

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Agenda of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1. Comments from the audience:
2. Minutes of the Meeting: December 16, 2025
3. Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: December 2025
4. Director's Report: December 2025
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. New bright blue cushions are being made for the benches in the children's area, courtesy of a donation from Ken Klocek. They should be installed before spring. This is in response to the feedback from our 2025 Parent & Caregiver Survey.
 - b. During Winter Fest, the Library is partnering with the East Aurora Cooperative Market for a story time at the local grocery store.
 - c. Sometime in spring, the Library plans to partner with the East Aurora Bike Bus for a Reading Ride, visiting little free libraries in the area.
 - d. Other
6. Personnel
 - a. Payroll Report: N/A
 - b. Due to the minimum wage increase, effective December 3, 2025, the hourly rates for Pages and Senior Pages have increased as follows: Pages - \$16.00/hr and Senior Pages - \$17.00/hr
 - c. The Board May Enter Executive Session
 - d. Other
7. Old Business
 - a. Maturing CDs
8. New Business
 - a. Compliance Officer Report
 - b. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Elaine Chow, Sashi Racho, Adam Zaremski, Paula Ausberger (ATPL Director)

President Adam Zaremski called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (MB, SR) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: November 18, 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (MB, KSC) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: November 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Earrings sold at holiday market at EAMS, donated by local artisan, Ann Norlund.
 - b. Holiday staff appreciation party was held with discretionary funds.
 - c. At this time, the Yoto Player vendor does not provide invoices for library direct payment. The Board discussed the possibility of a library debit card that would eliminate the upfront cost burden on employees before they are reimbursed. This topic would be a good one for an ACT meeting. Central can advise on policies.
4. A motion (KSC, SR) to approve the Director's Report: November 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Slight dip in circulation and visitor counts because of the milling and paving project as well as weather.
 - b. The Library interacted 121 people at EAMS holiday market, library brochures and flyers were distributed.
 - c. The Cooking Club program has been popular.
 - d. The Friends Ongoing book sale and T-Shirt fundraisers are doing well.
 - e. The Friends Holiday raffle raised \$978.00.
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. Thanks to a generous donation from Kenneth Klocek, the ATPL is introducing Yoto Mini Player Kits for children ages 2-13 to our collection. Each kit includes a selection of stories, music, and activities, along with headphones—all contained in a carrying case. The curated content is pre-downloaded onto the device, so no Wi-Fi is required. With 14 hours of play per charge, they are perfectly portable for keeping curious minds busy while traveling. These portable, screen-free kits support literacy and creativity without the use of cameras, microphones, or advertising. The Director demonstrated the Yoto Mini Player Kits for the Board. Hopes to obtain more if popular with patrons. They have been circulating well so far.
 - b. No other reports of interest.
6. Personnel
 - a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 22 & 24
 - a. Discrepancy is due to Caretaker on leave. She will assist with school-age and tween programming.A motion (SR, MB) to approve hire PT librarian was carried by a voice vote.

- b. A new PT Librarian I was hired.
- c. The Board did not Enter Executive Session

7. Old Business

- a. Maturing CDs
 - a. \$25,000
 - b. \$49,898.94
 - c. 12 months rate 3.03%
 - d. A motion (MB, KSC) for 2 new CDs was carried by a voice vote.

8. New Business

- a. Review Schedule for Board Adopted Policies 2026

A motion (KSC, SR) to approve the Schedule of Meetings of the Library Board 2026 was carried by a voice vote. Board meetings change from Tuesday to Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Treasurer contingency plan: VP will review unless auditor conflict.

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

- d. Close Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4, 2026 for Independence Day Observed & Holiday; Thursday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Special Hours Thursday, December 31 for New Year's Eve 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

A motion (MB, SR) to approve the 2026 closed dates and special hours was carried by a voice vote.

- e. Open Meeting Policy—Review Changes & Update

A motion (AZ, KSC) to approve the updated open meeting policy was carried by a voice vote.

- f. Other

A. Search firm recommended by Trustees has been hired.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (MB, SR) to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Chow

Secretary

Contingency Fund December 2025

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$360.47 |
| Total Donations / Reimbursements | \$197.57 |
| Total Expenditures | \$163.04 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$395.00 |

DONATIONS / REIMBURSEMENTS

| Item | Purpose | Amount | Date | Initials |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$2.00 | 12/8 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$2.00 | 12/11 | WR |
| Contingency Replenishment | | \$163.57 | 12/17 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$3.00 | 12/18 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$10.00 | 12/23 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$3.00 | 12/27 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$10.00 | 12/30 | WR |
| Counter Donation | Unspecified | \$4.00 | 12/30 | WR |
| Total | | \$197.57 | | |

EXPENSES

| Item | Vendor | Amount | Date | Initials |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| A-Z binder dividers | Office Max | \$11.49 | 12/5 | WR |
| Plates, napkins, cups for staff party | Homegoods | \$28.95 | 12/10 | WR |
| Sparkling water, cookies for staff party | East Aurora Co-Op | \$32.01 | 12/10 | WR |
| Pizza for staff party | Pizza Del Aureo's | \$54.84 | 12/12 | WR |
| Greeting Cards | Dollar Tree | \$35.75 | 12/16 | WR |
| Total | | \$163.04 | | |

Alice Askew Snack Fund

| Item | Vendor | Amount | Date | Initials |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------|------|----------|
| | | | | |
| Total | | \$0.00 | | |
| Snack Fund Balance | | \$0.00 | | |

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | | Treasurer's Report | 31-Dec-25 |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | 1-Dec-25 | \$23,692.97 | |
| Plus Receipts/Deposits | | Total: | \$3,934.25 |
| Less Checks/Debits | | Total: | \$2,836.21 |
| Ending Balance: | 31-Dec-25 | | \$24,791.01 |

Transaction Details

Receipts:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Friends of ATPL | (Reimbursement for Sit and play snake, Newspaper storage) | \$2,584.25 |
| Alice Askew I/M of Constance Maloney | (Unspecified donation) | \$500.00 |
| Elizabeth Harvey | (Unspecified donation) | \$150.00 |
| Jillian & Matthew Bossemeyer | (Unspecified donation) | \$700.00 |
| | Total: | \$3,934.25 |

Disbursements:

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Demco Inc | (Sit and play snake, Newspaper storage, Horror classification labels, Hangup bags) | \$2,624.98 |
| Manny's Ace Hardware | (Painter's tape) | \$28.48 |
| Cash | (Contingency replenishment) | \$163.57 |
| William Ruof | (Mileage) | \$19.18 |
| | Total: | \$2,836.21 |

Director's Discretionary Fund (Expended from Contingency)

Beginning Balance: \$168.60

Transaction Details:

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Homegoods | (Plates, napkins, cups for staff party) | \$28.95 |
| East Aurora Co-Op | (Sparkling water, cookies for staff party) | \$32.01 |
| Pizza Del Aureo's | (Pizza for staff party) | \$54.84 |
| Dollar Tree | (Greeting Cards) | \$35.75 |
| | Ending Balance: | \$17.05 |

Internal Auditor's Report

Kara Spencer-Ching, Internal Auditor

| Voucher# | Amount | Approved | Check # | Reason |
|----------|------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L159 | \$2,624.98 | 12/13/2025 | 1116 | Sit and play snake, Newspaper storage, newspaper storage, Horror classification labels, Hangup bags |
| L160 | \$28.48 | 12/13/2025 | 1117 | Manny's Ace Hardware (Painter's tape) |
| L161 | \$163.57 | 12/16/2025 | 1118 | Cash (Contingency replenishment) |
| L162 | \$19.18 | 12/16/2025 | 1119 | William Ruof (Mileage) |

Contingency Fund \$395.00 Counted 12/31/2025

Savings Account

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Balance Forward | 1-Dec-25 | \$500.10 |
| Interest Earned | | \$0.01 |
| Balance | 31-Dec-25 | \$500.11 |

Certificate of Deposit 12-Dec-24 12 Month Term 3.21% Maturity 12-Dec-25

Beginning Balance: \$52,530.62 Ending Balance: \$54,240.27

Certificate of Deposit 6-Dec-24 12 Month Term 3.23% Maturity 6-Dec-25

Beginning Balance: \$20,000.00 Ending Balance: \$20,658.67

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 | |
| 502000 | Fringe Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Utility Charges: | | | | | | | | |
| 515000 | Water | 550 | (110) | 602 | (162) | 602 | (162) | We have revenue to offset overage - Okayed by Business Office |
| 515000 | Sewer | 800 | 173 | 973 | 0 | 973 | 0 | |
| 515000 | Telephone - Maintenance | 500 | (350) | 150 | (0) | 150 | 0 | |
| 510200 | Dues and Fees | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0 | |
| 545000 | Rental Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 506200 | Repairs & Maintenance Chgs. | 2,800 | 701 | 3,501 | 0 | 3,501 | 0 | |
| 555050 | Insurance Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 510000 | Travel & Mileage Expenses | 200 | (123) | 77 | 0 | 77 | 0 | |
| 530000 | Other Expenses & Charges | 2,600 | (291) | 2,309 | (0) | 2,309 | 0 | |
| 530000 | Contingency (Bullet Aid) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 7,470 | 0 | 7,633 | (163) | 7,632 | (162) | |
| DIRECT LOCAL INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Fines, Lost Books, etc. | | 150 | 100 | 613 | (363) | 613 | 363 | |
| Copy Machines | | 500 | 0 | 689 | (189) | 689 | 189 | |
| Print Cost Recovery | | 1,700 | 0 | 2,500 | (800) | 2,500 | 800 | |
| Other Income | | 100 | (100) | 0 | 0 | | 0 | Recorded Under Fines |
| State Funding | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Municipal Support | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Donations (priv. persons/foundations) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Fundraising (events/booksales) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Interest Income | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Misc Income | | 0 | 0 | 40 | (40) | | 0 | Friends Reimbursement June |
| Use of Fund Balance | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| TOTAL DIRECT INCOME | | 2,450 | 0 | 3,842 | (1,392) | 3,802 | 1,352 | |

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

COUNTY LEDGER

COUNTY CHECKING ACCOUNT

31-Dec-25

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|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance: | 1-Dec-25 | \$7,367.76 |
| Plus Receipts/Deposits | | Total: \$161.65 |
| Less Checks/Debits | | Total: \$160.45 |
| Ending Balance: | 31-Dec-25 | \$7,368.96 |

Transaction Details

Receipts:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Library Revenue | 12/16/2025 | \$81.20 |
| Library Revenue | 12/31/2025 | \$39.30 |
| Copier | 12/31/2025 | \$41.15 |
| | | Total: \$161.65 |

Disbursements:

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|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Village of East Aurora | (Water Bill) | \$160.45 |
| | | Total: \$160.45 |

Internal Auditor's Report

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|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Voucher # | Amount | Approved | Check # | Reason |
| C249 | \$160.45 | | 6008 | Village of East Aurora (Water Bill) |

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Monthly Statistics

| Circulation | Total-Month | Average / Day | Average / Hour | YTD Total |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2025 | 13,645* | 545.8 | 68.56 | 177,440** |
| 2024 | 14,106 | 586.8 | 75.3 | 174,362 |
| 2023 | 13,144 | 525.76 | 67.8 | 168,894 |

Note: Circulation for the contracting libraries was -5.6% this month from last year (EAU was -3.3%) and -3.9%, YTD (EAU was 1.8%). *Original checkouts at EAU are 6,724 for this month. **Original checkouts YTD at EAU are 95,059.

| Library of Things (Including Chromebook Kit, Hotspots, CPR Kits, & Sports Equipment) | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| Monthly | 88 | 78 |
| Year-to-date | 707 | 542 |

| System e-Branch | Month 2025 | Month 2024 | Change | YTD 2025 | YTD 2024 | Change |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Online Renewals | 1,003 | 564 | 77.8% | 6,956 | 6,866 | 1.3% |
| Interlibrary Loans | 1,544 | 1,250 | 2.35% | 17,515 | 16,771 | 4.4% |
| eAudiobooks | 72,210 | 69,509 | 3.9% | 869,436 | 840,996 | 3.4% |
| eVideos | 1,950 | 1,372 | 42.1% | 21,413 | 14,568 | 47.0% |
| eBooks | 83,398 | 84,358 | -1.1% | 1,034,086 | 1,064,883 | -2.9% |
| eMusic | 266 | 293 | -9.2% | 3,334 | 2,839 | 17.4% |
| eMagazines | 33,599 | 25,410 | 32.2% | 379,001 | 287,165 | 32.0% |

| Open for Operation | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Days / Hours | 25/199 | 22/179 | 25/194 | 24/186 |

Closed: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (12/24 & 25); Storm (12/29); Special Hours: New Year's Eve Open (12/31) 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

| Computer Use | 2025 | 2024 | % Change |
|--------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Monthly | 234 | 303 | -22.8% |
| Year-to-date | 4,280 | 4,378 | -2.2% |

Note: Computer use for the contracting libraries was -3.6% this month and -0.7% YTD.

| Wi-Fi | 2025 | 2024 | % Change |
|--------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Monthly | 2,110 | 2,001 | 5.4% |
| Year-to-date | 26,945 | 24,110 | 11.8% |

Note: Wifi use for the contracting libraries was 12.0% this month and 11.5% YTD.

| Patron Visits | 2025 | 2024 | % Change |
|---------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Monthly | 4,715 | 4,802 | -1.8% |
| Year-to-date | 69,562 | 69,858 | -0.4% |

Note: Door counts for the contracting libraries were 5.3% this month and -0.5% YTD.

| New Library Card Memberships | Month 2025 | Month 2024 | YTD 2025 | YTD 2024 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Adults | 15 | 13 | 268 | 296 |
| Children | 4 | 2 | 119 | 144 |

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| Programs Name / Number of Sessions / Sponsor | Age group | Attendance |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| ATPL Cooking Club: Charcuterie Board (Friends) | Teens & Adults | 21 |
| Box Buster Movie Night (Friends) (99) | All Ages | 99 |
| Easy Access Tech Help (2) | Adults, 19+ | 2 |
| Family Story Time (Friday) (Friends) | 0-5 w/ Adult | 25 |
| Family Story Time (Monday) (Friends) | 0-5 w/ Adult | 9 |
| Family Story Time (Wednesday) (Friends) | 0-5 w/ Adult | 21 |
| LEGO Club | 6-11 yrs. old | 20 |
| Library Leaders: Program Preparation Night (Friends) | Teens | 9 |
| Graham Cracker House (Friends) (2) | All Ages | 64 |
| Graham Cracker House: Allergy-Friendly Night (Friends) | 3 yrs. old – Teen | 23 |
| Graham Cracker House: Teen Night (Friends) | Teens | 21 |
| Noon Year's Eve (Friends) (117) | 2-12 yrs. old | 117 |
| Preschool Story Time (Friends) | 3-5 w/ Adult | 9 |
| Warm & Cozy Story Time (Friends) | 0-5 w/ Adult | 45 |
| YA Book Club (Friends) | Teens | 4 |
| Tutor (20) | 6-11 yrs. old | 20 |
| Tutor (1) | Teen | 1 |

| At a Glance: Month of 2025 | Circulation (Original Checkout- Not Including Auto-Renewals) | Patron Count | Computer Use | Wi-Fi |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| January | 13,938 (7,650) | 5,014 | 383 | 1,852 |
| February | 13,262 (7,267) | 5,301 | 348 | 1,677 |
| March | 15,929 (8,812) | 6,190 | 334 | 2,193 |
| April | 14,307 (7,412) | 5,790 | 388 | 2,074 |
| May | 14,720 (7,842) | 5,844 | 379 | 2,500 |
| June | 14,636 (7,976) | 5,792 | 360 | 2,641 |
| July | 17,207 (9,623) | 7,593 | 442 | 2,713 |
| August | 16,137 (8,697) | 6,433 | 431 | 2,430 |
| September | 15,140 (7,787) | 5,684 | 336 | 2,262 |
| October | 14,445 (7,524) | 6,169 | 364 | 2,355 |
| November | 14,074 (7,684) | 5,037 | 281 | 2,138 |
| December | 13,645 (6,724) | 4,715 | 234 | 2,110 |
| Total | 177,440 (95,059) | 69,562 | 4,280 | 26,945 |

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);
8 out of 37 in WI-FI (7 for month); 22 out of 37 in computer use (20 for month)

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Cumulative Statistics

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

| Programs (Not Including Tutoring & Outreach) | Names, Age Group, Date & Time |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 2025 | <p>Find the Snowman Game- Children, Ages 2-12 - Thursday, January 2 - Friday, January 31 during all open hours.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - January 9 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Dreaming in Ink: Another Unique Anthology – Adults, 19+ - Saturday, January 18 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hygge Night at the Library – Teens & Adults, 12+ - Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., January 22-April 9; Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., January 23-April 10; or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., January 24-April 11</p> <p>Preschool Story Time- Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., January 23-April 10</p> <p>Read To a Dog- Children, 6-11 years - Saturday, January 25 @ 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer, Presented by the TechKnowLab – Adults, 19+ - Monday, January 27 @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m., @ 12 p.m.</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Chair Yoga – Adults, 50+ - Fridays, January 31 through February 21 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Brumsted (Holland) Elementary Literacy Night Outreach – All Ages - Thursday, January 23 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| February 2025 | <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., January 22-April 9; Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., January 23-April 10; or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., January 24-April 11</p> <p>Preschool Story Time- Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., January 23-April 10</p> <p>Unwind & Design To-Go Craft Kit: Book Page Heart Garlands - Adults, 17+ - Participants will be called to pick up their kits on Tuesday, February 4.</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: February 8, March 8, & April 5 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Multimedia Painting – Teens, 12-18 – Saturday, February 15 @ 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Snowlandia: Indoor Winter Carnival - Children, 3-11 - Tuesday, February 18 - Saturday, February 22 during all regular open hours.</p> <p>Duck Duck Goose Outreach – 0-5 w / Adults - Tuesday, February 11 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Snack & Story: EA Co-Op Outreach - All Ages – Wednesday, February 1 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>East Aurora Middle School Explorer's Club Class Visit – 6-11 w / Adults – Wednesday, February 26 @ 2:35 p.m.</p> |
| March 2025 | <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., January 22-April 9, or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., January 24-April 11</p> <p>Preschool Story Time- Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., January</p> |

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| | <p>23-April 10</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: February 8, March 8, & April 5 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - March 6 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - March 10 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. –One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Laura Fitzgerald: Influential Women of WNY - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, March 13 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lucky Finds Teen Book Box - Teens, 12+ - Pick-up starts Friday, March 14.</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Balance & Mobility – Adults, 50+ - Fridays, March 14 through March 28 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>A Day Off With Dog Man- Children, 6-11 - Friday, March 14 @ 3:00 PM</p> <p>Local Author, Christina Francine: The Woman in Green from Cromarty – Adults, 19+ - Saturday, March 22 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Gregory Kinal: Famous Women in U.S. History – Adults, 19+ Thursday, March 27 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| April 2025 | <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 with a Caregiver - Choose one: Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., January 22-April 9, or Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., January 24-April 11</p> <p>Preschool Story Time- Children, 3 1/2-5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., January 23-April 10</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: February 8, March 8, & April 5 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, April 7 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Butter Lamb Workshop - Adults, 19+ - Monday, April 7 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Butter Lamb Workshop - Duo: 1 child (6+) and 1 adult caregiver- Tuesday, April 8 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Poetry Night - Teens, 12-18 - Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Stop in Any Time)</p> <p>Local Author, Grace Zacaroli: The Carpenter and The Apprentice – Adults, 19+ - Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Baby Animal Meet & Greet - All Ages - Thursday, April 17 @ 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Must reserve 1/2 time slot.</p> <p>Spring Story Time & Snacks Outreach at EA Co-Op – Children, Ages 5-8 w/ Caregiver - Wednesday, April 16 @ 10 a.m.</p> |
| May 2025 | <p>Screen-Free Saturday - All Ages - Saturday, May 3 @ 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Build Your Own Library – Teens, 12+ - Thursday, May 1– 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. – Canceled Due to Lack of Registrations</p> <p>Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: May 6, June 10, July 8, & August 5 @ 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - May 8 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Great Summer Road Trip Game - Break Out Game – Tweens, 11-13 - Thursday, May 22 @ 6:00 -7:30 p.m.</p> |
| June 2025 | <p>Air Dry Clay Workshop – Teens, 12+ - Monday, June 2 & Tuesday, June 3 @ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p> |

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| | <p>Island of Despair Breakout Game – Teens, 14-17 – Thursday, June 5 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Breakout to Summer Breakout Game – Children, Ages 7-10 - Saturday, June 7 @ 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pizza Del Aureo's Raise Some Dough for the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library Fundraiser - Monday, June 9 @ 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, June 9 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: May 6, June 10, July 8, & August 5 @ 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Teen Volunteers Orientation - Teens, 12+ - Thursday, June 12 @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free Family Friendly Music Program Featuring Rebecca Ansel on Violin, Sponsored by the East Aurora Chamber Music Festival – All Ages – Thursday, June 12 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Freedom to Read Family Story Time (LEAP Student Project) - Children, 4-7 with a caregiver - Saturday, June 14 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale – Saturday, June 28 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> |
| July 2025 | <p>Hand-Painted Barrels Fundraiser: A Collaboration of the Friends and the East Aurora Art Society – Monday, June 2 – Friday, August 1</p> <p>Read It & Keep It Reading Incentive Program - Children, Birth-Teen - Register and get Reading Log: June 2 - July 7. Read and redeem: July 7 - August 11.</p> <p>My Person & Me - Children, 6 months-3 years with a caregiver - Monday, July 7 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Curiosity Club - Children, 6-11 - Mondays: July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Toby's in Jail! - Children, Elementary Age - July—August – During regular library hours</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Balance & Mobility – Adults, 50+ - Fridays, July 11 through August 1 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: May 6, June 10, July 8, & August 5 @ 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Art Explorations - Tweens, 11-13 – Tuesdays: July 8, 22, 29, & August 5 @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Photo Walk To-Go Kit – Children, 8-12 & Teens 13-18 – Wednesday, July 9 – Pick up Kit @ Library</p> <p>Reinstein Woods: Nature's Recyclers - Children, 6-11 - Wednesday, July 9 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Outdoor Art - Children, 3-11 (under 6 with a helper) - Thursday, July 10 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, July 10 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: July 12 & August 2 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, July 14 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Music & Movement - Children, 18 months-5 years with a caregiver - Monday, July 14 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Renaissance Faire – All Ages – Tuesday, July 15 @ 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</p> |

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| | <p>Judi Geer—Near V. Minnesota: Where the Freedom of the Press Really Started in the U.S. – Teens & Adults, 12+ - Thursday, July 17 @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Storybook Cook - Children, 6-11 - Saturday, July 19 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Happy Talk Song & Sign - Children, 5-24 months with a caregiver - Monday, July 21 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Hawk Creek: "Talk on the Wild Side" - All Ages - July 23 @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Reinstein Woods: Birding 101- Adults, 19+ - Thursday, July 24 @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Black Light Art Party - Teens, 12+ - Thursday, July 24 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Read To a Dog - Children, 6-11 - Saturday, July 26 @ 11:00, 11:15, 11:30, or 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale – Saturday, July 26 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ready for School - Children, 3.5-5 - Monday, July 28 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Art of Theatre - Children, 8-12 - Wednesday, July 30 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Black Light Art Party - Children, 3-11 (under 6 with a helper)- Thursday, July 31 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| August 2025 | <p>Toby's in Jail! - Children, Elementary Age - July—August – During regular library hours</p> <p>Hand-Painted Barrels Fundraiser: A Collaboration of the Friends and the East Aurora Art Society – Monday, June 2 – Friday, August 1</p> <p>Read It & Keep It Reading Incentive Program - Children, Birth-Teen - Register and get Reading Log: June 2 - July 7. Read and redeem: July 7 - August 11.</p> <p>Curiosity Club - Children, 6-11 - Mondays: July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fitness Fridays: Balance & Mobility – Adults, 50+ - Fridays, July 11 through August 1 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Book Box – Teens & Tweens, 10-18 – Friday, August 1 – Pickup box @ Library</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: July 12 & August 2 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>My Person & Me - Children, 6 months-3 years with a caregiver - Monday, August 4 @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Art Explorations - Tweens, 11-13 – Tuesdays: July 8, 22, 29, & August 5 @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Zine Workshop – Teens & Tweens, 10-18 - Wednesday, August 6 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: May 6, June 10, July 8, & August 5 @ 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale – Saturday, August 24 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bookish Bingo - Adults, 19+ - Start Reading Now & Begin Redeeming Tuesday, September 2 through Thursday, November 13 – Winner Will Be Drawn at Random on Friday, November 14 @ 10:00 a.m.</p> |
| September 2025 | <p>Bookish Bingo – Adults, 19+ - Start Reading Now & Begin Redeeming Tuesday, September 2 through Thursday, November 13 – Winner Will Be Drawn at Random on Friday, November 14 @ 10:00 a.m. FAQ Bookish Bingo</p> <p>Easy Access Tech Help - Adults, 18+ - Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, October 31 - Register to Be Contacted to Set Up an Appointment During Regular Library Hours</p> |

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| | <p>NYS Office for People with Disabilities Walk-in Interviews - Adults, 18+ - Monday, September 8 @ 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: September 13 & October 11 @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>ATPL Cooking Club: Sourdough Basics – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program Volunteer Search – Adults, 18+ - Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, September 15 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long</p> <p>Studio Nights – Teens, 12+ - Mondays: September 15 & October 27 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Workout Wednesdays: BAM – Adults, 50+ - Wednesdays, September 3 through September 24 @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, September 4 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Young Adult Book Club – Teens, 13-18 – Second Thursday of the Month, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11- @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Nite: Become a Leader – Teens, 13-18 - Tuesday, September 16 @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Reinstein Woods: Native Landscaping & Invasive Species - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, September 18 @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 years with a Caregiver- Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., September 24 - December 3 OR Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., September 26 - December 5. --SORRY, Wednesday + Friday PROGRAMS FULL-</p> <p>Family Story Time- New Day Just Added - Children, Birth-5 years with a Caregiver- Mondays @ 10:30 a.m., September 29 - December 1.</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2 - 5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 25 - December 4.</p> <p>Library Gallery Tour – All Ages – Thursday, September 25 @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Walk to Your Library Day - All Ages - Saturday, September 27 @ 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Air-Dry Clay – Teens, 12+ - Mondays, September 29 & October 6 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> |
| October 2025 | <p>Outreach: EA Co-Op Fall Snack & Story Time – Saturday, October 4 @ 11:00 a.m. – Ages, 0-6 w/caregiver</p> <p>Read for Your Rights Interactive Display – Adults & Children of All Ages – Monday, October 6 through Saturday, October 11 – During Regular Open Hours</p> <p>Bookish Bingo – Adults, 19+ - Start Reading Now & Begin Redeeming Tuesday, September 2 through Thursday, November 13 – Winner Will Be Drawn at Random on Friday, November 14 @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Family Story Time - Children, Birth-5 years - Mondays @10:30 a.m., September 29 -December 1; Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., September 24 - December 3; OR Fridays @ 10:30 a.m., September 26 - December 5.</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2 - 5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 25 - December 4.</p> <p>Easy Access Tech Help – Adults, 18+ - Tuesday, September 1 through Friday,</p> |

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October 31 - Register to Be Contacted to Set Up an Appointment During Regular Library Hours
Dr. Thomas Rosenthal, Local Author: Cyrenius Chapin: Buffalo's First Physician and War of 1812 Hero - Adults, 19+ - Thursday, October 2 @ 6:30 p.m.
Story & Snack at the EA Co-op, Children, 3 - 8 years - Saturday, October 4 @ 11:00 a.m.
Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale – Saturday, October 4 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Air-Dry Clay – Teens, 12+ - Mondays, September 29 & October 6 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: October 7, November 4, & December 2 @ 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Library Leaders - Teens, 13+ - Tuesday, October 7 @ 6:00 p.m. FAQ Library Leaders Program
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturdays: September 8 & October 11 @ 11:00 a.m.
Young Adult Book Club – Teens, 13-18 – Second Thursday of the Month, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11- @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
ATPL Cooking Club: Pumpkin Spice – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Meet Local Author: Mrs. Amber Partisano - Children, Ages 3-10 years and their Caregivers- Saturday, October 18 @ 11:00 a.m.
Trick or Read StoryWalk® - Children, 2-11 years - Monday, October 20 - Saturday, October 25 during all open hours.
Book a Technology Trainer - Adults, 19+ - Monday, October 20 @ 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. – One-on-One Appointments are 45 minutes long
Pauline Chow, Local Author: Writing the Gothic Stories We Carry – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Tuesday, October 21 @ 6:30 p.m.
Workout Wednesdays: BAM – Adults, 50+ - Wednesdays, October 22 through November 5 @ 1:00 p.m.
Sudhir Suchak, Local Author: Last Boat to Freedom - Adults, 19+ - Saturday, October 25 @ 1:00 p.m.
Studio Nights – Teens, 12+ - Mondays: September 15 & October 27 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Robert Lowell Goller, Local Author: Who Put the 'East' in East Aurora – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Thursday, October 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Holiday Gift Basket Raffle – Monday, November 3 through Thursday, December 11 – Winners Will Be Drawn Randomly on Friday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.
Library Survey for Parents and Caregivers of Children, Ages Birth - Teen - Wednesday, September 24 - Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Take survey by clicking [here](#).
Easy Access Tech Help – Adults, 18+ - During Regular Library Business Hours - Call the Library to Setup an Appointment with the Librarian
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Preschool Story Time - Children, 3 1/2 - 5 years - Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m., September 25 - December 4.
Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: October 7, November 4, & December 2 @ 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Library Leaders: Program Design Night - Teens, 13+ - Monday, November 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
ATPL Cooking Club: Sourdough Basics – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Tuesday, November 4 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Aurora Book Club - Adults, 19+ - November 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturday, November 8 @ 11:00 a.m.
Studio Night – Teens, 12+ - Monday, November 10 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
YA Book Club – Teens, 13-18 – Second Thursday of the Month, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11- @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Books Gone Bad writing & Art Contest for NANOWRIMO - Teens, 13+ - Saturday, November 15 @ 1:00 p.m.

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Bring Your Own Book – Adults, 19+ - Tuesdays: October 7, November 4, & December 2 @ 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Library Leaders: Program Preparation Night - Teens, 13+ - Tuesday, December 2 @ 6:00 p.m.
Warm & Cozy Story Time - Children, Birth-5 years with a Caregiver- Thursday, December 4 @ 6:15 p.m.
LEGO Club - Children, Ages 6-11 – Saturday, December 6 @ 11:00 a.m.
Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Allergy-Friendly Night - Children, 3 years -Teen (Under 8 with a Helper) - Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m. This date is reserved solely for participants who have allergy concerns.
ATPL Cooking Club: Charcuterie Board – Teens & Adults, 15+ - Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
YA Book Club – Teens, 13-18 – Second Thursday of the Month, 9/11, 10/9,

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11/13, 12/11- @ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House - Children, All Ages (Under 8 with a Helper) - Saturday, December 13 @ 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.
 Make & Decorate a Graham Cracker House: Teen Night - Teens, 12+ - Monday, December 15 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Box Buster Movie Night – Movie Lovers of All Ages – Pickup Begins Monday, December 1 – Must Register & Complete the Survey to Participate
 Noon Year's Eve- Children, 2-12- Wednesday, December 31 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

| Class Visits & Outreach | Class Visit (In-Library) | Other Outreach (Outside) | Monthly Total |
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| January 2025 | | <i>Other: Outreach letters sent to EA Preschool Center, EA UPK, EA Community Nursery, Baker Preschool, Duck Duck Goose, First Presbyterian Preschool, EA Montessori, Immaculate Conception School, Nativity, Waldorf, and Holland UPK, Holland Elementary, EA Middle School</i> <i>Other: Brumsted Elementary Library Card Drive</i> <i>Brumsted Elementary Literacy Night</i> | 1 |
| February 2025 | East Aurora Middle School Explorer's Club | Duck Duck Goose Snack & Story EA Co-Op | 3 |
| March 2025 | East Aurora Preschool | Holland High School Health & Wellness Fair Parkdale STEAM Night Parkdale Elementary Second Grade | 4 |
| April 2025 | East Aurora Preschool | EA Co-Op Spring Story Time & Snacks | 2 |
| May 2025 | East Aurora Preschool | | 1 |
| June 2025 | | | |
| July 2025 | | | |
| August 2025 | | Smart Start | 1 |
| September 2025 | Mandala School | Aurora Senior Center <i>Other: Brumsted Elementary Library Card Drive</i> | 2 |
| October 2025 | | EA Co-Op Fall Snack & Story Time Brumsted Elementary Pre-K & | 2 |

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| | | Kindergarten Outreach | |
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| November 2025 | | East Aurora Middle School | 1 |
| | | Holiday Market | |
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| Total | | | 17 |

| Meeting Room Use (Not Including Board & Library Meetings) | Organization | Monthly Total |
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| January 2025 | East Aurora Lions Club (2); Patron Zoom Interview; Dreaming in Ink | 4 |
| February 2025 | Jennifer Higgins (4); Dreaming in Ink; Equitable Advisors; EA School District Educational Therapy (5); Ginny Gals | 12 |
| March 2025 | EA Art Society; Jennifer Higgins (2); Summer Reading Librarian Meeting; Dreaming in Ink; Staff Appreciation; EA School District Educational Therapy (12); KND Wealth Consultants Medicare 101 Educational Workshop; Proctoring; Patron Google Meeting | 21 |
| April 2025 | Friends of the Library; Dreaming in Ink; Erie County Senior Services Focus Group; Giving Circle; EA School District Educational Therapy (7); Ginny Gals; Best Self Counseling; Patron Meeting (2) | 15 |
| May 2025 | EA Art Society; Patron; Discard Sale | 3 |
| June 2025 | Zach Almond (2); EA Upstanders (2); Dreaming in Ink; Patron (3); Friends of East Aurora Schools | 9 |
| July 2025 | Holland Tuesday Painters (2); Brendan Chella; Dreaming in Ink; EA Upstanders; Patron (2); Proctoring; Iroquois Intermediate PTO | 9 |
| August 2025 | Paul Brinkworth (3); Ginny Gals; Dreaming in Ink; EA Upstanders; Proctoring ; Patron-Deb Wing; People Inc.; Patron | 10 |
| September 2025 | EA Art Society; Dreaming in Ink; WNY Federation of Women's Clubs; NYS Office for People with Disabilities Open Interviews; Patron (3) | 7 |
| October 2025 | EA Art Society; Friends of the Library; Dreaming in Ink; Health & Social Security Committee; Rest & Roots; Erie County Legislator Lorigo Community Office Hours; Patron (3) | 9 |
| November 2025 | EA Art Society; Holland Tuesday Painters; Dreaming in Ink; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) Erie Wyoming Transmission Solution (EWTS) Project Open House; Proctoring; Patron (2) | 7 |
| December 2025 | Holland Tuesday Painters; Dreaming in Ink; Patron (2) | 4 |
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| Exhibits | Display Case | Meeting Room Exhibit |
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| January 2025 | American Foreign Service | East Aurora Lions Club Peace Posters |
| February 2025 | Jeffery Miller's "Reflections" | Jeffery Miller's "Reflections" |
| March 2025 | EA Art Society | EA Art Society |
| April 2025 | EA Art Society | EA Art Society |
| May 2025 | EA Art Society | EA Art Society |
| June 2025 | Zach Almond | Zach Almond |

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| July 2025 | Holland Tuesday Painters | Holland Tuesday Painters |
| August 2025 | Paul Brinkworth | Paul Brinkworth |
| September 2025 | EA Art Society | EA Art Society |
| October 2025 | EA Art Society | EA Art Society |
| November 2025 | EA Art Society Holland Tuesday Painters | EA Art Society Holland Tuesday Painters |
| December 2025 | Holland Tuesday Painters | Holland Tuesday Painters |

| Education, Tech Training, Mtgs | Staff—Name of Class & Date | Staff—Name of Class(es), Sponsor, Date(s), Employee(s) |
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| January 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—1/27/25 | Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 1/8/25 - Paula Ausberger Civility and Courtesy in the Workplace – Evicore EAP – 1/14/25 – Susan Maraszek Anger Management – Evicore EAP – 1/21/25 – Susan Maraszek Conflict Management – Evicore EAP – 1/31/25 – Susan Maraszek |
| February 2025 | | Mindfulness in the Workplace – Evicore EAP – 2/13/25 – Susan Maraszek Brief But Descriptive Alt Text – Niche Academy – 2/19/2025 – Paula Ausberger Brief But Descriptive Alt Text – Niche Academy – 2/19/2025 – Rachel Shanahan Brief But Descriptive Alt Text – Niche Academy – 2/19/2025 – Rachel Nicolosi Brief But Descriptive Alt Text – Niche Academy – 2/25/2025 – William Ruof |
| March 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—3/10/25 | Summer Reading Librarian Meeting – 3/7/2025 – Paula Ausberger, Alison Lawrence, Rachel Nicolosi, Alissa Steele Brainstorming Work Session, Tara Kaye, Staff Development Coordinator - 3/19/25 - Paula Ausberger Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 3/19/25 - Paula Ausberger (Recording) ACT Workshop, B&ECPL – 3/22/25 – Paula Ausberger |
| April 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—4/7/25 | Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 4/9/25 - Paula Ausberger Friends of the Library Meeting – 4/9/25 – Paula Ausberger Midwest Tapes Training, B&ECPL – 4/15/25 |

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| | | Starting a Teen Advisory Group-Youth Services Group, B&ECPL-Alissa Steele-4/26/25 |
| May 2025 | | Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 5/19/25 - Paula Ausberger (Recording) Gale 101 – Gale Books and Authors, BECPL – 5/29/25 – Alissa Steele |
| June 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—6/9/25 | Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 6/11/25 - Paula Ausberger (Recording) |
| July 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—7/14/25 | Trick-or-Read Librarian Meeting – 7/18/2025 – Paula Ausberger, Alison Lawrence, Rachel Nicolosi, Alissa Steele |
| August 2025 | | |
| September 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—9/15/25 Easy Access Tech Help (In-House, One-on-One Appointments Available Throughout the Month with Librarian) | Every Child Ready to Read – 9/30/2025 – Alison Lawrence Youth Services Group: Preschool Programming Kit Committee Meeting – 9/24/2025 – Alison Lawrence Youth Services Group: General Meeting – 9/17/2025 – Alison Lawrence |
| October 2025 | Book a Technology Trainer—10/20/25 Easy Access Tech Help (In-House, One-on-One Appointments Available Throughout the Month with Librarian) | Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 10/8/25 - Paula Ausberger (Zoom & Partial Recording) Friends of the Library Meeting – 10/8/25 – Paula Ausberger Yearly Mandatory NYS Training - All Employees Except One on Leave |
| November 2025 | Easy Access Tech Help (In-House, One-on-One Appointments Available Throughout the Month with Librarian) | |
| December 2025 | Easy Access Tech Help (In-House, One-on-One Appointments Available Throughout the Month with Librarian) | Turn of the Century Design & Signs to Discuss Children's Area Design – 12/2/2025 – Alison Lawrence & Paula Ausberger Director's Meeting, B&ECPL - 12/10/25 - Paula Ausberger (Recording) Annual Mandatory NYS Training - 12/16/2025 - All Employees Completed |

| Displays | Theme(s) |
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| January 2025 | January Comfortable & Relaxed (OR) January New Year New Me Resolutions; This January Solve a Mystery; Unshelved 2024 – Most Requested Titles; Children's |

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| Magazines; Cooking Up Some Fun; Patron Picks & Staff Selections | |
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| February 2025 | Lupus Foundation of America; Help Us Solve the Cruel Mystery; Celebrate Black History Month - Know More; Heart Health Awareness; Romance Novels; Love Stinks!; New Juvenile Black History Books; Children's Area – Black History Month; Black History Picture Books; Juvenile Black History Biographies; Juvenile Black History Folktales; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| March 2025 | National Craft Month; Learn about Sleep Awareness; Women's History Month; <i>March</i> Into a New Adventure; Make your Own Luck!; Women's History in Children's area; Express Your Shelf; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| April 2025 | Lost in Translation; Neurodiversity Awareness Month; Spring Gardening; National Humor Month; Start Your Spring Training (Fitness); Exploring the Spectrum: Autism Awareness – Children's Area; Poetry Month in j Non-Fiction area; Juvenile Spring Holiday Books; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| May 2025 | Women's Health Awareness; Asian American & Pacific Islanders Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; Start Your Spring Training (Fitness); Mommy Dearest (Mother's Day); J Fiction - National Pet Month; J -Picture Books - Celebrating Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month!; Freedom to Read: Banned Books – Patron Display; Picks & Staff Selections |
| June 2025 | All Families Are Beautiful! – J Fiction Area; Have Some Pride; National Immigration Heritage Month; Alzheimer's & Brain Health Awareness Month; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| July 2025 | Disability Pride Month – J Fiction Area; Recipes to beat the summer heat; Celebrate our independence July 4 th ; Explore Outdoors; Summer Reset; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| August 2025 | Back to School; Make your Own Movie Night; No holiday No Problem...Make Your Own!; We're Still in Reset Mode, Summer's Not Over Yet!; All About Artists – J Fiction Area; Express Your Shelf (2); Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| September 2025 | What Dan Read 1962 – 2025; Happy Hispanic Heritage Month; National Suicide Prevention Month; Escape into Fantasy – J Fiction Area; We Keep on Falling; Express Your Shelf (2); International Observe the Moon Day – J Nonfiction Area; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| October 2025 | Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month – J Fiction and Nonfiction Area; October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; (Halloween) Fact or Fiction; Make It a Spooky Movie Night this October; Halloween Picture books; Read If You Dare!; League of Women Voters; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| November 2025 | Veterans Day; A Thanksgiving Celebration; Native American Heritage Month; Native American Heritage Month—J Fiction & Non-Fiction; Thanksgiving—J Fiction & Non-Fiction; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |
| December 2025 | The North and South Poles!—J Fiction; Holiday Movie Night; The Holiday Season Collection; Patron Picks & Staff Selections |

| Other Fundraisers | Money Raised |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Annual Discard Sale | \$1,335.31 (After Taxes) |
| Raise Some Dough (Del Aureo's for Friends) | \$734.57 |

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| Hand-Painted Barrel Fundraiser (Friends) | \$178.00 |
| Renaissance Faire Earring Fundraiser | \$202.00 |
| EA Middle School Holiday Market Earring Fundraiser | \$91.00 |
| Holiday Gift Basket Raffle (Friends) | \$978.00 |
| Total Other Fundraiser Money | \$3,518.88 |

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| Friends Ongoing Book Sale | Month | YTD |
| Dollar Amount (Pre-Tax) | \$456.00 | \$3,895.00 |

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| Friends Pop-Up Sales | Month | YTD |
| Dollar Amount (Pre-Tax) | N/A | \$910.00 |

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| Friends T-Shirt Sales | Month | YTD |
| Dollar Amount (Pre-Tax) | \$190.00 | \$1,058.00 |

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| Friends Ornaments / Magnets | Month | YTD |
| Dollar Amount | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |

| Improvements / Repairs | Project | Funded / Work Done By |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| January 2025 | | |
| February 2025 | Hex Key Bar on Front Entrance Door Fix Lock on Shed Door | Town |
| March 2025 | Hang Fournier Painting on Loan from Aurora Historical Society Fix Public Toilet (2) Expand Wonderbooks Collection Created Biography Section | Town Friends ATPL |
| April 2025 | Fix a Public Toilet Handle Lubricate Emergency Exit Door and Clear Away Debris American Flag Replacement Kodak Slide N Scan, Clue: Sabotage on the High Seas, The Uzzle 3.0, Wavelength: The Party Game, and the Original Telestrations Board Game Created Biography Section with Feedback from the Adults, 50+ Survey Added more AAPI titles after diversity audit of collections Expanded Wonderbook Collection Bob Books--a series of phonics based books designed to teach early reading skills | Town Alice Askew ATPL Friends |
| May 2025 | New Batteries & Bulbs for Exit Lights | Town |

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| | Installed Brackets to Store Ladder Outside on Fence Rearranged Furniture & Displays ScanSnap iX1600 | ATPL Friends |
| June 2025 | Repaired Concrete Near Sidewalk Installed Second Set of Brackets to Store Ladder Outside on Fence Repaired Fence Unclogged Parking Lot Drain Picked up Mulch from Murray Bros. Nurseries Trimmed Bushes Near Phone Lines Covered Rusted Electrical Box on Front Ramp Fixed Front Outlet Replaced Carpet Transition Strip Laid new mulch | Town ATPL Friends |
| July 2025 | Magnetic board with Magna Tiles for Children's Area Repaired Front Steps Repaired Back Ramp | Friends Town |
| August 2025 | New Volunteer/Friends Tags New Paper Towel Dispenser New Recycling Bin | ATPL Town |
| September 2025 | Trees behind library trimmed | NYSEG |
| October 2025 | New Bench Cushions in Fireplace Area | ATPL – (County Funds) |
| November 2025 | Shed Siding Fixed Library of Things augmented with travel Power Bank with USB-C Block, Bluetooth Speaker, Portable Karaoke, Telescope, Projector Screen, and Board/Card Games | Town ATPL |
| December 2025 | Painted Mop Sink in Utility Room Library of Things augmented with Yoto Player Mini Kits | Town ATPL |

| Surveys | Results | Respondents |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Library Survey for Adults, 50+ (February 24-April 4) | See Survey | 104 |
| Library Survey for Parents & Caregivers of Children Ages Birth-Teen (September 24-November 5) | See Survey | 48 |

Winter Events at the Aurora 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 occur by calling the library at 716-652-4440 or signing up in person.

Reading to Dogs

Children 6 to 11 years old are invited to read to a certified therapy dog for a 15 minute session at 11, 11:15, 11:30 or 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

LEGO Club

Saturday morning LEGO Club for children 6 to 11 years old is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Feb. 8, March 8, and April 5. Finished LEGO creations will be displayed in the library for the rest of the month.

Multimedia Painting

Teenagers 12 to 18 years

old can gather at noon Feb. 15 to create a work of art in layers using paint, repurposed materials and text. Participants will be given a blank canvas and supplies. Feel free to bring some favorite quotes and poems. Light snacks included. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Museum Passes

The library has two Buffalo Museum Passes for patrons to loan for free admission to the Buffalo Museum of Science. 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.

They are not eligible for hold requests.



Photo by Marty Wangerlin

A Doggone Good Time

Michael Enser III reads to his furry friend Sophie, pictured with her owner Barbara Wangerlin, at the "Read to a Dog" program last Saturday at the Aurora Town Public Library.



Photo by Marty Wangerlin

A Book for Bentley

Avery and Sam Dunn take turns reading to furry Bills fan Bentley, pictured with owner Amy Shulz, at the Aurora Town Public Library's "Read to a Dog" program last Saturday.

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LEGO Club

Charlotte Dulak, on left, and Madison Jolls work on their projects during Saturday morning LEGO Club at the Aurora Town Public Library on Feb. 8.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Art Show Opens at Library

The Miller and Higgins families attend the opening of their curated show celebrating the art and artistry of late watercolorist and craftsman, Jeffery Miller, at the Aurora Town Public Library on Feb. 8. [L to R] Cara Reynolds, Morgan Higgins, Justin Higgins, Jenny Miller Higgins, Dave Miller, Wes Miller, Donna Veit and Rick Higgins.

News Brief

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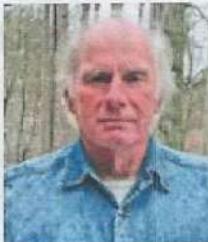
Anyone interested can come to the library at 550 Main St., East Aurora, to fill out a survey or online at forms.gle/99eReyJ8QYelkqbE6.

Feb. 8 Reception at Library will Open Artist Jeffrey Miller Show

Jeffrey Miller, one of the most talented members of East Aurora High School's class of 1968, may have left us in November of 2023, but his artwork will live on in an exhibition at the Aurora Public Library. Thanks to the efforts of his twin sister, Jennifer Higgins, and librarian Jennifer Lewis-Drew, the art and artistry of Jeff Miller will be on display in the Community Room of the library, 550 Main Street, from Feb. 3 until March 27. An opening reception will be held by the Miller and Higgins families at the library from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The public is welcome.

Miller became well-known at a young age for his watercolors that hung on the walls of many an East Aurora home as well in homes, businesses and galleries far and wide. As a youngster, he began drawing and attracted the attention of the Boston Museum School of Art, where he spent a year. Arriving back in East Aurora, he launched a career as a real Renaissance man. He drew, he painted, showing in galleries throughout the East, but he also built fine furniture and worked as a home remodeler. He invented a device for moving a full-sized harp. He built his own home in Bliss, New York from the ground up, including foundation, framing, finishing, even utilities.

In East Aurora, he showed his works at the East Aurora Art Society's



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Artist Jeff Miller passed away in 2023, but his art lives on with a showing at the Aurora Town Public Library.

decade ago to have a show of his paintings at her East Aurora house that was very successful.

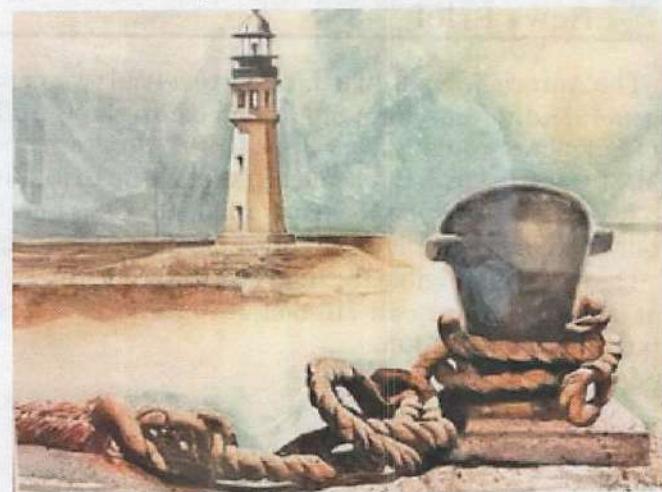
The library show will feature 25 of his original watercolors in the community room. The will also be available as prints. Higgins will fill the display case in the library's foyer with artifacts further showcasing the breadth of her brother's talents.

With this retrospective Higgins hopes to finally give her brother his due. Curating the show for the library, "is a nice way for me to immerse myself in him and his work. I've found so much of his art work I never even knew about; I've discovered talents I never knew he had. Losing him was such a loss for me and our family, but this show, the holistic Jeff Miller reconnects me to him and his life."



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Aurora to Offer Narcan Sites Overdose Remedy will be Available 24 Hours in Three Town Locations

by David Dahl
Correspondent

The nasal spray used to combat opioid overdoses will soon be available at three locations in the Town of Aurora.

Town Board members approved a proposal from Councilman Joseph McCann to sit through school board or ent meeting?

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Cann to establish the sites the night of Monday, Feb. 24.

Narcan, a nasal spray that often reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, will be placed in boxes outside the Aurora Town Public Library and the shed near the library on Main Street and the Aurora Municipal Center on Oakwood Avenue.

McCann proposed the locations to allow anonymous use at all times.

"All these will be outside so they will be available for access 24 hours a day," he said.

In addition, McCann plans to begin exploring the possibility of a needle-dropoff site.

The East Aurora Police Department does not accept needles or pills, but Police Chief Patrick Welch voiced support for needle collection.

"There's a lot of needles

out there," he said. "It might be something to look into to have something like that."

Besides drug users, diabetics and those who inject weight-loss medications use needles and need a place to dispose of them, he added. Police tell residents to take needles and unwanted pills to pharmacies.

The department used to collect pills but has discontinued that program.

If the town establishes a needle-dropoff site, Welch believes it should be indoors and open only during business hours to prevent theft.

In other matters, the board:

- Asked Brigid Maloney, town attorney, to prepare a local law that would issue a six-month moratorium on rezoning requests while the board finishes its comprehensive plan.

- Rescheduled a public hearing about a request to rezone Mario's Bistro and Brews at 1342 Quaker Road from 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 to 6:30 p.m. March 10 at the beginning of the next board meeting. The

owner, John Lattanzio, has asked for a zoning change from rural residential to commercial I.

- Heard from the attorney representing Kathleen Miller, who owns the property at 145 Reiter Road, during a public hearing. Miller wants a special-use permit to create a two-bedroom apartment above a three-car garage.

- Granted temporary use permits for the Borderland Music + Art Festival from Sept. 12 to 14 and the Lancaster Depew Soccer Club's annual tournament from July 25 to 27 in Knox Farm State Park.

- Approved an \$8,979.93 payment to repair a snow plow truck.

- Awarded the project for culvert replacements at Church Street and East Fillmore Avenue over Tannery Brook to Oakgrove Construction in Elma for \$1,557,548.

- Named Benjamin Garvey as an alternate Planning Board member.

The board approved all items 4-0 with Councilman Luke Wochensky absent.

Aurora Library Celebrates Women's History Month

The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora will celebrate National Women's History Month by sponsoring two presentations. On Thursday, March 13, Laura Fitzgerald, the Director of Operations and Grant Management of Preservation Buffalo Niagara, will present "Influential Women of WNY." This presentation will take place at the library at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, March 27, Gregory Kinal will present "Famous Women in U.S. History." This presentation is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Kinal, a speaker on Americana, is an educator and researcher with more than 50 years experience.

Both of these presentations are free, but registration is necessary due to limited space. Call the library at 716-652-4440 to register or stop into the library at 550 Main Street to sign up.

In addition, children 6 to 14 years old who check out five items during March from the library will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a tote bag containing Women's History Month-related books and two passes to the Buffalo Museum of Science in Buffalo.



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Cub Scouts Collect Eyeglasses

East Aurora's Cub Scouts of Pack 514 help those in need by collecting used eyeglasses for donation. The Cubs built and placed collection boxes throughout the community including at the Aurora Town

Public Library, Andrew's Barber Parlor, West Falls Golden Community Library and the East Aurora Cooperative Market. Learn more about joining the Cub Scouts at www.eastaurorapack514.org.

East Aurora sister honors late twin brother with first solo art exhibit

by JUSTIN SULLIVAN
Editor

Like every person who has or will enter the community room in the Aurora Town Public Library through March 23, Jennifer "Jenny" Higgins saw a new side to Jeffrey Drake Miller — her twin brother.

Miller, who died in November 2023 at the age of 73, was a well-known local artist whose work is currently being featured in a solo exhibit in the Aurora Town Public Library. The diverse exhibit, which features 25 of what Higgins thinks are Miller's best pieces of artwork, was Higgins' idea.

Higgins always knew her younger twin brother was talented — especially after he mastered drawing a comic flip-book as a child.

Throughout his years growing up, Miller and his brothers managed to fill their time with countless projects including making go-carts, building an underground tunnel tailored after "The Great Escape" movie and constructing tree houses.

For the last 20 years before his death, Miller, who also worked as a carpenter, worked on the grounds team at the East Aurora Country Club — implementing new and artistic ideas throughout the course.

During that time, Miller's passion for art flourished. He developed a devoted commitment to watercolors through the inspiration from local accomplished artists such as Robert Blair, Hugh Laidman and Rixford Jennings

who instilled a lasting and indelible impression on Miller as to the full range and dimension of this versatile medium. Later influences would lead Jeff from the paintings of Ted Kautzky, Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth to the timeless works of the Dutch masters most notably Jan Vermeer.

Miller's watercolor paintings appeared in such national exhibitions as the American Watercolor Society of New York, the National Arts Club of New York, the National Academy of Design, the American Artists Competition, the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society of Lockport and the Adirondack National Exhibition of Watercolorists in Old Forge, New York.

Despite his talent, Higgins admits it often took some convincing for her brother, a juried artist, to promote his work — specifically in a solo exhibition. Higgins knew the community needed to see what a well-versed artist her brother was — hence the exhibit title, "A One Man Exhibit: A Memorial Tribute to the Artistry of Jeffrey Drake Miller."

"I just didn't want to leave it in a box somewhere," Higgins, a resident of East Aurora, said. "My whole life I have known him to be so talented."

From out of these artistic endeavors, also grew a love of furniture making, and landscape projects. Miller, who never married nor had children, built his beloved home in Bliss, New York "from the ground up."



Jeffrey Miller



Donna Veit, left, and Karen Fibert look at Jeffrey Miller's work inside the Aurora Town Public Library's community room as part of his one-man exhibit organized by his sister, Jennifer Higgins. "A One Man Exhibit: A Memorial Tribute to the Artistry of Jeffrey Drake Miller."

Photo by Justin Sullivan

Higgins noted, "Everything Jeff touched turned to art."

Many of the pieces in the exhibit are pieces Higgins had never seen or heard about — and only saw when she was cleaning out his studio after his sudden death. Just when she thought her brother could not be anymore creative.

"He was a self-made artist," Higgins, who is eight minutes older than her twin, said. "His natural talent was just so evident."

The exhibit received critical acclaim from visitors when it opened last month — welcoming hundreds from all over Western New York.

"Jeffrey embraced his passion for art with humility, rarely promoting his remarkable gift," Aurora Town Public Library Director Paula Ausberger said. "Watercolor is notoriously unforgiving, but he mastered the medium, becoming prolific in his own right."

The director added, "Many have drawn comparisons between his work and that of Andrew Wyeth, a testament to his undeniable talent."

The exhibit also expands out into the entryway, with a display case featuring more of Miller's diverse pieces — designed by Higgins.

Having his first solo show in East Aurora is a sentimental thing on its own. Not only was it where Miller's art career took off, but it was where he spent his formative years — before his family relocated to Massachusetts before their junior year of high school.

The twins, who are the first of five children, would go on to graduate from Hingham High School in Hingham, Massachusetts. However, Jenny admits the East Aurora High School Class of 1968 still welcomes the twins as unofficial East Aurora graduates.

Higgins, a retired teacher, said sharing her late brother's

talent has helped her grieve and heal from his sudden death. She added that her brother's artwork brought them closer in adulthood. March 16 will be the twins' 75th birthday.

"It was such a sudden thing and such a loss of a creative human being," Higgins said. "But this has been helpful to me to immerse myself in him."

Higgins plans to continue to display her brother's work and sell other pieces and use the proceeds to fund art scholarships for local students.

The display is open during regular library business hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

"His life did not end when he died. It's still going forward," Higgins said. "And I'm enjoying that."

Baby Animals Coming To the Public Library

Animal lovers of all ages are invited to the Aurora Town Public Library between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17 for a Baby Animal Meet and Greet. Adorable animals from the Sun Dance Kids Farm will be

available to visit.

Space is limited and registration is required. To reserve a half-hour time slot, call the library at 716-652-4440. The library is located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Celebrating Women's History Month

Laura Fitzgerald tells the stories of the influential women of Western New York at a presentation celebrating Women's History Month at the Aurora Town Public Library last Thursday.

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Preschool Storytime

Librarian Alison Lawrence reads to preschool children during the Aurora Town Public Library's Preschool Storytime event last Thursday.

Preschool children are invited to this event each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. through April 10.

Library Expands Collection Of Items for Borrowing

The Aurora Town Public Library has expanded its collection of shareable, non-traditional materials with several new items. All of these items can be borrowed with a library card that belongs to an adult during regular library hours.

New items include a Kodak Slide N Scan, which converts film and slides into digital format, as well as Clue: Sabotage on the High Seas, The Uzzle 3.0, Wavelength: The Party Game and the

Original Telestrations Board Game. These additions were made possible through generous donations from Alice Askew.

The library welcomes ideas about adding new materials to the collection; share thoughts at the front desk. Anyone who is interested in donating can contribute items per the library's Gift and Donor Policy. Visit the library at 550 Main Street or call 716-652-4440 for more information.

Fournier Art on Display at Library

The Aurora Historical Society and the Aurora Town Public Library are launching a collaboration in order to share a piece of art. Alexis Fournier's "Dusk at a French Farm" is on loan from the collection of the Aurora Historical Society to the town library for the remainder of this year and through 2026, so that more of the community may savor its beauty. The library has a collection of Fourniers, which belong to the Town of Aurora.

Fournier, the "Roycroft Court Painter," was the focus of a Meibohm Fine Arts exhibit in August 2024. He was an American-born Barbizon-style artist, who specialized in portraying both French and Western New York landscapes. His home was on Walnut Street and became the home of Kitty Turgeon. His flamboyant presence in East Aurora, starting in 1903, spanned 45 years during the height of our Arts & Crafts years.

This particular painting is hung in the children's section where it receives the illumination necessary to make out the sheep in the crepuscular light. Signed and dated "Paris, 1898," the painting was restored by the Patricia and Richard Garman Art Conservation Department at Buffalo State University.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Susan McBurney from the Aurora Historical Society, on left, joins Aurora Town Public Library Director Paula Ausberger in welcoming Alexis Fournier's "Dusk at a French Farm" to the library's art collection, on loan from the historical society through 2026.

The donor, Kari Krakow, used to live in East Aurora but she now lives in San Francisco. Krakow wrote a children's book titled "The Harvey Milk Story."

Library Director Paula

Ausberger is delighted to display the art, especially since the library's summer theme will be "Color Your World: Art & Creativity." This painting joins four other Four-

niers: "Moonlight Near Barbizon," a gift from the artist and three paintings which were given to the library by Dorothy Roth: "Spring Plowing," which evokes the hillsides of South Wales; "Clearing After the Rain," and "Grant Dake's Barnyard," framed in an original Roycroft oak frame.

On the east wall of the library is a portrait of Alexis J. Fournier from 1914, painted by A.V. Warshawsky, that was gifted to the town by Mrs. Fournier.

Over the library fireplace is featured "Moonlight" by another Roycrofter of artistic note, Sandor Landeau. His connection to Fournier while in Paris eventually brought Landeau to East Aurora in 1915. His masterpiece, "A Prayer for the Lost at Sea," which won him the prestigious gold medal prize at the Paris Salon of 1907, is another treasure owned by the Aurora Historical Society. For years it hung in The Roycroft Chapel and is now on display in the Roycroft Campus Museum.

Other Fournier treasures are on display in The Roycroft Inn on South Grove and the Elbert Hubbard Roycroft Museum on Oakwood Avenue. Call 716-652-4735 to arrange a tour.

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KID CRAFTED – Aurora Waldorf School student Huixue Deng's 'kid-crafted' display of the treehouse from Mary Pope Osborne's long-running children's book series "Magic Tree House" will be displayed in the Aurora Town Public Library's picture book section through the end of March. Books are currently available at the Aurora Town Public Library and through any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system branch.

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Celebrating National Library Week

Dear Editor,

Libraries across the country are celebrating National Library Week. The celebration is bittersweet, coming on the heels of the president's executive order that targets the Institute of Museum and Library Services (the only federal agency devoted to funding library services). Although we receive most of our local library funding from property

taxes, the Institute provides funding to states for grant programs, construction projects, technology assistance, NOVEL resources/ databases, Summer Reading programs, professional development and preservation initiatives.

I have been a librarian for 48 years, and have witnessed the impact of libraries on individuals and on the communities

that they serve. An active, vibrant library is a reflection of an active, vibrant community. On a daily basis, libraries help people navigate life's challenges and changes with equal access to all. Please contact your legislators regarding this issue ... we need our libraries more than ever these days.

Jan Siebold
East Aurora

Aurora Library Book Sale Starts in May

The Aurora Town Public Library will hold its annual discarded book sale for gently used library materials from Friday, May 2, through Friday, May 23.

The sale will take place in the library's community room during regular business hours except on Friday, May 23, 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 2, fill a bag with books or other discarded library materials for \$12. From Thursday, May 15, until Friday, May 23, bags will

be \$5.

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

Screen Free Time

Take a break from screens and make memories at the library's Screen-Free Saturday event from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

Families with children 2 to 12 years old will enjoy hands-on activities, games, crafts and a prize raffle. Call 716-652-4440 to register for this event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

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Art Society Art Show Open Through May 30

The spring show at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street, was installed on March 29. The artwork of 24 members of the East Aurora Art Society (EAAS) is on exhibit during library hours in the Community room and in the glass case in the entry lobby.

The public is invited to vote for their favorite art piece by using the paper ballots in the community room. The top three artists who receive the most votes will be awarded

blue, red and yellow ribbons, respectively. In addition, the top artist is to receive a gift certificate donated by the Dog Bar Restaurant in West Falls.

The Art Society is grateful, as always, for the assistance of the library staff and their director, Paula Ausberger, who make the shows a success as the society shares its art with the community.

EAAS welcomes all artists, from beginner to advanced, and supporters of the arts. Meetings are held on

the second Thursday, September through June, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Senior Center, located at 101 King Street. Refreshments are provided by the EAAS hospitality committee. The meeting is open to the public and parking is free at the rear of the building.

The Art Society also provides many venues in which members can exhibit and sell their work.

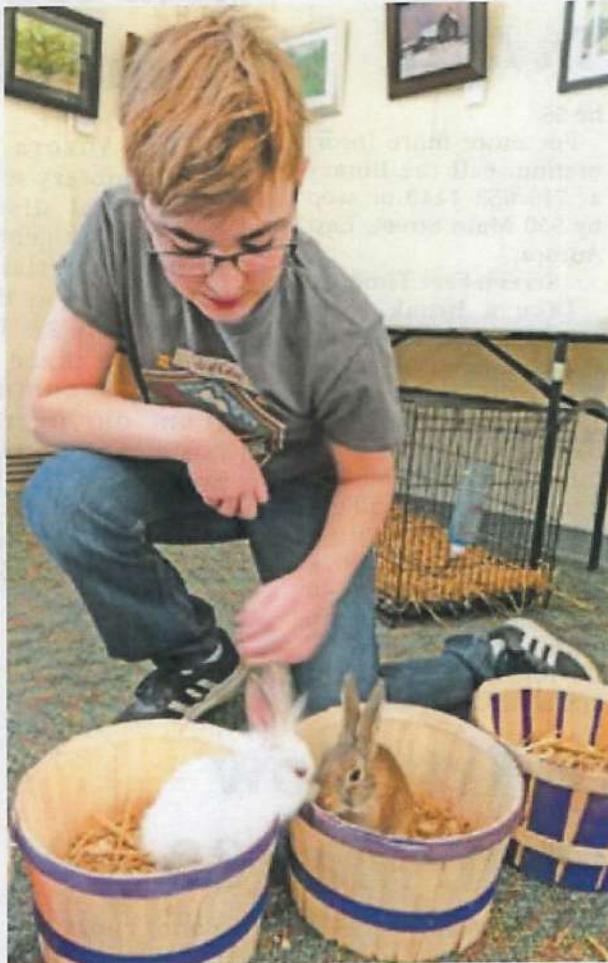
For more information, visit eaartsociety.weebly.com.

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Making Friends

The Aurora Town Public Library transforms the community room into a petting zoo of baby animals to give families a fun activity during spring break. Over 100 patrons of all ages visited to see lambs, goats, rabbits, and chicks from Mike Morton's Sun Dance Kids Farm in Cenewango Valley, New York. Library volunteer John Peach watches over the rabbits at the event.



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Trivia Night

Twelve teams representing the community compete on April 7 at the Aurora Senior Center on King Street for a friendly game night. Overall winners in various categories were teams from

the East Aurora Coop, the Aurora Town Public Library, students from East Aurora High School and other community organizations.

Support the 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 twenty-one programs for children and nineteen programs for adults. In addition, the Friends purchased many of the items from the "Library Wish List." These included "Wonder Books" and "Vox books," both talking books, Scholastic books, two magazine spinners and three new book carts.

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. All proceeds 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 a new scanner, two child-friendly Wired Headphones and additional Scholastic books for library program giveaways like the "Read

it and Keep It" summer program and the "Trick-or-Read" program in October.

All of these offerings are made possible by the Friends. Becoming a member is easy, just stop in the Aurora Town Public Library to fill out a membership form. Membership levels range from donating \$10 to \$200. Current members will receive the annual newsletter. Membership needs to be renewed each year. 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. Memberships raise much needed income. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations are tax deductible. Receipts are provided for every donation.

Looking for other ways to support the library? Attend the four upcoming pop-up sales of donated books scheduled for June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 and Oct. 4 in the tent in front of the library. There is also an upcoming "Let's Raise Some Dough" fundraiser sponsored by Pizza Del Aureo's on June 9. Pizza Del Aureo's will donate a portion of their proceeds that day to the library.

For more information about these events, call the library at 716-652-4440. The library is located at 550 Main St. in East Aurora.

June Events at the Aurora Library

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Air Dry Clay Workshop

Back to back craft nights for teenagers 12 to 18-years-old will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. June 2 and 3 to create with air dry clay. This material is accessible and versatile

and it doesn't require a kiln. The library will have supplies to make coasters, a trinket dish, a phone holder and other items. The first night will be for sculpting, and the second night will be for painting the project, so registering for both nights is highly encouraged. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Break Out Games

There are two opportunities for students to have a "Break Out" experience. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. June 5, teenagers 14 to 17-years-old are invited to work together to crack codes and solve puzzles to unlock the final prize. The theme is "The Island of Despair." Children 7 to 10-years-old can come and participate in the "Break Out" game from 1 to 2:30 p.m. June 7 where the theme will be "Breakout to Summer." Music and snacks will be provided at both events, and both programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Bring Your Own Book

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Live Concert

The East Aurora Chamber Music Festival will offer a live performance at 6:30 p.m. June 12.



Legislator Schedules Meetings

Erie County Legislator Lindsay Lorigo recently announced plans for Community Office Hours to be held over the next several months at town halls and libraries in her district.

"This is a great way to reach out to the community and meet with residents about their concerns," Lorigo said. "It's far easier for them if I come to the towns or villages where they live. I will be holding office hours in their communities to meet with them and address any questions or concerns they may have."

All meetings will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays. The schedule for these in-person office hours are:

- Elma Town Hall, Bowen Road, May 20.
- Springville Village Hall, Main Street, June 10.
- Holland Town Hall, Pearl Street, Sept. 16
- West Seneca Library, Union Road, Oct. 14.
- Aurora Town Public Library, Main Street, Oct. 28.

Free Family-Friendly Music Program at Library

The Aurora Town Public Library is hosting a family friendly performance at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, featuring Rebecca

Ansel on violin.

This free program for all ages is open to the public and is sponsored by the East Aurora

Chamber Music Festival. Registration is encouraged. Call 716-652-4440 or stop by 550 Main Street, East Aurora to sign up.

Lorigo to hold community office hours throughout 10th District

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- Holland Town Hall, 47 Pearl St. – Sept. 16
- West Seneca Library, 1300 Union

Road – Oct. 14

- Aurora Town Library, 550 Main St. – Oct. 28

"County government impacts taxpayers in many ways, from infrastructure projects to funding for senior centers, libraries, and other organizations important to our communities. I look forward to hearing from them on what their priorities are, and what I can do as a legislator to address those needs," said Legislator Lorigo.

New Biography Section at Aurora Public Library

Dear Editor,

You asked, the Aurora Town Public Library listened. We now have a dedicated Biography section for patrons to explore one of the most

popular non-fiction genres within our community. This decision was made with feedback provided in the over 50 survey for adults. Thank you to everyone who took

the time to share their thoughts with us. Your input is valued, and your library hears you.

Paula M. A. Ausberger
Aurora Library
Director

Volunteer Orientation at Library for Teenagers

The Aurora Town Public Library is hosting an orientation for new library volunteers over 12-years old from 6 to 7 p.m. June 12.

Participants will learn about volunteer opportunities for this summer

and beyond, get a volunteer application and start earning service hours. For

more information, call 716-652-4440 or visit 550 Main Street to sign up.

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Fundraiser Will Benefit The Library

On Monday, June 9, Pizza Del Aureo's of East Aurora will donate 10 percent of proceeds raised from all orders between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to support the Aurora Town Public Library. This fundraiser is in collaboration with the Friends of the Library.

To place an order, visit 615 Oakwood Ave, call 716-655-3345 or go online to www.pizzadelareos.com.

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



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Members of the East Aurora Art Society with their original barrel creations that will be on display at the Aurora Town Public Library as part of a fundraiser in collaboration with the Friends of the Library.

Art Society and Library Host Fundraiser

The East Aurora Art Society has sponsored the purchase of unfinished barrels for a fundraiser in collaboration with the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Each barrel will be hand-painted and embellished by a

local artist, and the community can vote on which barrel they like the best.

From June 2 through Aug. 1, the barrels will be displayed at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street. The community is invited

to vote for a favorite and earn a chance to win their favorite barrels. One vote is \$1 and six votes are \$5. All proceeds will benefit the library.

Winners will be drawn at random at noon Aug. 1. Votes will be tallied to

determine which barrel places first, second and third.

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

Chamber Music Festival Begins Friday, June 6

The East Aurora Chamber Music Festival (EACMF) will celebrate its inaugural season with four concerts beginning June 6. All concerts will be held at East Aurora's St. Matthias' Episcopal Church at the corner of Main and Maple Streets in East Aurora, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run without intermission. This year's program will feature a variety of both new and familiar "Chamber Music Top 40" works. The other three concert dates are June 8, 13 and 14.

Tickets for all concerts are available at Tops

Friendly Markets on Grey Street, Elm Street Bakery on Elm Street, The Roycroft Inn on South Grove and The Power House on the Roycroft Campus. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. All concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will run without intermission.

Prior to the start of each formal concert, local high school chamber musicians from East Aurora, Iroquois and Orchard Park High Schools will perform. These groups will have been mentored by professional EACMF musicians in preparation for these concerts.

As a special incentive, attendees who choose to have dinner at The Roycroft Inn prior to any of these concerts, and who identify themselves as ticket holders, will receive 10 percent off the cost of their meals (food only).

EACMF will also host a free concert on June 12 at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street put on by violinist and audience favorite Becky Ansel. The performance and conversation will begin at 6:30 p.m.. While it's geared for children, all are welcome.

For more information, visit eastauroracmf.org.

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Passion Project

As part of a LEAP Passion Project, a local eighth grader is hosting an event at 11 a.m. June 14 for children who are 4 to 7-years-old. The event will feature the books "And Tango Makes Three" by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, and "The Family Book" by Todd Parr. Through stories and a craft, participants will explore the many wonderful ways families can look, love and live—encouraging empathy, diversity and a love of reading.

Bring Your Own Book

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Aurora Book Club

Book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 10 to discuss the book "Rebecca" by Daphne Du Maurier. This free program is geared for adults.

Fitness Fridays

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m. from July 11 to Aug. 1, all fitness levels are welcome to learn balance and mobility exercises that prepare the body for everyday activities and reduce the risk of falls. This class includes multiple muscle and joint movements that

will help with real-life, everyday things like lifting, bending, twisting, squatting and hauling. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. This class will begin at 1:30 p.m. and it is designed for adults 55 years old and over.

Tech Trainer

Hands-on computer training in 45 minute sessions is scheduled for 10 and 11 a.m. and noon Monday, July 14 to assist with software support or internet training. This program is for adults.

Photo Kits

Anyone with an eye for photography looking to enjoy the summer sunshine can pick up a photo walk kit. This kit includes instructions on how to safely take digital photos around East Aurora, with suggestions on where to go, a scavenger hunt board of things to photograph (with two different levels of skill) and a fun snack to help keep up the energy on a walk. This free craft kit is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is scheduled for pickup starting on Wednesday, July 9.

LEGO Club

Saturday morning sessions for LEGO lovers over 6-years-old will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturdays from July 12 until Aug. 2. The finished LEGO creations will be on display at the library.

Art Explorations

Students 11 to 13-years old are welcome to join the library from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, 22 and 29 as well as Aug. 5 for the Art Explorations program. Participants should dress to make a mess, and will be able

to create a variety of art projects that use all kinds of materials. Find out how old cardboard, ripped-up magazines and even old nylons can be used to produce stunning works of art. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Freedom of the Press

Judi Geer will present "Near v. Minnesota: Where Freedom of the Press Really Started in the U.S." at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 17. This lecture will include details such as how the enforcement of freedom of speech began in 1931 when the Supreme Court decided in a case titled Near v. Minnesota.

This was a pivotal moment for American jurisprudence, and its story is one that could only happen here. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and it is recommended for participants 12-years-old and over.

Birding 101

Learn how to identify birds using binoculars and field guides at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 24. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Summer Zines

Workshop

Are you looking to learn something new? The possibilities in zine-making are endless! Tweens and teens 10 to 18-years-old are invited from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, for a chill and creative afternoon where they can make a zine. Come learn about the process (and importance) of a hands-on, DIY craft as we make something together. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Photo by Jillian Marshall

Taking a Stand

Above, protesters voice an opinion about Congressman Nick Langworthy and other leaders in Washington D.C. in front of the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora last week.



Photo by Jillian Marshall

Peaceful Protest

At left, East Aurora residents Laura and John Whitney protest last week in front of the Aurora Town Public Library against the ideals of the Trump Administration.

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Pop Up Book Sale In June

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All books are in gently used condition. Hardcovers 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 the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora. Call the library at 716-652-4440 for more information.

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Ready for Summer

Friends of the Library, Carole Orlowski and Rhoda Zucker, work hard to beautify the garden at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street. Local artist, Joseph Orlowski, painted the owls roosting among the flowers.

READERS' OPINION

Thank You Pizza Del Aureo's

Dear Editor,

On behalf of everyone at the Aurora Town Public Library, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the owners of Pizza Del Aureo's, Kathy and Bob Aures, for their collaboration

as well as charity. This community-minded duo generously donated 10 percent of their sales on June 9. The total dough raised during this one day was \$734.57! We are completely wowed by

the continued support of the Library, a public institution for all. Thank you, Pizza Del Aureo's and local library lovers!

Paula M. A. Ausberger
Library Director

JOIN SCOOT AROUND JUNE Thirty Day Walking and Biking Challenge

by Annika Safford

ACES Member

It's finally shorts weather! It was a cold Spring and Scoot Around June is the perfect excuse to get out and enjoy the sun. Hosted by the Climate Smart Community Task Force, Scoot Around June is a month-long challenge to walk, bike or "scoot" to places you'd normally drive and win prizes for doing so.

"Scooting" could look like biking to the co-op for groceries (backpack encouraged!), walking to coffee with a friend or encouraging your child to take the Parkdale "Bike Bus." No matter how you choose to spend your time, the goal is to select a form of transportation that has a more positive environmental impact.

Businesses in East Aurora are supporting the scooting effort. Scooting to participating stores in June could win you a gift card or free food. Simply find the Scoot Around June container near the front of the store and fill out a raffle ticket with your contact info and round-trip number of

miles.

The current list of businesses includes Pizza Del Aureo's on Oakwood Avenue, Blue Eyed Baker on Riley Street, Kornerstone Cafe & Juice Bar on Elm Street, the East Aurora Cooperative Market on Main Street, the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street and The Walk In Closet on Main Street. It works like a typical raffle, where you put a ticket in the basket you're interested in. So, scoot to your favorite business this month if you want a chance to win their prize!

There are also "door prizes" to win by scooting to any place in the village or town. Enter this raffle by filling out the Optional Mileage log on the Task Force website, cleangreenaurora.com. Bike-themed prizes include a Chain Ring Rhythm gift card, helmets and stickers from GOBike Buffalo and a tumbler and bike decal set from Kickstand Culture. Get extra entries by visiting Chain Ring Rhythm and Kickstand.

All winners will be announced before the fireworks on July 3. Each submission is a chance to win, so go rack up some

points.

Scoot Around June is part of a larger effort by the Task Force to tackle climate challenges and improve quality of life. Walking and biking help reduce stress, disease risk and air pollution. Each mile walked or biked instead of driven saves 0.9 pounds of carbon from entering our atmosphere.

Whether you want to help our environment or just want an excuse to go outside, Scoot Around June is a great challenge for all to enjoy. So get out there this month and walk, bike, roll, skate, or scoot around June!

Aurorans for Climate and Environmental Sense (ACES) is a citizen group started in 2012 to support the East Aurora Village Climate Smart initiative. Its mission is to engage all residents of greater East Aurora to help East Aurora become a Climate Smart Community through education, planning, and action. For more information, email Aces.EastAurora@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook @aceseastaurora, Instagram @aces.ea, or online at AcesEastAurora.org.

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Special Thank You

Owners of Pizza Del Aureo's receive thanks from the Aurora Town Public Library for recently donating ten percent of their sales to the library. From

left, Friends of the Library member Carole Orlowski, Aurora Town Public Library Director Paula Ausberger and Kathy and Bob Aures of Del Aureo's.



Submitted Image

"Summer Sail" by artist Sharon M. Bartell is on display at Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora through the end of July.



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"Snapdragons" painted by Susan Rudnicki is on display at the Aurora Town Public Library in East Aurora through July. All of the paintings currently on display were created by the Holland Tuesday Painters.

Art on Display at Library Through July

Color and original art will saturate the Aurora Town Public Library's foyer showcase and community room until July 31.

Holland Tuesday Painters (HTP) are exhibiting original artwork from their weekly paint-outs, vacation travels and musings. Subject locations span Peppermint Farms

nursery in East Aurora to Erie Basin Marina, the Arcade Railroad, Alaska and Italy. Each piece is framed and the details are on each name tag and at the front desk.

HOW TO
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Christie Koester Welsby

Reading Specialist, Parkdale Elementary School



Just Keep Reading, Just Keep Reading...

Summertime, and the reading is easy. As a reading specialist at Parkdale Elementary School for 27 years, I've had students at all levels of excitement regarding summer reading. Finding just the right books can be challenging, especially for reluctant readers. But since summertime brings the time and opportunity for reading growth, I am delighted to write this column to recommend books for summer reading for children.

Let's celebrate our country this July with books from authors from the north, south, east and west, and begin with an author from the north (Minnesota). Specifically, let's begin with a book from the one and only Kate DiCamillo. DiCamillo started a new series in 2024 with "Orris and Timble: The Beginning" [Age/Difficulty level ages 5-8, 80 pages, Candlewick Press, The Bookworm price \$14.44].

If you're not familiar with DiCamillo's previous work, she's the author of many childhood favorites such as "Because of Winn-Dixie," "The Tale of Despereaux" and "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane." "Orris and Timble: The Beginning" starts off the trilogy with an unlikely pair of animal friends. Orris is a who enjoys his solitary life until Timble, an owl, finds himself in his company. DiCamillo has the utmost gift for creating endearing and approachable characters that live with you beyond the page. Experienced readers in first grade through less experienced readers in third grade will enjoy these books. I love how DiCamillo brings her talent of creating endearing and approachable characters to a younger audience with just 80 pages, rather than her usual 250-300 page chapter books.

Let's continue our journey by moving to the east. Specifically, to East Aurora (see what I did there?). Local Parkdale Elementary School teacher and author Amber Partisan has written "Our Fox Rocks" [Age/Difficulty level: ages 3-10, 42 pages, Palmetto Publishing, The Bookworm price \$13.49]. Partisan wrote the book after her daughter, Tessa, was diagnosed with FOXG1 in March 2023. FOXG1 is a rare neurological condition that affects brain development. With FOXG1, one may have low muscle tone, involuntary muscle movement,

vision impairment, possible seizures, feeding and sleep issues. As a veteran elementary educator and lifelong lover of books, Partisan had always dreamed of writing her own book. After writing her book, and being able to share and bring awareness to others, Partisan has a new appreciation for life's small joys. It has transformed how Partisan approaches parenting, teaching and even writing. Our Fox Rocks is not only an enchanting children's book, it also builds understanding and empathy for all.

Let us move south with yet another book by Kate DiCamillo (yes, she currently lives in Minnesota, but her books are pure gold and they deserve another recommendation). Plus, when she was young, she lived in Florida. Ha! "Ferris" [Age/Difficulty level: 8-12 years, grades 3-7, 256 pages, Candlewick Press, The Bookworm price \$16.14, paperback price \$7.64] is her most recent book. *The New York Times* described "Ferris" as "balm for the soul," and I'd agree. Ferris Wilkey and her family of characters live in a big house with a lot of charm. From her uncle painting the history of the world in the basement to her little sister deciding to become a fugitive to her grandmother seeing a ghost in the threshold of her room, Ferris' home is never dull. Ferris makes it her aim to help her grandmother with the ghost, but yet somehow, this book isn't a ghost story. Children describe this book as getting more exciting with each chapter. You and your late elementary/early middle school students may both fall in love with this one.

Wrapping up our cardinal direction tour with the west is Lynne Kelly's "The Secret Language of Birds" [Age/Difficulty level: 8-12 years, grades 3-7, 240 pages, Delacorte Press, The Bookworm price \$8.92]. I first learned of Kelly's writing with 2019's "Song for a Whale," and was so excited to read another book by this kind and empathetic writer. Middle school birdwatcher Nina is spending the summer at her aunt's summer camp. She's used to feeling left out (most recently, her family left her at a Buc-ee's gas station and got ten miles down the road before they noticed she wasn't in the van), and is hoping to find her

niche at the camp. While there, she discovers two majestic birds that by all accounts shouldn't be there. Just as she did in "Song for a Whale," Kelly's blending of loner, fictional characters with nonfictional animal information will quickly pull readers in (it reminds me how Jodi Picoult masterfully blends fiction and nonfiction in her writing for adults).

Middle grade readers will enjoy reading "The Secret Language of Birds." And who knows; they may even join Brad Felton for some bird watching sometime.

So whatever direction you may travel or read this summer, to round out your adventures look no further than your own library (system). If you're looking for a way to explore new local locations this summer, join me in the Buffalo & Erie County Library "Passport to Reading" program. Pick up your passport at any library, and get a sticker for each location you visit. From June 2 through Aug. 15, visit as many library locations as you can (and to add even more to the experiences, these library visits could also be accompanied by a trip to a playground or museum by each library). After Aug. 15, fill out the last page of your passport, hand it in at your local library, and you'll be entered to win prizes. Huzzah! Visit the Buffalo & Erie County Library at www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music-passport-reading-2025 for more information.

So until August, dear readers, just keep reading...

Author's note: I've sometimes found that the reading levels listed on books don't always match with what I believe is most appropriate for children. I've adjusted some reading levels based on readability, interest and content. All prices reflect the cost when purchased at The Bookworm at 34 Elm Street in East Aurora.

Christie Koester Welsby will begin her 28th year as a reading specialist at Parkdale Elementary School in East Aurora in September. She enjoys reading, writing, singing and soaking up life in EA with her husband and toy poodle. Christie is the author of the beginning decodable reading series *Forward Motion Readers*. Christie can be reached at her website at www.forwardmotionteaching.com and by email at forwardmteaching@gmail.com.

Program Designed to Promote Literacy Over Summer Break

Members of the New York State Senate have a summer reading program for students.

The goal of the program is to enhance children's reading skills and keep minds sharp during the summer months. The theme of this year's program is "Color Our World."

"Summer is a perfect time for students to spark their imaginations and strengthen their reading skills at the same

time," Senator Patrick Gallivan said. "I encourage everyone to visit their local library to find books that interest them, and I hope students, parents and guardians will participate in our summer reading program."

To participate in the program, students and parents can visit Senator Gallivan's website at www.nysenate.gov/senators/patrick-m-gallivan and click on the "Summer Reading Pro-

gram" banner to sign-up. Those who submit their completed reading form by Aug. 22, will receive an official Summer Reading Certificate in recognition of their dedication and achievement.

The goal of the program is to promote literacy at home, help prevent the "summer slide" in reading skills and to encourage a lifelong love of books and learning.



Submitted Image

Brielle, Brooklyn, Bailey and Brynley DiRienzo trying to narrow down their selections while choosing a book at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora.

New Books Added to Collection

The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library have funded the purchase of 33 new Read Along books for the library's children's collection, which are now available to borrow. Featuring built-in audio

players, the popular Read Along books boost engagement and reading proficiency. Visitors to the library will find a diverse array of choices for children ages 4-12 years, including non-fiction books, fiction chapter

books, and picture books—some featuring Spanish or Chinese language. The library is grateful to the Friends for their continued support in enriching the collection and encouraging a love of reading in the community.

East Aurora Renaissance Faire

All are invited to attend the second Renaissance Faire at the Aurora Town Public Library from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15. All are invited to enjoy music, crafts, games, snacks, and yes, swords! This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Please call 716-652-4440 or visit 550 Main Street, East Aurora, to sign up.

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Sword battling is demonstrated by the Nickel City Longswords on the lawn of the Aurora Town Public Library last Tuesday during the Renaissance Faire.

Renaissance Faire at the Library

The Aurora Town Public Library transported 329 visitors to the golden age during its Renaissance Faire—an afternoon of history, science, games, crafts and engaging activities that provided entertainment for families on July 15.

Highlights included a captivating live sword-fighting demonstration by Nickel City Longsword, a presentation of the revolutionary ideas

of Nicolaus Copernicus

by Buffalo Astronomical Association and an interactive printing press experience led by The Roycroft Campus. Attendees also participated in face painting by The Smiling Face Painter and a performance of period music by local musicians.

Artisan Ann Norlund generously donated proceeds from the sale of her hand-crafted jewelry, raising \$202 to benefit the

Library.

Participants were treated to freshly spun raspberry cotton candy, buttery popcorn and bottles of water.

"Thank you to our community partners, Ann Norlund, the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library and the incredible volunteers, as well as staff, who made this a memorable, family-friendly event," a library spokesperson said.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Local minstrels provide Renaissance music for the Renaissance Faire hosted by the Aurora Town Public Library last Tuesday.



Photo by Marty Wangelin

Gavin Brehm recreates painting the Sistine Chapel by coloring on his back during the Renaissance Faire at the Aurora Town Public Library last week.

John Spears, head of Buffalo & Erie County Library System, has died following cancer battle

John Spears, director of the Buffalo & Erie County Library System, has died following a long battle with cancer. He was 51.

The library shared the tragic news in a Facebook post, writing, "John Spears will best be remembered for his leadership in advocating to protect intellectual freedoms. He was known for taking a prominent stance in encouraging funding for libraries to continue to provide free, equal, and equitable access to information for everyone."

Spears was appointed Library Director in Buffalo in April 2022 following a national search. He brought with him more than 25 years of library management experience having worked in libraries in Colorado, Missouri, Illinois, and Utah.

Spears was credited with taking immediate actions in early 2023 to ensure public safety at the downtown Central Library when the difficult decision was made to close temporarily in the wake of safety concerns caused by an influx of teenagers each afternoon. In 2024, Director Spears was honored by the New York Library Association

(NYLA) for innovative leadership in fostering relationships with all sectors of the community and libraries. He was also an active member, advocating for library funding and resources, through speaking engagements and published articles for the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC), New York Library Association (NYLA), American Library Association (ALA), Library Leadership and Management Association, the International Federation of Library Associations, and Public Libraries Magazine.

He leaves behind his partner, Brian Dimit, his father, brother, and sister, and many friends in the library, Elmwood neighborhood and the Buffalo Quaker communities.

A public Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Donations in honor of John Spears can be made to the Library System's Freedom to Read campaign at: <https://bl.buffalolib.org/SpearsMemorial>.

(See John Spears, page 2)



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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System

John Spears *(Continued from page 1)*

Interim Director Dorinda Darden will continue to manage daily operations of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System until further notice.

The Aurora Public Library is currently operated by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. The countywide library system also previously operated the West-Falls Corden Library until 2004.

Library Hosts Book Sale

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benefit the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora. Call the library at 716-652-4440 for more information.

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Event at The Elma Library

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Book Club

This month's book theme is International Authors and the title is "A Nearly Normal Family" by M.T. Edvardsson. The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book. All are welcome.

• **DOG DAYS** — It's time to celebrate our four-legged friends, because August is National Dog Month! Shower your best bud with some extra affection, whether that means extra walks, treats, toys or just a little more quality time.

• **A NEW LIFE FOR YOUR OLD RECORDS** — The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, in partnership with BTPM The Bridge, is launching Spin It Forward, an ongoing donation drive to rebuild the library's vinyl collection for the first time since 1989. While the Central Library still houses a borrowable vinyl archive, no new additions have been made in more than three decades. Spin It Forward encourages the public to donate new vinyl records of popular music released

after 1989 and to support local, independent record stores across Western New York. It also invites local musicians and bands who press on vinyl to donate their work, ensuring the archive reflects the evolving sound of Buffalo and Erie County. Records can be dropped off at any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Branch.

HOLLAND GARAGE SALE MAPS

— The official map for the 6th annual Holland Town Wide Garage Sale is available now. This year's event will return rain-or-shine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17 at various properties around Holland.

An electronic copy of this year's map can be found on the East Aurora Bee Facebook



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The East Aurora Art Society and Aurora Town Public Library raise \$178 during a collaborative fundraiser where patrons chose their favorite hand painted rain barrel.

Another Successful Library Fundraiser

Dear Editor,

The recent Hand-Painted Barrel Fundraiser was a wonderful collaboration between the East Aurora Art Society and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Community members were invited to purchase votes to judge their favorite pieces, with the

added chance to win a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted barrel created by local artists. Nine lucky raffle participants took home beautifully adorned barrels.

Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our patrons, the event raised \$178, benefiting the Friends of the Library.

First place went to

Walter Carrick, second place to Sue Rudicky and third place to Alice Riley.

Thank you to the East Aurora Art Society, Friends of the Library, and patrons for supporting this successful fundraiser to benefit your local Library!

Paula M. A. Ausberger
Library Director

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Bookish Bingo

Pick up a Bookish Bingo sheet from the library to participate in a reading



challenge for adults. Start reading now and redeem beginning Sept. 2 through Nov. 13. For each row of reading challenges that is completed, participants may earn one entry into a raffle to win a \$50 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come to the circulation desk of the library to show the Bookish Bingo sheet to staff and redeem entries. Finish all five rows and earn six entries. Two winners will be selected at random at 10 a.m. Nov. 14.

Historical Society Announces Speaker Series

The Aurora Historical Society will host another speaker series for the 2025-26 season beginning in September.

The first event will be a field trip on Thursday, Sept. 25 to the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street in East Aurora for a tour of the fine art of Alexis Fournier with art experts Grace Meibohm and Connie Payne. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, Alling Coverlet Museum of Palmyra, the largest handwoven American coverlet collection in the world, will share their collection. Director Tracy Murphy and Textile Curator Cheryl Van Denburg, from Historic Palmyra, will bring show and tell and insight from another small "museum town."

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into the unique, nearly 200-year-old history of East Aurora's Hamlin Park.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026 Mary Ann Colopy, chair of the East Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, will present "Name That House: Identify Your House Style in East Aurora."

The final presentation of the speaker series will

be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 as Jeff Schober, author of "Growing up Gronk, Bike Path Rapist and BuffaloTales.net" will discuss "When 'Fake News' is True," how President Grover Cleveland covered up his second term and maneuvered to discredit the journalist who reported the truth.



Photo by Marty Wanglin

Book Sale

The monthly book sale in front of the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street is hosted by the Friends of the

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Elma Public Library
1860 Bowen Rd, Elma
716-652-2719

Chair Yoga

Yoga in a chair? Yes! You don't need to get down on the floor to experience the benefits of yoga. This class will include both seated postures and standing postures that use a chair for support. All fitness levels are welcome. A yoga mat to place under the chair is recommended. Classes take place on Monday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 1 p.m. Please call the library to register.

Celebrate Back to School Night

On Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., turn the page on summer and dive into a new school year with fun, laughter, and imagination. There will be tales about first-day jitters, new friends, and classroom adventures, along with a craft and a game! For grade K-3; call the library to register.

Tuesday Family Storytime

From Tuesday, Sept. to Tuesday, Oct. 21, join us for story time, for children aged infants to 5. Reading, sing-

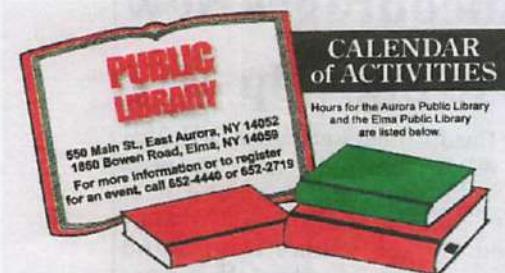
Library to Host Pop Up Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are hosting pop up book sale outside of the library under a tent from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4. All books are in gently used condition. Hardcovers 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 the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora. Call the library at 716-652-4440 for more information.

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BAM—Balance & Mobility**

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Book a Technology

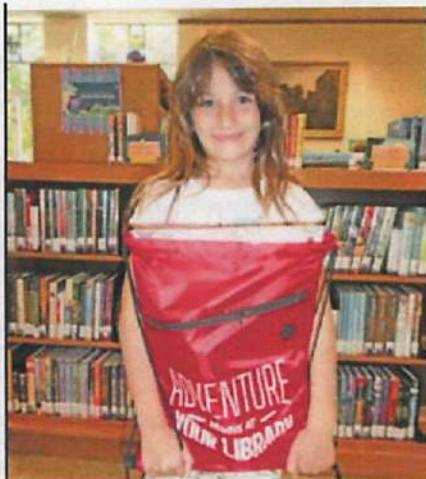
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Summer Reading Complete

Shasta Norton of East Aurora celebrates a successful summer of reading with this raffle win that includes a color your own T-shirt and library swag from the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street.

Library Encourages New Members to Sign Up

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main Street, between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

All ages are invited to enjoy cider and donuts, giveaways and a collaborative art project, plus,

meet Reada the Owl. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the East Aurora Cooperative Market, Paula's Donuts and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Registration is encouraged by calling 716-652-4440 or visiting the library to sign up.

Volunteers Needed For Tax Season

The AARP Tax Aide program is looking for volunteers ready to learn about income taxes. The program will provide training and equipment and volunteers are asked to donate two days a week during tax season.

For over 50 years, the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program has offered free tax filing services to anyone who can't afford a paid tax preparer. It assists people over 50 years old or lower-income taxpayers who might otherwise miss out on credits or deductions they've earned.

There is a friendly, knowledgeable, dedicated group of people who volunteer their time in Buffalo, East Aurora, Orchard Park and West Seneca and the group is seeking volunteers for this upcoming tax season. People interested in learning tax law, who have administrative, teaching or computer

skills or who just like to work with people can find a place in the program to help out. Training and equipment are provided for whatever position is decided upon.

Tax preparers receive IRS certification after training. Taxpayers or volunteers do not need to be a member of AARP to use or work in this program.

Call 716-655-3883 for more information or attend one of the following events to learn more:

-Elma Public Library on Bowen Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 11.

-Orchard Park Public Library, S. Buffalo Street, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12.

-Hamburg Public Library, Buffalo Street, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 13.

-Aurora Town Public Library, Main Street, 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 15.

-West Seneca Public Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 16.

Library Celebrates Banned Book Week

Staff at the Aurora Town Public Library are encouraging patrons to "Read like no one is watching" during banned book week Oct. 6 to 11.

"Shine a light on reasons why some books have been challenged or banned by participating in an interactive black light display at the Aurora Town Public Library," a statement from the library said. "Check out these titles and pick up free swag, while supplies last."

The library is located at 550 Main Street. For more information, call 716-652-4440.



The Aurora Town Public Library is proving that the library shelves do not necessarily have to contain books to tell stories. The ATPL's new "Express Your Shelf" display space, within the library's children's area, allows local children the opportunity to transform open shelf space into a creative display for their favorite books, like Iroquois Intermediate School fifth grader Janelle Eckam, pictured left, who created a display inspired by Ann M. Martin's popular novel series, "The Baby-Sitters Club," and 7-year-old Lucia Hernandez of South Wales, who designed a shelf highlighting her favorite animal magazines.

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Local Author

A presentation by local author Dr. Thomas Rosenthal in his newest book, "Cyrenius Chapin: Buffalo's First Physician and War of 1812 Hero," is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. Copies will be available for purchase. A book signing will follow the presentation, and 10 percent of the proceeds from book sales will benefit the library.

Bring Your Own Book

Adults are invited to the library from 10:30 to

11:30 a.m. on Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 for a book club without an assigned book. Instead, readers can take part in the activity with other readers in silence by bringing their own book or audiobook. Covered beverages are welcome.

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Family Story Time

Children 5-years-old and under are invited with a caregiver to Family Story Time, an early literacy program at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays from Sept. 29 through Dec. 1. This program includes read-alouds, rhymes, music and movement, followed by time for play and socializing.

Teen Leaders

Teenagers 13 to 18-years-old are encouraged to make an impact and become a leader by attending the first meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. During the first planning meeting, participants will decide on the service learning activity to do this fall, and the teen program will organize for January 2026. Participants will gain some leadership experience, make friends and get involved in the community.

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Friends of the Library Meet Next Month

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the community room at the library at 550 Main Street. The Friends of the Library meet twice per year at the library in April and October. All are welcome.

A Holiday Gift Basket Raffle is being planned. The raffle will run from Nov. 3 through Dec. 12 with the drawing at noon.

"We are asking our membership to participate by making a donation for the holiday basket raffle," A Friends spokesperson said. "Donations need to be new items and can range from holiday items to pretty much anything else you can think of, that you yourself would want to win at a holiday raffle."

Items will be accepted at the meeting. Otherwise, donations may be dropped off at the Aurora

Town Public Library during regular hours through Oct. 21.

Include name, address and phone number on any item being donated. Donations from businesses are also accepted.

Gifts are tax deductible as Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(c). Donors will receive an acknowledgement of the donation. All proceeds are for the benefit of the library.

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Horror Novels

Teenagers 13 to 18-years-old are invited to explore the terrifying tales included in the library's Horror collection from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 9 to talk about the horrors everyone is reading, play some spooky games, eat candy and do a Halloween craft.

Pumpkin Spice

Pumpkin Spice is more than a latte. Join the Aurora Library Cooking Club at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 and learn about the surprising history of this spice blend. Participants 15-years-old and over will make a spice blend to take home and will receive a booklet with different recipes they can make with it.

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Author Visits

Local author Pauline Chow will be at the library at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 for an evening of storytelling and creative exploration. She will read from "Chasing Moonflowers" (Kirkus Starred Review) and an anthology called "Coven of the East," followed by a discussion about writing through ancestral memory, family lore and gothic themes.

Local author Robert Lowell Goller will talk about his newest book, "Who Put the 'East' in East Aurora," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. This book answers more than 30 intriguing questions about East Aurora's past, including why the East Aurora school district is "union free," how Hamlin Park was saved, why East Aurora banned German, how Mambrino King became such a famous horse and why there's no West Aurora.

Local author Sudhir Suchak will be at the library at 1 p.m. Oct. 25 to discuss his new book, "Last Boat to Freedom." At just 18-years-old, Suchak made a daring escape from the island of Zanzibar in East Africa. Fleeing a repressive regime, political violence and

the trauma of a genocide that tore apart the fabric of his family; he trusted his father's belief that boarding a ship with the ultimate goal of reaching America, would lead to a better life. Hidden aboard a steamship, escaping with nothing but hope in his heart, he risked everything for a chance at freedom, never seeing his father again. His journey from stowaway to survivor unfolded not just across continents, but through dislocation, discovery and the long and onerous work to start anew in a country he had never seen. "Last Boat to Freedom" traces the cost of survival from the trauma left behind on the island, the perilous journey as a stowaway, brutal violence, and the first bewildering year in America. He learned firsthand what it means to belong in a land that promised freedom but didn't always offer acceptance.

All authors will have copies of their books to purchase and there will be time for book signings. Ten percent of the book sales will be donated to the library.

Studio Nights

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Creative Writing Contest

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Aurora Women's Club is sponsoring a Creative Writing contest for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Entries may be poetry or short story.

Contest guidelines are available in local schools as well as in the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street. The deadline to enter the contest is

Dec. 19.

First place winners in the Greater Western District will have their entries sent on to be judged at the state level. Winning entries at the state level will be sent on for national judging at the General Federation of Women's Clubs headquarters in Washington, D.C.

For more information, call 716-652-4067 or email rtzacz1223@gmail.com

Celebrating literacy and libraries in Erie County

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library reaffirmed its commitment to intellectual freedom and public service earlier this year by launching a new brand and a promise to remain "profoundly public." This update is more than a new logo or tagline. Profoundly public is a declaration: libraries are not passive spaces - they are active, essential forces for equity, education and civic life.

As a former educator, I believe in the importance of literacy and education. Books provide insight into our history and help us to understand other cultures. Books are also a way to explore what is possible. At a time when information is increasingly locked behind paywalls, curated by algorithms, or restricted outright, the public library remains one of the few institutions where access to knowledge is truly free and impartial exploration is encouraged.

The BECPL has also committed to investing over \$100,000 of donated funds across its 37 branches for public-facing equipment, technology and programming. This investment will give local libraries, especially those with limited resources, an opportunity to improve their spaces in a way that will directly benefit the public need.

While library branches are present in nearly every municipality across Erie County, services like the Bookmobile and Library by Mail provide access to those who may have a transportation or medical barrier. All library card holders also have access to apps like Libby and Hoopla, where patrons are able to download books, audiobooks, magazines, music and more!

The free Library by Mail service brings library materials to the homebound through the mail on a long-term or short-term basis. Anything you can check out from the physical library can be checked out with Library by Mail including books (regular and large print), audiobooks, international language materials, CDs and DVDs.

To sign up for Library by Mail, complete the application available at www.buffalolib.org/mobile-services/library-mail, and send to the Central Library (1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo). To view the upcoming Bookmobile event schedule or to request the Bookmobile at your event, visit www.buffalolib.org/mobile-services/bookmobile.

With our students back in school, I encourage families to take advantage of all the unique resources the library has to offer. Select branches offer sports kits for patrons to borrow. Branches can also provide help with homework and access to educator-reviewed databases.

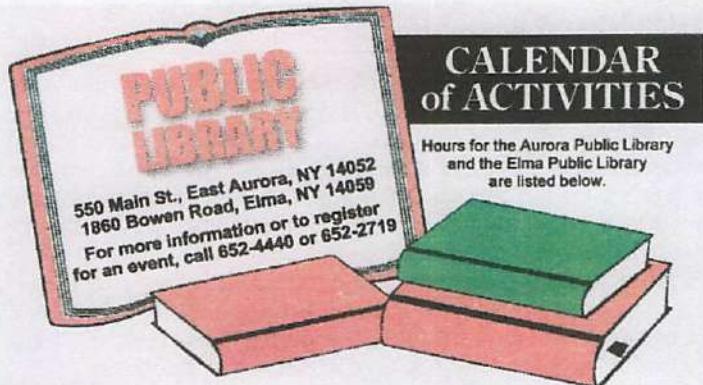
These great resources are only available if you have a library card. Library cards are free to residents of New York state. Visit a branch to apply or go to www.buffalolib.org/library-cards to sign up online.

In July we lost a beloved member of our community, BECPL Director John Spears. Our libraries are a point of pride across Erie County and John was a great leader and advocate for much of the funding and resources that make our library system so wonderful. I express my heartfelt condolences to John's family and his other loved ones. The Freedom to Read campaign was very near to John's heart and I encourage all who are able to consider donating in John's memory at <https://bl.buffalolib.org/SpearsMemorial>.



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Library Gallery Tour

Tour an exquisite fine art collection at the library on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. This cultural treasure showcases works from talented artists such as Alexis Jean Fournier, Sandor Leopold Landeau, and A.V. Warshawsky. This presentation will be led by Grace Meibohm, owner of Meibohm Fine Arts, and local artist, Connie Payne. Registration is required. Please call or stop by the library to sign up.

Air-Dry Clay

Looking for something new to get creative with? Air-dry clay is accessible and versatile, and you don't need a kiln to cure it! Teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to join us on two craft nights, where we will have everything you need to make coasters, a trinket dish, a phone holder, or anything your heart desires. The first session will be for sculpting, and the second session will be for painting your project, so registering for both nights is highly encouraged! This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and space is limited. Call or stop by the library to sign up.

library! Families with children ages 2 to 11 years are invited to the Aurora Town Public Library for Trick or Read Story Walk during regular open hours, October 20 to 25. The event will feature a walkable story, Gustavo the Shy Ghost by Flavia Z. Drago, crafts, and a free book for every child who pre-registers. Please call 652-4440 or visit 550 Main Street to sign up. Online registration is also available at bit.ly/ATPLprograms. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Story-Walk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Elma Public Library
1860 Bowen Rd, Elma
716-652-2719

Celebrate Frida Kahlo

On Thursday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m., celebrate the art of Mexico's most famous female artist - Frida Kahlo. Learn to create your own picture story in an imaginative way. This will be taught over Zoom. Call the library to register and visit their website for the Zoom link.

Apple-Palooza

It's apple season, let's make something delicious! On

Story & Snack at East Aurora Cooperative Market

Children ages 3 to 8 years with a caregiver are invited to "Story & a Snack", presented by the Aurora Town Public Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. Join the library at the East Aurora Co-operative Market, 591 Main St., for fun food-themed stories and games, followed by a complimentary snack. Registration is not required.

Library Gallery Tour

Children ages 3 to 10-years old, and their caregivers, are invited to the Aurora Town Public Library for a reading by local author, Mrs. Amber Partisano at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. Partisano, a teacher at East Aurora's Parkdale Elementary School, will share her children's picture book "Our Fox Rocks," an inclusive story that celebrates love, teamwork, and the ways families and communities can support children of all abilities. Following the reading, she will hold a book signing, with 10% of proceeds benefiting the Aurora Town Public Library. Registration is required. Please call or stop by the library to sign up. Registration is also available online at bit.ly/ATPLprograms.

Trick or Read StoryWalk

Enjoy Halloween thrills and not-so-spooky chills at the

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Packed House

Connie Payne speaks on Sept. 25 to a full audience at the Aurora Town Public Library about Alexis Fournier and his work as an artist. This discussion was a collaboration between the library and the Aurora Historical Society for its speaker series.

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Art History

Gallery owner Grace Meibohm speaks to an audience at the Aurora Town Public Library on Sept. 25 about artist Alexis Fournier. This discussion of Fournier's work was a collaboration between the library and the Aurora Historical Society for its speaker series.



Fall Events at the Aurora 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 occur by calling the library at 716-652-4440 or signing up in person.

Story and Snack

Registration is not required for children 3 to 8-years-old to participate in "Story & a Snack" at 11 a.m. Oct. 4. Join a librarian at the East Aurora Co-operative Market, 591 Main St., for fun food-themed stories and games, followed by a complimentary snack.

Author Visit

Local author Amber Partisano will be at the library at 11 a.m. Oct. 18. Also a teacher at Parkdale Elementary School, Partisano will share her children's picture book "Our Fox Rocks"—an inclusive story that celebrates love, teamwork and the ways families and communities can support children of all abilities. Following the reading, she will hold a book signing, with 10 percent of proceeds benefiting the Aurora Town Public Library. Registration is required. Registration is also available online at bit.ly/ATPLprograms. This author visit

is geared for children 3 to 10-years-old.

StoryWalk

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Walk to Your Library Day

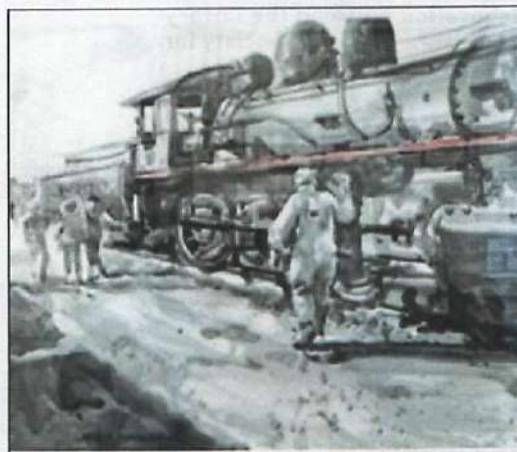
Gordon, left, and Erin Block with their son, Sullivan, pose outside the Aurora Town Public Library during the library's Walk to Your Library Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 27. The event welcomed more than 60 guests for an afternoon of crafts, cider, donuts and giveaways. Co-sponsored by the East Aurora Cooperative Market, Paula's Donuts, and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, the event also introduced visitors to the library's new mascot, Reada Owl.

Photo by Joan Erickson

Aurora Library Seeks Input

The Aurora Town Public Library wants feedback. Parents and caregivers of children up to 17-years-old are invited to take part in a survey to help guide the library's programs and material selections. The survey will be open now through Wednesday, Nov. 5.

All responses are anonymous. Take the survey by visiting bit.ly/45xf4gC or stop by the library at 550 Main Street for a paper copy.



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Larry Nagode's watercolor 'Good to Go' is one of several pieces of art by members of the East Aurora Art Society on display at the Aurora Town Public Library through Nov. 21 during the Fall Fine Art Show

Art Society Show At Local Library

The Fall Fine Art Show of the East Aurora Art Society (EAAS) is on exhibit during regular library hours at the Aurora Town Public Library, 550 Main St., from now through Nov. 21.

The public is asked to vote for their favorites in both the lobby glass display case and in the community room using paper ballots provided.

The first place artist will win a blue ribbon, second place receives a red ribbon and third place receives a yellow ribbon.

Admission is free, with

free parking at the library, and along Main Street.

The EAAS sends its thanks to the library staff for all their assistance on our setup day, and the art society members who volunteered and made the entire setup go very smoothly, as always.

The art society meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month from September through June at the Aurora Senior Citizen Center, located at 101 King St at Oakwood Avenue.

For more information, visit eaartsociety.weebly.com.

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Co-op Manager Jessica Armbrust, Reada Owl and children's librarian Alison Lawrence participate in Walk to Your Library Day.

Aurora Library Participates in Walk to Your Library Day

On Saturday, Sept. 27, people of all ages were greeted by Reada Owl and children's librarian Alison Lawrence to "Walk to Your Library Day" at the Aurora Town Public Library. Sixty-four participants enjoyed cider, donuts, crafts and giveaways.

"Thank you to our community partners, the East Aurora Co-Operative Market, Paula's Donuts and the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, for sponsoring this free family-friendly event," a spokesperson for the library said.

Bring Your Own Book—A Silent Book Club

Like the idea of a book club, but wish there wasn't any assigned reading or pressure to talk? Come to the Aurora Town Public Library with a book, audiobook (with headphones), or other reading material of your choosing and enjoy some dedicated reading time by our fireplace. Feel free to bring a covered coffee or tea. At the end of the blissful hour of reading, attendees may choose to socialize—or not. This free program is geared for adults 19+ and will take place on Tuesday, October 7, November 4, and December 2 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration is not required. Registration is required. Sign up by calling or stopping into the library or registering online, here: bit.ly/ATPLprograms

YA Book Club: Historical Fiction

Join the Aurora Town Public Library's team of teen volunteers while they work on designing a new Dungeons and Dragons program for Spring 2026! This month, we will hone our leadership and organizational skills by determining how participants will engage, creating publicity materials to promote the program, and establishing our budget for each dungeon session. This month, we will be meeting on Monday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. Teens aged 13-18 are encouraged to learn more about how library programs are organized and make an impact on our community. Registration is required, and space is limited! Please call (716) 652-4440 or visit bit.ly/ATPLprograms to sign up to-

day! The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library is the sponsor of this free event.

Library Leaders: Program Design Night

Join our team of teen volunteers while they work on designing a new Dungeons and Dragons program for Spring 2026! This month, we will hone our leadership and organizational skills by determining how participants will engage, creating publicity materials to promote the program, and establishing our budget for each dungeon session. This month, we will be meeting on Monday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. Teens aged 13-18 are encouraged to learn more about how library programs are organized and make an impact on our community. Registration is required, and space is limited! Registration is required. Sign up by calling or stopping into the library or registering online, here: bit.ly/ATPLprograms

Aurora Book Club

Come to the Aurora Town Public Library to discuss the book, "The Lady in Gold" by Anne-Marie O'Connor, on November 6 at 6:30 pm. This free program is geared toward adults. Space is limited and registration is required.

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LEGO Club

Attention all Lego lovers! Kids ages 6 and up are invited to join us at the Aurora Town Public Library for Saturday Morning Lego Club! Fall sessions will be held on Saturday, November 8 and December 6, at 11 a.m. During each session, a theme will be presented, and finished Lego projects will be displayed in the library for the rest of the month. Registration is required. Sign up by calling or stopping into the library or registering online, here: bit.ly/ATPLprograms

Studio Night

If you want to make art, but don't have the time or the space to do it at home, why not join our Studio Night? Aurora Town Public Library invites teen artists, 12 and up, of all skills to come together, create, and collaborate with each other in ATPL's community space! This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

ATPL Cooking Club: Sourdough Basics

Have you always wanted to try your hand at making sourdough? Did you miss our first class? Then join us at Aurora Town Public Library Cooking Club with a SECOND beginner workshop on sourdough basics. Adults, 15+, who were unable to attend our first session are invited to try their hand at making sourdough. are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will receive beginning instruction on making their own

starter that they get to take home, a chance for Q & A, and will be given a booklet with instructions & recipes! Pre-registration is required to ensure we have enough materials. Registration is required to ensure we have enough materials. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Registration is required. Sign up by visiting bit.ly/ATPLprograms or calling 716-652-4440.

Books Gone Bad!

Writing and Art Contest for NANOWRIMO

In honor of National Novel Writing Month, we will be hosting a combined writing and art contest to create the WORST BOOK EVER! Teens ages 13 — 18 are encouraged to bring a team (no more than 4 people) and a whole lot of BAD IDEAS. All winners will get a prize! Contest entries will be created during a special library event from 1 to 2 pm on Saturday, November 15, and voting will be open to the public through November 29. Registration is required, and space is limited! Please call 716-652-4440 or visit bit.ly/ATPLprograms to sign up today! The Friends of the Aurora Town Public

Local Author will Sign Books At The Aurora Public Library

Author Sudhir Suchak will be signing copies of his new book called "Last Boat to Freedom" following a presentation at the Aurora Town Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 25.

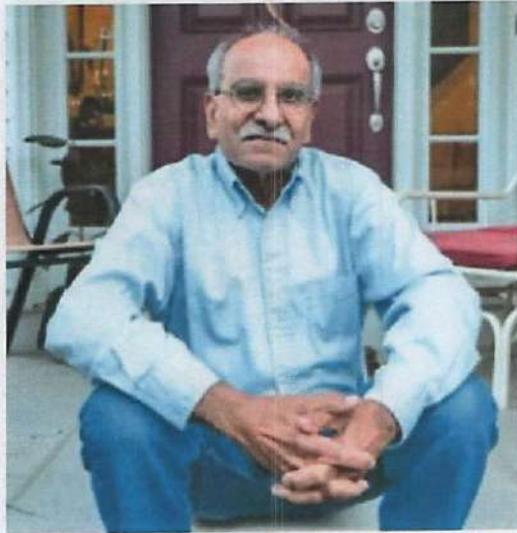
At just 18-years-old, Suchak made a daring escape from the island of Zanzibar in East Africa. Fleeing a repressive regime, political violence and the trauma of a genocide that tore apart the fabric of his family; he trusted his father's belief that boarding a ship with the ultimate goal of reaching America, would lead to a better life. Hidden aboard a steamship, escaping with nothing but hope in his heart, he risked everything for a chance at freedom, never seeing his father again.

His journey from stowaway to survivor unfolded not just across continents, but through dislocation, discovery and the long and onerous work to start anew in a country he had never seen.

Told with unflinching honesty and in vivid detail; "Last Boat to Freedom" traces the cost of survival - from the trauma left behind on the island, the perilous journey as a stowaway, brutal violence, and the first bewildering year in America. He learned firsthand what it means to belong in a land that promised freedom but didn't always offer acceptance.

Decades later, he returned to Zanzibar with his family, walking through the streets of his childhood, now transformed by time and memory. What he found was both familiar and foreign, a powerful reminder of what was lost and what was gained.

"Last Boat to Freedom"



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At the Aurora Town Public Library, local author Sudhir Suchak will be signing copies of his new book called "Last Boat to Freedom" following a presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 25.

is a testament to resilience, perseverance, identity and the enduring power of a single choice.

Suchak was born on the island of Zanzibar off the coast of East Africa and coming-of-age through the bloody Zanzibar revolution and genocide of the 1960s. As a teenager, he fled his homeland under the cover of darkness as a stowaway with only 300 shillings and a passport and began a daring journey of perseverance and survival. He spent many of his formative years writing his thoughts on what had transpired during that journey that would eventually make their way into his story. More than fifty years later, "Last Boat to Freedom," his debut book, provides readers with a passionate and inspiring first person look into a childhood among the clove plantations of Zanzibar, the island's descent into darkness during the little

known Zanzibar revolution and the eighteen months of unforeseen events that followed his escape. It culminates with his personal journey full of obstacles, tragedy and perseverance to find freedom and opportunity. Now living in the United States, he teaches at the University at Buffalo.



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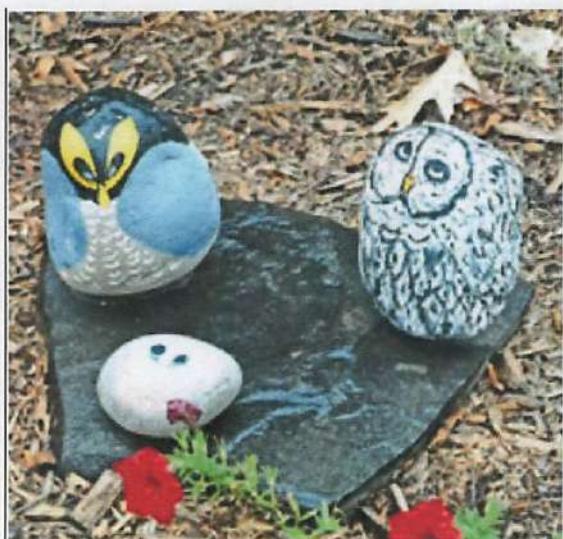


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Birds of a Feather

Three birds painted onto rocks now stand in front of the Town of Aurora Public Library on Main Street.

Aurora Town Public Library Holds Holiday Basket Raffle

Support the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library by purchasing a chance to win a holiday gift basket from Nov. 3 through Dec. 11, during regular library hours. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5 and will be available at the front desk of the library, located at 550 Main St., East Aurora. Winners will be randomly selected at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Featured baskets include a Bills Fan basket,

a \$100 gift certificate to HomeGoods, a spectacular Holiday artificial floral arrangement, a gift certificate for a free piano tuning, a delicious tea basket with tea, honey and cookies, two children's baskets with books and games, an original painting by artist Kathleen Kelleher with bird seed and a window bird feeder, a four piece Copper Chef Cooker Set

with a \$50 Tops gift card, a two-volume set of "Joy of Cooking," an original Christmas slate by artist Joe Orlowski and more.

Proceeds from this raffle will help fund programs for all ages as well as support new seating for the children's area, including a new Sit & Play Snake—a beloved icon of the library, beanbag seats, a lounge seat, a soft rocker and improved storage for periodicals.

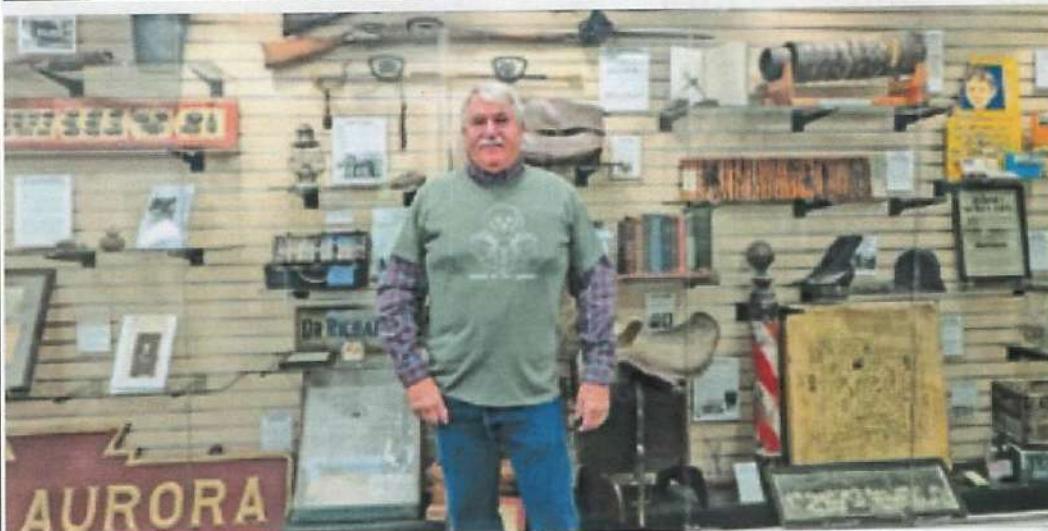
Lorigo Offers Office Hours At Aurora Public Library

Erie County Legislator Lindsay Lorigo will be hosting community office hours to hear from residents about their issues of

concern. The meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Aurora Town Public Library, located at 550 Main St.

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

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Support Literacy, One T-Shirt at a Time

Town Supervisor Charles Snyder is supporting literacy by wearing a "Friend of the Library" t-shirt—featuring an original design by local artist Kurt Almond. T-shirts are available in youth unisex sizes (small, medium and large) and adult unisex sizes (small,

medium, large and XL). All sizes are \$15 each, with all proceeds benefiting the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library, a 501(c) (3) non-profit group that believes that libraries are essential to a community. Call 716-652-4440 for more information.



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Trick or Read

Over 250 children and their caregivers strolled their way through the Aurora Town Public Library to read the sweetly spooky story, "Gustavo, the Shy Ghost," by Flavia Z. Drago last week) at the library's annual Trick or Read StoryWalk. Registrants took home free Scholastic paperbacks courtesy of the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Three winners were treated to prize bags with Halloween books and candy. Pictured is raffle winner Michael Enser with his grandparent Bonnie Groh.

Fall Events at the Aurora 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 occur by calling the library at 716-652-4440, by visiting bit.ly/ATPLprograms or signing up in person.

Silent Book Club

The library will offer cosy space by the fireplace for people to read or listen to audiobooks together from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. Feel free to bring a covered coffee or tea. At the end of the blissful hour of reading, attendees may choose to socialize—or not. This free program is geared for adults.

Movie Boxes

Movie lovers can come to the library, complete a survey and get all that is needed for movie night. Each box will have two movies based on survey results, free popcorn and candy. Boxes will be available for pickup starting on Dec. 1, during

regular library hours, at the front desk. A survey must be completed to participate at bit.ly/46cnnNS.

LEGO Club

Children over 6-years-old are invited to join us at the library for Saturday Morning LEGO Club. Fall sessions will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. During this session, a theme will be presented and finished LEGO projects will be displayed in the library for the rest of the month.

Charcuterie Boards

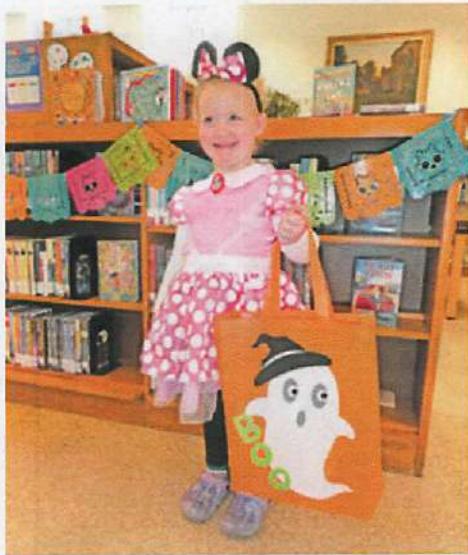
Cooking Club for teenagers and adults is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. Learning to create the perfect entertaining board can be overwhelming, and often, it's hard to find a place to start. With the holidays around the corner, Cooking Club has you covered. Join us to learn a few new tips and tricks for building a beautiful charcuterie board. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Young Adult Book Club
Teens ages 13 to 18-years-old will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 to talk about the mysteries the club is solving, play some games, eat snacks and do a craft. The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library is the sponsor of this free event.

Prep Night

Join the team of teen volunteers while getting ready for the first Dungeons and Dragons program for January 2026. This month, we will be using creative magic to get dungeon materials ready, create fun decorations and pick prizes for the first session winner. Teens aged 13 to 18-years-old are encouraged to learn more about how library programs are organized and make an impact on our community. This month, we will be meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library is the sponsor of this free event.

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for Monday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. Sign up by visiting bit.ly/ATPLprograms or calling 716-652-4440.

Elma Public Library
1860 Bowen Road
716-652-2719

Fall Book Sale

The Elma Public Library will hold their annual Fall Book Sale during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 7 to Saturday, Nov. 8. Large selection of adult and children's books for sale, as well as movies and music are available for purchase. Bags can be filled for \$5.

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**Raffle
Winner**

Emme Alger wins the Halloween Raffle at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street last week.



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The "Library of Things" at the Aurora Town Public Library now includes a portable karaoke machine, telescope, projector screen with stand, corn toss, Bluetooth speaker and power bank. All items are available to borrow with an adult library card during regular hours.

**Try Something New
In November**

The Aurora Town Public Library's collection of shareable, non-traditional materials—known as the "Library of Things"—has increased in size following a generous donation from Kenneth Klocek. New additions include a portable karaoke machine, telescope, projector screen with stand, corn toss, Bluetooth speaker and power bank.

Several board and card games have been funded with this monetary gift. Patrons can now borrow Phase 10, Skip-

Bo, Uno, Rummikub, Hitser, Exploding Kittens, Wingspan, Root, Herd Mentality, Herd Mentality Moosic & Moovies, Doomlings, Chameleon, Catan and Cranium.

Borrowing an item from the "Library of Things" can provide a solution for game nights, parties, or trying something new. All items in the collection are free to check out with an adult library card.

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



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The Art of Sourdough

Sarah Maurer from Thorpe's Organic Family Farm taught 22 people how to make a sourdough starter at the Aurora Town Public Library last week.

Household Drive Organized by Lorigo

Erie County Legislator Lindsay Lorigo has announced an initiative aimed at helping those in need. Lorigo's office will be collecting essential household items to distribute to the Rural Outreach Center, FISH of East Aurora, Bread of Life Outreach Center, Springville Trading Post Community Care Center and the West Seneca Community Food Pantry.

Items that are needed include laundry supplies, disinfectant wipes and spray, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, sponges/rushes, trash bags, rubber

gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, washcloths and towels.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations through November:

- Aurora Town Public Library
- West Falls Colden Community Library
- Elma Public Library
- Aurora Senior Center
- Wales Primary School
- Holland Middle School
- Holland Senior High School

For more information, contact Legislator Lorigo's office at 716-858-8922 or email Lindsay.Lorigo@erie.gov

Share the Joy of Reading this Season

This holiday season, the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library invite the community to share the joy of reading by shopping at the ongoing book sale. Hardcover books cost \$2 each. Paperbacks and movies are \$1 each. Puzzles are individually priced. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of the Library, a

501(c)(3) non-profit group that promotes and assists the library in funding programs, materials, furniture, and equipment.

The library is located on 550 Main Street in East Aurora. For more information, call 716-652-4440.

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Reading Winner

Cynthia Bojak is a Bookish Bingo winner at the Aurora Town Public Library. She received a \$50 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate after completing the reading challenge sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Warm & Cozy Story

Celebrate winter coziness at a story time for children ages birth-5 years and their caregivers at the Aurora Town Public Library at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Enjoy stories, songs, a game and a craft. Registration is required. To sign up, call or stop by the library or register online at bit.ly/ATPLprograms.

Graham Cracker House Making

Children ages 3-teen are invited to build and decorate a graham cracker house at the Aurora Town Public Library. Sessions are available at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, for ages 3-11 (under 8 with a helper); at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, for teens 12+; or at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, for an allergy-friendly session (no nuts, milk, egg or wheat). Registration is required. Call 716-652-4440, stop by 550 Main Street, or register online at bit.ly/ATPLprograms. Sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Noon Year's Eve

Families with children

ages 2-12 can celebrate early during the library's Noon Year's Eve party from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Activities include games, crafts, snacks and a countdown to noon. Registration is available by phone, in person or online. Sponsored by the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library.

Elma Public Library 1860 Bowen Road 716-652-2719

B.Y.O. Book Club

The library will host its B.Y.O. Book Club at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Readers can bring a current read or a recent favorite to discuss with fellow book lovers.

Dance With Me

A creative movement, musicality, dance, fitness and tumbling class for ages 18 months to 3 years will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5. Call 716-652-2719 to register.

Elma Cooks! — Cook-book Club

The Elma Cooks! Cook-book Club meets at 6 p.m.

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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 occur by calling the library at 716-652-4440, by visiting bit.ly/ATPLprograms or signing up in person.

Silent Book Club

The library will offer cosy space by the fireplace for people to read or listen to audiobooks together from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and March 3. Feel free to bring a covered coffee or tea. At the end of the blissful hour of reading, attendees may choose to socialize—or not. This free program is geared for adults.

Tech Help

Adults who are interested in learning more about the tools their devices have to make it easier to see, hear and work with them can register for a one-on-one technology consultation with an accessibility expert through the library to review helpful tools available on smartphones, tablets, Kindles and laptops. Appointments are available on an ongoing basis.

Book Club

A book club discussing the book "Amsterdam" by Ian McEwan, will take place on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. This program is geared for adults.

LEGO Club

Children over 6-years-old are invited to join us at the library for Saturday Morning LEGO Club. Winter sessions will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 and Feb. 17.

7. During each session, a theme will be presented and finished LEGO projects will be displayed in the library for the rest of the month.

Young Adult Book Club

Teenagers are welcome to join the library at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 to explore stories that challenge people to speak up for social justice through activism. At this meeting, participants will talk about the causes that speak to them, eat snacks and make a craft.

DnD Night

Teenagers are invited to take their fantasy "nerdom" to the next level with a beginner friendly, no commitment game of Dungeons & Dragons (DnD) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. DnD is a creative role-playing game full of fantasy, friendship and math. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Technology Training

On Monday, Jan. 26 a hands-on computer training with a free 45-minute session designed to assist with software support or Internet training will take place. Appointment times are available for 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. This free program is designed for adults over 19-years-old.

Stress Less Week

During mid-term week Jan. 20 to 23, teenagers are invited for a series of relaxing programs. Activities will include a Cozy Board Games Night with snacks at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, a Mindfulness and Movement class at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Making Bath Bombs at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 and the chance to chill with a therapy dog on Friday at 3 p.m. Jan. 23.

Collection Grows at Aurora Library

Following a donation from Kenneth Kloczek, the Aurora Town Public Library has added Yoto Mini Player Kits to the collection of items for children to borrow.

Designed for children 2 to 12-years-old, each kit includes a compact carrying case with a Yoto Mini, headphones and a selection of stories, music and activities—

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Jack Sitar斯基 of East Aurora, trying out one of the new Yoto Mini Kits that were recently donated to the Aurora Town Public Library.



all preloaded and ready to play without Wi-Fi. The device has no camera, no microphone and is completely free of advertising, offering a safe and distraction-free listening experience. With long battery life and a screen-free design, the kits provide a simple, travel-friendly way to keep young minds engaged.

Two themed Yoto Mini Player Kits, "Road Trip" and "Bedtime" are now available to borrow with an adult library card. For more information, stop by 550 Main Street or call 716-652-4440.



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Town Highway Superintendent David Gunner wears a "Friend of the Library" t-shirt, currently for sale at the Aurora Town Public Library. Each purchase helps to enhance programs and services at the library, located at 550 Main St.

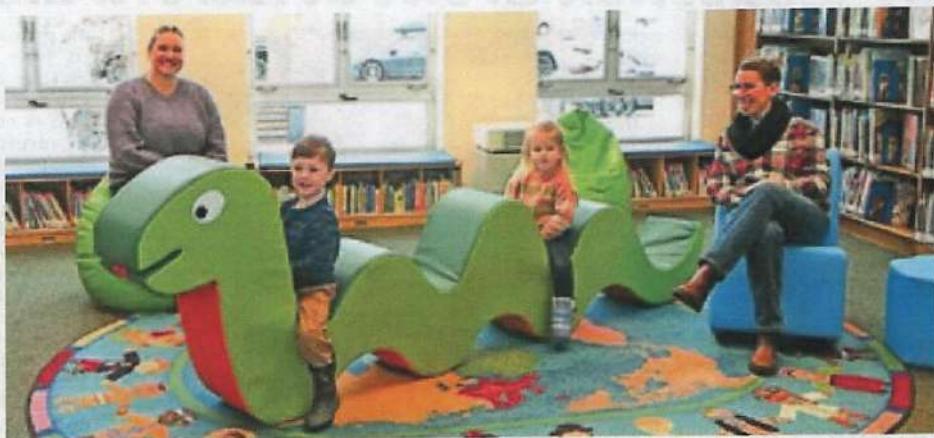
Gift a T-Shirt that Gives Back to the Community

Behind the wheel of his snowplow, Town Highway Superintendent David Gunner keeps the roads of Aurora safe while wearing a "Friend of the Library" t-shirt. This holiday season, share in his community spirit and support the local library by picking up a limited edition t-shirt featuring an original design by local artist Kurt Almond. They can also be gifts for library

lovers on the shopping list. Each purchase helps to enhance programs and services of the Aurora Town Public Library.

T-shirts are available in youth unisex sizes (small, medium and large) and adult unisex sizes (small, medium, large, XL, 2XL and 3XL). All sizes are \$15 each. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. The library is located at 550 Main Street in East Aurora.

Aurora Town Public Library
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Director's Report: December 2025



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Snake Returns

Young patrons at the Aurora Town Public Library celebrate the long-awaited return of the library's colorful lounging snake to the children's area last week. The space also received new beanbag seating, a child-safe rocker and an ottoman, all funded by the

Friends of the Library. Community members are invited to stop in and enjoy this space for young children and their caregivers. [L to R] Orchard Park resident Hailey Pruch with her son, Henrik and West Falls resident Evelyn Donovan with her mom, Meghan.



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Cooking Club

At this month's Cooking Club at the Aurora Town Public Library, 21 participants, including Maria Pitt and Donna Bodekor, learn how to

create delicious, visually appealing charcuterie boards for festive gatherings. The class was led by Gina Martin, owner of A Board Above.

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Holland resident Norma Zaremski wins a basket at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street.



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Colden resident Erik Maeder is a 2025 Holiday Raffle Winner at the Aurora Town Public Library on Main Street.

Friends of the Library Share Gift Basket Raffle Results

The 2025 Friends of the Library Holiday Gift Basket Raffle is considered a success. Rhoda Zucker spearheaded the organizers to be a

fundraiser, which generated \$978. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group that believes a library is

Library Board Meetings in 2026

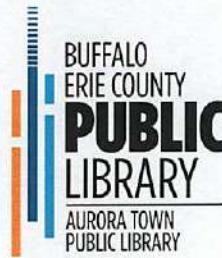
The board for the Aurora Town Public Library will meet at 6 p.m. on the following Mondays throughout the year at

the library, located at 550 Main Street: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and

Dec. 14.

The meeting schedule is subject to change should emergencies arise or if quorum will not be present. Call the library at 716-652-4440 to verify meeting dates.

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Compliance Officer Report

The Whistleblower Program of the Aurora Town Public Library received 0 new reports.

January 1 through December 31, 2025

The Whistleblower Program closed 0 reports in 2025.

- The program closed 0 of the 0 reports within 0 days of receipt.
- Of the 0 reports closed, 0 reached closure after an investigation.
- Of the 0 investigations closed, 0 resulted in the Governance Committee taking 0 corrective or preventive actions.
- The program substantiated allegations, including those concerning:

At the end of the year, the Whistleblower had 15 reports open.

Compliance Officer Signature

Date



MEMORANDUM

T O: Contract Library Directors and Managers

F R O M: Tracy Palicki, Library Administrative Manager

S U B J E C T: 2026 Budget

D A T E: January 7, 2026

Attached please find a copy of the Buffalo & Erie County Public (B&ECPL) Board Resolution 2025-44, adopting the 2026 Budget.

The adoption 2026 Budget includes changes to your Library's 2026 Budget, which include the following:

2026 Page wages increase to reflect the 12/31/2025 New York State minimum wage \$.50 per hour increase to \$16.00 per hour.

Corresponding increase in Sr Page wages to maintain \$1.00 per hour differential from Page rates.

Contractually obligated increases in personnel costs per Collective Bargaining Agreements in force as of January 1st 2026.

Adjustments in general operating revenues and expenses.

All other terms and conditions of the currently contract between the "Library" and B&ECPL will remain in effect per *Article 1 (C) Next Year Contract Extension*.

Please contact me at 716-858-7163 or palickit@buffalolib.org with any question.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING DATE: December 18, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: J.2.

RESOLUTION: 2025-44
Adoption of 2026 Budget

BACKGROUND:

On December 5, the Erie County Legislature adopted a 2026 County Budget with amendments. The Legislature-approved amendments did not change the County Executive's 2026 Proposed Budget allocation for the Library Fund.

The 2026 Operating and Grants Budget sustains library operations and services. It prioritizes public access to resources, programs and services to help us serve our communities. A county funding increase of \$928,420 (3%) will help offset inflation related impacts on library operating costs, including contractually obligated labor costs, increase in the minimum wage, costs of supplies and utilities in this challenging fiscal environment.

The Library's overall operating budget, including State Aid and library revenue, increases 4% from 2025's \$34,669,428 to \$36,080,060 in 2026. Including recurring grants, the combined total increase is 4.1% from 2025's \$35,270,846 to \$36,719,941 in 2026.

While not part of the Library's operating budget, the County's Capital Budget provides: \$160,000 in bonded funds for Vehicle Replacements and \$2,000,000 in "bonded funds for a Various Improvements & Upgrades.

The minimum wage increase directly impacts Part-time Page wages, \$16.00 per hour. Further, it impacts the competitiveness and the Library's ability to hire in positions with wages scales near the new rate. Part-time Page, and Senior Page positions are not represented by a bargaining unit. That means they are not eligible to receive wage scale adjustments without approval by the System Board of Trustees, which occurred as part of the budget process in preparing the 2026 Proposed Budget. Senior Pages will be increased to \$17.00 per hour.

2026 Budget in Brief Charts are included for your review and action.

ACTION REQUIRED:
Motion to approve Resolution 2025-44

RESOLUTION 2025-44

WHEREAS, on December 5, the Erie County Legislature finalized the County's 2026 Budget allocation for the Library, and

WHEREAS, the County's enacted budget provides a 3% increase in County Library Property Tax allocation from 2025's \$30,947,322 to \$31,875,741 in 2026, and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) to sustain operations, prioritizing public access to resources, programs and services to help us serve our communities, and

WHEREAS, it helps to offset inflation-related impacts on library operating costs, including contractually obligated labor costs, a \$0.50 per hour increase in the minimum wage, and costs of supplies and utilities in this challenging fiscal environment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to the County Executive for recommending the funding and to the County Legislature in approving the recommended funding, and

WHEREAS, strong public support for the B&ECPL reinforces both the continuing need for innovative and responsive library services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library adopts the 2026 Budget, utilizing the following sources to provide library services in 2026:

\$31,875,741 – County Property Tax for Library Purposes

\$ 2,570,458 – New York State Aid – Operating Budget

\$ 1,200,000 – Use of Fund Balance

\$ 433,861 – Library Fines, Fees and Other Revenue

\$36,080,060 – Total Operating Budget

\$ 639,881 – Library Recurring Grants Budget

\$36,719,941 – Combined Operating and Grants Budget, further detailed in the *2026 Budget in Brief Charts*, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the budget documents and schedules be promptly posted on the Library's website and the Library Director or designee(s) are authorized to execute all needed forms and accounting entries to implement this budget promptly.

Approved
unanimously at a meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Buffalo &
Erie County Public Library
on December 18, 2025

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Aurora Town Public Library

BUDGET: AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

| DESCRIPTION | As per Res 2024-27 | | | As per Res 2025-44 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2025 | | 2025 BUDGET | 2026 | | 2026 BUDGET |
| | Contract Direct | Library Paid | Total | Contract Direct | Library Paid | Total |
| PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| SALARIES & WAGES, FULL TIME | - | 166,791 | 166,791 | - | 185,807 | 185,807 |
| WAGES, REGULAR PART-TIME | | | - | | | - |
| WAGES, PART TIME | | 180,831 | 180,831 | | 189,064 | 189,064 |
| OVERTIME (Sunday) | | | - | | | - |
| OTHER (Vacation Buyout) | | | - | | | - |
| TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES | - | 347,622 | 347,622 | - | 374,871 | 374,871 |
| REDUCTION FRM PERS. SVCS ACCT | | (5,730) | (5,730) | | | - |
| CONTRACTUAL SALARY RESERVES | | 10,574 | 10,574 | | | - |
| FRINGE BENEFITS | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYER FICA | | 26,592 | 26,592 | | 28,678 | 28,678 |
| EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE | | 47,628 | 47,628 | | 44,760 | 44,760 |
| DENTAL PLAN | | 1,809 | 1,809 | | 872 | 872 |
| WORKERS COMPENSATION | | 2,155 | 2,155 | | 2,062 | 2,062 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE | | 591 | 591 | | 675 | 675 |
| HOSPITAL & MEDICAL - RETIREES | | 17,513 | 17,513 | | 18,581 | 18,581 |
| HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER | | - | - | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| RETIREMENT | | 30,109 | 30,109 | | 35,838 | 35,838 |
| TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS | - | 126,397 | 126,397 | - | 137,466 | 137,466 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | - | 2,966 | 2,966 | - | 3,601 | 3,601 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE CHARGES | | | | | | |
| OTHER SUPPLIES & MATERIALS | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 800 | | 800 | 800 | | 800 |
| REPAIRS & MAINT - MISC SYS | - | 1,439 | 1,439 | | 1,701 | 1,701 |
| TOTAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE CHARGES | 2,800 | 1,439 | 4,239 | 2,800 | 1,701 | 4,501 |
| TRAVEL & MILEAGE EXPENSES | 200 | | 200 | 200 | | 200 |
| DUES & FEES | | | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP & DUES | 20 | - | 20 | 20 | | 20 |
| TRAINING & EDUCATION (NYSALB, etc.) | | 1,151 | 1,151 | | 1,118 | 1,118 |
| TOTAL DUES & FEES | 20 | 1,151 | 1,171 | 20 | 1,118 | 1,138 |
| UTILITY CHARGES | | | | | | |
| WATER | 550 | | 550 | 550 | | 550 |
| SEWER | 800 | | 800 | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS | | | - | | | - |
| - WIRELESS ACCESS | - | 536 | 536 | | 369 | 369 |
| - DATA LINES | - | 345 | 345 | | 345 | 345 |
| - INTERNET - Internet access | - | 47 | 47 | | 48 | 48 |
| - EQUIPMENT MAINT | 500 | | 500 | 500 | | 500 |
| - LOCAL AND LD PHONE SERVICE | - | 936 | 936 | | 1,308 | 1,308 |
| TELEPHONE SUB-TOTAL | 500 | 1,864 | 2,364 | 500 | 2,070 | 2,570 |
| TOTAL UTILITY CHARGES | 1,850 | 1,864 | 3,714 | 2,050 | 2,070 | 4,120 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT & FEES | | | | | | |
| ADVERTISING & PROMOTION | | 2,618 | 2,618 | | 2,760 | 2,760 |
| MOVIE LICENSING AGREEMENT | | 243 | 243 | | 243 | 243 |
| OVERDRIVE DOWNLOADABLE LICENSE | - | 211 | 211 | - | 211 | 211 |
| SIRSI SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE | - | 3,205 | 3,205 | - | 3,058 | 3,058 |
| LIBRARY SPEAKER CONSORTIUM | | - | - | | 338 | 338 |
| ONLINE CATALOG (OCLC) | - | 3,525 | 3,525 | - | 3,827 | 3,827 |
| VITEC SOLUTIONS/COMPUTER SUPPORT | - | 1,353 | 1,353 | - | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| LEGAL FEES | - | 1,662 | 1,662 | - | 1,871 | 1,871 |
| RFID/OCR LABELS | | - | - | | 110 | 110 |
| OTHER PRINTED SUPPLIES | - | 36 | 36 | - | 47 | 47 |
| CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (DIRECT) | | - | - | | - | - |
| TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS | - | 12,853 | 12,853 | - | 13,865 | 13,865 |

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Aurora Town Public Library

BUDGET: AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

| DESCRIPTION | As per Res 2024-27 | | | As per Res 2025-44 | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | 2025 | 2025 BUDGET | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 BUDGET | 2026 |
| | Contract Direct | Library System Paid | Total | Contract Direct | Library System Paid | Total |
| MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS | | | | | | |
| OTHER SUP & MTLs - CONTRACT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MAINT CONTRACTS - SYS | - | 149 | 149 | - | 143 | 143 |
| TOTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS | - | 149 | 149 | - | 143 | 143 |
| OTHER EXPENSES & CHARGES | | | | | | |
| LIBRARY MATERIALS PROCESSING SUPPLIES | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RFID LABELS (NON-PRINT) | - | 873 | 873 | - | 1,104 | 1,104 |
| RESALE ITEMS (BAGS, DISK, HEADPHONES) | - | 123 | 123 | - | 134 | 134 |
| LIBRARY CARDS | - | 175 | 175 | - | - | - |
| DVD REPAIR | - | 35 | 35 | - | 55 | 55 |
| MISC PROGRAM EXPENSES | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 1,500 | - | 1,500 |
| NYS DISABILITY | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| POSTAGE | 100 | - | 100 | 100 | - | 100 |
| PRINTING | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ADVERTISING | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TRAINING | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| REFUSE PICKUP | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BANK CHARGES | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| JANITORIAL SERVICES | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES & CHARGES | 2,600 | 1,206 | 3,806 | 2,600 | 1,293 | 3,893 |
| CONTINGENCY | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS-Additional System Aid | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL CONTINGENCY | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RENTAL CHARGES | | | | | | |
| EQUIPMENT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL RENTAL CHARGES | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| INSURANCE CHARGES | | | | | | |
| INSURANCE | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE - SYS | - | 2,957 | 2,957 | - | 3,023 | 3,023 |
| TOTAL INSURANCE CHARGES | - | 2,957 | 2,957 | - | 3,023 | 3,023 |
| LAB & TECHNICAL EQUIP. | | | | | | |
| - | - | 1,712 | 1,712 | - | 2,279 | 2,279 |
| LIBRARY BOOKS & MEDIA | | | | | | |
| Serials (Magazines, Newspapers, Journals, Etc.) | - | 7,329 | 7,329 | - | 7,724 | 7,724 |
| On-line Databases (News, Health, Literary, Homework, Business, Etc.) | - | 6,125 | 6,125 | - | 7,320 | 7,320 |
| E-Content | - | 45,500 | 45,500 | - | 50,229 | 50,229 |
| Centrally Ordered Materials | - | 45,370 | 45,370 | - | 40,940 | 40,940 |
| Specialized Titles / Individual Orders | - | 7,504 | 7,504 | - | 11,233 | 11,233 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY BOOKS & MEDIA | - | 111,828 | 111,828 | - | 117,446 | 117,446 |
| INTERFUND UTILITY EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| NATURAL GAS | - | 5,073 | 5,073 | - | 5,461 | 5,461 |
| ELECTRICITY | - | 8,851 | 8,851 | - | 9,735 | 9,735 |
| TOTAL INTERFUND UTILITY EXPENDITURES | - | 13,924 | 13,924 | - | 15,196 | 15,196 |
| TOTAL INTERFUND EXP - COUNTY | | 2,346 | 2,346 | | 2,694 | 2,694 |

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Aurora Town Public Library

BUDGET: AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

| DESCRIPTION | As per Res 2024-27 | | | As per Res 2025-44 | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2025 | | 2025 BUDGET | 2026 | | 2026 BUDGET | | |
| | Contract Direct | Library Direct | System Paid | Total | Contract Direct | Library Direct | System Paid | Total |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 7,470 | | 633,258 | 640,728 | 7,670 | | 676,766 | 684,436 |
| REVENUE SOURCES | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY SHARE | 717 | | 633,258 | 633,975 | 665 | | 676,766 | 677,431 |
| STATE AID (Member Aid) | | | - | - | | | - | - |
| STATE AID (Pass through System) | 4,303 | | - | 4,303 | 4,405 | | - | 4,405 |
| SUB-TOTAL: SYSTEM APPROPRIATION | 5,020 | | 633,258 | 638,278 | 5,070 | | 676,766 | 681,836 |
| DIRECT LOCAL INCOME | Contract Library Direct | Return to System (CHR Share) | TOTAL | Contract Library Direct | Return to System (CHR Share) | TOTAL | | |
| FINES, LOST BOOKS, ETC | 150 | | 150 | 200 | - | 200 | | |
| COPY MACHINES | 500 | | 500 | 500 | - | 500 | | |
| PRINT COST RECOVERY | 1,700 | | 1,700 | 1,800 | - | 1,800 | | |
| OTHER REVENUES | 100 | | 100 | 100 | - | 100 | | |
| MUNICIPAL SUPPORT | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| DONATIONS | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| FUNDRAISING | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| INTEREST INCOME | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| USE OF FUND BALANCE | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| OTHER INCOME | - | | - | - | - | - | | |
| TOTAL DIRECT INCOME | 2,450 | | 2,450 | 2,600 | | 2,600 | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES | 7,470 | | 633,258 | 640,728 | 7,670 | | 676,766 | 684,436 |

| COUNTY SHARE vs OTHER REVENUE | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| COUNTY SHARE | 717 | 633,258 | 633,975 | 665 | 676,766 | 677,431 |
| STATE AID | 4,303 | 0 | 4,303 | 4,405 | 0 | 4,405 |
| DIRECT INCOME | 2,450 | 0 | 2,450 | 2,600 | 0 | 2,600 |
| SUBTOTAL OTHER REVENUE | 6,753 | 0 | 6,753 | 7,005 | 0 | 7,005 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 7,470 | 633,258 | 640,728 | 7,670 | 676,766 | 684,436 |

NOTE: Libraries participating in the Centralized Human Resources (CHR) program have their employees' salaries/wages and fringe benefits paid through the system, using Erie County's payroll system. Amounts paid by the contracting library directly are correspondingly reduced. This results in state aid and local revenues collected exceeding local expenses paid. The excess revenues over local expenses is returned to the system to help meet the contract library's payroll needs.

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Aurora Town Public Library

| EEGroup | Current Count | Job Title | Hours | Hours per week | Salary | Total Fringes | Total Cost |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 1 | LIBRARY DIRECTOR I Total | 2,088 | 40 | 73,124 | 45,983 | 119,107 |
| | 1 | LIBRARIAN I Total | 2,088 | 40 | 64,782 | 42,513 | 107,295 |
| | 1 | SENIOR LIBRARY CLERK CL Tc | 2,088 | 40 | 47,901 | 20,887 | 68,788 |
| FT Total | 3 | | 6,264 | 120 | 185,807 | 109,383 | 295,190 |
| | 6 | SENIOR PAGE PT Total | 3,172 | 61 | 53,924 | 8,336 | 62,260 |
| | 4 | PAGE (P.T.) Total | 1,040 | 20 | 16,640 | 1,920 | 18,560 |
| | 2 | LIBRARIAN I PT Total | 1,924 | 37 | 49,467 | 10,427 | 59,894 |
| | 1 | CARETAKER (PT) CL Total | 780 | 15 | 18,143 | 1,521 | 19,664 |
| | 1 | CLEANER (PT) CL Total | 676 | 13 | 12,712 | 2,679 | 15,391 |
| | 2 | CLERK-TYPIST (P.T.) CL Total | 1,976 | 38 | 38,178 | 3,200 | 41,378 |
| PT Total | 11 | | 7,228 | 139 | 149,284 | 22,728 | 172,012 |
| Grand Total | 19 | | 15,832 | 304 | 374,871 | 137,466 | 512,337 |
| | | FTE and Average Cost per FTE | | 7.61 | | | 67,324 |
| | | Full Time Salaries | | | \$185,807 | | |
| | | RPT Wages | | | \$0 | | |
| | | Part Time Wages | | | \$149,284 | | |
| | | Total Salaries & Wages | | | \$335,091 | | |
| | | Grand Total | | | \$335,091 | \$137,466 | \$512,337 |

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAGE & SR. PAGE HOURLY WAGE RATES

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2025

PAGE and SENIOR PAGE WAGE SCALES

December 31, 2025 - December 30, 2026

PAGE

Step 1

\$16.00

SENIOR PAGE

Step 1

\$17.00

NOTES:

Wage scales reflect rates approved as part of the 2026 Adopted Budget:

Page rates are consistent with mandated increases in the New York State Minimum Wage Law and Sr. Page rates are budgeted at \$0.50 above the minimum wage.

Report: ZTMR_PAYSCALE_REPORT
System: PRD/100/ZHR_PAYSCALES
User: SCHLOSSK

Payscale Type: Librarians

Erie County
Pay Scale Report
Pay Area: 19: Librarians

For: 01/01/2026

Page: 1
Date: 06/28/2025
Time: 14:55:39

Report: ZTMR_PAYSCALE_REPORT
System: PRD/100/ZHR_PAYSCALES
User: SCHLOSSK

Payscale Type: CMU Blue

Erie County
Pay Scale Report
Pay Area: 33: AFSCME CMU
For: 01/01/2026

Page: 1
Date: 06/28/2025
Time: 15:07:07

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | A | B | C | D | E |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| GRP 01 | 39112 | 41205 | 42779 | 44346 | 45398 | 46442 | 47100 | 47746 | 48397 | 49048 | 49700 |
| | 1504.32 | 1584.80 | 1645.36 | 1705.60 | 1746.08 | 1786.24 | 1811.52 | 1836.40 | 1861.44 | 1886.48 | 1911.52 |
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