National Library Week highlights libraries' contributions to their local communities. This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" encourages everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions no matter where they are on life's journey.

Celebrate and join various programs throughout Aurora Public Library:

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK STORYTIME**
Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Celebrate National Library Week with a fun themed storytime!

**NAME THAT BOOK CART!**
Monday, April 8 to Saturday, April 13, TRL
Help us name book carts in honor of National Library Week! Submit your ideas from April 8 to 10 to the voting box near the front desk. Staff will then choose their top favorite names for you to vote on April 11-13.

**MARBLED BOOKMARKS***
Teen: Thursday, April 11, 4:30 p.m., MVL  
Adult: Saturday, April 13, 4 p.m., MVL
Celebrate National Library Week by making bookmarks using this cool painting technique. You'll pour paint into a special liquid, so it floats on the surface, create patterns in it, then dip your bookmarks to make a print.

**BLOCK PRINTING BOOKBAGS**
Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., MVL
Celebrate National Library Week by stopping by and using block printing to make your own custom bookbag to take home and keep. Choose from a selection of block patterns provided by professionals at AV Studios.

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

Winner of Tween Hang: Bad Art Night at Central Library

Colorado Humanities Presents Black History Live at Central Library

Service Saturday at Tallyn’s Reach Library

Leap Day Frog Party with Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces at Mission Viejo Library

Snakes at the Library with Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces at Central Library
STAFF PICKS

“White Tiger”
by Aravind Adiga

Funny as heck, dark and absurd. A book like this is as rare as the titular white tiger itself. It'll have you laughing one minute and gasping in horror the next. It's not a well-known book but it deserves to be read. Adiga spins a captivating thriller that fans of Slumdog Millionaire will fall in love with!

- Justine Camacho,
Circulation Services Supervisor,
Central Library

“Paradise Falls”
by Keith O’ Brien

An amazing look at what happens when a community of parents band together to fight a large corporation with face and “Mother Science”.

- Jennifer Rodger,
Library Branch Supervisor,
Mission Viejo and Iliff Square Libraries

BOOK CLUBS

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, April 2, 1 p.m., CEN

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Saturday, April 6, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., MLK
Join to discuss queer books and authors from a variety of genres! Meetings are bi-monthly. April’s book is “Orpheus Girl” by Brynne Rebele-Henry.

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m., 15120 E. Hampden Ave.
Meet for lively discussions on popular and contemporary books at Dry Dock South. April’s title: “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVER’S BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion. April’s book: “And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie

BOOK OF THE MONTH
Tuesday, April 30, 12:30 p.m., 30 Del Mar Circle
Try out a new book and join for tea and snacks to tell us what you think! Open to ages 18 and up. April: “The Stars are Fire” by Anita Shreve

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

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**EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS**

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**LEARN AND PLAY**

Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA/TRL
Free-form play group for children and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other parents.

**MUSIC PLAYGROUP**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m., TRL
Freeform playgroup for kids 18-months- to 5-years-old and their caregivers. Play with musical toys and instruments while making new friends. Join every Tuesday and Thursday after Tots Tunes!

**SENSORY SHENANIGANS**

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Children of all abilities and ages benefit from sensory-based play! Bring your little ones to a morning of sensory activities, including a ball pit, sensory bins, playdough and more!

**BABY PLAYGROUP**

Fridays, 11 a.m., TRL
Join for a freeform playgroup for babies 23-months-old and younger and their caregivers after Baby Storytime. Registration is not required.

**DISCOVER THROUGH PLAY**

Fridays, 11 a.m., CEN
Parents will engage with their children in activities focused on process and play. This program is designed for children ages two to five to practice skills needed for kindergarten.

**SENSORY STORYTIME**

Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m., TRL
Join a sensory-friendly storytime. This is a quiet and welcoming environment for children to experience new sensory stimuli. Registration is not required.
CRAFTY CLUB
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., CHA
Hang out after school and make new crafts every week! Open to kids ages 6 to 11.

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! STEAM Club Junior is designed for our friends in first, second, and third grades. The first Tuesday of the month will be a LEGO engineering challenge. Participants must be at least six years old at the time of the program to register.

STEAM CLUB*
Tuesdays, 5 p.m., TRL
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, or math! STEAM Club is designed for our friends in fourth through eighth grades. The first Tuesday of the month will be a LEGO engineering challenge. Participants must be at least eight years old at the time of the program to register.

BETWEEN THE NOTES
Wednesdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Free tutoring on cello, viola, or violin from teen players. Participants must bring their own instruments. In the event of inclement weather, Between the Notes follows Cherry Creek School District’s directives for cancellations. No tutoring April 17.

CREATIVE MINDS CLUB
Thursdays, 4 p.m., HOF
Hang out with friends while we play with Legos, test out science experiments, or create fun crafts. Open to kids ages 7 to 12.
  • April 4: Legos
  • April 11: Board Games
  • April 18: Art
  • April 25: Science

MATH HOMEWORK HELP*
Thursdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Do you need help with your math homework? Come get 1:1 help from local high school volunteers with great math skills. One-hour sessions in the Activity Room available. Days and times are subject to change based on volunteer availability; registrants will be notified with any updates.

KALEIDOSCOPIC EGGS
Wednesday, April 3, 4 p.m., MLK
Try the science experiment and decorate eggs.

PERLER BEAD CLUB
Wednesday, April 3, 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.

TINKER TOTS*
Monday, April 8, 4 p.m., TRL
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, or math with your preschooler on the Second Monday of each month! This program is for children ages 3 to 6 with a caregiver.

POM-POM CATERPILLAR CRAFT
Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 p.m., ILF
Create a colorful and fuzzy pom-pom caterpillar.

TIE-DYE MILK
Wednesday, April 10, 4 p.m., MLK
Play with colorful milk and learn about surface tension.

TITANIC ESCAPE ROOM*
Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., TRL
Abandon ship! Abandon ship! The unsinkable Titanic has hit an iceberg and is going down. Use your critical thinking and teamwork skills to find a lifeboat before the ship sinks! For ages 7 to 12.

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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:
• April 5: Just One, a cooperative game of one-word clues.
• April 19: Weapons Drawn, a game of Pictionary with hidden letters.
• April 26: Secret Sith, a Star Wars-themed game of social deduction.

DINOSAUR TEA PARTY
Thursday, April 4, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Have a tea party while playing Dinosaur Tea Party, a Guess Who-style game with dapper dinos. Feel free to dress your best. Winner gets to wear our inflatable T-rex costume.

TEEN HANG
Thursdays, April 4 and 18, 4 p.m., CEN
Come hang with us at Central Library! It’s your hour to do homework, create art, or play games! Snacks will be provided. Ages 12 to 18.

K-POP MEETUP
Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m., HOF
Calling all K-Pop fans! Watch music videos, admire our favorite POBs, and chat about all things K-Pop! Open to ages 11 to 18.

TEEN TASTE TEST
Wednesday, April 10, 3 p.m., HOF
Come try a variety of chips and rate them based on your favorites! Open to ages 13 to 18.

TEEN HANG: ACTIVITY ROOM ART
Thursday, April 11, 4 p.m., CEN
Say goodbye to boring walls and get ready to unleash a whirlwind of creativity to turn the youth and teen activity room into a kaleidoscope of awesomeness! All materials will be provided. Ages 12 to 18.

INK FLOATING ART
Thursday, April 11, 4 p.m., MLK
Create unique and whirling pieces of art with ink, paper, and water. Supplies provided. Tweens/Teens aged 12 to 18.

DIY TERRARIUM
Tuesday, April 16, 4 p.m., MLK
Make your own terrarium with moss and rocks. Create a tiny slice of jungle, a home for dinosaurs, or your own fantasy world. Supplies provided. Ages 12 to 18.

KIDS

4-H PAPER ROLLER COASTER
Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m., CHA
In partnership with 4-H, learn how to engineer a roller coaster out of paper and send your marbles on an extraordinary ride! Open to ages 6 to 13.

WALKING RAINBOW
Wednesday, April 17, 4 p.m., MLK
Learn about capillary action as a rainbow forms.

ANIMAL SHEEP MASK CRAFT
Friday, April 19, 11 a.m., ILF
Using a paper plate and cotton balls, craft a cute sheep mask.

READ TO A THERAPY DOG
Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. to noon, MVL
What better way to practice reading aloud than with a friendly dog? Call 303.326.8600 to register for 15-minute sessions.

CORNSTARCH GOO
Wednesday, April 24, 4 p.m., MLK
Make and play with goo.

4-H ROBOTICS
Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m., HOF
In partnership with 4-H, learn how to make a robot hand and other cool robotic activities! Open to ages 7 to 16.

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SHRINKY DINKS
Wednesday, April 17, 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!

1920’s MYSTERY PARTY
Friday, April 19, 6 to 8 p.m., HOF
This Jazz Age Murder Mystery is going to be the cat’s pajamas! Enjoy thematic snacks and beverages and solve this whodunit with friends. Registration and permission slips required. Open to ages 13 to 18.

FASHION CRAFT
Saturday, April 20, 3 p.m., HOF
Make a craft you can wear! This month, we will create Tie Dye! Participants can bring their own clothing to dye or use a pillowcase provided by the library. Open to ages 11 to 18.

MARS HABITAT BUILD
Saturday, April 20, 4 p.m., TRL
Design, plan and build an inflatable habitat fit for life on Mars! For teens in sixth through twelfth grade.

TWEEN HANG: STRETCH AND SKETCH*
Friday, April 26, 4 to 5:40 p.m., CEN
Combine art and yoga! A City of Aurora Yoga Instructor will guide the Tweens through yoga movement, and then there will be a breakout session for creative time. Each Tween will leave with a relaxed mind and a piece of art! Registration is highly recommended. Ages 9 to 12.

BOOK RECYCLING CRAFT
Saturday, April 27, 4 p.m., TRL
Get in on the Earth Day fun by recycling one of our old library books into a decoration! Book folding templates will be provided.

PAINT A DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS MINIATURE
Tuesday, April 30, 4:30 p.m., ILF
Pick a miniature to paint. Supplies provided. Ages 12 to 18.

SERVICE SATURDAY
Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m., TRL
Earn volunteer hours while serving your community and making new friends! For ages 12 and under, please register on PerfectMind. For 13 years and older, please register at AuroraGov.org/Volunteer.

VOLUNTEER 1920’s MYSTERY PARTY - SETUP
Friday, April 19, 4 to 6 p.m., HOF
Help us decorate the library for our Jazz Age Murder Mystery Party. Volunteers can apply on the City of Aurora’s Volunteer Portal.

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!
• Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m., CEN
• Thursday, April 18, 4:30 p.m., MVL
• Friday, April 26, 4:30 p.m., HOF

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PJ MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, April 26, 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 a family movie together, “Encanto,” with popcorn! Open to all ages.

SPRING WREATHS
Thursday, April 18, 4 to 5:45 p.m., MLK
Create your own spring wreath out of fabric.

BOOKMARK CRAFT
Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Create a bookmark with rainbow scratch paper. Supplies provided.

FAMOUS PAINTING TRIVIA
Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m., TRL
Show off your knowledge of famous paintings and painters and compete against others for an art lovers prize!

BOARD GAME NIGHT
Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m., CHA
Play some super fun board games! Games provided. Open to ages 10 and up.

FUNKY SCULPEY FINGER PUPPETS
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Using clay, create a finger puppet. Supplies provided.
**ADULTS**

**Adult - DIY**

**DIY SOURDOUGH STARTER***
Monday, April 1, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Did you know April 1 is also National Sourdough Bread Day? Stop by to make your own starter and learn about the basics of sourdough bread making. Supplies provided!

**LEARN TO SEW**
Monday, April 8, 3 to 5 p.m., HOF
Are you interested in learning how to use a sewing machine? Join a group class, learn the basics of using a sewing machine and work on a small project to practice!

**DIY LIP BALM**
Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m., MLK
Create your own lip balm to take home! Supplies provided.

**PAINT AND CHILL**
Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., CHA
Stop by to create a work of art at your own pace. Supplies provided.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP**
Saturday, April 13, 1:30 p.m., TRL
Bring your new or gently used arts and crafts items to swap, and pick up new supplies. Discover new types of crafts, get inspired, and connect with other crafters!

**DECORATE WOOD DECOR***
Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m., ILF
Pick a wood decor piece to decorate. Supplies provided.

**PAINT WATER BOTTLES**
Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m., MLK
Tired of looking at the same plain water bottle? Want to take a bit of spring flowers everywhere you go? Bring your chosen water bottle to paint or use a plastic one that will be provided.

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**
Monday, April 29, 3 to 5 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Join us every month to create a quilt block!

**Adult - Get Social**

**COFFEE AND COLORING**
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m., ILF
Color and engage in conversations about books, movies, current events and life! Coffee and coloring sheets provided. There will not be Coffee and Coloring at Mission Viejo Library Monday, April 8.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CIRCLE**
Wednesdays, All April, 1 p.m., TRL
Join for a weekly chat in our spacious Community Room and connect with new friends! This 50+ group will decide the weekly discussion topics. Light refreshments will be provided.

**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:

- April 5: Just One, a cooperative game of one-word clues.
- April 19: Incoheerent, a game of parsing gibberish phrases.
- April 26: Set, a tricky game of pattern matching.
MONEYLESS TEXAS HOLD’EM
Wednesday, April 3, 2 p.m., CHA
Join a friendly game of poker. No prizes, no cash, just fun with cards! Open to ages 18 and up.

CREATIVE JOURNALING FOR STRESS RELIEF*
Monday, April 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CEN
For National Stress Awareness Month, join a representative from Aurora Mental Health to learn coping methods through creativity. Ages 18-26.

ADULT CRAFTING CIRCLE
Tuesday, April 9, 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!

TRAVEL SHOW AND TELL
Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Come and share stories about past trips and adventures with others in this conversation group, no souvenirs required! Coffee provided.

PAINT LIKE A PRO CHALLENGE*
Saturday, April 13, 3:30 p.m., TRL
Join a fun challenge of recreating Johannes Vermeer’s “Girl With a Pearl Earring”, but with a twist! Library staff will vote for their favorite painting, winner gets a prize! Ages 18 and up.

TALLYN’S WRITING GROUP*
Friday, April 26, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Novel or memoir, stage or screen. Wherever your creative juices flow, join for a discussion of the craft and culture of writing. This month’s theme: Point-of-View.

MOVIES AT APL

COZY MOVIE AND COLORING
Wednesday, April 17, noon, HOF
Join a streaming of “Little Women” and some cozy coloring! Supplies Provided. Open to ages 18 and up.

BUT DADDY I LOVE HIM
• “EDWARD SCISSORHANDS” (PG-13)
  Saturday, April 13, 4 to 6 p.m., CEN
  “Hold Me,” “I can’t.”
• “SHREK 2” (PG)
  Saturday, April 20, 4 to 6 p.m., CEN
  I need a hero.

COMPUTER TUTORING
Central Library – by appointment – call 303.739.6630
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 for available dates and times to register.
ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES
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.

LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, April 2, 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 and is strictly informational. Please head to the Adult Services Dept. for the clinic and for more information call, 303.739.6630.

INTERCULTURAL APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
Tuesday, April 2 and 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., HOF
In partnership with Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, get one-on-one help with interpreters to access and complete important applications for early education and public family benefits. Open to ages 18 and up.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP*
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 24, 5 p.m., TRL
Practice speaking and listening with others in Spanish. All levels welcome. This group is hosted by a native Spanish speaker. Ages 18 and up.

HUNGER FREE COLORADO: APPLY FOR SNAP AND FOOD ACCESS RESOURCES
Monday, April 8, 1 to 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, April 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.

FINALS STUDY PARTY
Friday, April 19, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Come and join a quick presentation on BrainFuse’s HelpNow database, followed by drop in studying!

MAXIMIZING SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP*
Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m., TRL
This educational workshop will provide you with much needed information to help you understand the Social Security system, coordinate spousal and survivor benefits, minimize taxes and maximize your personal benefits. Ages 18 and up.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR DISABILITIES
Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m., MVL
Are you uncertain about the Social Security disability benefit application process? Professionals from the Colorado Department of Human Services will explain the system and answer your questions.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTS: COMPOSTING
Tuesday, April 30, 6 p.m., CEN
Learn about various gardening topics, presented by our local Master Gardeners!

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Poetry Month
PARTNERSHIP WITH POET LAUREATE

DEMYSTIFY THE COMPLICATED: STEPPING INTO POETRY PUBLICATION
Saturday, April 6, 6 p.m., CEN
Poets of the first-ever Community Literature Initiative: Denver Chapter will participate in a poetry showcase and panel discussion about showing up for themselves as creatives and becoming important members of a growing community. Topics will include the creative process, book production and more.

HOLD THE VISION DAILY: COMPLETING THE POETRY MANUSCRIPT
Saturday, April 20, 6:15 p.m., TRL
Ever wonder what it’s like to put together a poetry manuscript? The poets of the first Denver Chapter of Community Literature Initiative will have a poetry showcase and a panel discussion about completing their poetry manuscripts. Topics include creative process, book production and more.

OPEN MIC NIGHT
Saturday, April 27, 6:30 p.m., TRL
The stage is set; now you bring the stories! Experience an evening of poetry, stories and more. Sign-ups start at 6 p.m., and performances start at 6:30 p.m.

Continue to support the library. Shop at the Book Outlet, 2243 S. Peoria St., or make a donation by scanning the QR code.