28th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show

Thursday, Nov. 9–Saturday, Dec. 16

The 28th annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show, in partnership with Aurora Artists Guild, will be from Thursday, Nov. 9 to Saturday, Dec. 16 at Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway.

Come meet the artists!

Artwork will be for sale while the 28th Gateway to the Rockies Art Show is on exhibit. Artists will have unframed artwork in their bins for sale on four Saturdays during the exhibit: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9.

“I’ll Have Just One” by Edward Hansen

“Running for the Train” by Michael Nicosia

“Tree of Fire” by Chuck Rasco

Aurora Public Library will close Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day as well as Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.
HAPPENINGS AT APL

Hispanic Heritage Month
Friday, Sept. 15

Aurora Mini-Con, Saturday, Sept. 23
BOOK CLubs

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion. November's book: “Sons and Soldiers” by Bruce Henderson

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m., 15120 E. Hampden Ave.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVER’S BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m., CEN

SHARE A BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Share your favorite book of the month with your fellow readers! Books can be of any genre. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 12:30 p.m., 30 Del Mar Circle
Try out a new book! Every month, the Aurora Center for Active Adults will have a featured Book of the Month. Read the book and join for tea and snacks to tell us what you think! November: “Lady Tan’s Circle of Women” by Lisa See
*Book copies are available through the Aurora Public Library

OPRAH’S BOOK CLUB*
Thursday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Join to follow Oprah’s book selections, meet-up for lively discussions. This month is “Wellness” by Nathan Hill.

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Saturday, Dec. 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m., MLK
Discuss queer books and authors from a variety of genres! Meetings are bi-monthly. December's book is “In the Lives of Puppets” by T. J. Klune.

SPANISH BOOK CLUB/CLUB DE LECTURA
Saturday, Dec. 16, 4-5 p.m., MLK
Read “Vampires of El Norte” by Isabel Cañas. Join for a bilingual conversation.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com

BOOK REVIEW

“Wonder” by R.J. Palacio

Ever since he was born, August had a facial deformity on the left side of his face. Up until now, he has been homeschooled by his parents; however, his mom realizes that she can’t properly teach him anymore and that he needs to go to an actual school. His mom decides that he should take a tour around Beecher Prep; the school they plan on taking him to. During the tour, Julian starts to ask very strange questions, like if he was in a fire and so on. Charlotte doesn’t interact with August much, but Jake seems to be trying his best to make him feel welcome; even if he knows that he isn’t what he originally expected. Once the first day of school arrives, he goes to the school with his family and enters the school when the time comes for kids to enter. For the first day of school in his life, it went quite well for August. However, that doesn’t mean it’s going to remain easy for him.

For anyone who likes realistic fiction and stories about underdogs, “Wonder” is a perfect book for you to read. You can easily connect with the characters in the story; making you feel all the emotions that the book contains. Not only that, but the book is also able to convey its message well. For my honest rating, I would give the book 5 out of 5 stars.

Reviewed by James Duckwall, Grade 7
LEARN AND PLAY
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Play with early literacy toys and make new friends! Open to kids 18-mos. to 5-years-old and their caregivers.

MUSIC PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Play with musical toys and instruments while making new friends! Open to kids 18-mos. to 5-years-old and their caregivers.

BABY PLAYGROUP
Fridays, 11 a.m., TRL
Play with age-appropriate toys and make new friends! Open to babies 23-mos. and younger and their caregivers.

FALL STORYTIME
Thursday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Celebrate the fall season with a special storytime. Read themed stories and create fun crafts together!

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Storytime and Toy Drive with the Grinch
It’s the holiday season! Enjoy a special storytime with the Grinch that will include a toy drive for families in need. Please only provide new, unused toy for donations. After storytime, you are welcome to stay for pictures, hot cocoa and cookies and holiday crafts.

STORYTIME WITH THE GRINCH AND TOY DRIVE
Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Tallyn’s Reach Library

Scan QR code to register
KIDS

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN
Join for a fun activity. Designed for students in first through fifth grade.

STEAM CLUB JR*
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, or math! Open to kids 6 yrs. to 8 yrs. old. The first Tuesday of the month will be a LEGO engineering challenge.

STEAM CLUB*
Tuesdays, 5 p.m., TRL
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, or math! Open to kids 9 yrs. to 12 yrs. old. The first Tuesday of the month will be a LEGO engineering challenge.

WHAT IF’? CLUB
Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., CHA
Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., HOF
Hang out with friends while we play with Legos, test out science experiments, or create fun crafts. Open to students from second through seventh grade.

MATH TUTORING*
Thursdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Do you need help with your homework? Come get 1-on-1 help from a local high school student with great math skills! One hour tutoring sessions available.

READ TO A THERAPY DOG*
Saturday, Nov. 4, 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.

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

ARTS AND SNACKS
Thursday, Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m., CHA
Learn how to make a tasty piece of art! This month, make candy turkeys.

TURKEY COOKIE CRAFT*
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make a silly-looking turkey out of cookies and candy.

BOARD AND DECK GAME FUN
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m., ILF
Challenge your friends to play some board and deck games. Winner gets a prize.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com
TEEN HANG
Thursdays, 4 p.m., CEN
Meet new friends, create something amazing, learn new skills, or simply chill out. Designed for students in middle school and high school.
- **Nov. 2**: NaNoWriMo Part I - It’s Lit! Literature, that is! Join for a fun session to celebrate National Novel Writing Month and learn how to write your own novel. This is a two-part session. Registration is highly suggested.
- **Nov. 9**: Let's Talk! Teens and Mental Health with Erin Ralston - Join for part two of a fun and informative conversation with a professional from Aurora Mental Health! Snacks will be provided.
- **Nov. 16**: Reverse Glass Art - Fun DIY glass art with paint! Bring your own image to trace or use one of ours.
- **Nov. 30**: NaNoWriMo Part two - It’s Lit! Literature, that is! Join for a fun session to celebrate National Novel Writing Month and finish that novel you’ve been working on. Registration is highly suggested.

MATH TUTORING*
Thursdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Do you need help with your homework? Come get 1-on-1 help from a local high school student with great math skills! One hour tutoring sessions available.

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:
- **Nov. 3**: Dictionarium
- **Nov. 17**: Wordsy

PAPERCRAFT CLUB
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Make 3D characters from Minecraft, Pokémon, Marvel and more out of paper. Suggested age: 8-14.

BLACKOUT POETRY
Thursday, Nov. 2, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Kick off National Novel Writing Month with this creativity exercise that challenges you to write between the lines.

SERVICE SATURDAY*
Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m., TRL
Earn volunteer hours by serving your community and making new friends! Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades. Teens 13 yrs. and older, please register through the Volunteer Center at AuroraGov.Org/Volunteer. Volunteers under 13 yrs., please register through PerfectMind.

DROP-IN BEATS
Wednesday, Nov. 8 and 22, 4-5:30 p.m., CHA
Teens can produce their own music using drumbeats, keyboards and music production software.

VIDEO GAME CLUB
Thursday, Nov. 9, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Hang out and play Switch games like Super Smash Bros, Overcooked and more.
INTERVIEW A REAL ESTATE AGENT
Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m., TRL
Are you interested in becoming a real estate agent? Here is your chance to interview a real estate agent and to ask all the questions you have about the career!

TEEN BAD ART AFTERNOON*
Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., TRL
The challenge is to make the worst piece of art! Winner gets a prize!

PERLER BEAD CLUB
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 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.

TEEN ART: WATERCOLOR SILHOUETTES
Thursday, Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m., MVL
An art program for teens. Paint watercolor skies and use sharpies to create silhouettes in the foreground. Creativity encouraged; mess expected.

TEEN WRITING CLUB*
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 4 p.m., TRL
Want to take your writing to the next level? Meet other writers, sharpen your creative skills and discover your own unique voice!

TEEN MOVIE HANGOUT: “SHREK”
Saturday, Nov. 25, 4:30 p.m., MVL
A fun movie hangout with free popcorn included. See who can quote along the best!

SHRINKY DINKS
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 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.

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!

• Friday, Nov. 17, 4:30 p.m., HOF
• Thursday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m., MVL
CHESS CLUB
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., HOF
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.

BYE-BYE BALLOON PARTY
Saturday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m., TRL
Celebrate our memories and say goodbye to our hot-air balloon! Enjoy a story about changes, learn about what changes are coming to Tallyn’s Reach Library and make a craft with fabric pieces of the balloon to keep.

DIWALI CELEBRATION
Saturday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m., HOF
Celebrate the Festival of Light with chai and festive crafts!

CHAOS CRAFTING
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m., ILF
Friday, Nov. 17, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Bring your creativity in crafting whatever you would like with a variety of items. The winner will be crowned the most chaotic crafter! Supplies provided.

DECORATE A CANVAS POUCH
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4-5 p.m., MLK
Use fabric markers and more to personalize a useful canvas pouch.

FAMILY BAD ART AFTERNOON*
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m., TRL
The challenge is to make the worst piece of art! The winner gets a prize.

THANKSGIVING CRAFTS
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4-5 p.m., MLK
Celebrate Thanksgiving by making a turkey headband, leaf scratch art and beaded corn craft.

PJ MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, Nov. 17, 5 p.m., HOF
Visit the library in your comfiest pajamas and bring your fuzziest blanket and pillows! Craft together as a family and then watch “The Bad Guys” with popcorn!

FUN WITH BEADS
Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Make a friendship bracelet with beads. Supplies provided.

WONKA MOVIE SUNDAY
Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m., TRL
Get ready for “Wonka” coming out this December by watching “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” (2005, PG), and have the chance to win the Golden Ticket, with a prize included! Crafts and popcorn provided.
ADULT

Adult - DIY

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH CHALLENGE
Wednesdays, 5 p.m., CEN
Thursdays, 3 p.m., TRL
Challenge yourself to write 50,000 words in November!

SELF-GUIDED PAINT
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., CHA
Stop by to create a work of art at your own pace.

ADULT ART: FALL WATERCOLOR
Saturday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. Paint a fall scene with watercolors.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Monday, Nov. 20, 4-6 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Join every month to create a quilt block!

Adult - Get Social

COFFEE AND COLORING
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Fun adult coloring pages provided! Color and engage in conversations about books, movies, current events and life! Enjoy refreshments and goodies.

VIRTUAL CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP*
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., WebEx
Do you enjoy creative writing? Are you working on your own fiction project? Join this group of writers in a weekly virtual meeting to discuss projects and improve their craft.

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: ADULT SESSION*
Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Connect from home to play party games with others! Newcomers are welcome. This month:
· Nov. 3: Dictionarium
· Nov. 17: Wordsy

AURORA CHESS CLUB
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join the Aurora Chess Club for some friendly games of chess! Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Limited to ages 10 and up.

ADULT CRAFTING CIRCLE
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Do you have a craft or hobby that you started but never finished? Bring Your Own Craft (BYOC) and swap ideas, pick up some tips, or just have a good chat with other crafty folks!

COLORING AND PUZZLING
Thursday, Nov. 9, 12:30 p.m., TRL
Do you enjoy coloring books or puzzles? Join this group for a calm place to practice your coloring or help us put together a puzzle. Unlimited tea will be provided!

CRAFTERNOON*
Saturday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m., TRL
Make your own Winter Wonderland Terrarium! Bring your own materials or use the supplies we provide.

FALL FILM CREATURE FEATURE*
Thursday, Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m. snacks and 6 p.m. screening, CEN
Popcorn and snacks provided to watch “Krampus” (PG-13)! Ho-Ho-horror. Ages 13 and up are welcome with parent or guardian.

PAINT LIKE A PRO CHALLENGE*
Saturday, Nov. 18, Noon, TRL
Join for a fun challenge of recreating a beloved PBS star’s painting from one of his many episodes! The painting that looks most like his will win a prize. Curly wigs are encouraged!

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com
Adult - The More You Know

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

COMPUTER TUTORING
Hoffman Heights Library – by appointment – call 303.739.1572
Tallyn’s Reach Library – by appointment – call 303.627.3050
One-on-one instruction from computer basics to Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint. Call select locations for available dates and times to register.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES/ CLASES DE CONVERSACIÓN EN INGLÉS
Mondays, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Saturdays, 2 p.m., CEN
Practice speaking and listening with others in English. Free, walk-in classes. For more information, call 303.739.6630 for Central Library.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP*
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Practice speaking and listening to others in English. Discuss grammar, everyday topics, recent news and pop-culture.

LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, Nov. 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 first-come, first-served basis. Please head to the Reference Department for the clinic. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

HUNGER FREE COLORADO: APPLY FOR SNAP AND FOOD ACCESS RESOURCES
Monday, Nov. 13, 1-6 p.m., CEN
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, Nov. 18, 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.

INTERNATIONAL SNACK TASTING*
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2:30 p.m., TRL
Try unique snacks from around the world!

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTS: FALL AND WINTER LANDSCAPE CARE
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m., CEN
Learn about various gardening topics, presented by our local Master Gardeners!
Whether you can donate on Colorado Gives Day (Dec. 5) or not, please consider the Friends of the Aurora Public Library as part of your end-of-year charity contributions. The volunteer-run nonprofit turns 100% of the donations and sales of used books at the Book Outlet Store back to the library.

To donate, visit ColoradoGives.org/FriendsAuroraLibrary. The Book Outlet is located at 2243 S. Peoria Street.
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Central Library

The inaugural Merry Makers Market is a free one-stop shopping event with a selection of products to choose from local and regional vendors.

Learn more at AuroraGov.org/MerryMakersMarket