EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY

AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY | SEPTEMBER 2023

DIY Cosplay*
In conjunction with the Colorado Academy of Cosplay, learn...

HOW TO START*
Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., CEN
Learn the basics of designing your costume for Aurora Mini-Con! Course includes tips and tricks, pattern making and introduction to materials. (Ages 15+)

HOW TO CRAFT*
Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., CEN
Take your costume from concept to reality! Learn to craft with EVA foam and prepare your project for the finishing touch. Patrons do not have to attend “How to Start” but it is encouraged. (Ages 15+) *Dual registration encouraged, but not required.

SUPERHERO TRAINING*
Thursday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m., TRL
Come dressed as your favorite superhero and sharpen your superhero skills. You can test your agility and strength, crawl through a laser maze, make a superhero mask and play superhero bingo for prizes. For ages 8-12.

Aurora Public Library is thrilled to bring back the annual mini-con in person for the first time since 2019. Aurora Mini-Con is a free festival featuring comics, cosplay and all things pop culture and it will be bigger than ever before!

This FREE family-friendly event includes superheroes, comic-themed crafts and activities, panel discussions, exhibits, gaming and a cosplay costume contest. This year’s event will feature over 50 vendors, multiple food trucks, special guests and much more!

Join the fun from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway.

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

AuroraLibrary.org

All Aurora Public Libraries will be closed Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day.
HAPPENINGS AT APL

Summer Jams and Storytime

Wednesday, July 12 at Utah Park with Gora Gora Orkestar

Wednesday, July 26 at Mission Viejo Park with The Cabin Burners
**BOOK CLUBS**

**TEEN BOOK REVIEW**

**“All The Bright Places” by Jennifer Niven**

This story follows a character named Theodore Finch. He doesn’t particularly have many friends. Finch just wants to escape from his small town. At his school, a girl named Violet Markey seems to have a perfect life. Finch and Violet share a class together and one of the assignments is to take a road trip. They get paired up against Violet’s will at first. The wandering project they were assigned just requires you to travel around the state and find unique and interesting features and then write and describe them. They drive all around the state stopping at many things, bookstores, lakes, etc. Violet and Finch become very close during their adventures. In my opinion, I think this was such a great book and it was very impactful. I personally rate it 5/5 stars. I would recommend the book to people who need to hear Finch’s message.

- Maya Powell, Grade 8

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**EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS**

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**BABY PLAYGROUP**
Fridays, 11 a.m., TRL
Enjoy age-appropriate toys and meet new friends after Baby Storytime. Open to babies 23 mos. and younger and their caregivers.

**MUSIC PLAYGROUP**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Play with musical toys and meet new friends after Tots Tunes. Designed for kids 18 mos. to 5 yrs. and their caregivers.

**LEARN AND PLAY**
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Play with early literacy toys and meet new friends after Storytime! Designed for kids 18 mos. to 5 yrs. and their caregivers.

**FUN FRIDAY STORYTIME**
Fridays, 10:30 am, MLK
Fun, dynamic storytime with puppets, music and play.

**EARLY LITERACY FAIR**
Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Participate in engaging activities to help preschoolers with school readiness, focusing on Talk and Play, Body and Brain, and Science and Math.

**SPACE PARTY**
Thursday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Learn about stars and galaxies at this space-themed storytime. This storytime will include themed crafts.

**KIDS**

**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.

**AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY**
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN
Join us every Tuesday after school for a fun activity. Designed for students in first through fifth grade.

**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.

**BETWEEN THE NOTES**
Wednesdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Teen volunteers provide free tutoring for young musicians learning to play cello, violin, or viola. Open to kids 13 yrs. and younger. Participants must bring their own instrument.

**RETRO GAMING HOUR**
Thursdays, 4 p.m., CHA
Try your hand at getting the top score on our Galaga arcade machine! One play per person when others are waiting. Open to kids 5 to 12 years old.

**LEGO CLUB**
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m., TRL
Create building projects with Legos! Every month there will be a different challenge. Your builds will be displayed in the Children’s Area. Open to ages 5-12.

**POPSICLE STICK BOATS**
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 4 p.m., MLK
Build a boat that floats.

**FIZZING ICE CUBES**
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m., MLK
Science activity dissolving colorful ice cubes.

**THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST**
Saturday, Sept. 16, 2-4 p.m., MLK
Join Think Like a Scientist for hands on, family oriented, come and go event with all kinds of science experiments.

**SQUISHY UNICORNS AND DOGS**
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 4 p.m., MLK
Color a squishy animal with markers.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW CLINGS**
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m., MLK
Decorate a stained-glass window cling.
TWEENS/TEENS

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.
・ Sept. 7: Magnetic Shakespearean Mad Libs
・ Sept. 14: Career Conversation: Music and Media
・ Sept. 21: Popcorn Party and Movie

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT - TEEN SESSION*
Fridays, 5:30 p.m., Webex
Connect from home to play party games with others!
・ Sept. 15: Incohearent
・ Sept. 22: Drawful
・ Sept. 29: Chameleon

SERVICE SATURDAY*
Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m., TRL
Saturday, Sept. 30, 3 p.m., MVL
Earn volunteer hours by serving your community and making new friends on the first Saturday of each month! 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.

FEAR FACTOR
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m., MLK
Dare to dine on a range of food and drink from the spicy to the gross and everything in between. Winners get a prize!

POKÉMON CARD TOURNAMENT
Saturday, Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m., HOF
Try to be the very best! We encourage attendees to bring their own card deck.

CAKE POP CREATIONS
Friday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m., MLK
Create your own delicious cake pops to take home! Supplies provided.

SILLY SODA TASTING*
Saturday, Sept. 16, 4 p.m., TRL
Try a variety of unconventional fizzy beverages! Open to teens in sixth through twelfth grades.

TEEN MOVIE HANGOUT: “THE AVENGERS”
Saturday, Sept. 16, 3 p.m., MVL
A fun movie afternoon for tweens and teens, with free popcorn included! Watch “The Avengers” (PG-13).

VISIONARY WRITER’S TEATIME
Thursday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m., TRL
Join Aurora’s Poet Laureate in a literacy chit-chat about creative and academic writing where youth can ask questions, write their own stories or poems, plus so much more! Aurora Public Library’s Visionary Writers Teatime offers aspiring young writers (ages 10-18) guidance and support in all their writing adventures, whether for fun or for school!

LIVE ACTION PAC-MAN
Friday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m., MLK
Make a craft, have snacks and play in a giant game of Pac-Man with your friends.

BOOK TASTING
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4-6 p.m., CEN
What will you read next? Sample new styles and authors of books. Maybe you’ll find your next great read. There will be book choices for tweens and teens.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
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!
・ Fridays, 2 p.m. MLK
・ Saturday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m., TRL
・ Thursday, Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m., MVL
・ Thursday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m., CEN
・ Friday, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m., HOF

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Adult - DIY

GLASS GEM DECOR
Friday, Sept. 8, 4 p.m., MLK
Decorate tiles and jars with glass gems for a mosaic effect.

MUSHROOM NEEDLE FELTING
Thursday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m., MLK
Come join this beginner friendly course as we make a colorful mushroom.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Monday, Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Create a quilt block every month!

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN EYEBALL BOUQUET*
Monday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m., CEN
Surprise your guests with a spooky Halloween bouquet made with Styrofoam balls and googly eyes. All eyes will be on this spooky table decoration at this year’s Halloween party! Or, let’s be honest, anyone who dares to look at it! Bwaahahaha...

HAUNTED PAINTINGS*
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., TRL
Join the fun of repurposing outdated art! Bring your own print or painting, or use one of our copies to create a spooky masterpiece. For adults and teens 14+.

Adult - Get Social

COFFEE AND COLORING
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Enjoy coffee, conversation and coloring. Coloring sheets and pencils supplied.

MONDAY MOVIE MAGIC
Mondays, 5:30 p.m., CEN
Gather to relax and watch some movies! Bring a comfy pillow or blanket, bring some snacks to share, but above all bring yourself and enjoy the movie.
- Sept. 11: “Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves” (PG-13)
- Sept. 18: “Space Jam” (PG)
- Sept. 25: “A Goofy Movie” (G)

COFFEE AND CHAT
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m., TRL
Have a fun conversation and unlimited coffee! This month’s conversation theme will be favorite travel stories. Bring in any items that you would like to share!

SIP N’ COLOR
Sunday, Sept. 17, 1 p.m., TRL
Do you enjoy a cup of tea and coloring books? Join this group for a calm place to practice your coloring and enjoy some tea!

BUZZED SPELLING BEE
Saturday, Sept. 30, 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.

FALL FILM FEATURE: CREATURE*
6 p.m. screening, 5:30 for snacks, CEN
Popcorn and snacks provided!
• Thursday, Sept. 21: “Deep Blue Sea” (R) GMO sharks terrorize the scientists that created them.
• Thursday, Oct. 19: “The Lost Boys” (R) Two teens discover themselves (and vampires) in their beach town.
• Thursday, Nov. 16: “Krampus” (PG-13) Ho-ho-horror (ages 13+ with parent or guardian).
Adult - The More You Know

DROP-IN THERAPY
Hoffman Heights Library – by appointment – call 303.739.1572
In partnership with Spark the Change Colorado, Aurora Public Library will offer free, on-site therapy sessions! 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
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
Practice speaking and listening with others in English. Free, walk-in classes. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 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 Adult Services Dept for the clinic. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101
Saturday, Sept. 9, 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.

HUNGER FREE COLORADO: APPLY FOR SNAP AND FOOD ACCESS RESOURCES
Monday, Sept. 11, 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.

WELCOME TO APL: USING THE CATALOG*
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6 p.m., CEN
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m., CEN
Make the most of your APL experience! This beginner-friendly course will teach patrons the basics of navigating APL’s catalog, placing holds, account management, as well as how to request items from other library systems.

WELCOME TO APL: HOOPLA AND LIBBY
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m., CEN
Make the most of your APL experience! For patrons interested in e-content, this beginner-friendly course will teach patrons the basics of navigating our apps.

DROP-IN TECH HELP
Thursday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m., TRL
Need help with your electronic device? Stop by during the hour to get one-on-one help with your question. First come, first served. Sessions limited to 15 minutes when others are waiting.

APPLE TASTING*
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m., TRL
Do you enjoy apples in season? Come enjoy a variety of slices and dips, discuss your favorites! Open to adults and older teens.

ECLIPSE PRESENTATION
Sunday, Sept. 24, 3:40 p.m., TRL
Are you excited about the upcoming Solar Eclipse on Saturday, Oct. 14? CU-STARs will discuss the science behind the eclipse with activities and a solar telescope!

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¡Celebra! HISPANIC HERITAGE Month

6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15 | Aurora Central Library

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, we celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Nearly 30% of Aurora’s population is of Hispanic or Latino origin. The people from this community who call Aurora home come from all walks of life and have their own individual stories of immigration or a long family history that predates Colorado statehood.

Join the city of Aurora for a unique celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway. Enjoy the opening of a larger than life Catrina exhibit and two new art exhibition, one by Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art and another by Tonos Latinos. Event includes food, music and performances from different countries.

No registration is required. Learn more at AuroraLibrary.org.

Hosted by Aurora Public Library, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs, in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens.