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AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY | SEPTEMBER 2022



Community generated art exhibits at Aurora Public Libraries



Aurora Public Library is partnering with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) for two art exhibits at two libraries by artists Juan Fuentes and Christine Nguyen. Both artworks are to be created with contributions from the community.

Juan Fuentes is a Denver-based documentary photographer born in Chihuahua, Mexico. His work captures everyday life and tells stories of contemporary America, highlighting the immigrant and Chicano experience. His collaborative photography exhibit will include photos from Aurora community members reflecting their everyday experiences and showcasing their pride in the city. The art project focuses on celebrating Aurora's diversity, uniting the city's

different communities by compiling community-generated perspectives and images.

In August, Fuentes taught two photography workshops at Aurora Central Library, where community members explored the joy of photography and were empowered to document their own experiences. Participants will be sharing their photos with Fuentes for the exhibit, which will be on display at Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway, starting Sept. 30.

Christine Nguyen is an Aurora-based artist born and raised in California. Her cyanotype (solar print) mural exhibitions have been shown nationally and internationally. For this project, Nguyen will present a community-created cyanotype mura

l and photo-based flags highlighting the natural world and celebrating the Aurora community through its individuals. Throughout the library, hidden objects will be waiting to be discovered as part of a scavenger hunt. The community will be invited to explore, interact and find the objects represented in Nguyen's flags.

Nguyen will offer a free cyanotype workshop for all ages to participate in the creation of the cyanotype mural at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E Colfax Ave., the place where the mural will be exhibited. At print time, there was no set date for installation, but it is expected to take place in mid-October. To learn more about the project, visit AuroraLibrary.org.

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9898 E. Colfax Ave.
Aurora, CO 80010
303.739.1940

HOFFMAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY (HOF)
1298 Peoria St.
Aurora, CO 80011
303.739.1572

CENTRAL LIBRARY (CEN)
14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012
303.739.6600

ILIFF SQUARE LIBRARY (ILF)
2253 S. Peoria St.
Aurora, CO 80014
303.739.1567

MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY (MVL)
15324 E. Hampden Circle
Aurora, CO 80013
303.326.8600

TALLYN'S REACH LIBRARY (TLR)
23911 E. Arapahoe Road
Aurora, CO 80016
303.627.3050

CHAMBERS PLAZA LIBRARY
1551 N. Chambers Road
Aurora, CO 80011
303.739.1573

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

AuroraLibrary.org

All Aurora Public Libraries are open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. Regular service hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6.



Meet Aurora's Poet Laureate



Aurora native Ahja Fox is the city's new honorary poet laureate. She was selected out of six candidates by a panel that included the two former city poets, Jovan Mays and Assetou Xango, the State Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre, and Councilmember Danielle Jurinsky after an extensive application process, which included a written application, in-person interview and performance of an original work. Fox was recommended by the Aurora Public Library Board for appointment by the City Council, which took place in July, and sworn in last Monday, Aug. 8, for a four-year term ending in 2026. The Poet Laureate Program started in 2013 as an initiative of the Aurora Public Library to recognize a poet and writer and to advocate and promote poetry and literature. To learn more about the poet laureate and the program, visit AuroraGov.org/Poet.

HAPPENINGS AT APL



More than 200 children and their families joined Aurora Central Library for a special storytime with the Cat in the Hat from the Dr. Seuss Experience, courtesy of Bellco Credit Union, who also donated Dr. Seuss books for the families to take home. A similar experience took place at Martin Luther King Jr. Library with a visit from the Grinch!



Several branches hosted Deepali Lindblom, a professional Indian dancer and choreographer, founder of Roshni, who held family-friendly workshops focused on Indian dances from four regions of India.



Documentary photographer Juan Fuentes presented workshops on photography basics as part of a collaborative project for a mural showcasing Aurora and its residents.



Aurora Rhythms continues rocking out our libraries with once-a-month performances, including dance from the Aurora Dance Arts. On Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m., Skeandubhband, a neo-traditional acoustic Celtic band, will perform at Tallyn's Reach Library.

BOOK CLUBS

NON-FICTION

TUESDAYS AT 1 P.M. | CENTRAL

Sept. 6



Join APL's Non-Fiction Book Club for a lively discussion. August's book: "Dear Bob and Sue" by Matt and Karen Smith.

September's book: "Library Book" by Susan Orlean.

BOOKS AT THE BAR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 1 P.M., WEBEX

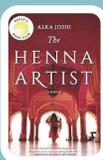


Meet up for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Register online for adults 21 and over only. For more information, please contact the Hoffman Heights Library at: 303.739.1572

September's book: "All God's Children" by Aaron Gwyn.

DAYTIME BOOKLOVER'S BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 10:30 A.M., CEN



Join APL's Daytime BookLover's Book Club for a lively discussion.

May's book: "Double Life" by Flynn Berry.

SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 4 P.M., WEBEX

A virtual book club for busy adults with monthly readings that you can finish in an hour or less. Copies of each month's short stories may be found at the Mission Viejo or Iliff Square library front desks or requested via email, library@auroragov.org.

OUT OF THIS WORLD BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 5 P.M., WEBEX



Come read sci-fi and fantasy literature at the Iliff Square Library. In September, "Pacific Rim" meets Ancient China in Xiran Jay Zhao's YA sci-fi bestseller "Iron Widow."

Coming soon...

Chess lessons

Stayed tuned for chess lessons at different libraries.

BOOK REVIEW

"THINGS IN JARS" AND "HIMSELF" By Jess Kidd

Browsing through Libby, I decided to let serendipity drive, and picked the first e-audiobook title that appeared in a random search...and I discovered a gem of a story, "Himself," by Jess Kidd. With a helping of quirky small-town Ireland, and a dash of big-city Dublin, I loved this story, which centers around a decades old mystery, with the prose being liberally sprinkled with humor and the macabre.

"Himself" follows the charming Irish rogue Mahony, as he searches for his roots in the small town of Mulderrig. These mainstays of village life are present to provide ambiance (a friendly publican, gossiping biddies, and the local cleric), while the daft eccentrics and occasional ghoul provide laugh-out-loud humor. This story walks a wonderfully thin line between mystery, romance, and the supernatural, making you feel like a fellow Irish villager in the 1970's.

Narrated by Aiden Kelly, I loved the way he was able to bounce between characters, giving perfect timing and dry humor to the many jokes and quips in the tale. "Himself" was Jess Kidd's debut novel, and I found it to be so thoroughly engaging, I immediately put her second book, "Things in Jars," on hold.

"Things in Jars" contains the same eclectic mash of humor and the macabre; but being set in London during the 1800's, this tale had a much more Sherlockian vibe. Our protagonist in this story is hell-on-wheels Bridey Devine, granddaughter of a Resurrection Man. Again – the narrator is superb, and when she voices Bad Dorcas (reminiscent of a mad Mary Poppins), there were goosebumps all along my arms.

Bridey is a complex character; superficially a go-getting Bluestocking who is fighting for her place in a man's world. But as the story goes on, you start to catch glimpses of past events that are key to her strength and conviction of character. With a cast of "irregulars" (if you will), that's entertaining, odd, tragic, and yet still triumphant, "Things in Jars" is a fantastic journey to the darker side of London.

By Liz Williams

HAVE YOU READ THIS BOOK?

Share your thoughts on social media with #ReadWithAPL



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE	LOCATION	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
Storytime (All Ages)	CEN						10:30 a.m.
	HOF		10:30 a.m.				
	MLK				11 a.m.		
	MVL				10:30 a.m.		
	TLR			10:30 a.m.			
	Town Center Mall 14200 E. Alameda Ave.					11 a.m., 1st Fri. of the month	
Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime	MLK			4 p.m.			
Babies (0-23 mos.)	CEN		10:30 a.m.				
Baby Playground	TLR					11 a.m.	
Toddlers (2-3 yrs)	CEN			10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
Preschool (3-5 yrs)	CEN					10:30 a.m.	
Tots Tunes	TLR		10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.		

BABY PLAY GROUP

Fridays in September, 11 a.m., TLR
Freeform playgroup for babies 23 months and younger with their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other parents.

MUSIC PLAY GROUP

Tuesdays and Thursdays in September, 11 a.m., TLR
Freeform play group for children and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with musical toys while connecting with other parents.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Wednesdays in September, 10:30 a.m., TLR
Listen to stories and activities that promote reading development and learning, designed for parents to participate with their children. Registered attendees must be present no later than 10:35 a.m. Late entry will not be permitted.

LEARN AND PLAY

Tuesdays in September, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays in September, 11 a.m., TLR
Free form playgroup for all ages and their caregivers. Listen to music, play with early literacy toys, and connect with other parents while your children play together.

EARLY LITERACY FAIR

Friday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m., CEN
Engaging activities will help preschoolers with school readiness, focusing on Talk & Play, Body & Brain, and Science & Math.

PARTY STORYTIME

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. ILF
Bubbles and dance tunes and fall leaves, oh my! Come celebrate the start of fall with Iliff's monthly party storytime. We'll dance and craft and dress up in all of the colors of fall. See you there!

Kids

STEAM TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN & TLR
Join us for a fun activity focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math. Designed for students in first through fifth grade. The first Tuesday of the month will be LEGO Club.

READING BUDDIES

Wednesdays in September 4-5:30 p.m., CEN
Come to the library every Wednesday to practice reading with a librarian. For students in kindergarten through third grade. No registration required; drop in between 4-5:30 p.m.

KIDS CRAFT: RAINBOW TREES

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 4 p.m., ILF
Turn over a new leaf for learning by making rainbow trees at the Iliff Square Library!

KIDS CRAFT: TWIRLIGIGS

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m., ILF
Create a fun spinning toy at the Iliff Square Library.

STEAM TUESDAYS

Tuesdays in September 4 p.m., CEN & TLR
Join us after school every Tuesday for a fun activity focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math. Designed for students in first through fifth grade. The first Tuesday of the month will be LEGO Club.

LET'S PLAY

Fridays in September 4 p.m., CEN
Join us every Friday to try your hand at various games. Appropriate for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families.

STRAW BUILDING CHALLENGE

Thursday, Sept. 1, 4 p.m., HOF
Test your architectural abilities as you compete to build the tallest structure out of straws.

LEGO CLUB

Thursdays in September 4 p.m., MLK
Create with Lego blocks!

STREET ART ROCKS

Friday, Sept. 23, 4 p.m., MLK
Want to leave a creative token on the public streets of Aurora? Come by to paint creative art to take home and leave in unique spaces!

Tweens/ Teens

HOFFMAN HEIGHTS GAME SPACE

Weekdays 3-5 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., HOF

Drop in for Hoffman Heights Library's youth gaming spaces for tweens and teens to play video games solo or with friends! Variety of games available.

WEDNESDAY CRAFTS AT MISSION

**Wednesdays in September
4:30 p.m., MVL**

Weekly crafts for tweens where we rotate making papercraft, perler beads ("melty" beads), clay figurines, and shrinky dinks projects each week. Suggested ages: 8-14.

TEEN HANG

**Thursdays in September
4 p.m., CEN**

Visit us each week for a chance to 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.

TEEN TABLETOP GAMES

**Thursdays, Sept. 8, 22, 29,
4:30 p.m., TLR**

Play popular tabletop games like Catan, Betrayal at the House on the Hill, Fluxx, Unstable Unicorns and more!

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: TEEN SESSION

Fridays in September, 5:30 p.m.

WebEx

Sept. 2: SECOND CHANCE

Sept. 16: BOMB CORP

Sept. 23: TABOO

Sept. 30: MAD VERSE CITY

UNSTABLE UNICORNS: ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

**Tuesday, September 6
4:30 p.m., MVL**

We'll be playing Unstable Unicorns and eating cupcakes, because who can say "neigh" to a chaotic card game combined with candied confectionery?

RAINBOW ROUND TABLE

Friday, Sept. 16, 4-5 p.m., HOF

Are you part of the LGBTQ+ community or an ally? Join us at the Hoffman Library every month for fun crafts, guest speakers, activities and more!

TEEN D&D ONE-SHOT WONDERS: YAZEBA'S BED AND BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m., ILF

Try a faster D&D with our one-shot wonders campaign! All of these adventures last only an afternoon but are full of surprises. In September, we're visiting the house of the witch Yazeba. Will you help avert disaster or make her inn explode?

GAK!

Thursday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m., HOF

Let mix up a batch of this goopy substance and learn the science behind it.

IRL CLUE*

Friday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m., TLR

Join Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, and some new guests as their Toast Tasting Party turns into a hunt for Mr. Boddy's murderer! Registration and completed permission form are required to attend this event.

VIDEO GAME CLUB: OVERCOOKED

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m., MVL

Try out the game Overcooked, a game of chaotic cooperation that has players play as line chefs filling orders in the most bizarre scenarios possible: inside volcanoes, on crashing hot air balloons, between moving cars, and more.

TEEN DUNGEONS & DUCKS

Thursday, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m., MVL

Come plot adventures and fight monsters at this off-the-wall Dungeons and Dragons game!

PAJAMA LOCK-IN

Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-8 p.m., MVL

A library lock-in themed around slumber parties—we'll be making smores, holding goofy relay races, playing party games like Wink Assassin, and more. Don't forget to wear your coolest PJs!



TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Teens! Join your local Teen Advisory Group and let your voice be heard! Help create displays, plan programs and activities while earning volunteer time. Enjoy snacks and meet new friends too!

Tallyn's Reach

Thursdays, Sept. 1 & 15
4:30 p.m.

Central

Thursday, Sept. 22, 4 p.m.

Mission Viejo

Thursday, Sept. 22, 4:30 p.m.

TEEN TABLE TOP GAMES

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Tallyn's Reach

Thursdays, Sept. 8 & 22,
4:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER TEEN BOOK REVIEWER

Earn two hours of volunteer time for each approved review you submit. Your reviews will be published on our Facebook page and posted in the library. Books must be shelved in our Young Adult sections and be available at any Aurora Public Library.

Contact libraryoutreach@auroragov.org for more information, review guidelines, and final review approval.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Adult - DIY

OPEN SEWING LAB

Thursday, Sept. 8, 3-5 p.m., HOF

Need to stitch, sew or darn? Drop by the Sewing Lab and work on a current project or dream up something new!

NEEDLE & THREAD

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 5 p.m., ILF

Come learn to cross-stitch or work on an existing project at the Iliff Square Library! New patterns every month; materials provided for beginners.

HOFFMAN HEIGHTS CREATESPACE

Tuesdays: 3-5 p.m.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturdays: 3-5 p.m.

Need a space to create? Drop in to Hoffman Library's CreateSpace to craft, sew and make! The CreateSpace is open for community use for personal projects; limited supplies will be available for crafting and sewing.

MEET WITH MAYOR MIKE AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2 to 3 p.m., HOF

Join a community conversation with Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman. The mayor will provide updates on important issues and, most importantly, will listen to community comments and concerns. No appointment needed.

ADULT ART - WATERCOLOR CATS

Saturday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m., MVL

A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This session we'll be painting simple but adorable fluffy watercolor cats.

ADULT - GET SOCIAL

Library Game Night: Adult Session

Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Sept. 2: Second Chance
Sept. 16: Linkee
Sept. 23: Taboo
Sept. 30: Quiplash

SO, I HEARD ON A PODCAST

Saturday, Sept. 24, Noon, WEBEX

Like a book club, but with podcasts. Each month we will explore a new theme and listen to a playlist of podcasts. Themes and podcasts will be emailed to you upon registration. For more information, please contact the Hoffman Heights Library at: 303.739.1572

ANCIENT SKINCARE

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 4 p.m., MLK

Learn to make skin care products from the Ancient World! From Egyptian Bath Salts to clay masks, take home some spa products from a bygone age.

ADULT DI[WH]Y

Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30-8 p.m., TLR

Creative? Curious? Make a great craft and learn the science or history behind it! This month, we'll make a quilling paper craft.

GOAL KEEPERS- ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

Thursday, Sept. 1 & 15, 4:30 p.m., MVL

Want some help sticking to your goals? Come find support at the library! The group meets twice a month to talk about small successes and steps toward our goals. Support and accountability can help you succeed!

QUILTING 101: BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Monday, Sept. 26, 4-5:30 p.m., HOF

Interested in quilting? Join us every month to create a quilt block, and by next January you'll have enough block to piece together into a quilt, table runner or other project. This series concludes in January 2023 with a class on how to finish your project (quilting and binding).





The More You Know

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 the Reference dept. at: 303.739.6630.

LEGAL CLINIC

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 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 the Adult Services Dept at: 303.739.6630.

WET AND DRY: SEED TECHNIQUES

Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 p.m., Nome Community Garden

Are your seeds ready for next season? Will they be viable? What is the process for wet and dry seed harvesting? Not sure, join this class to find out. This class will meet at Nome Community Garden.



COMPUTER TUTORING

Hoffman Heights – by appointment – call 303.739.1572

Iliff Square – by appointment – call 303.739.1567

Tallyn's Reach – by appointment – call 303.627.3050

From computer basics, to learning about MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint, we can provide one-on-one instruction. Call select locations for available dates and times to register.

DRMAC GETTING THERE TRAVEL TRAINING 101

Join Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC) Getting There Travel Training where you will learn how to use RTD and Lyft App services. Complete your 4 virtual trainings to graduate and come on a free, in-person trip. Visit AuroraLibrary.org to register. For more information, call the Adult Services Dept at: 303.739.6630.

101: INTRO TO RTD

Thursday, Sept.1, 10 p.m., CEN

Want to learn how to use our public transportation (RTD) safely? Learn how to travel COVID safely, plan a trip, read a map, find a bus or train, and much more.

102: FARES & TICKETING – SAVE MONEY WHILE GETTING WHERE YOU NEED TO GO

Thursday, Sept. 8, 10 p.m., CEN

Learn how to apply for discounts, what fare zones and costs are, how to purchase tickets, how to board local buses and trains, use their bike racks, what fare inspections are, and much more.

103: USING TRANSIT APPS

Thursday, Sept. 15, 10 p.m., CEN

Learn how to use the new Getting There app, the RTD ticketing app, and the Lyft app to find transportation options.

104: LYFT SCOOTERS & DISCOUNTS

Thursday, Sept. 22, 10 p.m., CEN

Here is where you will get a chance to learn how to use Lyft scooters, apply for their discount program, and much more.

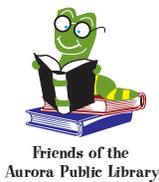
DRMAC GETTING THERE TRAVEL TRAINING, GRADUATION

Thursday, Sept. 29, 9 p.m., CEN



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The Friends of Aurora Public Library Recognized as the Community Partner Organization of the Year

The city of Aurora Community Spirit Awards are presented to those individuals, businesses or organizations who demonstrate ongoing leadership, a commitment to volunteerism and involvement in the community to build a stronger Aurora.

This year, the volunteer-run nonprofit Friends of the Aurora Public Library received the Community Partner Organization of the Year Award for its ongoing support of Aurora Public Library programs and services, financial donations and exceptional efforts in offering a variety of low-

cost books to make reading more accessible to the local community.

The Friends of the Aurora Public Library's mission is "to support the ongoing programs and services of the Aurora Public Library with financial donations and to celebrate the lifetime joys of reading by offering a wide variety of low-cost books and other media in a vibrant, well-organized atmosphere." This nonprofit was established in 1987 by a dedicated group of volunteers, who have operated the Book Outlet until the present date. All profits from their book sales have been donated to

the Aurora Public Library system to enhance and support their programs and services. To date, they have donated over 1 million dollars!

In addition to the well-deserved Community Spirit Award, The Friends –with their more than 50 volunteers and over 400 active members– are celebrating 35 years of service to the Aurora community. Congratulations, Friends of the Aurora Public Library, and thank you for your continued support! Visit the Book Outlet at 2243 S. Peoria St. and learn more about this fantastic organization at Fapl.Info.

WANTED: Library Board Members

Consider joining the Library Board. Help advise City Council, the city manager and the director of the Library and Cultural Services Department on matters relating to the library system. The volunteer members of this board meet the first Thursday of the month. To learn more and apply, visit AuroraGov.org/Boards.

