NEW ART EXHIBITS AT CENTRAL AND TALLYN’S REACH LIBRARIES
Between Aug. 7 and Dec. 30, enjoy two temporary art exhibitions, a partnership with Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art

“POSITIVELY AURORA”
“Positively Aurora” by Lares Feliciano is located at Central Library and pays homage to Aurora’s welcoming spirit and history of making space for community of all kinds. Many people come to Aurora at a time of transition or change in their life and this state of in-between is something the city has embraced with care. The artwork is a collage that honors all the ways Aurora opens to others. Patrons can find a stack of various Aurora souvenir postcards and a selection of prompts for messages to write to loved ones created by community members.

MULTIMEDIA WOOD SCULPTURES
Artist Autum T. Thomas has a series of multimedia wood sculptures at Tallyn’s Reach Library. The sculptures are an exploration of the Chi Wara headdress, created by the Bamana people in Mali, during the 19th to early 20th century. They most often resemble antelope and aardvarks, animals which are known to excel in nature. Libraries are a constant source of sustenance, and the sculptures acknowledge the historical content while carrying it forward to the future. The rays emanating from the sculptures signify the influence of history as we continue to grow, carrying the past with us into the future.

To learn more about these exhibits, including workshops provided the artists, visit AuroraLibrary.org

POP-UP EXHIBITS TO ENJOY THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY BRANCHES!
Learn about the Coral Reef, Elephants, Sharks, Wolves and more throughout August!

DID YOU KNOW?
• More than one million species of plants and animals live in or near coral reefs
• Elephants spread seeds as they wander
• Sharks intimidate prey, keeping them from invading other habitats
• Wolves help slow the spread of serious diseases such as chronic wasting disease

Central and Tallyn’s Reach Libraries are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday–Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday–Sunday
All other libraries are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday–Saturday
All Aurora Public Libraries will be closed Monday, Aug. 21 for staff engagement and system maintenance.

*Some programs may have limited space; visit AuroraLibrary.org for more program information and to register.
IDENTITY REVEAL EVENT

Holocaust survivor and author, Oscar “Osi” Sladek, donated copies of his memoir, "Escape to the Tatras - a Boy, a War, and a Life Interrupted."

10-year-old author Ayla Anderson donated copies of her book "Rocket Rider".

Tonos Latinos' exhibit “Fotografia: Rock” at Central Library features photos by Víctor Hurtado, Damian Esperanza and Miguel Castellanos. The exhibit closes Aug. 20.
NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1 p.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
August’s book: “River of the Gods” by Candice Millard

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
Saturday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m.
Meet for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Register online and adults 21 and over only. For more information, please contact Joanna at Central library 303.739.7473. August: “Under the Whispering Door” by T.J. Klune

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Saturday, Aug. 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m., MLK
Discuss queer books and authors from a variety of genres! Meetings are bi-monthly. August’s book is “After Sappho” by Selby Wynne Schwartz.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVER’S BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
August’s book: “The Bean Trees” by Barbara Kingsolver

COOKBOOK CLUB
Sunday, Aug. 20, 4 p.m., TRL
Try out some new recipes! Choose any recipe from a book in the Aurora Public Library catalog, create the dish and bring to share with the group.

SPANISH BOOK CLUB, CLUB DE LECTURA
Saturday, Aug. 26, 4 p.m., MLK
Leemos “La Sombra Del Viento” de Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Hablamos sobre la primera mitad del libro.

OPRAH BOOK CLUB
Sunday, Aug. 27, Noon, TRL
Join to follow Oprah’s book selections, meet up for lively discussions. This month is “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese.

BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS BOOK CLUB
Sunday, Aug. 27, 3:30 p.m., TRL
Read fiction and non-fiction centered on the world of book, meet up for lively discussions. August: “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean

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**EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS**

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Central Library and Tallyn’s Reach Library is taking a storytime break for the month of August. Storytimes will resume in September!

**LEARN AND PLAY**
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Play with early literacy toys and enjoy the company of other kids and caregivers after Family Storytime.

**FUN FRIDAY STORYTIME**
Fridays, 10:30 a.m., MLK
All-ages dynamic storytime with songs, stories, a parachute and more.

**UNDER THE SEA: SPECIAL STORYTIME**
Thursday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Dive into fun books, explore the ocean and create ocean themed crafts. Refreshments provided.

**SUMMER JAMS AND STORYTIME**
Enjoy storytimes from the Bookmobile and live performances all summer long!

- **Wednesday, Aug. 2, Red-Tailed Hawk Park, 23701 E. Hinsdale Way, Storytime at 4:30 p.m., Ninety Percent 90s at 5:30 p.m.**
  Ninety Percent 90s is a 3-piece band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 9, Moorhead Park, 2390 Havana Street, Storytime at 4:30 p.m., Mister Tim at 5:30 p.m.**
  Mister Tim live-loops his voice to create original songs, a modern blend of music and technology.

**KIDS**

**SEASHELL PAINTING**
Thursday, Aug. 10, 4:15 p.m., MLK
Paint shells creatively.

**CARDBOARD FORT BUILD - KIDS ONLY**
Thursday, Aug. 10, 4 p.m., TRL
If you build it, they will play! Help build an awesome cardboard fort for one last big play before school starts. Open to rising 1st through 5th graders.

**TISSUE PAPER COLLAGE**
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4:15 p.m., MLK
Make an artistic collage.

**READ TO A THERAPY DOG**
Saturday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m. - noon, MLK
What better way to practice reading aloud than with a friendly dog? Call 303.326.8600 to register for 15-minute sessions.

**YOGA STORYTIME**
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m., TRL
Get the little ones into yoga and mindfulness early! Hosted by Sara Devlin, local children’s author and yoga instructor.

**GALAXY SLIME**
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 4:15 p.m., MLK
Mix up your own colorful slime.

**BUG HOTEL**
Friday, Aug. 25, 4 p.m., MLK
Paint a temporary home for pollinators. Keep bugs from getting into your house as the season cools with this colorful replacement.

**PIPE CLEANER CROWNS**
Wednesday, Aug. 30, 4:15 p.m., MLK
Decorate a crown.
LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: TEEN SESSION*
Fridays, 5:30 p.m., WebEx
Connect from home to play party games with others! Newcomers are welcome. This month:
• Aug. 4: Scattergories
• Aug. 11: Split the Room
• Aug. 18: Around the World Reverse Pictionary
• Aug. 25: Job Job

PAPERCRAFT CLUB
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make 3D characters from Minecraft, Pokémon, Marvel and more out of paper. Suggested age: 8-14.

VIDEO GAME CLUB
Thursday, Aug. 3, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Hang out and play Switch games like Super Smash Bros, Overcooked and more with other teens.

WATER BALLOON PARTY*
Saturday, Aug. 5, 2 p.m., MLK
Say goodbye to summer with a splash! Come outside for some games, snacks and an all-out battle. Expect to get soaked! Bring your own towels and swimsuits.

BINARY BRACELETS
Tuesday, Aug. 8, 4 p.m., MLK
Learn how coding works and make a pretty piece of jewelry from it.

CARDBOARD FORT BUILD
Wednesday, Aug. 10, noon-3 p.m., TRL
If you build it, they will play! Help us build an awesome cardboard fort in the Community Room for one last big play before school starts.

PERLER BEAD CLUB
Wednesday, Aug. 9, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make a Perler bead (or "melty bead") project to take home and keep from a multitude of video game or movie character patterns. Suggested age: 8-14.

PONY BEAD LIZARDS AND MORE
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make some pony bead crafts to take home and keep, including the ever-popular retro lizards. Suggested age: 8-14.

GLOBAL SNACK FEST*
Thursday, Aug. 17, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Get hyped for Aurora’s Global Fest celebration by stopping by the library to taste-test fun snacks from countries around the world.

CLAY CLUB
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make characters using a special clay that dries quickly into figurines you get to keep! Suggested age: 8-14.

TEEN MOVIE HANGOUT: "EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE"
Saturday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m., MVL
A fun movie afternoon with free popcorn included!

SHRINKY DINKS
Wednesday, Aug. 30, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Draw or trace a design onto special plastic paper then watch it melt and shrink into a hard plastic keychain you can keep! Suggested age: 8-14.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
Wednesdays, 2 p.m. MLK
Thursday, Aug. 10, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Friday, Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m., HOF
Teens! Participate in your local Teen Advisory Group and let your voice be heard! Help create displays, plan programs and enjoy fun activities while earning volunteer time. Enjoy snacks and meet new friends, too!

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ADULT FAMILY (ALL AGES)

DO IT YOURSELF
OPEN FIGURE DRAWING Saturday, Aug. 5, 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 must bring their own supplies.

ADULT ART: KEEPSAKE BOX* Saturday, Aug. 12, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This session you will paint keepsake boxes.

SUMMER LIGHTHOUSES* Monday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m., CEN
Complete your beachy summer décor with a delightful set of 2 lighthouses made of Styrofoam cones.

CARDBOARD FORT PLAYTIME Friday-Saturday, Aug. 11-12, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., TRL
Check out the AWESOME fort build by participating teens for free play. All are welcome.

FAMILY BINGO Thursday, Aug. 17, 4:15 p.m., MLK
Practice numbers and letters with a fun afternoon of bingo for cool prizes.

CHAOS CRAFTING Friday, Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make your best and/or silliest craft! The most unique crafter will be awarded a prize. Crafting supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own.

SEED LIBRARY Through September, HOF, TRL
The Seed Library is a collection of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds that you can borrow to plan and grow at home. Our seed collection depends on donations and seasonality. Check in frequently to see what’s available.

FORT NIGHT Friday, Aug. 4, 5:30-6:15 p.m., TRL
Lights out and blankets up. Families, bring your blankets and sheets and build a fort in the Children’s Department then read stories. We will provide clips to fasten blankets and snacks to enjoy.

END OF SUMMER ICE CREAM PARTY Saturday, Aug. 5, noon – 1 p.m., TRL
Celebrate your success participating in Summer of Imagination. Get your invite anytime throughout the summer at Tallyn’s Reach library when you complete your BINGO card. Ice cream treats will be served while supplies last.

END OF SUMMER PARTY Saturday, Aug. 5, 4:30-7 p.m., MVL
Enjoy an end of summer block party. There will be food trucks as well as indoor and outdoor family games from 4:30-6 p.m. El Javi will perform from 6-7 p.m.

FAMILY ART: KEEPSAKE BOX* Saturday, Aug. 12, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This session you will paint keepsake boxes.

ROCK ART Saturday, Aug. 19, 4 p.m., MLK
Create unique designs on rocks to display in your home or office.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH Monday, Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Join every month to create a quilt block.

GET SOCIAL COFFEE AND CHAT Mondays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Enjoy conversations and a special activity. Refreshments are provided.

• Aug. 7: Watch and Discuss “Belfast”
A 90 minute coming of age film that follows a young Irish boy growing up during the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Released in 2021, directed by Kenneth Branagh.

• Aug. 14: Morning Craft and Coffee
Enjoy coffee, a fun craft, and conversation!

• Aug. 28: Coffee and Game Morning
Enjoy a fun game and coffee!

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: ADULT SESSION* Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Connect from home to play party games with others! Newcomers are welcome. This month:

• Aug. 4: Scattergories
• Aug. 11: Split the Room
• Aug. 18: Around the World Reverse Pictionary
• Aug. 25: Job Job

EL JAVI CONCERT* Saturday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m., MVL
El Javi music incorporates elements of flamenco, progressive rock, classical, folk and more. Food trucks, games and more will start at 4:30 p.m.

• Aug. 7: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone"
• Aug. 14: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"
• Aug. 21: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"
• Aug. 28: "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

• Aug. 11: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1"
• Aug. 18: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2”

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

HARRY POTTER MARATHON July 31 – August 3, TRL
Celebrate Harry Potter’s birthday with a marathon of the films, free snacks and magical crafts!

Monday, July 31
• 10:30 a.m.: “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone”
• 1 p.m.: “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets”

Tuesday, Aug. 1
• 10:30 a.m.: “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”
• 1 p.m.: “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”

Wednesday, Aug. 2
• 10:30 a.m.: “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix”
• 1 p.m.: “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince”

Thursday, Aug. 3
• 10:30 a.m.: “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1”

• Aug. 11: “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”
• Aug. 18: “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince”
• Aug. 25: “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2”
BAD ART AFTERNOON*  
Sunday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m., TRL  
The challenge is to make the worst piece of art! Winner gets a prize.

WRITERS WORKSHOP  
Friday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m., CEN  
Join this hour-long writing workshop to brainstorm, share and find support amongst fellow writers to become more confident in your writing skills.

ADULT YOGA  
Friday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m., TRL  
Participate with others and enjoy an hour of morning yoga! Instructed by Sara Devlin.

CHAIR YOGA  
Friday, Aug. 25, 12:30 p.m., TRL  
Stay seated while practicing yoga focused poses. Instructed by Sara Devlin. For ages 50+. Program will be 30 minutes long.

BUZZED SPELLING BEE  
Saturday, Aug. 26, 4 p.m., Launch Pad Brewery  
Participate in an adult spelling bee! Form a team of two to four people and work your way through 25 increasingly difficult words. Prizes will be Awarded to first, second and third place.

THE MORE YOU KNOW  
DROP-IN THERAPY  
Hoffman Heights Library – by appointment – call 303.739.1572  
Free, on-site therapy session in partnership with Spark the Change Colorado. All sessions are private and confidential. For more information or to register for a session please contact the Hoffman Library at 303.739.1572

LEGAL CLINIC  
Tuesday, Aug. 1, 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 first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

WELCOME TO APL: USING THE CATALOG*  
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m., CEN  
Learn the basics of navigating the catalog, placing holds, account management as well as how to request items from other library systems.

WELCOME TO APL: HOOPLA AND LIBBY  
Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1 p.m., CEN  
For patrons interested in e-content, learn the basics of navigating our apps.

HARVESTING SEEDS  
Friday, Aug. 11, 4 p.m., Nome Community Garden  
Learn how to harvest clean seeds and save seeds for the Aurora Seed Library and your seed stash. This class will meet at the Nome Community Garden, 1200 Nome St, Aurora, CO 80010.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101  
Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., CEN  
Work with the Aurora Genealogical Society to uncover the absolute basics of researching and organizing your family history.

HUNGER FREE COLORADO: APPLY FOR SNAP AND FOOD ACCESS RESOURCES  
Monday, Aug. 14, 1 - 6 p.m., CEN  
Tuesday, Aug. 15, Noon-5 p.m., TRL  
Hunger Free Colorado can assist with screening for all federal nutrition programs, offer referrals to food pantries and free meals, provide information on child and senior nutrition programs and answer any questions about food assistance.

BACK TO TECH BASICS: COMPUTER BASICS  
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1 p.m., CEN  
New to computers? This foundational class will teach you the basics of operating a computer. Topics include computer lingo, desktop navigation, mouse skills and more.

DROP-IN TECH HELP  
Thursday, Aug. 17, 1 p.m., TRL  
Need help with your electronic device? Stop by to get one-on-one help with your questions. First come, first served. Sessions limited to 15 minutes if there are others in need of help.

UNIQUE SODA TASTING*  
Sunday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m., TRL  
Try different sodas from the USA and around the world!

BACK TO TECH BASICS: INTERNET BASICS  
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m., CEN  
New to the internet? This lesson will teach users to understand key browser functions and web navigation. Topics include internet searches, navigation, basic source evaluation and privacy.

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Your love for books and your library, with a mission

The Friends of the Aurora Public Library always welcome monetary and used book donations. The volunteer-run nonprofit manages the Book Outlet store at 2243 S. Peoria St. All monetary donations and used book sales go back to Aurora Public Library. To donate, visit ColoradoGives.org/FriendsAuroraLibrary. The Book Outlet store is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 720.747.7977 or visit online at Fapl.info.

WANTED: Library Board Members

Consider joining the Library Board. Help advise City Council, the city manager and the director of the Library Cultural Services Department on matters relating to the library system. The volunteer members of the board meet the first Thursday of the month. To learn more and apply, visit AuroraGov.org/Boards.