EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY

AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY | FEBRUARY 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
BOOKMOBILE TAKES AURORA FEB. 23-25

The Bookmobile is here! Aurora Public Library is excited to announce the official launch of the reimagined Bookmobile with a city tour. The Bookmobile will be located at various locations throughout Aurora from Feb. 23 to Feb. 25. The kickoff of the tour will take place at the Aurora Municipal Center on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Aurora Public Library’s Bookmobile allows mobile library services to patrons. The state-of-the-art vehicle is about 120 square feet and was made possible through the generous donation of Joan M. Schobert, an avid library patron whose last directives included the donation. The project started before the pandemic and was completed in late 2022.

A SNAPSHOT OF HISTORY:

1. Newspaper clipping advertising bookmobile location in June 1978. 2. Number of items checked out and fines collected from the bookmobile in June 1959. 3. Cover of the bookmobile’s 1971 annual report. 4: Views of Aurora Public Library Bookmobile.

Central and Tallyn’s Reach Libraries are open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
All other libraries are open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aurora Public Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of President’s Day.
HAPPENINGS AT APL

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CHAMBER PLAZA LIBRARY GRAND OPENING
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HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY
BOOK CLUBS

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
February’s book: “Immune” by Philipp Dettmer

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
Saturday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m., WebEx
Meet up for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Adults 21 and over only. Please contact the Hoffman Heights Library for more information at 303.739.1572. Registration is required.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVERS’ BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
February’s book: “The Premonition” by Michael Lewis

SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB*
Saturday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m., WebEx
A virtual book club for busy adults with monthly readings that you can finish in an hour or less. Copies of each month’s short stories may be found at the Mission Viejo or Iliff Square front desks and requested via email (library@auroragov.org).

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m., HOF
A lunch time chat with tea and snacks for our featured book of the month! February: “1619 Project” by Nikole Hannah-Jones

BOOK REVIEW

“THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY” BY MATT HAIG

At one point, we have all daydreamed about what our lives would be like if we had just made one different decision. If only you had taken the other job offer, or got the courage to ask your crush out, just maybe your life would be better, or perhaps not. In his 2020, New York Times bestseller book titled “The Midnight Library”, English author Matt Haig explores the innumerable possibilities of life’s journey for Nora Seed, a down-and-out piano instructor, recently let go from her job, who has little contact with friends or family, and decides to end it all by her own terms. Her plan however fails and instead she finds herself in the Midnight Library, where shelves upon shelves are filled with books, each with a different story about Nora and what her life would be like if she had decided to pursue each of her different dreams and goals. From the library, Nora learns what would have happened if she followed her dream job of becoming a glaciologist, she learns the letdown of becoming an Olympic swimmer and she experiences the uncertainty of dating her ideal man, just to name a few of life’s possibilities. This book is a great, short read, just 304 pages, you will find yourself breezing through the pages to learn of all the possibilities that Nora’s life could have taken, and you will be hooked on learning what journey in life that Nora will decide to pursue after realizing what matters most.

Review by: Travis Jimenez, Library Clerk, Aurora Central Library

HAVE YOU READ THIS BOOK?
Share your thoughts on social media with #ReadWithAPL
EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

LEARN AND PLAY
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., TLR
Freeform play group for children 2- to 6-years-old and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other parents.

MUSIC PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., TLR
Freeform music play group for children 18-months to five-years-old and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with musical toys while making new friends.

BABY PLAYGROUP
Fridays, 11 a.m., TLR
Freeform music playgroup for babies 23 months and younger and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other caregivers.

UNDER THE SEA: SPECIAL STORYTIME
Friday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Swim through the ocean and meet friendly sea creatures! Join us for crafting.

TEA-REX PARTY: SPECIAL STORYTIME
Thursday, Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Stomp and swim along with dinosaurs during our storyline. Join us for crafts and snacks!

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER/PAJAMA STORYTIME
Tuesday, Feb. 21, MVL. Final drop-off day for stuffed animals
Thursday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m., MVL: Pajama Storytime and stuffed animal pickup
Leave your favorite stuffed animals in the library overnight, then learn about their adventures during a special storyline the next morning. Don’t forget your pajamas!

MARDI GRAS STORYTIME
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12 p.m., MLK
Enjoy treats and fun activities as we hold a special story time about the famous Tuesday!

ROCK AND READ
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m., CHA
Join us for a special musical storyline on the last Wednesday of the month! This will be a time to get up and dance, shake, and wiggle as we share stories, songs, and rhymes for kids of all ages.

THE CHICKS ARE BACK!
Come visit the embryology displays at Mission Viejo Library and Tallyn’s Reach Library starting the week of Feb. 13. Mission Viejo Library’s eggs are expected to hatch the week of March 6.

EGG CANDLING AND DISSECTION
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., MVL*
Saturday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m., TLR*
Let’s look inside some eggs—literally! We’ll dissect some unfertilized eggs like those you’d find in a grocery store and compare them to the inside of eggs with chicks by candling them.

STEAM TUESDAYS*
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., TLR*
Visit the library after school every Tuesday for a fun activity focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math. Designed for students in first through fifth grade.

TEAM SATURDAY
Saturday, 3 p.m., CHA
Every Saturday afternoon, we’re ready for the weekend with a game, crafts, or maybe a dance party? Visit and find out!

KIDS CRAFT: VALENTINES
Cookie Decorating and Crafting
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m., ILF
Join us on Valentine’s Day for cookie decorating and Valentines themed crafts!

READ TO A THERAPY DOG*
Saturday, Feb. 18, Timeslots from 10:30 a.m.-noon, MVL
What better way to practice reading aloud than with a friendly dog? Call 303.326.8600 to register for 15-minute sessions.

BALLOON PARTY
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., MLK
Balloon fun with games, music, and movement!

KIDS CRAFT: BUGS!
Googly eyes and hairy legs! Can you make the creepiest bug? Join us for bug themed crafting and yummy snacks.
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
Wednesdays, 2 p.m., MLK
Thursday, Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m., TLR
Thursday, Feb. 23, 4 p.m., CEN
Thursday, Feb. 23, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Teens! Join your local Teen Advisory Group and let your voice be heard! Help create displays, plan programs and activities while earning volunteer time. Enjoy snacks and meet new friends too!

VOLUNTEER TEEN BOOK REVIEWER
Earn two hours of volunteer time for each approved review you submit. Reviews may be published online and posted in the library. Books must be shelved in our Young Adult sections and be available at any Aurora Public Library. Registration through the Aurora Volunteer Center required: Visit AuroraGov.org/Volunteer for more information.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com
FAMILY (ALL AGES)

CHESS CLUB
Wednesdays, 4 p.m., HOF
Stop in and join us for some friendly games of chess! Chess sets will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

LOTERÍA
Saturday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m., HOF
Learn to play Lotería, a traditional game of chance played throughout Mexico, that most resembles BINGO with pictures. Come join the fun, practice your Spanish, and win prizes!

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS
Mondays, Feb. 6, 13 and 27, 4 p.m., CEN
Fridays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 4 p.m., TLR
Learn how to play this classic game with our friends from the Denver Chess Club! Open play after class until closing. Open to all ages at Tallyn’s Reach; Youth only at Central.

COFFEE FILTER FLOWERS
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m., MLK
Make a colorful craft using coffee filters, markers, and water with a tie dye effect.

SATURDAY STORYTIME
Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m., TLR
Join us for an all-ages storytime with great tales and fun music!

VALENTINE’S WORKSHOP
Saturday, Feb. 11, 4 p.m., TLR
Make your own Valentine’s Day cards!

VALENTINES COOKIE DECORATING AND CRAFTING
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m., ILF
Join us on Valentine’s Day for cookie decorating and Valentines themed crafts!

VALENTINE’S DAY TREATS
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m., MLK
Make special Valentine’s Day treats to eat.

GENERATIONAL SPLIT
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., MVL
How well do you know the different generations? Bring the entire family for a multi-generational trivia game and celebrate afterwards with a ‘Build your own banana split’ station. Co-sponsored by the Aurora Commission for Older Adults.

DIY
FIRESIDE CRAFT
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m., TLR
Cozy up next to the fire and learn a new craft to take home!

OPEN FIGURE DRAWING
Saturday, Feb. 4, 3–5 p.m., HOF
This is an opportunity to draw or paint from a live model without instruction. One model provides a variety of quick and sustained poses. Registrants are encouraged to bring their own supplies. The library will provide paper, regular pencils, and colored pencils.

ADULT

ADULT ART: WATERCOLOR*
Group A: Saturday, Feb. 4, 4 p.m., MVL
Group B: Saturday, Feb. 11, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This month we’ll be making watercolor paintings. Please choose to attend either Group A or Group B, as they’re both the same craft.

DIY FELT PLUSHIES
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., MLK
Sew a fun felt plushie with needle and thread. All craft supplies provided.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Monday, Feb. 27, 4 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Join us every month to create a quilt block.
GET SOCIAL

BOAT—BRINGING OLDER ADULTS TOGETHER
Mondays, Feb. 6 and 13, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Join us for conversation and puzzles every Monday morning! Coffee and tea will be served. Age recommended: 50+.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., CEN
Do you enjoy creative writing? Are you working on your own fiction project? Join this group of writers as we come together weekly to discuss projects and work toward improving our craft.

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: ADULT SESSION*
Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Feb. 3: Second chance
Feb. 10: Clue
Feb. 17: Trivia Murder Party
Feb. 24: Codenames

APL ACTING GROUP
Saturday, Feb. 18, 4:30 p.m., HOF
Do you dream of the stage? This group will focus on helping you practice your acting skills through fun improv activities and theatre games. We'll also read scripts to practice blocking, character development, and more!

SO, I HEARD ON A PODCAST
Saturday, Feb. 25, Noon, WebEx
Like a book club, but with podcasts! Each month we will explore a new theme and listen to a playlist of podcasts. Themes and podcasts will be emailed to you upon registration. Please contact the Hoffman Heights Library for more information at 303.739.1572.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

COMPUTER TUTORING
Hoffman Heights Library, by appointment – call 303.739.1572
Martin Luther King Jr, Thursdays 2-4 p.m. - call 303.739.1940
Tallyn’s Reach Library, by appointment – call 303.627.3050
From computer basics, to learning about MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint, we can provide one-on-one instruction. Call select locations for available dates and times to register.

DROP-IN COUNSELING
Fridays, appointment only, HOF - call 303.739.1572
In partnership with Spark the Change Colorado, we are excited to offer free, on-site counseling sessions! Whether you are experiencing a situational problem or have mental health concerns, we are here to help. All sessions are private and confidential.

GROW A GARDEN SIGN UP
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., CEN
Come down to the Adult Services Desk and get help signing up for the Grow a Garden program through the Denver Urban Gardens. This year they’re offering five different kits of seedlings and seeds to choose from: Salsa, Pizza, Epic Salad, Fry + Ferment and Asian garden kits.

BACK TO THE TECH BASICS: WORD BASICS*
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m., CEN
This series provides a working knowledge of computer concepts and essential skills necessary to navigate today’s digital world. This week, we’ll cover the basics of Microsoft Word including creating documents, editing design elements, and basic functionality.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101, PART 2
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m., CEN
Have you always wanted to organize your family tree? Are you unsure of how to get started? Join us for the second part of our series as we work with the Aurora Genealogical Society to uncover the absolute basics of researching and organizing your family history.

BACK TO THE TECH BASICS: EXCEL BASICS*
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m., CEN
This series provides a working knowledge of computer concepts and essential skills necessary to navigate today’s digital world. This week, we’ll cover the basics of Microsoft Excel including creating spreadsheets, adding formulas, and professional design.

GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES HISTORY LECTURE
Thursday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m., TLR*
Learn about Aurora’s history with our colleagues from the Aurora History Museum! Light refreshments will be provided. Registration required.

CHOCOLATE TASTING
Sunday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m., TLR*
Try different types of chocolate with us and learn more about this yummy treat! Open to adults and older teens (16+). Registration required.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP/CLASES DE CONVERSACIÓN EN INGLÉS
Mondays, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Practice speaking and listening with others in English. Free, walk-in classes. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m., CEN
Free Legal Clinic via computer for those with no attorney. No registration is required, and the clinic is on a firstcome, first-served basis. Please head to the Reference Dept for the clinic. For more information, call the Adult Services dept. at: 303.739.6630

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HOT READS January 2023

From The New York Times Best Sellers list

FICTION
“It Starts with Us” by Colleen Hoover
In the sequel to “It Ends With Us,” Lily deals with her jealous ex-husband as she reconnects with her first boyfriend.

NON-FICTION
“The Light We Carry” by Michelle Obama*
The former first lady shares personal stories and the tools she uses to deal with difficult situations.

ADVICE
“Atomic Habit” by James Clear
An easy and proven way to build good habits and break bad ones.

CHILDREN SERIES
“Diary of a Wimpy Kid” by Jeff Kinney
The travails and challenges of adolescence.

YOUNG ADULT
“Long Live the Pumpkin Queen” by Shea Ernshaw
Sally, the new Queen of Halloween Town, must save her town from a sleeping curse.

Check-out these items at your local Aurora Public Library branch or though the catalog at catalog.AuroraLibrary.org

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