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AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY | MAY 2023

Summer of Imagination: SHARED STORIES
May 30–July 31

Create Your Story
Register beginning May 30 and experience fun and exciting events all summer long!
Visit AuroraGov.org/SummerOfImagination or scan the QR code with a smartphone device.

Central and Tallyn’s Reach Libraries are open
Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m. and Friday–Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
All other libraries are open Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
All library locations will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
AURORA SCHOLARS  APRIL 18 AND 19
BOOK CLUBS

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
**Wednesday, May 2, 1 p.m., CEN**
May’s Book Title: “Lands of the Lost Borders” by Kate Harris. For more information call 303.739.6630.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
**Tuesday, May, 4 p.m., HOF**
Try out a new book! Enjoy tea and snacks while you tell us what you think! May: “Summer Island” by Kristin Hannah

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
**Saturday, May 13, 1 p.m.**
Meet up for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Register online and adults 21 and over only. Please contact the Hoffman Heights Library for more information at 303.739.1572.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVERS BOOK CLUB
**Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., CEN**
May’s Book Title: “All She Left Behind” by Jane Kirkpatrick. For more information call 303.739.6630.

SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB*
**Saturday, May 20, 4 p.m., WebEx**
For busy adults with readings that you can finish in an hour or less. Copies of each month's short stories may be found at the Mission Viejo Library or Iliff Square Library front desks or requested via email (library@auroragov.org).

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
**Saturday, June 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., MLK**
Celebrate PRIDE! Discuss queer books and authors from a variety of genres in the inaugural LGBTQ+ book club. Meetings are bi-monthly. June’s book is “The Thirty Names of Night” by Zeyn Joukhadar.

SPANISH BOOK CLUB, CLUB DE LECTURA
**Saturday, June 17, 4 p.m., MLK**
Este grupo lee un libro en español y se reúne para hablar del libro juntos. Visite la biblioteca Martin Luther King Jr. para charlar. El libro del mes: “Recuérdame” de Mario Escobar.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com

TEEN BOOK REVIEWS

“THE BOOK THIEF”
**BY MARKUS ZUSAK**
During the time I was reading this book in school, I really enjoyed it. The story is very interesting and kept me guessing throughout the whole book. Also, most of the characters were well developed and you could understand what they were going through, especially Max. However, some parts of the book were confusing, and it didn’t make a whole lot of sense for why they were put into the book. I would rate this book 4 out of 5 stars.

If I were to recommend this book to anyone, it would most likely be readers who are interested in history; usually those who are interested in the history of Nazi Germany in the early 1940s. As this is where and when the book took place.

“THE BOY WHO HARNESSED THE WIND”
**BY WILLIAM KAMKWAMBA**
As I was reading this book, I enjoyed every part of it. Imagining the events that the people in the book had to go through really made me understand how bad the famine during this time. Not only that, but all the other storytelling details also really elevated the story for me. Everything about this book deserves 5 out of 5 stars.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes reading stories about real people and real events. Mostly because the book is about the real life of the author William Kamkwamba.

Reviewed by James Duckwall, Grade 7

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

LEARN AND PLAY
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Thursdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Freeform play group for children and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other parents.

MUSIC PLAY GROUP
Tuesdays, 11a.m., TRL
Freeform music play group for children 18 mos - six years and their caregiver. Listen to music and play with musical toys while making new friends.

KIDS MUSIC
Fridays, 10:30 am, MLK
Sing and play with musical instruments such as ukuleles, egg shakers, rhythm sticks and more!

BABY PLAYGROUP
Fridays, 11 a.m., TRL
Free-form playgroup for babies 23-months-old and younger with age-appropriate toys and music.

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SECOND SATURDAY STORYTIME
Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m., TRL
Enjoy fun stories, great songs and a craft! Open to all ages but designed for our school-aged friends.

SPECIAL STORYTIME: MERMAID PARTY
Thursday, May 25, 10:30 a.m., MVL
In celebration of the Little Mermaid! There will be themed stories, snacks and crafts.

KIDS CRAFT: FELT FLOWER BOUQUET
Tuesday, May 2, 4 p.m., ILF
Create a spring bouquet of flowers using felt, buttons and more.

KIDS CRAFT: TISSUE PAPER PAINTING
Tuesday, May 16, 4 p.m., ILF
Use tissue paper to create amazing watercolor cards or posters.

STEAM TUESDAYS
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN  
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., TRL*
An after-school program with a fun activity focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math. Designed for students in first through fifth grade.

‘WHAT IF?’ CLUB
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CHA  
Thursdays, 4 p.m., HOF
An after-school program to hang out with friends while playing with Legos, testing out science experiments, or creating fun crafts.

BUTTERFLY CRAFT
Wednesday, May 10, 4 p.m., MLK
Make cool butterflies out of folded paper.

SNAKE CRAFT
Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m., MLK
Create a slinky snake out of paper chains.
TEEN HANG
Thursdays, 4 p.m., CEN
Meet new friends, create something amazing, learn new skills, or simply chill out. With a different activity or project each week, this program is designed for students in middle school and high school.

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: TEEN SESSION*
Fridays, 5:30 p.m., WebEx
Connect from home to play party games with others! Newcomers are welcome.
- May 5: One Night Ultimate Werewolf
- May 12: Outburst
- May 19: Push the Button

TEEN STUDY HALLS
Thursdays, May 4, 11 and 18, 2-6 p.m., TRL
Fridays, May 5, 12 and 19, 2-6 p.m., TRL
Saturdays, May 6, 13 and 20, 2-6 p.m., TRL
Sundays, May 7, 14 and 21, 2-6 p.m., TRL
Need a quiet space to study for AP exams and finals? The Tallyn’s Reach Community Room will be a teen-only study hall space with snacks to help you power through your tests!

TAG OPEN HOUSE AND MAY THE FOURTH TRIVIA
Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Want to learn more about TAG? Stop by for a TAG Open House, Star Wars Trivia and Boba Tea. Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades and current fifth graders who will be in sixth grade in the 2023-24 school year.

MINNOW TANK
Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Invent creative solutions to ridiculous problems in a competition based on Shark Tank and Jackbox’s Patently Stupid.

MINUTE TO WIN IT
Thursday, May 11, 4 p.m., MLK
Test your mettle with a series of fun challenges. See if you can last a minute and win a prize!

DUNGEONS AND DUCKS
Thursday, May 11, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Come plot adventures and fight monsters at this off-the-wall Dungeons and Dragons game for teens!

ZOMBIE ACTION FIGURES
Thursday, May 11, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Bring your old, broken toys back to life through some crafty ZOMBIE-fication! Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades.

BEYBLADES TOURNAMENT
Saturday, May 13, 3 p.m., HOF
Let it rip! Bring your own Beyblades, or borrow one, to see who can win this spinning-top competition.

DUCT TAPE CRAFTS
Tuesday, May 16, 4 p.m., MLK
Create an accessory made from duct tape to take home. It’s easy, affordable and super customizable! Supplies provided.

TABLETOP GAMES
Thursday, May 18, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Play popular games like Fluxx, Clue, Unstable Unicorns and Exploding Kittens. Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades.

SPICY THINGS TASTE-TESTING
Thursday, May 25, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Chiles and hot sauce and peppers, oh my! Join us for a taste-test of all things spicy (with some palate cleansers on hand)! Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades.

NERF BATTLE
Friday, May 26, 6 p.m., MLK
Explore the library like never before! Make new friends and have fun. Toys provided.

MOVIE DAY: SPIDER-MAN INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE
Saturday, May 27, 3 p.m., MVL
A fun movie afternoon with free popcorn included! Rated PG.

MINUTE TO WIN IT REMATCH
Saturday, May 27, 4 p.m., TRL
Back for another round! Open to teens in who will be in sixth through twelfth grades in the 2023-24 school year.

VISIONARY WRITER’S TEATIME
Tuesday, May 30, 4 p.m., HOF
Aurora’s Poet Laureate speaks on creative and academic writing where youth can ask questions and write their own stories or poems! For aspiring young writers (ages 10-18) who need guidance and support in all their writing adventures, whether for fun or for school.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
Teens! Participate in your local Teen Advisory Group and let your voice be heard! Help create displays, plan programs and plan activities while earning volunteer time. Enjoy snacks and meet new friends, too!
- Wednesdays, 2 p.m., MLK
- Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m., TRL
- Thursday, May 18, 4:30 p.m., MVL
- Thursday, May 25, 4 p.m., CEN
- Friday, May 26, 4 p.m., HOF

SERVICE SATURDAYS
First Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., TRL
For teens in sixth through twelfth grades to serve the community. Teens 13 and older, please register through the Aurora Volunteer Center at AuroraGov.Org/Volunteer. Teens 10 to 12 should contact Kitt McAuliffe at 303.627.3063 or kmcaulif@auroragov.org to register.

TALLYN’S REACH LIBRARY TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEERS
Apply through the Volunteer Center by Monday, May 15. Summer volunteer positions are open to teens 14 and older. Visit AuroraGov.Org/Volunteer to apply and for more information.

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GAME CLUB
Tuesdays, 4–5 p.m., MLK
Find your favorite game from our large collection and play for fun.

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

WOOD-STAMPING CARDS
Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m., MLK
Decorate blank cards with wood stamps and colorful ink.

READ TO A THERAPY DOG*
Saturday, May 20, 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.

FABRIC PAINTING
Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m., MLK
Paint a tea towel and make it your own using stencils.

LOTERÍA
Saturday, May 27, 3–4 p.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!
¡Comparta un momento divertido jugando lotería al estilo México, compartiendo su español y gane premios!

SCHOOL SUPPLY TAKE-BACK
Saturday, May 27 through Saturday, June 10, TRL
Drop off your used school supplies for classrooms and organizations in the community. Need supplies? Contact Kitt at kmcaulif@auroragov.org.

FAMILY BINGO
Wednesday, May 31, 4 p.m., TRL
Kick-off summer vacation with a chance to win fun prizes!

SEED LIBRARY
April - Sept., HOF and 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.

DIY

ACTIVE ADULT YOGA
Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m., MVL
Enjoy chair and mat yoga in partnership with the ACAA. Age recommended: 50+

OPEN FIGURE DRAWING*
Saturday, May 6, 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.

NEEDLE AND THREAD
Wednesday, May 10, 5 p.m., ILF
Learn to cross-stitch or work on existing projects! New patterns and materials provided.

PAINTED ROCK CACTUS GARDEN*
Friday, May 12, 6 p.m., CEN
Is rock painting one of your favorite things? This is perfect for you!
Enjoy making a clay pot garden of cactus painted rocks.

ADULT ART: SEASHELL CRAFT*
Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This month we’ll craft with seashells.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Monday, May 22, 4–5:30 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Create a quilt block!

FAUX STAINED GLASS
Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m., MLK
Come and create a beautiful piece of faux stained glass to hang in your home. Picture provided. Supplies may be limited.

GET SOCIAL

BOAT: BRINGING OLDER ADULTS TOGETHER
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Enjoy conversations and games! Coffee and tea will be provided.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., CEN
Do you enjoy creative writing? Are you working on your own fiction project? Discuss projects and works toward improving your craft with other writers.

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: ADULT SESSION*
Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Connect from home to play party games with others! Newcomers are welcome.
• May 5: Resistance Avalon
• May 12: Outburst
• May 19: Wheel of Enormous Proportions

APL ACTING GROUP
Saturday, May 20, 4:30 p.m., HOF
Practice your acting skills through fun improv activities and theatre games. Read scripts to practice blocking, character development and more!

BUZZED SPELLING BEE
Saturday, May 27, 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.
ADULT (Continued)

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

DROP-IN COUNSELING
Hoffman Heights Library – by appointment – call 303.739.1572
Free, on-site counseling sessions in partnership with Spark the Change Colorado. All sessions are private and confidential. Call 303.739.1572 for more information or to register for a session.

COMPUTER TUTORING
Hoffman Heights Library – by appointment – call 303.739.1572
Mission Viejo Library - by appointment - call 303-326-8600
One-on-one instruction on computer basics: Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint. Call for available dates and times to register.

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.

FREE SELF-HELP LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, May 2, 3:30 p.m., CEN
A free legal clinic, via computer link. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in various areas. Clinic is a walk-in service, on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 303.739.6630.

HUNGER FREE COLORADO: APPLY FOR SNAP AND FOOD ACCESS RESOURCES
Monday, May 8, 1 - 6 p.m., CEN
Do you or someone you know need assistance applying for SNAP benefits or food access? 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.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101
Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., CEN
Have you always wanted to organize your family tree? Are you unsure of how to get started? Work with the Aurora Genealogical Society to uncover the absolute basics of researching and organizing your family history.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101
Sunday, May 28, 4 p.m., TRL
Try out a variety of cheeses and learn about the art of cheese-making! Open to adults and older teens.

LEGENDARY LADIES*
Friday, May 26, 6:30 p.m., MVL
Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., CEN
These actresses tell the stories of unconventional women of the West and make history come alive.

SEEDLINGS, SEEDS AND SOIL
Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, 8:00 a.m., Nome Community Garden
Participate with Aurora Seed Farm for a two-day planting extravaganza! Participants will receive seedlings and seeds. Learn companion planting, soaking seeds, mulching and proper transplanting techniques. This event takes place at Nome Community Garden, 1200 Nome St, Aurora, CO 80010.

HOW MONEY WORKS *
Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m., CEN
Learn financial literacy from a financial educator at Wealth Wave. The hour-long course will cover compound interest, the time value of money and building wealth for your children. It will also outline seven money milestones to map your way to financial security and independence.

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Summer of Imagination: SHARED STORIES

Tuesday, May 30, all day, MVL
Explore the library in our summer scavenger hunt!

Wednesday, May 31, 4 – 6 p.m., ILF
Come dive into summer reading as we fish up new library finds, create our own stories and sign up for this summer’s learning adventure.

Friday, June 2, 4 p.m., MLK
Get inspired with performances from the Aurora Poet Laureate, Ahja Fox, and the award-winning musical group, Gamelan Tunas Mekar, with traditional and new music and dance of Bali.

Saturday, June 3, All-Day, TRL
Kick off begins at 10:30 a.m. with a Mo Willems Pigeon-themed storytime. Take photos with Pigeon and explore a school bus! Local storyteller Hugo Jon Syles will share African American tales at 1 p.m. and the Spellbinders storytellers will take the stage at 4 p.m. Craft and activity stations will be available between the stories!

Saturday, June 3, 2-4 p.m., CEN
Discover new ways to share your story with special performances from Aurora Poet Laureate, Ahja Fox, Ballet Folklorico, Sangre de Mexico and Aurora’s own Aurora Dance Hearts troupe. Bring the whole family for outdoor fun on the Great Lawn, located between the Aurora Municipal Building and Aurora Central Library.

Saturday, June 3, 2-4 p.m., MLK
Think Like a Scientist will provide a hands-on, family-oriented, come-and-go event. Enjoy building your own brain cell activity. Also play video games in the FIVE-O gaming trailer hosted by the Aurora Police Department Community Relations team.

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Saturday, June 10, 3-5 p.m., HOF
Party in the park! Start your summer off right with food, games and community booths. Sign up for summer reading and get a free book while you’re at it!