New Art Throughout the Libraries

Art installations at Central Library and Hoffman Heights Library in partnership with Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art

“Threshold Beams” by Lucy Holtsnider at Central Library
A large print window installation that showcases vibrant color gradients made from translucent paper. The prints evoke an oversize kaleidoscope with the colors changing as the light shifts due to weather and movement of the sun. The blurring of indoor and outdoor space, along with the bright colors, evoke a boisterous spirit of adventure.

“Identity, Power and Collage” by Devin Urioste at Hoffman Heights Library
The collage installation is of photos of the surrounding community and neighborhood, with Colfax and Peoria serving as staples. The space represents the people who embody these communities.

Catrinas in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens
On view from August through October at Aurora Public Libraries are variations of La Catrina. The iconic “Grand Dame of Death” reminds us to celebrate life and embrace mortality. The unique approach Mexicans take toward death—cheerful and festive—is showcased with larger-than-life catrinas created by Los Angeles artist Ricardo Soltero.
Celebrate Mexican culture and the artistic traditions of Día de los Muertos, and honor the memory of loved ones in a lively, colorful and meaningful way.

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

All Aurora Public Libraries will close Friday, Aug. 30 for staff engagement and system maintenance.
HAPPENINGS AT APL

Box City
at Tallyn’s Reach Library

Proud Creation
at Chambers Plaza Library

Animal Farm
June 21, Summer Jams and Story Time
at General’s Park

Adult Watercolor Class
at Hoffman Heights Library
BOOK CLUBS

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion. August’s book: “Cheap Land Colorado” by Ted Conover

BOOKS AT THE BAR*
Saturday, Aug. 10, 1 p.m., 1338 S. Valentia St. #100
Meet for lively discussions on popular and contemporary books. August’s title: “The Bear and the Nightingale” by Katherine Arden at Copper Kettle Brewing Co.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVER’S BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion. August’s book: “A Fever in the Heartland” by Timothy Egan

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Saturday, Aug. 24, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., MLK
Join a discussion on queer books and authors from a variety of genres! Meetings are bi-monthly. August’s book is “Hijab Butch Blues” by Lamya H.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
Tuesday, Aug. 27, noon, 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! August: “Wish You Were Here” by Jodi Picoult

*Book copies are available through the Aurora Public Library

STAFF PICK

“Babel: An Arcane History”
by R.F. Kuang

What if there was an organized rebellion against the colonial industrial revolution? An amazing look into the colonization of language.
- Amory Serna, Library Clerk Courier

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

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### EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

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Storytimes and Tots Tunes will take a break at Iliff Square Library, Mission Viejo Library and Tallyn’s Reach Library from Aug. 1 to 31.

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### EARLY LITERACY FAIRE
Friday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m., TRL
Join an early literacy faire! There will be a storytime with crafts, activities and educational resources.

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### SPECIAL STORYTIME: BUG HUNT
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m., HOF
Join a special storytime all about bugs. Read about bugs and then go on a bug hunt of your own!

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### SPECIAL STORYTIME: THE GREAT OUTDOORS
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m., CHA
Join for a special storytime all about the great outdoors. Read books about nature and make a nature-themed craft!
KIDS

CRAFTY CLUB
Tuesdays, noon, CHA
Hang out and make new crafts every week! Open to kids 6 to 11.

READING GAMES
Wednesdays, 4 p.m., MLK
Learn phonics, letters and reading skills with fun games.

CREATIVE MINDS CLUB
Wednesdays, 4 p.m., HOF
Hang out with friends while we play with Legos, test out science experiments, or create fun crafts. Open to kids 7 to 12.
• Aug. 7: Legos
• Aug. 14: Science
• Aug. 21: Board Games
• Aug. 28: Art

CARDBOARD FORT BUILD – KIDS ONLY!
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 4 p.m., TRL
Help put the finishing touches on an AWESOME cardboard fort for one last big play before school starts!

SCIENCE SATURDAY
Saturday, Aug. 17, 2 to 4 p.m., MLK
Participate in fun science activities at stations.

READ TO A THERAPY DOG
Monday, Aug. 26, 4 to 5:30 p.m., TRL
What better way to practice reading aloud than with a friendly dog? Call Tallyn’s Reach Library (TRL) at 303.627.3050 to register for a 15-minute session.

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TEEN CARDBOARD FORT BUILD
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m., TRL
If you build it, they will play! Help build an AWESOME cardboard fort for the younger kids so they can have one last big play before school starts!

BUDGET BASICS WITH BELLCO CREDIT UNION
Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m., TRL
Money and math go hand in hand. Learn some tips and tricks for managing your cash!

KEEP TALKING AND NO ONE EXPLODES
Thursday, Aug. 15, 4 p.m., MLK
Tension, excitement and snacks! Come by and play in teams where one group helps direct someone else to cut the right wire.

RESEARCH BOOTCAMP
Thursdays, Aug. 15 to Sept. 12, 4 p.m., TRL
Slay your research paper assignment this semester with help from your local library! This program is designed for high school students in AP and concurrent enrollment (CE) courses. Please bring your computer or tablet.
  • Aug. 15: Research Topics and Project Management
  • Aug. 22: Databases and Peer-Reviewed Articles
  • Aug. 29: Community College of Aurora Resources for Concurrent Enrollment Students

DIY PLANNERS
Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30 p.m., TRL
Celebrate finishing the first week of school and get organized for the rest! Bring your own planner or use one of ours to set goals for a great school year. Snacks, planners and art supplies provided.

COSPLAY BASICS: FACE PAINT
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 4 p.m., MLK
Excited for convention season? Learn basic makeup and face paint tricks to make your cosplay standout. Supplies provided.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
Thursday, Aug. 22, 4 p.m., CEN
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Help make teen voices heard at the library while earning volunteer hours! Eat snacks and make new friends too. Ages 12 to 18.
COLORADO TRIVIA
Saturday, Aug. 17, 2 p.m., TRL
August is Colorado’s birthday month! Show off your knowledge of all things Colorado and compete against others for a prize.

PAINT POUR
Friday, Aug. 23, 3 p.m., MLK
Drip and pour fluid paint onto a canvas and create a unique masterpiece.

SNAKES OF AURORA
Thursday, Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m., MLK
Learn about snakes with an interactive presentation from Natural Resources and meet a live bullsnake.

FAMILY

SOI WRAP PARTY
Saturday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m., TRL
Celebrate the end of Summer of Imagination! Party with music and bubbles, chow down on cold treats and meet a special bunny guest.

SMOKEY BEAR READING CHALLENGE
Monday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 31, TRL
Celebrate Smokey Bear’s 80th birthday with a special summer reading program. Read related books and learn about wildfire prevention, forests and natural resource careers while exploring your area!

CARDBOARD FORT PLAYTIME
Thursday, Aug. 8 to Saturday, Aug. 10, TRL
Enjoy a special cardboard fort in the Children’s Area! Helpers can join a demolition Saturday, Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

SMOKEY BEAR BIRTHDAY BASH
Friday, Aug. 9, 4 p.m., CHA
Celebrate Smokey the Bear’s 80th birthday! Make s’mores, answer trivia and play games!

SOAP MAKING
Saturday, Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m., MLK
Make your own bars of soap with the melt and pour process. Then add your own scent and color. Let the soap cool for half an hour and take it home.

CANVAS PAINTING
Friday, Aug. 16, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., MLK
Paint your own masterpiece on canvas. All supplies provided.

MOVIES AT APL

HARRY POTTER-THON
Thursday, Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., TRL
Friday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., TRL
Hogwarts is still out for the summer but still enjoy the fun and magic of the first four Harry Potter films, with unlimited popcorn, crafts and coloring! All films are rated PG, except for the “Goblet of Fire” (PG-13).

MOVIE AND POPCORN
Saturday, Aug. 31, 1:30 p.m., TRL

SALOME SONGBIRD – FOLK TRIO
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library
The acoustic trio Salomé Songbird channels jazz, baroque, bebop and bluegrass influences into original songs inspired by mental health, religious trauma and cartoons.
Register at AuroraGov.org/Concerts

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ADULT - DIY

YOGIC BREATHING AND MEDITATION
Saturdays, 4 p.m., TRL
Learn about Pranayama, the ancient technique of yogic breathing, along with other methods of meditation. Please bring your own yoga mat. This class will be hosted by teacher Mahatma Vijay Nand. Ages 18 and up.

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

NEEDLE FELT: MUSHROOMS
Thursday, Aug. 8, 4 p.m., MLK
Stop by this beginner friendly class to make your own felted mushroom friend to take home. Supplies provided.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP
Saturday, Aug. 10, 1 to 3 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 and get inspired and connect with other crafters!

BOOK ART: FEATHERS
Tuesday, Aug. 13, 4 p.m., MLK
Make a beautiful art piece from old book pages. Supplies provided.

CREATIVE JUNK JOURNALING*
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m., CEN
Relax, enjoy some tea and create your very own junk journal to help clear your mind. Supplies provided.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Monday, Aug. 26, 3 to 6 p.m., HOF
Interested in quilting? Join every month to create a quilt block!

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
Wednesday, Aug. 28, 4 to 6 p.m., MLK
Join an embroidery workshop with an instructor. All supplies provided.

LEATHER CRAFTING CLASS*
Saturday, Aug. 31, 11 a.m., TRL
Learn how to make a custom leather journal cover with the option to dye and engrave the leather. This class will be taught by local business, JT Leather Crafter.
**ADULT - GET SOCIAL**

**VIRTUAL CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP***
Tuesdays, 5 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.

**AURORA CHESS CLUB**
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., CEN

Socialize, snack and learn chess! For ages 12 and up.

**MONEYLESS TEXAS HOLD’EM**
Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4, 2 p.m., CHA

Join a friendly game of poker. No prizes, no cash, just fun with cards! Open to ages 18 and up.

**ADULT DAY GROUP COLORING**
Thursday, Aug. 8, 12:30 p.m., CEN

Calling all adult day group members and their caretakers! Come and build connections through coloring and conversation.

**CSI TALLYN’S**
Saturday, Aug. 24, noon, TRL

Go over a true crime case with a group. Discuss the timeline, clues, suspects, evidence and theories. Theorize what happened at the end. Case of the month: Lindberg Kidnapping.

**ADULT DAY GROUP BINGO**
Monday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m., CEN

Calling all adult day group members and their caretakers! Come play bingo, build connections, and win prizes.

**MOVIES AT APL***

**BACON BITS**
You guys, it’s Kevin!

“Footloose” (1984) (PG) Friday, Aug. 9, 6 to 8 p.m., CEN

“Tremors” (1990) (PG-13) Friday, Aug. 23, 6 to 8 p.m., CEN

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ADULT - THE MORE YOU KNOW

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 303.627.305

One-on-one instruction from computer basics from Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint. Call for available dates and times to register.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES
Mondays, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Fridays, 10:30 a.m., MLK

Practice speaking and listening with others in English. Free, walk-in classes. For more information call Central Library at 303.739.6630 or Martin Luther King Jr. Library at 303.739.1940.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:
GENEALOGY 101
Saturday, Aug. 10, 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, Aug. 12, 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.

CITIZENSHIP STUDY GROUP
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 4 p.m., CEN
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 4 p.m., CEN

Studying for the citizenship interview? Join others in practicing and preparing for the different sections of the interview.

RESUMES WORKSHOP
Thursday, Aug. 15, noon, TRL

Are you looking for a new job? Join this foundational workshop hosted by Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Who will provide a framework for creating an effective, targeted resume and give you tips to improve the one you already have. Ages 18 and up.

ALL ABOUT AI*
Wednesday, Aug. 15, 5 p.m., CEN
Chat GPT has catapulted AI technology to the forefront of global conversations. Join an educator from Active Minds to learn how it can not only be abused, but also used for good!

DISCOVERING ADWORKS!
Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Has a lot to offer. Their workforce has helped thousands of Coloradans reach their career goals from partnering with businesses to reviewing resumes. Discover programs, services and workshops offered through A/D Works!

CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP
Thursday, Aug. 22, noon, TRL
Explore your barriers to employment and explore potential career paths, with help from the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Team.

ADULTING 101: HERB GARDEN
Thursday, Aug. 22, 4 p.m., MLK
Learn to make a beginner’s herb garden! Learn the best tips and tricks for lengthening the life of your plants all year round. Supplies provided or bring your own egg carton for upcycling.

SALARY NEGOTIATIONS WORKSHOP
Thursday, Aug. 29, noon, TRL
Salary negotiation is an important component in increasing your salary earnings when landing a new position, being promoted, or after a performance review. Learn about negotiating salaries with the help of Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

FINANCE BASICS: BUDGETING*
Thursday, Aug. 29, 5 p.m., CEN
Join an expert from the Association of Financial Educators to learn the basics of budgeting. Note: this course is geared towards adults ages 18 to 30, however all are welcome!
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Aurora Municipal Campus
Comics, cosplay, gaming AND MORE

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AuroraGov.org/Mini-Con
Aurora Library
14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012

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