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**Learning Choices Network Hosts
Open Learning Studios & Lifelong Learners Book Fair**

**Saturday, November 12, 2016
8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church, 3rd Floor
Next to West Herr on Main Street**

East Aurora, NY. Looking for an alternative to daycare or school that works better for your family? Join Learning Choices Network on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in East Aurora to explore local alternative programs. Learn more about the educational options that are available for all ages, with a focus on locally-led programs that foster creativity, critical thought, self-direction, intrinsic motivation, and community values.

Pick up breakfast and coffee or tea at Elm Street Bakery and meet at Academe of Aurora, a Waldorf-inspired college track homeschool cooperative that meets two days a week. Register and pick up organization information at Academe of Aurora, located on the 3rd floor for the First Presbyterian Church in East Aurora. Purchase beautiful books to aid your learning pursuits at the Lifelong Learners Book Fair, made possible by Barefoot Books, Buffalo Heritage Press, and Talking Leaves. Visit The Backyard Atelier, a nature-based playschool, for child-directed, loose parts, nature play; JoyWheel Yoga & Wellness Center, a local collective of wellness service providers and yoga school that supports individual, family, and community health; Mandala School, a small community school which favors hands-on, self paced, personal, John Dewey-inspired experiences; and Roycroft Artisans in Residence (hosted by watercolor artist Kateri Ewing), the historical home of the Arts & Crafts movement, which today includes metalwork, blown glass, painting, woodwork, block printing, jewelry, pen and ink, stained glass and more.

All participants are invited to return to Elm Street Bakery for lunch and to Academe of Aurora for continued conversation and book browsing.

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The Learning Choices Network is a community coalition of educators, independent schools, community activists, advocates, entrepreneurs, homeschoolers, friends and families working together to create, facilitate and promote alternative opportunities for authentic learning in the local community.