, 19+ – Monday, October 28 @ 6:30 p.m.
Fairy Tale Fright Night – Teens, 12-18 – Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., September 25-December 4; Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., September 26-December 5; or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., September 27-December 6
Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 26-December 5
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: October 12, November 9, & December 7 @ 11:00 a.m.
Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, November 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
New Sky Coaching: Healthy Eating for the Holidays – Adults, 50+ – Friday, November 1 @ 1:30 p.m.
Perky Plant Pots – Teens, 12+ – Tuesday, November 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
Local Author, Rachelle Moyer Francis – Adults, 19+ - Monday, November 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., September 25-December 4; Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., September 26-December 5; or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., September 27-December 6
Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 26-December 5
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: October 12, November 9, & December 7 @ 11:00 a.m.
Winter Wonderland: Make a Vintage Snow Globe – Teens & Adults, +12 – Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
Book a Technology Trainer, Presented by the TechKnowLab – Adults, 19+ - Monday, December 9 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m.
Rescheduled: Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Allergy-Friendly - Children, 3 years - Teen - Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, December 21 @ 11:00 a.m.
Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House - Children, 3 years -

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	Teen - Saturday, December 14 @ 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m. Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Teen Night - Teens, 12+ - Monday, December 16 @ 6:30 p.m. Noon Year's Eve - All Ages- Saturday, December 28 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Outreach	Class Visit (In-Library)	Other Outreach (Outside)	Monthly Total
January 2024		Outreach letters sent to EA Preschool Center, EA Community Nursery, Baker Preschool, Duck Duck Goose, First Presbyterian Preschool, EA Montessori, Immaculate Conception School, Nativity, Waldorf, and Holland UPK	
February 2024			
March 2024	First Presbyterian Church Preschool Class Visit	Parkdale Elementary Literacy Night It Takes A Community Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition Health & Wellness Fair East Aurora Preschool Class Visit East Aurora Preschool Class Visit	5
April 2024		EAcclipse at Knox Farm Park	1
May 2024			
June 2024	EA Preschool Class Visit		1
July 2024		Start Smart	1
August 2024			
September 2024		Senior Center	1
October 2024			
November 2024	Holland Schools 1 st Grade Class Visit		1
December 2024			
Total			10

Meeting Room Use (Not Including Board & Staff Mtgs)	Organization	Monthly Total
January 2024	Lions Club (2); Patron (6); Girl Scout Silver Award; Liberty Post Early Intervention	10

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February 2024	East Aurora Portrait Group (2); Patron (2); Paragon Investigation Interviews (2)	6
March 2024	ATPL Librarian Summer Reading	1
April 2024	EA Art Society; Realism Drawing (3); Giving Circle; Friends; Girl Scout Silver Award Theater Skills Workshop (3); Discard Sale Setup	10
May 2024	Discard Sale; EA Art Society; Realism Drawing (4); Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Patron	8
June 2024	Realism Drawing; Holland Tuesday Painters (2); Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Author, Steve Talton; Joy Testa-Cinquino; Patron (2); Laura Gill; Volunteers (2)	11
July 2024	Giving Circle; Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Parent Network Kindergarten Readiness; Janet Bensman; Patron	5
August 2024	Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Parent Network Kindergarten Readiness (4); Iroquois Intermediate School PTO; Early Intervention (2); In Good Health	9
September 2024	Roycroft Campus Antiques & Friends of the Library Antique Appraisal Fundraiser; Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Early Intervention (3); Parkdale Elementary Speech Therapy (2); Patron (2); Holland Tuesday Painters (2)	11
October 2024	EA Art Society; Friends; Realism Drawing (3); Giving Circle; Early Intervention (4); ACT Meeting; Parkdale Elementary Speech Therapy (7); Dreaming in Ink; Patron;	20
November 2024	Realism Drawing (4); EA Art Society; Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Early Intervention (3); Holland School; Parkdale Elementary Speech Therapy (6)	16
December 2024	Local Artist, Amy Harts (2); Dreaming in Ink Writers Group; Parkdale Elementary Speech Therapy (4); Friends of East Aurora Schools; Early Intervention	9
Total		116

Exhibits	Display Case	Meeting Room Exhibit
January 2024	Warm Up at the Library	Lions Club Poster Contest
February 2024	East Aurora Portrait Group	East Aurora Portrait Group
March 2024	Rob Goller, Town Historian: 60 th Anniversary of Current Library Building Opening to the Public	
April 2024	East Aurora Art Society	East Aurora Art Society
May 2024	East Aurora Art Society	East Aurora Art Society
June 2024	Library of Things	Holland Tuesday Painters
July 2024	Girl Scouts of WNY Brownie Summit Award with Seed Bombs	Paul Brinkworth
August 2024		Paul Brinkworth
September 2024	Holland Tuesday Painters League of Women Voters Display in	Holland Tuesday Painters

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	Main Library Tracy Galuski Exchange Student Display in Main Library	
October 2024	East Aurora Art Society League of Women Voters Display in Main Library	East Aurora Art Society
November 2024	East Aurora Art Society League of Women Voters Display in Main Library	East Aurora Art Society
December 2024	Amy Harts	Amy Harts

Education, Tech Training, Mtgs	Public—Name of Class & Date	Staff—Name of Class(es), Sponsor, Date (s), Employee(s)
January 2024		Supervisor Snyder – 1/9/24-Paula Klocek; Director's Meeting – 1/10/24-Paula Klocek; Town Board Meeting 1/22/24-Paula Klocek; Patron De-escalation, 1/26/24-Bethany Whitehead, Library 2.0 Fundraiser Photo at Pizza Del Aureo's- 1/31/24-Paula Klocek
February 2024	Creating with Canva, February 12 @ 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – TechknowLab	Excel / G-Sheets: Simple Formulas, 2/6/2024, Rachael Vella-Garrido, Tech- Talk Creating with Canva, 2/12/24 - Kathy Brogan, Kathy Castle, and Marjorie Coyle, TechknowLab Director's Meeting, B&ECPL, 2/14/24— Paula Klocek
March 2024	Canva One-on-One Sessions- Adults, 19+ - March 8 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., & 4:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long Book a Technology Trainer, March 11 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. –TechknowLab	Summer Reading Meeting for Librarians, ATPL, 3/8/24 ACT Workshop, B&ECPL, 3/9/24 (All Trustees and Paula Klocek) Director's Meeting, B&ECPL, 3/13/24— Paula Klocek (Recording); KANTOLA Training, B&ECPL, 3/27/2024—Marjorie Coyle
April 2024	Book a Technology Trainer, April 15 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. –TechknowLab	KANTOLA Training, B&ECPL, 4/ 1/2024— 4/30/24, All Staff; Friends Meeting, 4/17/24-Paula Klocek
May 2024		CSL In Session: Serving Older Adults—

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		Colorado State Library, 5/9/2024 New York History Primary Sources & More through New York State Archives, WNYLRC, 5/17/2024—Melissa Flynn The 411 on 211: Housing & Homelessness, WNYLRC, 5/17/2024—Melissa Flynn Tara Kaye, B&ECPL Staff Development Coordinator—B&ECPL, 5/30/2024--Paula Klocek
June 2024	Getting the Most out of Ancestry Library Edition- Adults, 19+ - Thursday, June 6 @ 11:00 a.m. Book a Technology Trainer, June 10 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. —TechknowLab	Director's Meeting, B&ECPL, 6/12/2024—Paula Klocek Occupational Stress; Sources and Solutions, Western New York Council on Occupational Safety & Health, 6/12/2024—Paula Klocek, Western New York Council on Occupational Safety & Health Clerical Meeting, ATPL, 6/24/2024 Dealing with Difficult People
July 2024	Book a Technology Trainer, July 15 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. —TechknowLab	Budget Meeting, B&ECPL, 7/12/2024—Paula Klocek; The Verbal Judo Workshop – Communication and De-Escalation Tools for All Library Staff, Library 2.0, 7/25/2024; Paula Klocek; Graphic Novels for All, Booklist, 7/30/2024—Rachael Vella-Garrido
August 2024		
September 2024	Book a Technology Trainer, September 16 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. —TechknowLab	Director's Meeting, B&ECPL, 10/9/2024—Paula Klocek ADA and Disability Awareness Training—10/4—Rachael Vella-Garrido & Paula Klocek
October 2024		Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 10/24/2024 – Sue Maraszek
November 2024		Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/5/2024 – Paula Klocek Dealing with Change and Emotions, EviCore EAP – 11/5/2024 – Paula Klocek Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/6/2024 – Jennifer Lewis Drew Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/6/2024 – Rachel

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		<p>Shanahan Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/6/2024 – Karen Ercolano Dealing with Change and Emotions, EviCore EAP – 11/15/2024 – Rachel Shanahan Civility and Courtesy in the Workplace, EviCore EAP – 11/15/2024 – Rachel Shanahan Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/20/2024 – Claudia Newton Dealing with Change and Emotions, EviCore EAP – 11/21/2024 – Susan Maraszek Anger Management, EviCore EAP – 11/21/2024 – Sandra Pearson Communication Skills for Professionals, EviCore EAP – 11/27/2024 – Marjorie Coyle</p>
December 2024	Book a Technology Trainer, December 9 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m. –TechknowLab	<p>Conflict Management, EviCore EAP – 12/3/2024 – William Ruof Mindfulness in the Workplace, EviCore EAP – 12/19/2024 – William Ruof</p>

Book Displays	Theme(s)
January 2024	Read Away Those Winter Blues; Try to Solve a Mystery; New Year New Me vs Comfortable & Relaxed; NEW Year, NEW Books; We've Got the Winter Blues; Warm Up at the Library; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
February 2024	Love to Read About Love? Check Out These Books; Sweet Reads; Celebrating Black History (3); Heart Health Awareness; These Romance Novels are Sweet as Candy; I Love Reading; Express Your Shelf (kid patron led display); Patron Picks & Staff Selections
March 2024	Express Your Shelf (kid patron-led display); May the Books of the Irish Be With You; Happy International Pi Day; Hello Spring Gardening; Women's History Month; Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History, Are You Feeling Lucky? Try Your Luck with a New Book; Find Your Treasure in a Book; Emily Dickinson and Taylor Swift are 6 th Cousins (Ancestry Heritage Quest Online Databases / Grosvenor Room); Patron Picks & Staff Selections
April 2024	Express Your Shelf (kid patron-led display); Laugh It Up With a Funny Book; Laugh It Up With a Funny Book; April is Poetry Month; Happy Earth Day April 22...What Can You Do?; It Was a Dark and Stormy Night; April Showers; Emily Dickinson and Taylor Swift are 6 th Cousins (Ancestry Heritage Quest Online Databases /

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	Grosvenor Room); Patron Picks & Staff Selections
May 2024	Winning One-Liners: Read the opening lines and see which new story catches your interest; It Really Happened: Fiction Based on Real Life; We MUSTACHE if you've read any great books lately?; Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Month, A Movie for Every Mom; Mental Health Awareness; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
June 2024	Alzheimer's & Brain Health Awareness; National Immigration Heritage Month; National LGBTQ+ Pride Month; Flowers & Fate: Looking for a bit of darkness, drama, and danger?; Read with Pride (YA); Read with Pride (j); Patron Picks & Staff Selections
July 2024	Recipe ideas to beat the summer heat...little to no oven required; Explore the great outdoors; Happy celebration Independence Day...United States of America; Disability Pride Month: Celebrating differences & disabilities; Have an Adventure at the Library; Summer Adventure: Friendship, road trips, and saving the world; Beach Vibes: ocean/vacation/surfing; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
August 2024	We Have What You Need for Family Movie Night; Travel the World, Either in Person or at Home; It's Time for a Day Trip; Summer at the Library is Out of this World!; "Salt air and the rust on your door..."; It's Hot Out There, Cool off with a Sweet Read; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
September 2024	Are You Ready for Some Football; Back to School; Hispanic Heritage Month; Celebrate Grandparents; Banned Book Week: Blind Date with a Banned Book; "SepZENber" - relaxing reads; Grandparents Day; Talk Like a Pirate Day; Learn Something New, Read Something True; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
October 2024	Just Keep Repeating: "It's Only a Novel" – horror; How Brave Are You? - spooky stories; Learn Something New, Read Something True, j Halloween Books; Express Your Shelf - Kid-curated displays (above readers); Breast Cancer Awareness; Make It A Spooky Halloween; Family Halloween Movies; Adult Halloween Movies; j Voting Books; Adult Voting Books; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
November 2024	Veterans Day...Honoring All Who Served; A Thanksgiving Celebration; Native American Heritage Month; j Voting Books; Adult Voting Books; Children's Area- Native American Heritage Month; Thank You, Donors; Patron Picks & Staff Selections
December 2024	Relax with Fiction Holiday Books; The Holiday Season Nonfiction Books; Holiday Movies; Thank You, Donors; j Holiday books; j Seasonal Books; Patron Picks & Staff Selections

Other Fundraisers	Money Raised
Painted Wooden Mushroom Fundraiser (EA Art Society for Friends)	\$223.00
Raising Some Dough (Del Aureo's for Friends)	\$736.91
Mother's Day Raffle (Gail R. for Library)	\$65.00
Annual Discard Sale	\$1,537.61 (after taxes)
Family Picnic Basket Raffle (Donated by Anonymous)	\$32.00

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Antique Appraisal (Roycroft Campus Antiques for Friends)	\$700.00
East Aurora Co-Op Round Up at the Register (Partnership with Friends)	\$3,510.82
Friends Holiday Gift Basket Raffle	\$915.00
Friends Ornaments & Magnets	\$50.00
Total Other Fundraiser Money	\$7,770.34

Friends Ongoing Book Sale	Month	YTD
Dollar Amount (Pre-Tax)	\$356.00	\$3,748.00

Friends Pop-Up Sales	Month	YTD
Dollar Amount (Pre-Tax)		\$884.55

Improvements / Repairs to the Library	Project	Funded / Work Done By
January 2024	Shelving for Shed	Funded by Friends, Work to Be Done by Highway Dept
February 2024	Mobile Shelving for Ongoing Discard Sale	Funded by Friends
March 2024	Moved Discards to Storage Shed Roof Inspection	Town Tremco
April 2024	Transporting Tables from 1 st Presbyterian Church to Library and Bringing Books in from Shed for Discard Sale	Town
May 2024	Transporting Tables back to 1 st Presbyterian Church Well Decommissioning	Town DEC
June 2024		
July 2024	Hanging tree branch removed on Whaley Side	Town
August 2024		
September 2024	Yellow Jackets Repaving Parking Lot Path for Shed Access	Town
October 2024	Shelving in Community Room Closet Re-glued Carpet in Children's area Cut fence door	Caretaker Town
November 2024		
December 2024	Replace Public Toilet Mice Control	Town Town

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Surveys	Results	Respondents
Teen Feedback (June 14-August 10)	See completed survey report.	24
Library of Things Survey (July 5-August 10)	See completed survey report.	9



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Friends of the Library members, Carole Orlowski, on the right, and Amy Harts randomly selecting winners for the basket raffle at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora.

Friends of the Library Holiday Gift Basket Raffle Results

The holiday gift basket raffle is over for the Aurora Town Public Library and the results are in.

The fundraiser was possible with the assistance of the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, particularly Amy Harts for spearheading the fundraiser. We are thankful for the support of library patrons and community-minded businesses, as well as talented local artists, who contributed to the contents of twelve baskets.

In total, the fundraiser brought in \$1,783 to benefit the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, a 501(c) (3) non-profit group that believes that a library is essential to a community. The group works all year to promote and assist the library.

The following businesses assisted with donating goods to the baskets: Aurora Ice Association, Aurora Players, Aurora Theatre, Bar-Bill Tavern, The Bookworm & BW Gifts LLC, Buffalo Bandits, Buffalo Bills, Bulldogs Feed Company, Cielo Salon, Fisher-Price, Friends of the Library, 42 North Brewing Company, Hotel West Falls & Dog Bar, Inc., The Iron Kettle Landmark Restaurant, Kornerstone Café & Juice Bar, Leo's Pizzeria, Mighty Taco, Mr. Pot Pie McDuffies Bakery, 189 Burger, Pizza Del Aureo's, The Roycroft Inn, The Toy Loft and Vidler's 5 & 10, Inc.

Local artists Amy Harts, Joseph Orlowski and Donna Reilly also made contributions.

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Local News

Noon Year's Eve at the Aurora Public Library

The Aurora Town Public Library welcomed 2024 a little early by hosting a free "Noon Years Eve" event on Saturday, Dec. 30 that included crafts, the writing of New Years resolutions and a balloon ball drop.



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Mushroom Madness: A Library and Art Society Fundraising Collaboration

For the third consecutive year, the East Aurora Art Society (EAAS) is partnering with the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora for a Spring Fundraiser. Twelve artists from EAAS have agreed to create a piece for this occasion and the proceeds from the event will go directly towards programs that are offered by the library.

The artists who are contributing work are Veronica Benes, Randi Brod, Walt Larrick, Heather Harris, Sue Larkin, John Miliotto, Joe Orlowski, Kathy Visaro, Sue Rudnicki, Bernice Smith,

Sarah Tobin and Mary Wertz.

The community will vote for their favorite work of art by purchasing tickets at the library and using the ticket as a vote. The voting period runs from Friday, Feb. 23 until Friday, March 22.

One ticket will be drawn for each entry to win that piece and the winners will be chosen on March 22. Winners will be notified by the library.

The library is located at 550 Main Street, East Aurora.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Pizza Del Aureo's is Helping to Raise Dough for Library

On Monday, March 4, Pizza Del Aureo's will be donating 10 percent of proceeds raised from all orders from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to support the Aurora Town Public Library. L to R, Del

Aureo's owners Bob Aures and Kathy Aures, Carol Orlowski, President of the Friends of the Library and Library Director Paula Kloczek.

Aurora Board Rezones Land

by David Dahl
Correspondent

The rezoning of properties for a proposed indoor golf center has been approved in the Town of Aurora.

Town Board members voted 4-0 to change the zoning at 586 and 600 Olean Road from agricultural-residential to commercial the night of Monday, Jan. 22.

Board members agreed the proposal fits the town's comprehensive plan.

"I think it's by and large a commercial area," Councilman Joseph McCann said.

Councilman Luke Wochensky issued a reminder that the rezoning only marks the first step.

"A special-use permit is quite a process," he said.

Councilman James Granville was absent.

The EA Golf Barn proposal includes an 18-hole indoor mini-golf course, golf simulators in which users would pretend to play professional golf courses and a dining area.

Eventually, the 12,000-square-foot facility may offer an outdoor driving range and an outdoor 18-hole mini-golf course.

The developer, Harrison Kelly, urged the board to rezone the land.

"I hope for a favorable vote and an opportunity to make a positive impact on the community," he said during the public comment session.

On another topic, the board tabled McCann's request to expand Code Red, the emergency messaging system, to include the Senior Center and proposed zoning changes.

Recent snowstorms prompted questions on social media sites about the Senior Center's availability. McCann reasoned Code Red could inform residents when the center closes.

"I think it would be a very easy solution," he said.

Neighbors could also be notified about rezoning requests.

"The message would go to abutting properties," he said.

In another matter, Highway Superintendent David Gunner told the board he applied for state grants last week for bridge maintenance on Shearer Avenue, Oakwood Avenue and Cornwall Road through the Bridge New York program, which has entered its final year.

The grants would provide a maximum of \$1.5 million for

each bridge. Gunner expects the project to cost \$5.2 million.

"It's worth a shot," he said. Unlike other bridges in recent years, those spans pose no immediate hazards.

"The bridges are not in danger of collapsing," he said.

Board members also authorized the creation of Wint Theater Camp for students in fourth to eighth grades from Feb. 26 to April 17 in the South side Municipal Center Auditorium on Glead Avenue.

Jennifer and Todd Suckow will teach at the camp, which will conclude with students performing a play, "Vidler's Heist."

For more details and to register, visit www.auroraec.com or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 716-652-8866.

In other matters, the board:

- Accepted \$721.92 donated

from the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library to build shelves in a shed for donated books.

- Raised the town kennel dog boarding fee from \$20 per day to \$40 per day.

- Allowed visitors to park at Knox Farm State Park during solar eclipse-viewing event on April 8.

- Authorized the purchase of payroll software from Edmunds GovTech. The town will pay a one-time \$8,750 fee and an annual \$4,900 fee to replace software that will no longer be supported after March 31, 2025.

- Referred to the Planning Board site plans for bed-and-breakfast businesses at 68 Quaker Road, 1309 Grover Road and 1514 Mill Road. In every location, a homeowner wanted to use part of the residence as a business.

- Referred to the Code Committee a request from Elizabeth Cassidy, code enforcement officer, to review the laws regarding short-term rentals such as bed-and-breakfast businesses. She recommended requiring special-use permits instead of site plans.

- Approved a request from the Open Space Committee to construct a kiosk at the Hubbard Road trailhead in Majors Park. The Ormsby Educational Center will provide free labor.

- Tabled a request from Ricardo Rivera, who owns Arboretum Buffalo Treehouse, to place a sculpture sign in West Fall. Board members desired more time to determine the sign location.





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Members of the East Aurora Art Society and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library collaborate on a fundraiser to benefit the library. L to R First Row: Sue Larkin, Sara Tobin, Kathy Pisano and Bernice Smith. In the second row L to R is Joe Orlovski, Walt Carrick, Paula Kloczek, Heather Harris and Sue Rudnicki.

Art Society and Friends of The Library Hold Fundraiser

The East Aurora Art Society and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library are collaborating for a library fundraiser this spring.

The art society has sponsored the purchase of the wooden mushrooms and each mushroom will be painted and embellished by a different

local artist.

From Feb. 23 through March 22, the mushrooms will be on display at the Aurora Town Public Library at 550 Main Street. The community is invited to buy votes to judge and earn a chance to win a mushroom. One vote is \$1 or six votes are \$5. All proceeds from this

collaboration benefit the library.

Winners will be drawn at random on March 22 at noon. Votes will be tallied to determine which painted mushroom finishes in first, second or third place.

For more information, contact the library at 716-652-4440.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Mushroom Fundraiser

This painted mushroom created by a member of the East Aurora Art Society is on display at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora for a fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Library. The public can vote for a chance to win their favorite mushroom, they will be on display at the library until March 22.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Pajama Party

Local children out of school during February Recess enjoy board games and snacks at the Aurora Town Public Library's "Pajama Games" event on Feb. 20.

Solar System Ambassador Scheduled at Library

A free program designed for adults and children aged 8 and up is scheduled for April 3 at 3 p.m. at the Aurora Town Public Library, located on Main Street in East Aurora.

John Sojka, a Solar System Ambassador, will talk about solar astronomy, heliophysics and what to expect during the upcoming total solar eclipse. This free program is sponsored by the NASA

/ JPL Solar Ambassador Program. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 716-652-4440 or stop by the library at 550 Main Street to sign up.

Thank You Pizza Del Aureo's

Dear Editor,

The Aurora Town Public Library extends heartfelt gratitude to the owners of Pizza Del Aureo's, Kathy and Bob Aures, for their kindness and generosity.

This community-minded duo donated 10 percent of their sales on March 4. The total dough raised was \$726.91! We are completely wowed by the turnout of support by our

patrons. Thank you Pizza Del Aureo's and local library lovers!

Paula M. A. Klocek
*Aurora Town Public
Library Director*



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Fun at the Library

Barrett Wadsworth and his son Oliver play with Nancy Kilburn (R), Anneliese and Heidi in the community room at the Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora during family storytime.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Team Effort

The Aurora Town Public Library recently added a storage facility behind the library on Main Street in East Aurora with help from the Town of Aurora. Aurora Supervisor

Charles Snyder, on the left, stands with Library Director Paula M.A. Kloczek and Highway Superintendent David Gunner.



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Fundraiser

The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library recently collaborated with the East Aurora Art Society on a fundraiser where the community was invited to buy votes to judge and earn a chance to win their favorite work of art in the Painted Wooden Mushroom Fundraiser and \$223 was raised through this collaboration. First place went to Heather Harris's "Firefly Forest Friends." Joseph Orłowski's "Snail Trail" won second place and Bernice Smith's "The Mushroom Artist" took third.

Discarded Book Sale at Aurora Library in May

The Aurora Town Public Library will hold its annual discarded book sale for gently used library materials from Friday, May 3 through Friday, May 24. The sale will take place in the library's community room during regular business hours except on Wednesday, May 22 when the sale hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The selection of books, movies, CDs

and more will be replenished frequently.

Starting Friday, May 3, fill a bag with books or other discarded library materials for \$12. From Thursday, May 16 until Friday, May 24, bags will be \$5.

For more information, call the library at 716-652-4440 or stop by the library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.



Director of the Aurora Town Public Library Paula Klocek has served as an intern and branch assistant before becoming the library's director in 2018.

Photo by Justin Sullivan

Fighting for the right to read: Paula Klocek makes Aurora Public Library an enriching and entertaining place for all

by JUSTIN SULLIVAN
Editor

Paula Klocek has watched the Aurora Town Public Library continue to evolve over her tenure with the library starting first as an intern, then serving as branch assistant and now, branch director.

Although she started at the Aurora Town Public more than 15 years ago and one would think that each day would be routine, but Klocek insists that every day is still different.

"Libraries are always evolving," Klocek said. "You always have to be on the pulse of what the community is looking for."

Ahead of the library's 60th anniversary on April 20, Klocek is proud of what her team of employees and volunteers have been able to accomplish working alongside local officials in addition to the area's numerous community organizations.

The impact of the library to the community is evident. The Aurora Town Public Library ranks in the top third in visits and cir-

ulation among Buffalo and Erie County's 37 public libraries. Last year, 168,894 library items were checked out, 64,417 individuals visited the library and the library issued 359 no-cost library cards.

Klocek, who earned her master's degree in library and information studies from University at Buffalo, admits this is a far cry from when she began her career during a time when libraries were subject to government cuts and closures.

"It was a hard time to be an up-and-coming librarian," she admitted.

However, that fight is not over. Libraries across the state continue to face expanding efforts to censor or ban materials and programming individuals subjectively deem inappropriate.

The American Library Association announced that 4,240 materials in school and public libraries had been targeted in 2023, a substantial hike from the then-record 2,571 books in 2022 — and the most the library association has tallied since it began keeping

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track more than 20 years ago. Of those titles, the vast majority were written by or about members of the LGBTQIA+ community and/or people of color.

The Aurora Town Public Library often uses its programming to promote diversity and inclusion – hosting programming related to Black History Month and Women's History Month among others. "The library is here for everyone, you need to have something for everyone," the director said.

In her leadership role, Klocek, a native of Dunkirk, continues to help advocate for legislation that empowers library professionals to exercise their expertise and ensure public access to materials, services, and programs that represent their interests.

It appears that state officials have heard her plea. Both the New York State Senate and Assembly have called on New York Gov. Kathy Hochul to add \$2.5 million to the 2024 New York State Budget for library aid.

Now, libraries like the Aurora Town Pub-

lic Library, have expanded to not just enrich – but entertain. The Aurora Town Public Library is home to the "Library of Things," a collection of shareable nontraditional resources such as science kits and lawn games. Additionally, the library offers snowshoes for children and adults of all sizes through a program sponsored by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation.

The library also hosts weekly programs including "Toddler Time," "Family Storytime," and "LEGO Club."

Klocek said she hopes to see the library continue to grow and would like to see the Main Street building become more energy efficient.

"You really have to have an infinite imagination for where libraries can go," Klocek said. "If the community wants it, we find a way to provide it somehow."

This story is the last in our four-part series for Women's History Month.

READERS' OPINION

Thank You for the Support

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On behalf of the Aurora Town Public Library, I want to take a moment to express appreciation for the incredible support of the Town of Aurora, our Highway Department and Friends of the Library. Their collective investment of time,

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Paula M.A. Klocek
Aurora Town Public
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Mother's Day Raffle

A regular patron named Gail has generously sponsored a gift basket for a Mother's Day raffle to support the Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora. From April 1 through May 2, the gift basket will be on display at the library located at 550 Main Street. Tickets are on sale starting April 1 during regular library hours, one ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The winner will be drawn at random on Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact the library at 716-652-4440.

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Marilla Kiwanis hosts another successful Easter Egg Hunt

The Kiwanis Club of Marilla held their annual Egg Hunt this past Saturday in chilly but sunny weather at the Marilla Fire Company grounds.

The four age group fields sectioned off were filled with children filling their bags

Library Celebrates 60th Year on Main Street

The Aurora Town Public Library building officially opened to the public on April 20, 1964.

On April 18 at 6:30 p.m., the library will be celebrating 60 years of public service with a trivia event, hosted by Town and Village Historian, Robert Lowell Goller. The

community is welcome to test their knowledge of the library's history during a family-friendly game show designed for adults and children, ages 12 and older. Registration is required. Call the Library at 716-652-4440 or stop by 550 Main Street to sign up.



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"View of Stoneville Reservoir" by Sue Larkin is included in the art show exhibit.

Spring Library Art Show on Exhibit April 8 to May 24

The East Aurora Art Society spring art exhibit is open from April 8 until May 24. Art will be displayed in the lobby display case and the Community Room of the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street, during

regular library hours. Admission and parking are free.

There are ballots available so that people can vote for their favorite art from 25 participating artists. The top three vote-earning artists will be awarded a blue, red or

yellow ribbon.

The East Aurora Art Society meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month from September to June at the Aurora Senior Center, located at 101 King Street in East Aurora.

The public is welcome.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

NASA Ambassador Visits EA

NASA Ambassador John Sojka speaks about the upcoming eclipse at the Aurora Town Public Library last week. Sojka was one of eight scientists at EAclipse at Knox Farm State Park on April 8.

Thank You for Volunteering at the Library

Dear Editor,

This year National Volunteer Week is celebrated April 21 - 27 and its theme is Celebrate Service. Volunteering by sharing time, talent and energy strengthens the fabric of our community. What better time to recognize the volunteers of the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

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Carole Orłowski
*Friends of the Aurora
Town Public Library
President and
Volunteer*

letters

to the Editor

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**Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library
President and volunteer**



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Raffle Winners are Announced!

Mac and Rosie Wittman, winners of the Painted Mushroom Raffle, pose with local artist Joseph Orlowski at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora. This fundraiser was a collaboration between the Friends of the Library and the East Aurora Art Society. Funds that were raised will benefit the

April is Love Your Library Month

In celebration of April's Love Your Library Month and this week's National Library Week, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System encourages everyone to connect with the local library in person or virtually and to celebrate the endless opportunities libraries unlock every day. There are 37 local libraries in Erie County that offer something for everyone: access to books and technology, digital content and more. Visit the Library System website at www.BuffaloLib.org to discover resources, databases, collections and programs for inspiration.

The local library can be an inclusive and supportive community. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries and mobile services work to connect people to resources by offering health,

business and career programs, technology workshops, book deliveries, opportunities to borrow kits for youth sports and CPR, as well as discounts to area cultural organizations and merchants. Love Your Library Month highlights the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's national theme - "Ready, Set, Library!" - promotes the idea that in this "always-online" world, libraries offer a place to connect with others.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders can enter to win Love Your Library prizes by visiting a library and/or sharing a photo of themselves with their library card. See entry information. The Contest ends on April 30.

Support the Aurora Library And Become a Member

The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library are holding a membership drive during the month of May.

Last year, money from membership donations and fundraisers paid for 16 programs for children and 22 programs for adults, including the popular chair yoga classes and the balance and mobility classes. In addition, the Friends purchased many of the items from the "Library Wish List." These purchases included shelving inside the library and the new shed, Vox books (talking books), Scholastic books and bookshelf dividers.

Additionally, three mobile shelving units were purchased to expand the Friends Ongoing Book Sale, which is stocked with gently-used books, movies and puzzles donated by the public. Donations are accepted every Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Proceeds from this sale enhance the library for the benefit of the community.

The Friends also provide an annual subscription to make the magazine *BookPage* free to the community. This monthly

publication serves as a recommendation guide for readers to discover books they might like to check out next. Patrons can pick up the latest issue in the entryway of the library.

This year, the "Library Wish List" includes dynamic shelving bins for children's magazines and paperbacks, new toys for toddlers and preschoolers for free-play use during story times, and a TubeLox Deluxe Building Set that builds STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) skills while encouraging creativity and active play. This toy would be available to use during programs and patrons can check it out and borrow it as part of the Library of Things. Scholastic books are also needed for the summer "Read It and Keep It" program and for the Fall "Trick-or-Read" program.

The Vox Books and WonderBooks are checked out frequently and the Friends would like to purchase additional quantities.

Stop in the Aurora Town Public Library at 550 Main Street in East Au-

rore to fill out a membership form to join Friends. Membership levels are: \$10 for individuals, \$15 for a family, \$25 for a patron and \$100 to become a sustaining member. Current members will receive the annual newsletter with their renewal membership envelope enclosed. Additional newsletters will be available at the library.

This year the hope is that local businesses and community groups will join the Friends with a membership donation because it raises valuable income. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations are tax-exempt. Receipts are provided for every donation.

There are additional ways to support the library. Attend the four upcoming pop-up sales of donated books: June 29, July 27, Aug. 24 and Oct. 5 in the tent in front of the library. There is also an upcoming Antique Appraisal fundraiser for the Friends, sponsored by Roycroft Campus Antiques. Tickets go on sale Monday, June 3. For more information about these events, call the library at 716-652-4440.



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Family Picnic Basket Raffle to Benefit Library

An anonymous patron has generously sponsored a summer family picnic-themed raffle basket to support the Aurora Town Public Library. From Monday, June 3 through Saturday, June 29 the gift basket will be on display at the library, located at 550 Main Street. Tickets are on sale starting June 3 until June 29 during regular library hours, one for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The winner will be drawn at random on Monday, July 1 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact the library at 716-652-4440

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The community embraced the new Aurora Town Public Library, which opened on April 20, 1964.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Opening Day for New Library (Finally) Arrived in April 1964

by Robert Lowell Goller
Town and Village Historian

East Aurora readers were eager to start a new chapter with the construction of a modern library six decades ago, but turning the proverbial page proved a lesson in patience.

The Aurora Town Public Library building on Main Street marked its 60th anniversary on April 20, but library officials in 1964 hadn't originally planned to open on that date. The new library was slated to debut the previous autumn, but construction delays forced a frustrating six-month postponement. In 1922, two years after it was organized as a one-room facility in the Board of Trade building, which stood at the present location of the East Aurora police station at Main and Paine streets, the East Aurora library moved to a circa-1835 house on the northwest corner of Main Street and Whaley Avenue.

Evelyn Riley Griggs, widow of former East Aurora mayor and local bank executive Abbott S. Griggs, bought the house and donated it to the library. However, by the late 1950s, the library had outgrown it, and library board members began discussing the construction of a new building.

According to a report from the library, circulation climbed from 8,000 books in the library's first year to more than 101,000 books, magazines, photographs and pamphlets by the late 1950s.

Members of the library association appeared before the Aurora Town Board in January 1959 to officially request a new building. The library association at that point already had raised about 10 percent of the estimated \$120,000 cost.

However, it took another three years before plans were solidified.

A rendering, designed by East Aurora architect Clarence E. Donath, accompanied a detailed article about the proposed new library on the front page of the April 12, 1962 issue of the East Aurora Advertiser. Fellow East Aurora resident William R. Trautman was the project engineer.

The library association disbanded in favor of a new Town of Aurora Library Board, which allowed the town to take responsibility for the land and building. The East Aurora Free Library became the Town of Aurora Public Library for the Aurora Town Public Library, as it is known today.

The town also purchased part of the lot to the west of the library to provide off-street parking.

The construction timeline received a boost in the autumn of 1962, when the Town Board received federal grant funding for about half the \$250,000 price tag for the new building in East Aurora and an addition to the library in West Falls. The Town Board had to act fast, because the grant funds, part of a federal program to accelerate construction, required construction to begin within 60 days.

The Town Board borrowed money to fund the other half of the project cost, an unusual move for town officials at the time because the town had been debt-free.

However, the investment would be worth the benefit to the community, proponents of a new library said. In addition to the much-needed space for books and other library materials, the new building would also include a new community room, they pointed out.

The project was not without controversy, however. Some in the community worried that the taxpayers could not absorb the \$125,000 on top of a \$1.5 million school project that included an addition and renovation at the Main Street School and a new elementary school in West Falls. Village leaders also were contemplating \$1.2 million in improvements to Tannery Brook and village streets.

In an editorial published Dec. 6, 1962, the publishers of the Advertiser urged local government leaders to reconsider embarking on all the projects at once.

There seems to have been less controversy about demolishing the circa-1835 house. Other sites were suggested for the new library, but town and library officials agreed that finding an available, centrally located lot similar to the one at Main Street and Whaley Avenue would be difficult.

"Old Landmark to Go" was the headline accompanying a photograph of the old house on the front page of the Nov. 8, 1962 issue of the Advertiser.

In the 1960s, fewer zoning laws were in place to discourage the demolishing of buildings. As a result, the library building wasn't the only one to face the wrecking ball. In 1964, the same year the new library opened, buildings at the west end of the village were razed to make way for a supermarket parking lot, and the circa 1825 Gen. Aaron Riley house at Main and Elm streets faced the same fate until it was saved from demolition and moved to its current location on Oakwood Avenue.

An article in the Oct. 4, 1962 issue of the Advertiser noted that the move to be demolished library building was among several East Aurora landmarks slated to be photographed and documented as part of a county-wide historical survey.

In January 1963, in preparation for the new building, library operations and more than 10,000 books temporarily moved to 663 Main St., adjacent to the East Aurora Hardware store.

On Friday, March 15, 1963, the house at Main Street and Whaley Avenue was demolished.

Construction contracts were awarded a few weeks later, and throughout the spring and summer of 1963, erection of the new library drew a great deal of attention from passersby, as crews erected steel trusses, brick walls and the chimney and fireplace on the north side of the



Pictured around 1938, the circa-1835 house that became home to the East Aurora library in 1922. It was torn down in March 1963 to make way for the new library.

building. The contract called for both the East Aurora and West Falls libraries to be completed by Sept. 15, but a Buffalo newspaper reported in mid-November that the East Aurora building stood only 70 percent finished.

The contractor blamed the delay on steel and concrete worker strikes, 27 days of rain, three holidays and shipment delays, along with setbacks associated with an engineering error and rain-caused damage to the foundation footings.

The Town Board applied the penalty clause of the contract that imposed a \$25-per-day fine. The Town Board had already agreed to extend the completion date by more than a month.

At night at the end of the tunnel began to emerge in the new year. Construction was far enough along for a group of senior citizens to tour the new library in January 1964, and by March plans for the April opening were announced.

In preparation for the move to the new building, the temporary library quarters near the Aurora theatre closed at 5 p.m., March 21. The public was invited to take out an unlimited number of books to hold them over for the month. Fines for overdue books were forgiven during the transition.

It appears that the opening of the new library on Monday, April 20, came with little fanfare. An article in the Advertiser noted that a formal dedication would be planned later in the summer, when the landscaping was complete, but it does not appear that such a formal event ever occurred.

Librarian Thelma Harrington was pictured in the May 14 issue of the Advertiser looking over the new library.

"The handsome new library incorporates several unique features, such as a reading lounge complete with wood-burning fireplace and a meeting room for public use by groups and for display of art exhibits," the newspaper noted. Another "unusual feature" was the stained-glass reproductions on the library windows of imprints of famous book publishing houses, including the Beyerle.

In the same issue of the Advertiser appeared a photograph of local elementary school students taking a tour of the new library.

"Each class, from kindergarten to sixth, is being taken on a complete tour of the building," the



The interior of the new library is shown in 1966, a few years after it opened. Notably absent are the computers and DVDs of today.



Bricklayers work on the walls of the new Aurora Town Public Library at Main Street and Whaley Avenue in the summer of 1963.



Crews erect beams for the new Aurora Town Public Library in the summer of 1963. The library's chimney and fireplace can be seen in the background.



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newspaper noted, adding, "Children who do not have library cards are given applications for them. Kindergarten and primary grade children are having a story read to them at the end of the tour. Upper grade boys and girls receive a short explanation of the difference between the Dewey Decimal System of book cataloging, which is used in school libraries, and the Library of Congress system, which the (new) library is instituting."

The built-in shelf capacity of the new building allowed the library to expand its collection by almost 20 percent. The Advertiser noted. Some 3,000 new books were added to the library collection in the first half of 1964, the newspaper reported.

East Aurorians quickly embraced their new library. The East Aurora Garden Club supplied weekly flower arrangements, and the community room was particularly

popular. The local chapter of the League of Women Voters discussed "reapportionment and redistricting" at a meeting at the library just one week after it opened, and members of the East Aurora Art Society hosted an exhibit, a tradition that continues in the community room 60 years later.

In collaboration with a newly formed community group, the Council on Equality, the library hosted a special book display and programming on race relations during the opening month. A guest speaker from the Buffalo Youth Board spoke on interracial justice during a program on June 23.

The community room wasn't the only new space in the new library, however. Opening day was a record breaker at the circulation desk. "Borrowing of books reached an all-time peak when the library opened April 20, when 1,850 books were loaned

out," library officials reported.

Circulation climbed from 8,056 in May 1963 to 10,864 in May 1964, according to a report from library officials. "Increases were also registered in library attendance, telephone inquiries, use of reference books, and the circulation of non-book materials."

Robert Lowell Goller is a researcher and writer who has served as the Aurora town and East Aurora village historian since 2007. He hosts a weekly history-themed Facebook livestream, has written two local history books, and is currently conducting research for additional publications. For more information about the Aurora Town Historian's Office, visit www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian.

Aurora Town Public Library
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
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The Aurora Town Public Library will hold its annual discarded book sale for gently used library materials from Friday, May 3 through Friday, May 24. The sale will take place in the library's community room during regular business hours except on Wednesday, May 22 when the sale hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The selection of books, movies, CDs and more will be replenished frequently.

Starting Friday, May 3, fill a bag with books or other discarded library materials for \$12. From Thursday, May 16 until Friday, May 24, bags will be \$5.

For more information, call the library at 716-652-4440 or stop by the library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

This summer, take advantage of all Erie County has to offer

In Buffalo and Erie County, we are fortunate to have great cultural, educational and recreational institutions. As our children head toward the end of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight ways for families to take advantage of these spaces during the summer months.

With 37 branches and the Library on Wheels Bookmobile, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is a staple in our communities. Our libraries offer free WiFi, public computers and the ability to borrow sports equipment, movies, tabletop games and of course books. Our libraries also connect people to literacy services, as well as health, wellness, parenting and career resources, with friendly staff to help anyone find what they need.

Libraries provide a welcoming space with a full schedule of programming. Library cards are free to residents of New York state. Visit a branch to apply or go to www.buffalolib.org/library-cards/. You can also check out events at your local branch by visiting www.buffalolib.org/whats-happening/.

On that note, your free library card also serves as a ticket to discounts and specials at destinations across Erie County. Use your library card VIP Pass – Very Important Perks Pass – to receive free general admission for up to four people at the Buffalo History Museum, or for \$2 off general admission at Explore & More Children's Museum. Other VIP partners include the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Reserve, plus many more.

For a day of outdoor fun, consider visiting one of Erie County's parks or forestry areas. With miles of trails for hiking and biking, tennis courts, and picnic areas, there is so much to explore. Our five Heritage Parks

now feature adaptive playgrounds, and all shelters are now equipped with universal picnic tables to accommodate wheelchairs. In addition, we have made the waterfront more accessible to all by installing beach matting at Bennett Beach Park for individuals using a wheeled device or who have difficulty traversing the sand. Our parks are here for everyone to enjoy.

Our park rangers have been hard at work planning weekly events for the upcoming season. These free events offer the opportunity to observe and learn about the nature, wildlife and geology of Erie County parks while enjoying time outdoors. You can view the full schedule and learn how to prepare at www.erie.gov/parks/events/.

For working families, our local Boys and Girls Clubs offer affordable day camp options at locations throughout Erie County. I have had the privilege of visiting campers at Camp TeBeCe on Grand Island the past two summers. It was wonderful to see campers making memories and building confidence under the guidance of their mentors. Go to www.bgea.org/get-involved/summer/ to find the camp closest to your zip code.

Another great Erie County partner, Say Yes Buffalo, also offers camps for Buffalo Public School students at 30 locations throughout the City of Buffalo. Registration for these camps, which include academic support, physical activity, breakfast/lunch and field trips, is now open. During the first two weeks of open registration, Say Yes will prioritize the applications of students with economic need. Information is available at www.sayyesbuffalo.org/summer/.

I wish all our families, students, teachers and school staff a wonderful end to their academic year and look forward to an exciting summer for all in Erie County.





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Mother's Day Basket Winner

Miles won a Mother's Day basket for his mom, Jamie Daly, at the Aurora Town Public Library. The basket was created and donated by Gail R. and this fundraiser raised \$65. All of the proceeds will benefit the library.

Antique Appraisal Fundraiser

Roycroft Campus Antiques is volunteering skills and time as a fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, a non-profit group of community members, who work to promote and assist the library, by donating time to appraise antiques for community members.

The community is invited to donate to the Friends of the Library to receive a ticket for a professional appraisal for one or two easily carried heirlooms by Roycroft Campus Antiques. Tickets may be purchased beginning Monday, June 3 at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Au-

ror. The cost is \$20 per item to be appraised and each person is permitted up to two appraisals. The appraisals will take place on Sept. 14.

Pre-registration and payment for an appraisal appointment at the library is required. There are a limited number of tickets available by appointment times. Time

slots are determined at the time of purchase. Tickets must be presented at the door prior for admission to appraisal appointment. Spectators are welcome for free.

Roycroft Campus Antiques is located at 37 South Grove, East Aurora.

For more information, contact the library at 716-652-4440.



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Creating Art

Gretta Gill paints a paper lantern at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora during the library's "Screen-Free Saturday" event on May 4. The paper lanterns from the event were assembled into a window display at 550 Main Street for the East Aurora ArtWalk.



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Love Your Library

During "Love Your Library Month," visitors of the Aurora Town Public Library received a free raffle ticket to win a tote bag full of goodies for the whole family when checking out five library materials throughout the month of April and Mason and Jeremy Lurkowski won the prize.



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Picasso Tiles building set is one of the many non-book items that can be borrowed from the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

Local Library Offers More than Books

The Aurora Town Public Library's selection of shareable, non-traditional materials, has grown again. Eighteen new items are now available for checkout: portable projector, PutterBall Golf Game set, fort building kit, Yardzee, trampoline paddle game, Picasso-Tiles building set, PicassoTiles car track with LED light up cars, stargazing kit, Project Squirrel kit, compact desktop shredder, portable scanner, CD player, external CD / DVD drive, Blu-ray / DVD player, electric air pump with digital pressure gauge, Apples to Apples Jumbo

Party Box, and the game, Anomia.

The library welcomes ideas on other items that can be added to the collection.

These additions are made possible with funding from former Senator Dale Volker and donations from Alice Askew and an anonymous patron. These items can be borrowed with a library card from an adult.

The library, located at 550 Main Street, will host an open house on July 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Call 716-652-4440 for more information.

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Aurora Public Library Summer Registration Celebration

Kick off a magical summer of adventure at the Aurora Town Public Library Summer Registration Celebration from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Learn about and register for exciting summer programs for children of all ages. The first 50 in-person registrants will receive an ice cream coupon! At 11:00 a.m., join the library for a magic show featuring magician David Black. Children ages 7 to 11 are also invited to register for a bonus Secrets of Magic Workshop at 12:00 p.m. Beginning June 1, registration for all summer programs is also available by calling



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A Little Help from Friends

With assistance from the Friends of the Library volunteers, the Aurora Town Public Library's garden is ready for the summer season. Pictured are (L-R) Joe Orlowski, Carole Orlowski, Joyce Trudel, and Rhoda Zucker.

Open House at Aurora Library

Try out some of the toys, gadgets, sports equipment and technology that are available to borrow from the Aurora Town Public Library at the "Library of Things Open House" on Monday, July 8 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This collection has been made possible with funding from Senator Patrick Gallivan, former Senator Dale Volker and generous library patrons. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Sports Lending program for youth is sponsored by the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation.

All ages are invited, but items must be checked out on an adult's library card. Visit the library at 550 Main Street or call 716-652-4440 to register for a half-hour time slot or drop in between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Adventure Awaits At the Library

The Aurora Town Public Library has added an Empire Pass to its Library of Things collection.

Patrons may check out the Empire Pass with their library card to park one vehicle for free at most facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

This addition is made possible with funding from Alice Askew.

For more information call 716-652-4440 or stop by the library at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

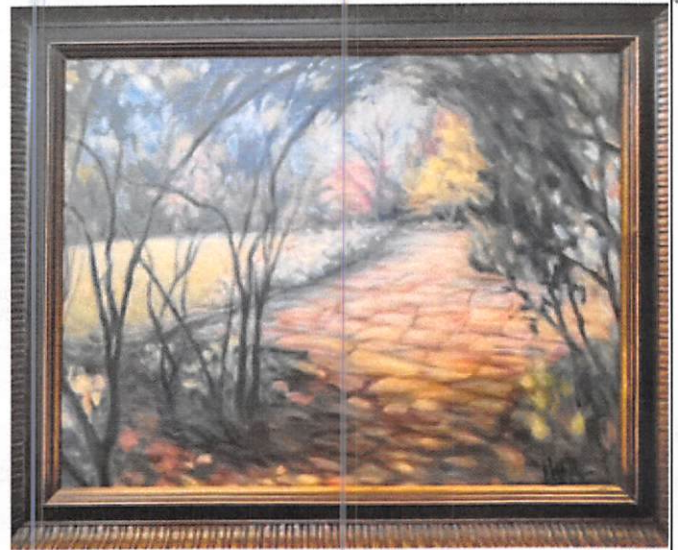


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Holland Tuesday Painters Day

Linda Ludwig, of the Holland Tuesday Painters, works on a painting while visiting Knox Farm State Park with other members of the group on June 3. The Holland Tuesday Painters

currently have an exhibit at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora, that will be on view until June 26 during regular library hours.



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Local artist Linda Hall receives third place for a painting titled "Knox Terrace" that was on display at the Aurora Town Public Library this spring.

East Aurora Art Society Announces Art Show Winners

The results from the East Aurora Art Society's Spring Art Show at the Aurora Town Public Library are in and the public cast forty votes for their favorites.

Diane Meyer received first place for her painting "Yellowstone."

Donna Jordan Dusek received second place for a photograph "Silo City Moon."

Linda Hall was awarded third place for her painting "Knox Terrace."



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Diane Meyer's painting titled "Yellowstone" won first place after members of the public voted on it during a show at the Aurora Town Public Library this spring.

Twenty-five artists participated in this show.

The East Aurora Art Society meets September through June, on the second Thursday of the month, at the Aurora Senior Center, located on Oakwood at 101 King

Street.

The art society is participating in the upcoming June 2024 Outdoor Show at the Middle School grounds on Main Street in East Aurora on June 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Aurora Public Library Conducting Teen Survey

The Aurora Town Public Library wants to hear from patrons 12 to 18 years old.

A survey has been designed that can be completed online or by visit-

ing the library at 550 Main Street in East Aurora between June 14 and Aug. 10. This information will be used to make decisions on future programs and books.

All responses will be anonymous.

The survey can be accessed online by going to <https://forms.gle/qd-1Wob5yu4hQ4oPbA>.

Summer Events at the Aurora Town Public Library

The following events and classes will take place at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora. Space is limited and registration can take place by calling the library at 716-652-4440 or sign up in person. For more information, visit www.buffalolib.org.

Read It & Keep It

Children of all ages are

invited to register for Read It & Keep It, a summer reading incentive program. Participants who complete a reading log will receive a free paperback book to keep. To participate, register and pick up a reading log, then read and redeem by Aug. 12. Gift books are sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Summer Programs

Children ages 6 to 11 years old are invited to a fun variety of weekly programs: Adventure Academy, Mondays at 2 p.m., Choose Your Adventure, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Crafternoons, Thursdays at 1 p.m. Each of these programs will feature new activities every week and are sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.



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Renaissance Faire in July

East Aurora native Suzanne Fatta, along with lute player Daniel Yost, will perform at the Aurora Town Public Library's Renaissance Faire on Tuesday, July 16 at 1 p.m. Call 716-652-4440 or visit 550 Main Street to register for this free, all ages event which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Pop Up Book Sale In July

The Friends of the Library are hosting a pop up book sale outside of the library under a tent on July 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All books are in gently used condition. Hardcover are \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. CDs and movies are \$2 and puzzles are priced as marked. Buy five books and get the sixth one free.

All proceeds raised benefit your Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

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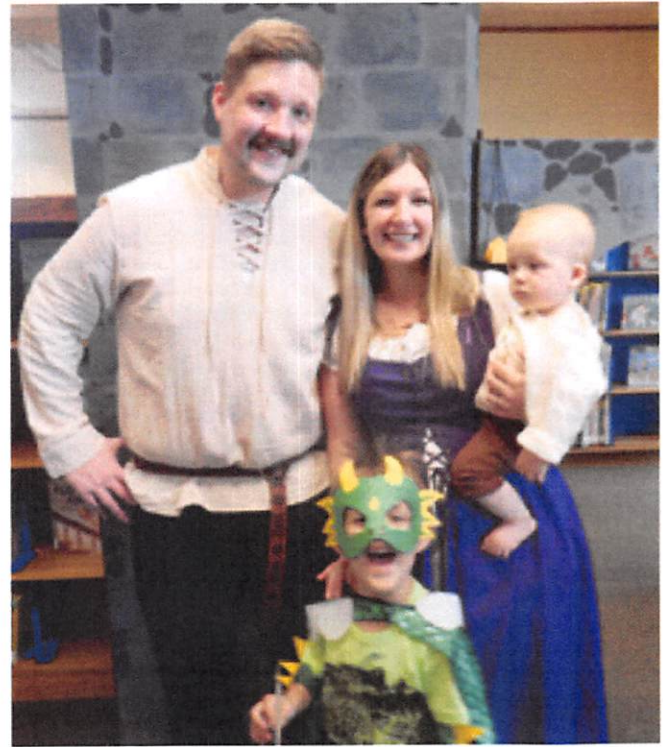




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Renaissance Fun

Dragon, heraldry flags and a castle greeted over 200 lords and ladies of all ages at the Aurora Town Public Library's inaugural Renaissance Faire on July 16. Participants enjoyed face painting, lute music, pool noodle jousting and bookmark-making on the Roycroft Campus printing press. [L to R] John Peach, Melissa Flynn, Alison Lawrence, Paula Klocek, Rachel Shanahan, Rachael Vella-Garrido and Luisa Peach.



Submitted Image

Playing the Part

The Garvey family of Ben, Sarah and children, dress up and take part in the Renaissance Faire at the Aurora Town Public Library.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Shelves Move to the Sidewalk for Sale

Marty Mummert searches for some fresh reading material at the Friends of the Aurora Town Library book sale last week.

Town Approves Purchase of Mower

by Sean Cunningham
Staff Reporter

The Aurora Town Board held a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 19 to approve the purchase of a new electric/battery-operated mower for the Highway Department. Councilmember James Granville was absent from the meeting.

The purchase comes as a result of a memo sent to the board by Highway Superintendent David Gunner. Gunner requested to purchase a Gravely Pro-Turn EV mower for approximately \$22,000. This is over \$6,000 less than was originally quoted by the dealer, MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc. out of West Henrietta.

Gunner also said that he anticipated the town receiving \$10,000 from a NYSEDA grant and that this, coupled with the proceeds received from an upcoming online auction of parks equipment, would cover the cost in full.

The new mower will replace a 2014 gas-powered piece of equipment that is used for maintaining town parks.

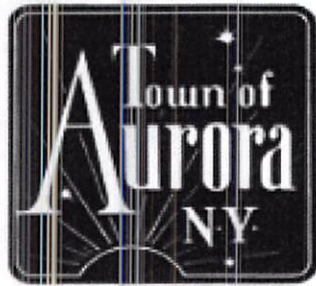
The board also approved the submission of the grant application from NYSEDA.

In other news, the town board discussed installing heat pumps at the Aurora Town Public Library.

According to Supervisor

Charles Snyder, the quote to install heat pumps in the building could cost the town approximately \$185,000.

Snyder said that when the library was built, the ductwork was installed in the concrete slab foundation. He said that this means the ducts could potentially be partially collapsed or full of dirt or water, so he recommended that the ducts be scoped with cameras.



Snyder said that he was also told that heat pumps alone would likely not be able to cover the entire building and it would be necessary to install coiling in the ductwork to maintain the building's heat.

Councilmember Luke Wochensky suggested the town investigate the cost of using geothermal heat in the library as well.

The town has another NYSEDA grant opportunity for \$55,000 which it was looking toward using to upgrade the library's heating and cooling systems. The town has approximately two months left to spend this money.

"They need to be replaced, no matter what we do," Wochensky said.

Councilmember Joseph McCann said that NOCO was willing to come out and take a look at the feasibility of geothermal heating at no cost to the town.

Snyder said that geothermal heating would be able to use the existing ductwork, provided the ducts were intact. This would reduce the cost of the overall project as using heat pumps would require the installation of six splits throughout the building, which was a large percentage of the cost in the original quote.

Snyder and McCann said they would reach out to their contacts regarding geothermal heating, and determine if it was a feasible candidate for the NYSEDA grant.

"Otherwise, we have to find a new home for this \$55,000," McCann said.

McCann suggested as an alternative that the town consider using the money to purchase an electric truck for the highway department.

"If there is nothing we can do to make this grant apply toward the heating of the library, we need a plan B," Snyder said.

Snyder said that he would check with Gunner regarding quotes on electric vehicles.

The Town Board will meet again on Monday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center.

Round Up at the Register

There will be an opportunity to assist the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library this fall while shopping at the East Aurora Cooperative Market on Main Street.

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, shoppers will have the option to round up their bill while shopping at the coop to the nearest dollar. The extra change will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Call the library at 716-652-4440 or stop by 550 Main Street for more information.

Art Show by Holland Tuesday Painters

The Holland Tuesday Painters worked around the rain and heat in recent months, capturing the evolving, seasonal beauty of the outdoors. A few recent painting sites for the group include Buffalo's Erie Basin Marina, Emery Park, Reinstein Woods, The Roycroft Copper Shop, Sinking Ponds, private Southtown gardens and individual vacation sites from coast to coast.

The group resumes weekly indoor meetings, during the colder months, at Holland Methodist Church on Partridge Road in Holland. They continue to share homemade soups and bring their art materials. Those indoor sessions provide a set time for comradery, completion of unfinished artworks and starting new pieces from their photos and sketch-



Submitted Image

Several works of art created by the Holland Tuesday Painters are on display now through Sept. 30 during regular business hours at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

A collection of work painted by the Holland Tuesday Painters is currently on display at the Aurora Town Public

Library, located at 550 Main Street, throughout the month of September during regular business hours.



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To celebrate the freedom to read, check out a mystery banned/challenged book from the display at the Aurora Town Public Library from Sept. 23 to 28. The only identifying information provided will be why the book was challenged or banned.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Ken Dolph, on right, sits across from Roycroft Campus Antique volunteer appraisers Chet Dylewski, on left, and Luke Fisher as they look over his Italian

figurine at the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library Antique Appraisal fundraiser last Saturday.

Thank You Roycroft Campus Antiques

Dear Editor,

Ticket sales for the Roycroft Campus Antiques Appraisal raised \$700 for the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library! Thank you Roycroft Campus

Antiques and patrons who supported this event.

Paula Klocek
Aurora Town Public Library



Community members can check out a wrapped book, with only the identifying information on it being why the book was challenged or banned.

Photo by Justin Sullivan

Aurora Public Library inviting community to go on a blind date with a banned book

by JUSTIN SULLIVAN
Editor

It is often said that any book worth banning is a book worth reading.

The Aurora Town Public Library is joining the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System and participating in National Banned Books Week. For the first time, the Aurora Town Public Library is inviting community members to have a blind date with a banned book. Now through Saturday, Sept. 28, community members can check out a wrapped book whose only identifying information is why the book was challenged or banned.

Normally held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores and schools.

By focusing on efforts to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. While classic pieces of American literature such as George Orwell's "1984" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" have found themselves challenged, Director of the Aurora Town Public Library Paula Kloczek hopes patrons see that book banning and censorship are not problems of the past.

"Book banning is an attack on our intellectual freedom," Kloczek said.

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Aurora Public Library

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In a time of deep political divides, library staff across the country face an overwhelming number of book ban attempts. In 2023 alone, the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 1,247 efforts to censor library books and other resources — an increase of 65% from the previous year. In total, 4,240 unique book titles were targeted, many representing LGBTQIA+ and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) voices and experiences.

Book banning occurs when private individuals, government officials or organizations remove books from libraries, school reading lists or bookstore shelves because they object to their content, ideas or themes. Those advocating a ban typically complain that the book in question contains graphic violence, expresses disrespect for parents and family, is sexually explicit, exalts evil, lacks literary merit, is unsuitable for a particular age group or includes offensive language.

However, just like dating, it is important to never judge a book by its cover. The library director said participants will likely be surprised over the types of books that have been challenged - most of the time for simply featuring a different worldview.

"We're going for that surprise factor," Kloczek said. "We want people to form their own opinion on these challenged books."

Book banning is the most widespread form of censorship in the United States, with children's literature being the primary target. Advocates for banning a book or certain books fear that children will be swayed by its contents, which they regard as potentially dangerous. They commonly fear that these publications will present ideas, raise questions and incite critical inquiry among children that parents, political groups or religious organizations are not ready to address, or that they find inappropriate.

However, it seems like residents might be attracted to the "dangerous type." Each day, employees of the library have watched as the display with wrapped books has dwindled. Kloczek noted how many refuse a receipt to prevent finding out what the book is before unwrapping it.

To prevent future books from being banned or challenged, individuals can report censorship through the American Library Association. Additionally, advocates encourage individuals to contact their state and local representatives to share any concerns related to book banning.

The library's fight against censorship and book banning does not end this week. Anyone interested in checking out a banned or challenged book can do so any time of the year.

"We're championing our freedom to read," Kloczek said. "And that is something we wouldn't want to live without."

Anyone interested in celebrating their right to read can stop by the library at 550 Main St. during regular business hours. Anyone looking for more information on programs and services offered by the Aurora Town Public Library can call 716-652-4440.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciation for New Library Parking Lot

Big things are accomplished with teamwork, like the newly redone library parking lot. This huge improvement that will benefit library patrons for years come. Much appreciation is owed to our Town Board and Town of Aurora Highway Department for pushing for this improvement

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Raffle Winners

The winners of the Aurora Town Public Library's "Library Card Sign Up" raffle winners are Alexa and Agata. Each child that signed up for their first

library card in September got a free entry into the raffle to have a chance to win a library tote bag full of books and other goodies.

Francis Authors Book on Fillmore's Two Wives

It was fitting that Rachelle Francis and I would choose The Roycroft Campus for our meeting place to talk about her new book, *The Two Wives of Millard Fillmore*, just out from No Frills Buffalo Publishing and available at the Bookworm. Not because Millard had anything to do with The Roycroft; he didn't. When the 13th president died in Buffalo in March 1874, Elbert Hubbard had just begun his sales career in Illinois and wouldn't migrate eastward for several more years. No, what makes it fitting is that The Roycroft and Millard Fillmore are part of our historical legacy, intrinsic elements of the community. *Gemeinschaft* (RIP Snake), elements that are part and parcel of what you should know if you're going to get the full measure of life here. Things like Fillmore and Hubbard and his Roycroft for sure, but also the Knox family and their Ideal Stock Farm, later to be called Ess Kay, now the state park; Henry Jewett, his farm and one-mile covered racetrack on Jewett Holmwood Road; Cicero Hamlin, his horse farm, Mambrino King and his legacies: Hamlin Park and Hamlin Avenue; the 1824 Globe Hotel, sadly sitting in repose; the Griggs and Ball skyscraper at 110 feet; and plenty more.

Even those of us who are well-acquainted with the town's history and the characters who created it probably don't know as much as we think we do. Misconceptions abound, certainly about Hubbard, who's been labeled everything from a genius to a visionary to a charlatan to, in my old Oakwood Avenue neighbor's words, "an overpaid carnival barker." And certainly about Millard and Abigail Fillmore, whose names can spark controversy, 150 and 171 years, respectively, after their deaths. It often stems from the complexities of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which came to his desk shortly after Zachary Taylor's death and Fillmore's unexpected rise to the presidency in 1850. Francis doesn't shy away from the exigencies of the issue and shows both Abigail and Millard as staunch abolitionists and Abigail as a constant, trusted, highly educated, well-read confidante and advisor to her husband. Francis tackles this issue head-on with a story that makes fascinating, educational reading for those of us here and anyone

interested in the relatively new nation in the first half of the 19th century struggling to stay united.

Rachelle Francis personifies the phrase many of us retired folks (she was a longtime teacher at Eggert Road Elementary School in Orchard Park) like to utter: "I'm so busy I don't know when I had time to work for a living." She's a writer, of course, with several books to her credit, as well as a historian, musician and singer with the Americana quartet Quilted Cane, a talented quilter and crafter, gardener, dedicated member of her church congregation, thespian, entrancing Oma to fortunate grandchildren, Geocacher, world traveler, teacher with or without portfolio and generally a community benefactor.

For the past 20 years she's been working on the engaging book that just arrived from the printer. Why Abigail and Caroline Fillmore? From the book's postscript: "My own path to this Fillmore obsession began in my childhood when my Second Baptist Church of Auburn, N.Y., held its annual Sunday School picnics at the Fillmore Glen. Then moving to East Aurora as a young mom, my mother-in-law involved me as a docent in the newly opened Millard Fillmore Museum. She also challenged me to write Fillmore's Lincoln-esque story. I've since written *Will the Real Millard Fillmore Please Stand Up!*, appeared on C-SPAN's Presidential Portrait series, wrote a song about his life and made costumed appearances and gave lectures as Abigail Fillmore."

So while I and many fellow townies are pretty sure we know about the Fillmores, Rachelle actually KNOWS about the Fillmores. Told first person in Abigail's voice first and then picked up by their son, Millard Powers Fillmore, after his mother's death on March 30, 1853, the author skillfully navigates between authentically imagined narrative and quotes from letters and other primary sources to paint a picture of the times—the fledgling village of Aurora, the blossoming city of Buffalo, the role of women and the presidency. Her research was exhausting, requiring many hours in the archives at the Buffalo History Museum at the Main Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Library and extensive reading.

"In fact," said Francis, "I was able to correct some inaccuracies that had been considered correct in other biographies."

The Two Wives of Millard Fillmore, stresses Francis, "is about the women, the two very different women that Fillmore married."

We learn that Abigail grew up very poor with a widowed mother living with relatives in Central New York. Millard was the son of a tenant farmer, who worked his way up from school teacher to lawyer to legislator to comptroller to vice president. As newlyweds living with Millard's parents on Olean Road, Abigail taught at the Aurora village school, "... even though most women stopped working in those days as soon as they were married."

"I wanted to help Millard achieve all his goals and establish his law practice. So I helped support him with my earnings, only about \$13 a month—seven dollars in cash and six dollars in grain. Little did I know that simply by teaching after I was married, I would make the record books... Later, people would call Millard a 'wife-made man.'"

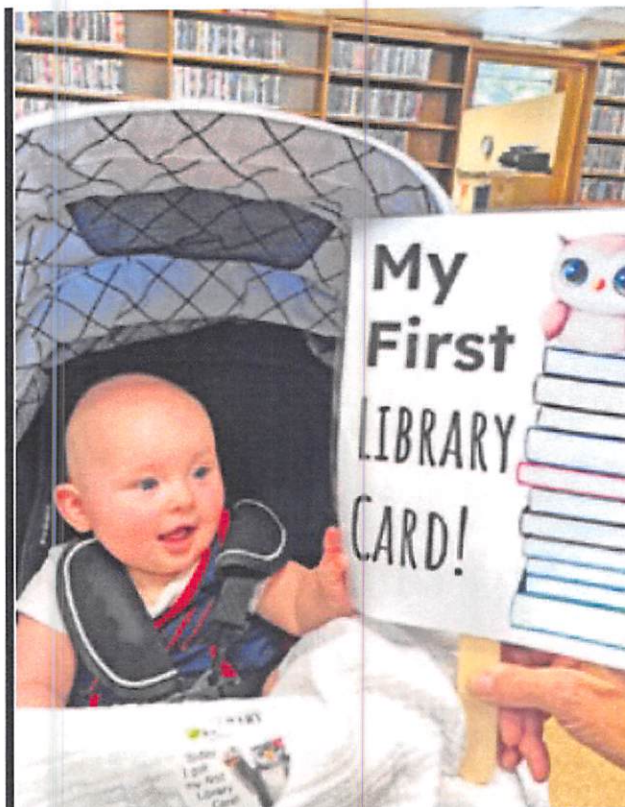
We learn, too, that it was Abigail who lobbied Congress tirelessly for - and finally won - the establishment of a White House library, the first of its kind. We are witness to the Fillmores, even though catapulted to the very top of society, remain the genuine folks they had always been.

Francis tells us about Caroline, Millard's monied second wife, whose wealth in part, allowed him to be so active in Buffalo philanthropy after he left office.

We agreed during our meeting that the Fillmores were decent, considerate people, given to reading, education, informed compromise and belief in democracy whose example could be illuminating even today, especially today.

Francis will have book talks and signings at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at Fox Run in Orchard Park; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Bookworm in East Aurora; Nov. 17 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of East Aurora and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora.

Columnist Rick Ohler invites readers to find past columns and articles on his website, www.rickohler.com.



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Baby Steps

Baby Bridget signs up for her first library card at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora, proving it's never too early to start reading books.



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The acrylic painting "Still Life with Little Bell" by East Aurora Art Society member Dorothy Rosche is on display now through Nov. 22 at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.



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The wood burning by WC Carrick titled "Once Upon A Time" is on display through Nov. 22 at the Aurora Town Public Library.

East Aurora Art Society Participates In the Aurora Public Library Art Show

Art by 25 members of the East Aurora Art Society is on exhibit at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street from now until Nov. 22.

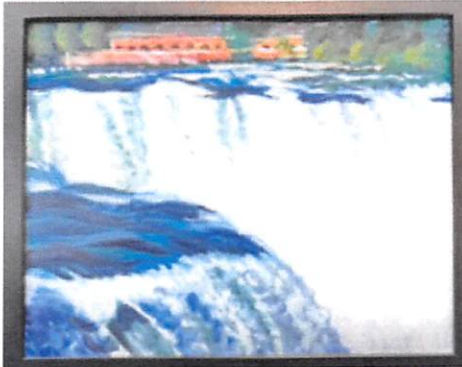
The public is asked to vote on its favorite piece that is on display in the glass case in the lobby and in the community room. Voting will take place using ballots in the community room. The first place artist will earn a gift certificate from The Dog Bar and a blue ribbon. Red and yellow ribbons will be awarded

to the second and third place artists, respectively.

The Art Society appreciates the staff at the library helping to set up the show.

The East Aurora Art Society meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month from September through June at the Aurora Senior Center, located at 101 King Street in East Aurora. The Public is welcome.

For more information, visit eaartsociety.weebly.com or email eaauroraart@gmail.com.



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"Horseshoe Falls," an oil painting by Sharon Cassidy Fundalinski, is on display in the East Aurora Art Society art show at the Aurora Town Public Library.

Toiletry Drive for Veterans

The Concord Veteran Care Project is hosting a drive to collect toiletry items for veterans and Erie County Legislator Lindsay Lorigo is assisting with the effort.

The collected items will be distributed to local and national organizations to get these items to local veterans, some of whom are at risk of homelessness, and actively deployed service members.

Items needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, towels, washcloths, deodorant, bandages/first aid kits, socks and beanie hats.

Collection bins will be set up from Nov. 1 to 29 at the following locations:

Libraries in West Seneca, East Aurora, Elma,

West Falls/Colden and Springville.

Senior Centers in West Seneca, Aurora and Springville/Concord.

Iroquois and Holland School Districts. West Seneca Central, Iroquois,

Holland Central
Concord Veteran Care Project

For more information, reach out to Lorigo's office at 716-858-8922 or by email Lindsay.Lorigo@erie.gov.

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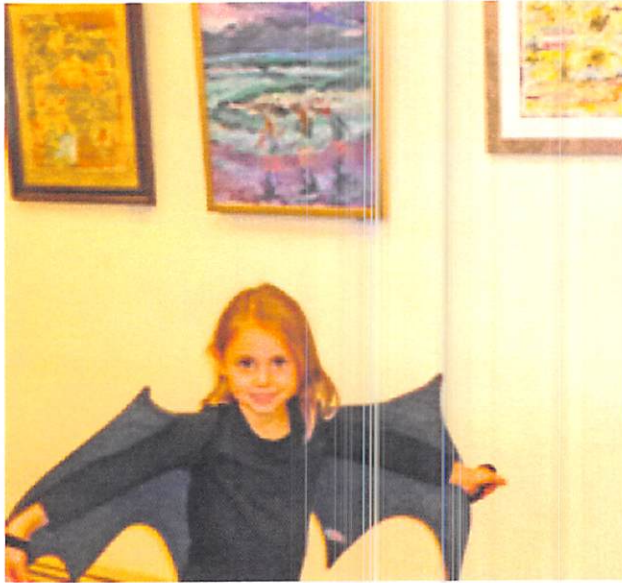
SERVICE SPECIALS



LUBE, OIL
& FILTER

\$21.95
Most Cars

COOLING FLUSH SPECIAL



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Going Batty

Halley L. wears the perfect costume to hear Joyce Hwang, professor and director of graduate studies of architecture at the University at Buffalo, speak at the Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora about projects involving constructing habitats for bats and of how vital these creatures, often regarded as pests, are to the ecosystem.

Friends of the Library Holiday Gift Basket Raffle

The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library are hosting a basket raffle at the library, located at 550 Main Street. There will be baskets for children and adults. Tickets will be available from Nov. 12 through Dec. 12. Winners will be randomly selected at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13. All of the proceeds will benefit the Friend of the Aurora Town Public Library.

The following local businesses sponsored donations for gift baskets: Andrew's Barber Parlor; Bartsch's Auto Service; The Bookworm & BW Gifts LLC; Cielo Salon; The Deli; Kornerstone Café

and Juice Bar; Larwood Pharmacy; Petrocsy's Jewelers; North Star Tavern; Ricks on Main; Sammy's Car Wash; Tops Friendly Markets; Visual Impact Sign Co. Many members of the Friends of the Library donated, including, Becky and Kurt Almond; Sharon and Don Aubrecht; Joan Elevich; Phil Feraldi; Kathy Grabon; Amy Harts; Kim Hicks; Cheryl and Jay Hurlburt; Janice Jones; Sue O'Brien; Joe and Carole Orlowski; Sandy Pearson; Cheryl Pitz; Pat Prucnal; Kathy Stenger and Rhoda Zucker.

For more information, call 716-652-4440.



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The Norton family crafts paper pies at the Aurora Town Public Library Trick-or-Read program.

Halloween Fun at the Aurora Library

Over 230 children and adults engaged in not-so-spooky crafts and activities at the Aurora Town Public Library in East

Aurora during the annual Trick-or-Read StoryWalk. This year's featured book was, "I'm Not Scary" by Raahat Kaduji. This inter-

active program aims to create lasting memories at the library, while promoting literacy and fostering the love of reading. All

children who registered for the event received a free book thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library.

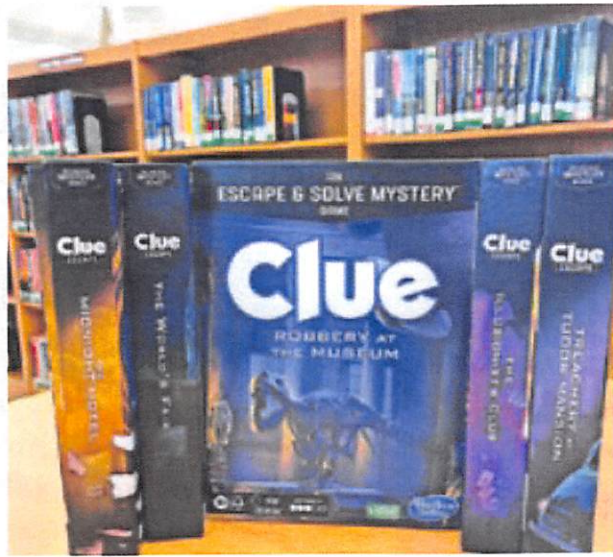
Clue Escape Games at Library

There is more to borrow from the library than books and movies.

Clue one-time solver mystery games are available for check out at the Aurora Town Public Library. Titles include The Midnight Hotel, The Illusionist's Club, Robbery at the Museum, Treachery at Tudor Mansion and The World's Fair. These escape games range in difficulty levels and allow one to six players over 10 years old.

These additions to the Library of Things collection are made possible by the support of Alice Askew.

The library is located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora. Call 716-652-4440 for more information.



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Clue Escape games are available to check out at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora.

Thank You East Aurora Co-Op Market

Dear Editor,

Round Up the Register at the East Aurora Co-op

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Thank you to the East Aurora Co-op Market and shoppers who

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Shoppers at the East Aurora Co-op on Main Street in East Aurora raise over \$3,500 from the latest "round up" at the register campaign for the Aurora Town Public Library.

Co-op Shoppers Raise Over \$3,500 for Library

The East Aurora Co-op Market recently partnered with Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library for a Round-Up at the Register Initiative. From September through October, co-op shoppers had the option to support the public library by rounding up their total purchases. Through the co-op community's generosity, a total of \$3,510.82 was raised. The East Aurora Co-op Market is a community-owned grocery store in the village of East Aurora, featuring local, organic and seasonal groceries, produce and beer, plus

hot and chilled prepared foods. No membership is required to shop at the store. The co-op is open to everyone.

Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library is a non-profit group of community members who believe that an excellent library is essential to a community, and who work to promote and assist the library. Through funding and donations like the Round Up initiative, Friends of the Library can provide financial support for the purchase of improvements to the library, as well as

funding the many library programs for children and adults. Through the Round-Up at the Register initiative, the East Aurora Co-op Market continues to partner with local and regional organizations focused on building a stronger community. Details are available in-store, on the co-op website at eastaurora.coop and on social media.

Lunch Town of Aurora

December
Seniors, take advantage; the county offers Monday

Book Sale At Aurora Public Library

Give the gift of reading this holiday season while supporting the Aurora Town Public Library by shopping at the Friends Ongoing Book Sale.

These books make perfect presents for everyone on your list. Hardcover cost \$2 each. Paperbacks and movies are \$1 apiece and puzzles priced as marked.

Stop by the library at 550 Main Street in East Aurora to check out the selection. For more information, call 716-652-4440.



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"Morning Pond" by Louise Soda received the highest number of votes from the public during the art show at the Aurora Town Public Library this fall.

Fall Art Show Wraps Up at Aurora Public Library

The East Aurora Art Society's Fall Art Show which was held at the Aurora Town Public Library in October and November is complete.

Three pieces of artwork were purchased by individuals from the community.

A ballot box was set up so that people who wished to could vote for their favorite work of art on display.

The artist with the most ballots was Louise Soda, whose art, "Morning Pond" appealed to the greatest number of voters.

Next in line is Walter Carrick, whose wood-burning piece, "Once Upon A Time" was one of the pieces which was sold.

Third place was earned by Dorothy Roche, who painted "Still Life with Little Bell," a piece which also was sold.

The art society thanks the library for its continued support.

"Our thanks go to the library director, Paula Ausberger, and her dedicated staff, who always



Submitted Image
"Still Life with Little Bell" by Dorothy Roche was sold during the East Aurora Art Society show at the library this fall. It also placed third among library patrons.

help us to showcase our work in the lovely community room at the Aurora Library," Art Society member Sue Larkin said.

The art society welcomes all artists, from beginner to advanced and supporters of the arts. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second

Thursday of the month from September through June at the Aurora Senior Center, located at 101 King Street in East Aurora. The meeting is open to the public, and parking is free at the rear of the building.

For more information, visit eaartsociety.weebly.com.



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The wood art titled "Once Upon a Time" by Walter Carrick received a second place honor at the art show this fall at the Aurora Town Public Library.

• LIMITED EDITION ORNAMENTS FOR SALE – This holiday season, the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library will sell library-branded ornaments and magnets for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Friends, who fund programs, materials, equipment, and furniture for East Aurora's local library. You can purchase these limited-edition items at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main St., while supplies last. For more information, contact the library at 716-652-4440.

READERS' OPINION



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Becky Almond spearheads the basket campaign at the Aurora Town Public Library.



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Erik Maeder is one of the lucky winners during the basket raffle at the Aurora Town Public Library.

Friends Announce Gift Basket Raffle Results

Dear Editor,

The Holiday Gift Basket Raffle was a resounding success thanks to the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, particularly Becky Almond and Cheryl Hurlburt, for spearheading the fundraiser, the incredible support of library patrons, and the community-minded businesses as well as Friends of the Library who contributed to the contents of eight beautiful baskets.

The fundraiser brought in \$915 to benefit the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, a

501(c)(3) non-profit group that believes an excellent library is essential to a community. Their work promotes and assists the library in funding programs, materials, furniture and equipment.

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Was, Tops Friendly Markets and Visual Impact Sign Co.

Many members of the Friends of the Library donated, including, anonymous, Becky and Kurt Almond, Sharon and Don Aubrecht, Joan Elevich, Phil Feraldi, Kathy Grabon, Amy Harts, Kim Hicks, Cheryl and Jay Hurlburt, Janice Jones, Sue O'Brien, Joe and Carole Orlowski, Sandy Pearson, Cheryl Pitz, Pat Prucnal Kathy Stenger and Rhoda Zucker.

Paula Ausberger
*Aurora Town Public
Library Director*

Winter Event at the Aurora Town Public Library

During the month of January, 2025, children 2 to 12 years old are invited to the Aurora Town Public Library, 550 Main Street, to search for the stuffed

snowman and win a small prize.

Participants can stop by the circulation desk during any open hours to play. No registration is required.

For more information, call 716-652-4440.

**Remodeling Sale
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All Christmas Items 25% OFF



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

2025

All dates are Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted:

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 22 (Annual Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. & Regular Meeting to Follow)

May 27

June 24

September 23

October 28

November 18

December 16

All meetings (unless otherwise noted) are scheduled for 6:00pm at the Library at 550 Main Street.

Meeting schedule is subject to change should emergencies arise, or if quorum will not be present. Please call the Library to verify meeting dates.

The *East Aurora Advertiser* is the newspaper of record and will receive notice of all meetings.

AURORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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AGREEMENT FOR OUTGOING LOAN

LOAN #: 2024-3

Borrower: Aurora Town Public Library
Address: 550 Main St East Aurora, NY 14052
Telephone #: (716) 652-4440

In accordance with the conditions outlined in this agreement, the objects listed below are borrowed for the following purposes:

For the period:

Description: Untitled - sheep in the Farmyard - 1898, Alexis Jean Fournier
"DusKona French Farm"

Dimensions: 32-1/8 x 39-1/4

Medium: Oil on canvas

Condition: Excellent

Location: Aurora Town Public Library
Value: \$5K - \$10K

Insurance:

Loan Conditions

1. It is understood that objects covered by this loan shall remain in the condition in which they were received. They shall not be cleaned, repaired, cast or altered in any way, nor shall they be subjected to technical examination of any type except with written permission of the Aurora Historical Society.
2. Responsibility for objects while on loan remain with the person signing this loan and the institution he or she represents. No assignment of this responsibility or transfer or relocation of loaned objects to another person or institution is permitted without the written consent of the Aurora Historical Society.
3. Damages are to be reported to the Aurora Historical Society immediately. No action will be taken by any party without the Society's written permission.
4. Images of the items may be included in the exhibit program
5. The Aurora Historical Society may recall this loan, within its sole discretion, on thirty (30) days' written notice to the borrower.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Borrower, _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
President, Aurora Historical Society _____



AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Compliance Officer Report

The Whistleblower Program of the Aurora Town Public Library received ____ new reports.

January 1 through December 31, ____.

The Whistleblower Program closed ____ reports in ____.

- The program closed ____ of the ____ reports within ____ days of receipt.
- Of the ____ reports closed, ____ reached closure after an investigation.
- Of the ____ investigations closed, ____ resulted in the Governance Committee taking ____ corrective or preventive actions.
- The program substantiated allegations, including those concerning:

At the end of the year, the Whistleblower had ____ reports open.

Compliance Officer Signature

Date