Chambers Plaza Library Grand Opening and Community Celebration

Aurora Public Library’s grand opening of Chamber Plaza Library will take place from 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Jan. 12, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by city leaders and community members.

In addition, the community is welcome to celebrate the different cultures within Aurora from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14. Chamber Plaza Library will have special programs, activities for all ages and food representing the community’s culture.

Chambers Plaza Library is Aurora Public Library’s seventh branch, restoring the number of libraries since closures in 2009. Chambers Plaza Library is located at 1551 N. Chambers Road at the northwest corner of Chambers Road and Colfax Avenue and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Aurora Public Library is reimagining possibilities for 2023. This opening is only the beginning!
HAPPENINGS AT APL

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Storytime with the Grinch at Tallyn’s Reach Library – Dec. 10

Holiday Ornament Workshop at Tallyn’s Reach Library – Dec. 3

Council member Dustin Zvonek, council member Danielle Jurinsky and council member Curtis Gardner experiencing storytime with the Grinch at Tallyn’s Reach Library with their families – Dec. 10

Ugly Sweater Murder Mystery at Mission Viejo Library – Dec. 3

Community Care Kits at Chambers Plaza and Hoffman Heights Libraries

Storytime with the Grinch at Tallyn’s Reach Library - Dec. 10

Ugly Sweater Contest Winner at Mission Viejo Library – Dec. 3
BOOK CLUBS

Non-Fiction Book Club
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1 p.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
January: “Gates of Europe” by Serhii Plokhy

Books at the Bar*
Saturday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m., WebEx
Meet up for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Adults 21 and over only. Please contact the Hoffman Heights Library for more information at 303.739.1572. Registration is required.

Daytime Booklovers’ Book Club
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m., CEN
Join for a lively discussion.
January: “Fallen Women” by Sandra Dallas

Short Story Book Club*
Saturday, Jan. 21, 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 Library or Iliff Square Library front desks or requested via email (library@auroragov.org).

Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m., HOF
An afternoon chat with tea and snacks for our featured book of the month!
January: “Finding Me” By Viola Davis

Denver Chess Club Tribute to MLK Tournament
Saturday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 15, CEN
Aurora Public Library has partnered with the Denver Chess Club to host its Tribute to MLK Tournament. The tournament is expecting up to 150 players from across the nation, including a few grandmasters. The tournament is open to public viewing.

The Denver Chess Club is the oldest and largest chess club in the state of Colorado. The Aurora Public Library hosts chess programs throughout the year in partnership with the Denver Chess Club.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com
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### Tallyn’s Reach

Tallyn’s Reach will have a programming break in January 2023. We’ll be back to our regular schedule in February.

### KIDS

#### STEAM Tuesdays
Tuesdays, 4 p.m., CEN
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.

#### Between the Notes
Wednesdays, 4 – 5 p.m., TLR
Between the Notes offers free music lessons for violin and cello to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Each student must bring their own instrument. There will be no BTN on January 4.

#### Winter Activities
Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m., MLK

#### Team Saturday
Saturdays, 3 p.m., CHA
We’re ready for the weekend with games, crafts and more!

#### Read to a Therapy Dog*
Saturday, Jan. 21, Timeslots from 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.

#### Learn and Play
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., HOF
Wednesdays, 11 a.m., CHA
Freeform play group for children 2- to 6-years-old and their caregivers. Listen to music and play with early literacy toys while connecting with other parents.

#### Rock and Read
Last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., CHA
Join us for a special musical storytime! This will be a time to get dance, shake, and wiggle as we share stories, songs, and rhymes for kids of all ages.

#### Space Party
Thursday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m., MVL
An out of this world space party! There will be a space themed storytime, crafting, and snacks.
TEEN/TWEEN

**Service Saturday**
Saturday, Jan. 7
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., TLR
Serve the community and make new friends. This month, we’ll help the libraries restock their Grab’n’Go craft kits. Sign up for either session or both! Register through the Aurora Volunteer Center at auroragov.org/volunteer.

**Hoffman Heights Game Space**
Weekdays 3 - 5 p.m., Saturdays, all day, 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.

**Game Club**
Mondays, 4 - 5:30 p.m., MLK
Play giant-sized games and board games.

**Teen Hang**
Thursdays, 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.

**Library Game Night: Teen Session**
Fridays, 5:30 p.m., WebEx
Jan 13: Drawful
Jan 20: Wordsy
Jan 27: Wit’s End

**Nebula Jars**
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m., MLK
Create your own galaxy! Make a tiny universe in a jar to take home. Supplies provided.

**Wednesday Crafts**
Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Weekly crafts for tweens where we rotate making papercraft, perler beads, clay figures, and shrinky dinks each week. Suggested ages: 8-14.

**Video Game Club**
Thursday, Jan. 19, 4:30 p.m., MVL
Hang out and play Switch games like Super Smash Bros, Overcooked and more.

**Nerf Gun Fight!**
Friday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m., MLK
Tweens and teens, come and explore the stacks like never before! A nerf gun battle after library hours. Must register online. Suggested ages: 11-18.

**Beat a World Record**
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m., MLK
Ever wonder how many sticky notes can fit on your face? How fast someone could eat saltines with no water? Just how many leapfrogs can you accomplish in 30 seconds? Come find out and potentially beat actual world records! Winners get bragging rights and a special prize.

*Registration is required via CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com*
ADULT

Adult - DIY

FIRESIDE WEAVING
Wednesday, Jan. 4 p.m., TLR
Cozy up next to the fire and work on a small weaving project. No registration required.

WAX SCENTED SACHETS
Friday, Jan. 6, 4 - 5 p.m., MLK
Come create a homemade beeswax scented sachet to brighten your home. Supplies are provided, including a variety of dried flowers and essential oils.

OPEN FIGURE DRAWING*
Saturday, Jan. 7, 3 – 5 p.m., HOF
This is an opportunity to draw or paint from a live model without instruction. One model provides a variety of quick and sustained poses. Registrants are encouraged to bring their own supplies. The library will provide paper, regular pencils, and colored pencils.

ADULT ART: SNOW GLOBES*
Group A: Saturday, Jan. 7, 4 p.m., MVL
Group B: Saturday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m., MVL
A relaxing amateur art class for adults. This month we’ll be making snow globes! Please choose to attend either Group A or Group B, as they’re both the same craft.

ADULT CRAFT: VISION BOARDS*
Friday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m., CEN
A New Year is a great time to build a New Vision! Join us for this casual craft as we sit and chat while we create a vision board that represents our goals for the year. Supplies will be provided, but please bring anything you would like to incorporate. Registration is required.

QUILTING 101: QUILTING AND BINDING
Monday, Jan. 30, 4 - 5:30 p.m., HOF
Have you been slowly creating your quilt blocks for a cozy quilt? Are you ready to learn how to put it all together? Join us as we learn to piece together your quilt and finish your project!

TEEN

GET INVOLVED!

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

Central
Thursday, Jan. 26, 4 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr.
Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Mission Viejo
Thursday, Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m.

Tallyn’s Reach
No TAG in January due to programming break.
ADULT - CONTINUED

Adult - Get Social

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT: ADULT SESSION*
Fridays, 8 p.m., WebEx
Jan. 13: Drawful
Jan. 20: Wordsy
Jan. 27: Wit’s End

BOAT-BRINGING OLDER ADULTS TOGETHER*
Mondays, Jan. 9, 23 and 30, 10:30 a.m., MVL
Join us for conversation and puzzles every Monday morning! Coffee and tea will be served. Age recommended: 50+.

APL ACTING GROUP
Saturday, Jan. 21, 4:30 p.m., HOF
Ready for the stage? This group will focus on helping you practice your acting skills through fun improv activities and theatre games. We’ll also read scripts to practice blocking, character development, and more!

BINGO
Saturday, Jan. 28, 2 - 4 p.m., MLK
Play for fun prizes.

SO, I HEARD ON A PODCAST
Saturday, Jan. 28, 12 p.m., 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. Please contact the Hoffman Heights Library for more information at 303.739.1572.

Adult - The More You Know

COMPUTER TUTORING*
HOF – by appointment – call 303.739.1572
MLK - Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m.- call 303.739.1940
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.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS/CLASE DE CONVERSACIÓN EN INGLÉS
Mondays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 4:30 p.m., CEN
Practice speaking and listening with others in English. Free, walk-in classes. For more information, call the Adult Services department at: 303.739.6630.

LEGAL CLINIC
Tuesday, Jan 3, 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 department for the clinic. For more information, call 303.739.6630.

MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS GREEN
Thursday, Jan. 5, Noon, CEN
Learn ways to reduce your carbon footprint and help the environment through small changes. This program will cover shopping tips, easy DIY projects, and energy conservation tricks that will help achieve your green goals. Remember, even a small commitment can have a big impact.

BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: GENEALOGY 101
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m., CEN
Have you always wanted to organize your family tree? Are you unsure of how to get started? Join us as we work with the Aurora Genealogical Society to uncover the absolute basics of researching and organizing your family history.

BACK TO THE TECH BASICS: COMPUTER BASICS
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m., CEN
New to computers or aiming to brush up on your computer skills? The Back to the Tech Basics series is designed to provide a working knowledge of computer concepts and essential skills necessary to navigate today’s digital world. This week, we’ll cover the basics of computers including the parts of a computer, using a mouse and understanding the desktop.

GROW A GARDEN SIGN UP
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., CEN
Come down to the Adult Services Desk and get help signing up for the Grow a Garden program through the Denver Urban Gardens. This year they’re offering five different kits of seedlings and seeds to choose from: Salsa, Pizza, Epic Salad, Fry + Ferment and Asian garden kits.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ON COLORADO GIVES DAY

On behalf of the Friends of Aurora Public Library, the library would like to thank library patrons and the Aurora community for their generosity during Colorado Gives Day. Thanks to the benevolent donations of more than 140 people and two organizations, Donor Alliance (Donate Life Colorado) and Comcast Mountain West Region, the Friends of Aurora Public Library received the largest donation to-date for Colorado Gives Day, over $11,000!

The Friends of Aurora Public Library always welcome donations both of used books and monetary. Visit the Book Outlet store at 2243 S. Peoria St., open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or online 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.