S **Santori Library**
101 S. River St.
Aurora, IL 60506
630-264-4100

E **Eola Road Branch**
555 S. Eola Road
Aurora, IL 60504
630-264-3400

W **West Branch**
233 S. Constitution Drive
Aurora, IL 60506
630-264-3600

B **Bookmobile**
630-723-2705

Look what's rollin' on the Bookmobile! Page 11

your library
Community Newsletter

Spring 2020 www.aurorapubliclibrary.org

This spring we're celebrating...

Look for the icons next to the events

CENSUS 2020

Learn more about the upcoming Census. You'll find numerous programs at all locations.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Join us at all locations in celebrating Women's History Month.

Free Comic Book Day!
Saturday, May 2

Calling all comic book fans! Free Comic Book Day is Saturday, May 2, and the Aurora Public Library will be giving away selected free comic books! Comics will be available for all age levels: children, teens, and adults. Pick up your free comic book at any reference desk or the Bookmobile! (Restrictions apply, while supplies last.)

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Vea la página 12 para programas en español.

Bookmobile

Aurora Public Library

Spring 2020

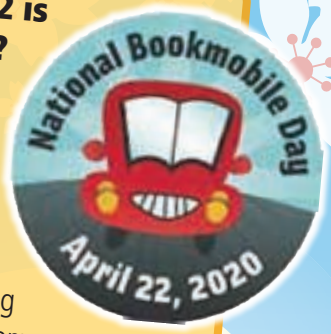
March is Food for Fines Month on the Bookmobile!

Bring one non-perishable food item to waive $1 in fines (up to $5).

Did you know that April 22 is National Bookmobile Day?

1 to 3 p.m.

We're celebrating National Bookmobile Day AND Earth Day by partnering with Walmart Garden Center (2900 Kirk Road). Visit the Bookmobile for books about gardening and caring for our planet, then take home some flowers or seeds from the garden center. Enter the raffle for an Earth Day surprise!



Dr. Seuss's Birthday is March 2

Happy Birthday and Hats Off to Dr. Seuss. Come on board the Bookmobile in the month of March and play "Where are the Dr. Seuss Characters Hiding?" Turn in your completed sheet and win a prize!

Look What's Rollin' on the Bookmobile

Good to Know!

Bookmobile is off-road March 30 & 31. From April 1-3, the Bookmobile will be used for the 2020 Census. Please check the website for locations. The regular schedule resumes Saturday, April 4 - Friday, May 8, 2020.

Storytime at Panera Bread Café

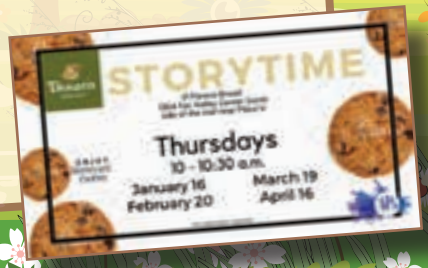
1304 Fox Valley Center – Level 1 near Macy's

Thursdays, March 19, April 16

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Panera will provide free cookies.

No registration is required.



The current Bookmobile schedule is available at www.aurorapubliclibrary.org or call 630-723-2705 for the stop closest to you.

Santori Library

Programas en Español Santori

Censo Café

9 de marzo – 30 de abril

Biblioteca Santori

¿Sabía que puede responder al Censo 2020 en línea? Y podrá hacerlo en su Biblioteca Pública de Aurora, en todas nuestra sucursales ¡Ven a ser parte de este momento histórico!

Promoviendo tu Negocio con un Presupuesto Limitado

martes, 3 de marzo

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *224*

Aprende hacer un buen presupuesto y administrar mejor tu dinero. Conoce algunas herramientas gratuitas y enterate de otros recursos que harán crecer tu negocio.

Censo 2020- ¡Tú Cuentas!

¡Trae tus preguntas, nosotros tenemos las respuestas!

jueves, 5 de marzo

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., sálon *224*

Acompáñenos en la Biblioteca Pública de Aurora, la Oficina del Congresista Bill Foster y la Oficina de la Representante Estatal Barbara Hernández, para conocer la importancia del Censo 2020.

Yoga en Silla para Principiantes

martes, 10 de marzo, 14 de abril, y 12 de mayo

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *125/126*

Ven a practicar Yoga en silla, un tipo de yoga mas fácil como para las personas de tercera edad, personas con problemas articulares y personas de todos los niveles de movilidad.

Sigue nuestra página en facebook.com/APLBiblioteca

Visualiza, planea y toma acción. Vive de tus rentas.

Educación en Libertad Financiera por Corina Tello.

jueves, 12 de marzo

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *126*

Aprende a crear un presupuesto, a documentar tus gastos y a utilizar estrategias para el flujo de efectivo. Registro requerido.

Asesoría para Compra de Casa

sábado, 14 de marzo

10 – 11:30 a.m., sálon *224*

¿Cansado de pagar renta y quieres comprar tu propia casa? Ven a esta plática donde expertos en préstamos hipotecarios hablarán de como comprar casa con ITIN, DACA, Crédito Bajo y Seguro Regular.

Tarde de juegos

miércoles, 18 de marzo, 15 de abril, 20 de mayo

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *224*

¡Ven a pasar una tarde divertida jugando juegos de mesa con tu familia, tendremos botana y jugo! Registro requerido.

Jubilación 101

jueves, 19 de marzo & miércoles, 13 de mayo

7 – 8 p.m., *Sálon 125*

Instrucciones para jubilados o personas que se han jubilado recientemente. Un Taller Educativo para tener planes contingentes para lo inesperado. Registro requerido.

Clases de Ganchillo para Principiantes

sábado, 21 de marzo , sálon 126

18 de abril, Sálon 315

16 de mayo, Sálon 126

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Aprende lo básico del ganchillo para poder crear gorros, bufandas y mil cosas más. Registro requerido.

Clases de Tecnología

Computación Básica

lunes, 2 y 16 de marzo; 6 y 20 de abril; 4 y 18 de mayo

10 – 11:30 a.m.

sálon 218

Aquí aprenderá las habilidades básicas para usar el ratón y el teclado. También aprenderá lo básico del programa Microsoft Word. Registro requerido.

¡Consultas de Tecnología!

jueves, 12 de marzo, 9 de abril, 14 de mayo

2 – 3 p.m.

sálon 218

¿Tienes una pregunta sobre tecnología? Aprende más información acerca de tu teléfono inteligente, tableta ó computadora portátil. Visítanos en la biblioteca en un ambiente informal. Registro requerido

Café de Intercambio de Idiomas Inglés y Español

sábado, 21 de marzo, 18 de abril y 16 de mayo

10:30 – 11:30 a.m., sálon 332

¿Estás buscando mejorar tu inglés o español? ¡Ven a la Biblioteca Pública de Aurora!

Programas en Español Santori

Violencia de Género

jueves, 26 de marzo

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *224*

Conversación acerca de la violencia de género y cómo identificar los patrones socio-culturales para evitar reproducirla. Por: Erin Escarlata. Registro requerido.

Taller Educativo de Medicare

martes, 31 de marzo & miércoles, 27 de mayo

7 – 8 p.m., sálon 125

Medicare hecho fácil. ¿Cuándo puedo inscribirme? ¿Qué cubre? ¿Lo tomarán mis médicos? ¿Es caro? Venga y obtenga respuestas a estas preguntas y más. Registro requerido.

Club de Lectura en español

jueves, 2 de abril, salon 126, El sol y sus flores escrito por Rupi Kaur

jueves, 28 de mayo, sálon 332, No hay vuelta atrás escrito por Melinda Gates

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Ven a conversar acerca del contenido, personajes y pasajes favoritos. Tendremos galletas y café. Registro requerido.

Decoración de Huevos de Pascua

jueves, 9 de abril

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *224*

Celebra la Pascua decorando huevitos de madera con pinturas acrílicas. Registro requerido, para mayores de 18 años.

Libérese de Fumar

martes, 14, 21, y 28 de abril

6 - 7:30 p.m., sálon 244

Un programa para dejar de fumar, el programa es de 7 semanas con 8 sesiones presentado por Rush Copley. Registro requerido.

Como Comenzar tu Negocio en Illinois

jueves, 23 de abril

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon *224*

¿Aspiras tener tu propio negocio? Aprende los elementos básicos para comenzar una empresa exitosa.

Nutrición: Un Estilo de Vida Saludable

miércoles, 29 de abril

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon 224

Dentro de esta presentación tocaremos temas como excesos y deficiencias en la nutrición, la importancia de la buena nutrición y las mejores decisiones a la hora de comer. Registro requerido.

Tarjetas de Papel para Celebrar a Mamá

Domingo, 3 de mayo

2 – 3 p.m., sálon 125/126

¡Ven a crear tarjetas divertidas para regalar este Día de las Madres a las mamás en tu vida! Registro requerido, para mayores de 18 años.

Google para mi Negocio

jueves, mayo 21

6 – 7:30 p.m., sálon 224

Aprende a administrar la información de tu negocio en Google y comienza atraer clientes.

Eola Road Branch

Children's Programs

Community Counts! Children's Poetry Contest (Grades 3-6)

March 1 to 21

You count in your community! Submit an original, unpublished poem to our contest between March 1 and March 21 for your chance to win! Call or visit the Children's Department for more details.

Learn How to Write Poetry! Workshop for Children Grades 3-6

Saturday, March 7

10 to 11 a.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Karen Fullett-Christensen, Aurora's first Poet Laureate, shares insights into the poetry-writing process and how to bring your thoughts to life through poetry. Please register!

Reading With Rover (Ages 5 and up)

Saturdays, March 7, April 4, May 2

2 to 3 p.m.

Children's Program Room

Come and read to a dog! Dogs and trainers are members of the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club. Ticket required. Tickets can be picked up 30 minutes before the event at the Children's Desk.

Junior Lego Club (Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver)

Saturdays, March 14, April 18, May 16

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children's Program Room

Come in to build cool LEGO creations. LEGOs and DUPLOs are provided. No registration required.

Lego Club (Ages 7 to 11)

Saturdays, March 14, April 18, May 16

2 to 3:30 p.m.

Children's Program Room

Come in to build cool LEGO creations. LEGOs are provided. No registration required.

Tween Perler Bead Craft (Ages 9 to 12)

Saturday, March 21

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Tweens, bring your creativity and we'll supply the rest! Create your own Perler bead craft. Registration required.

Family Craft Night

Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, May 20

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children's Program Room

Create something beautiful as a family! Each family will be provided with materials to make a nature-themed craft together. One registration required per family.

Tween Coloring (Ages 9 to 12)

Saturdays, March 28, April 25, May 16

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

A coloring club just for tweens! The library will provide materials or you may bring your own. Feel free to bring your own snacks and covered drinks. Registration not required.

We All Count Storytime (All Ages)

Monday, March 30

7 to 7:30 p.m.

Eola Children's Program Room

Join us for a special counting storytime for all ages, which will include information on the importance of the 2020 Census. I count, you count, we all count!

SPRING BREAK FUN!

No registration required.

Who Would Win? Animal Foe Face-off (Ages 8 to 12)

Tuesday, March 31

2 to 3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

The popular "Who Would Win?" book series comes to life! Work as a team to play fast-paced games, answer trivia, and win points. Which animal will be the supreme winner?

Design Your Own Button (All ages)

Wednesday, April 1

10 to 5 p.m.

Stop by the Children's Department to express your creativity! Make your own button to wear and proudly display. All supplies provided.

Morning Movie Fun (All Ages)

Thursday, April 2

10:30 a.m.to Noon

Large Meeting Room

Join us for a movie! Bring your own packaged snack or covered drink. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by a guardian.

Pete the Cat Party (All Ages)

Friday, April 3

3 to 4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Put on your white shoes and join us for a special Pete the Cat themed storytime followed by crafts and activities featuring your favorite groovy cat. It's allll good!

Teen Programs

Alive @ Eola (Teen Drop-In Program)

Mondays & Thursdays, March 2 to May 28

2:30 to 5 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

The library and the Alive Center of Naperville will offer a free space for teens to hang out in comfort and safety. There will be movies, games, activities, and more. All teens are welcome!

ACT Practice Test

Saturdays, March 7, April 4, May 2

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

ACT Practice Test implemented by Sylvan Learning Center. No registration: seats are first come, first served. Results will be provided by Sylvan.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Mondays, March 9; April 13, 27; May 11
Tuesday, May 26

6 to 7:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Teen Advisory Board is a group of teens that helps the library plan programs, help with special projects, and work hard to make the library a better place! Email teens@aurorapubliclibrary.org for info.

Teen Anime Club (Grades 6 to 12)

Fridays, March 20, April 17, May 15

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Hang out, watch anime, read manga, talk about your favorites, have Japanese snacks, do crafts, and draw your favorite characters. Cosplay and walk-ins are welcome.

SAT Practice Test

Saturdays, March 21, April 18, May 16

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

SAT practice test implemented by Sylvan Learning Center. No registration: first come, first served. Results will be provided by Sylvan.

Teen Tasters

Wednesday, March 25

6 to 7 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

A battle royale of snacks! Sample a variety of different chip and cookie flavors, then vote on your favorite. Please register.

Navigating the College Planning Process

Tuesday, April 7

6 to 7:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Representatives from My College Planning Team will provide strategies for college planning. Teens and parents are welcome to attend. Registration is recommended.

Recycled Craft for Teens (Ages 12 to 18)

Wednesday, April 22

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

In celebration of Earth Day, the Teen Advisory Board will lead you in a craft made out of recycled materials. Please register.

Team T.E.A.L. (Tolerance, Engagement, Action, Learning)

Changing Your Community Through Civic Engagement

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

This class will teach young people the tools that they need to make changes and support their community. Participants should plan to attend all three sessions of this class for maximum enjoyment.

March 3 Large Meeting Room

March 10 108 Small Meeting Room

March 17 28 Teen Room

Digital Study Hall

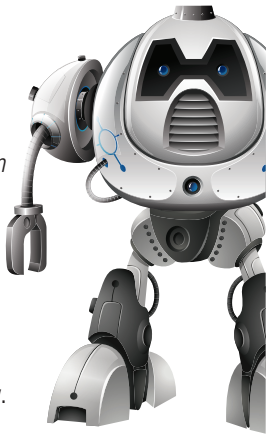
Thursday, May 21

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Get ready for your final exams and essays with a dedicated space at the Aurora Public Library. Chromebooks will be available to access the library's research databases and online study tools.

Robots! @ Eola



Saturday, May 30

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

See robots and meet the students who built them. Learn about robotics competition for teens. Make robot buttons. More info about Roaring Robotics at www.goteam2704.org.

Adult Programs

Census Forms Throughout History

March 1 to April 30, All Day

Lobby

Peer into an integral piece of local history with this fascinating exhibit of late 19th and early 20th century census forms. Complete a scavenger hunt across all locations to earn a prize!

Census Cafe – A Space for Responding to the 2020 Census

March 9 to April 30, All Day

Lobby

Did you know that you can respond to the 2020 Census online? And you will be able to do it at your Aurora Public Library, at all our locations. Come be part of this historic moment!

Upcycled Paper Beads

Monday, March 2

6 to 7 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Has the recent gifting season left you with wrapping paper odds and ends? Learn how to turn old paper into new jewelry! Some paper will be provided, or bring your own.

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Eola Road Branch

Adult Programs (continued)

Fox Valley SCORE Business Mentors

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Rules of Creativity: Trademarks & Copyrights

Tuesday, March 10

As creatives, how do we protect ourselves and stay out of trouble? The workshop will examine the creation and maintenance of each and how to enforce one's rights against would-be infringers.

Your Brand

Tuesday, April 14

This workshop will cover the very basics of building your business brand and the steps you can take today to create a better, and stronger visual image for your business!

Start a Nonprofit

Tuesday, May 12

This workshop will lay out the steps to follow in creating a new nonprofit organization. It will focus on clarity of mission, and long-term vision.

Moon and Star Observing Night

Tuesday, March 3

6 to 7:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Observing night at the library! Join us for stargazing as Michelle Nichols, astroeducator, shows us how to use a telescope to look at our moon!

Genealogy Walk-In Assistance

Thursdays, March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Second Floor

Need help with your family tree? Ask our expert volunteers, Maxine and Diane Liesinger, whose years of experience can help you with your family history questions.

Behind the Stars: The Women Who Built Chicago

Saturday, March 7

3 to 4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Join us to learn about the women of Chicago who built hospitals and schools, contributed to the arts, created the progressive women's club movement and more. In celebration of Women's History Month!

Chess Club (All Ages)

Mondays, March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 18

6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Learn, play, and have fun developing chess strategies! Chess Club welcomes newbies, novices and chess masters! No registration.

Vegetable Gardening

Monday, March 9

7 to 8 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

In conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Paul Stoffels will discuss how to select the right location, prepare the soil, and choose plant varieties that will result in a successful vegetable garden.

Loose Ends Handcraft Group

Thursdays, March 12, April 9, May 14

6 to 7:45 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Calling all knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and other fans of handcrafts! Join the Loose Ends Handcraft Group for crafting time & conversation. Bring your own craft project. No registration.

Preparing Your Home for Sale

Thursday, March 12

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Let Josie Morrison, Re/Max Action real estate broker and a panel of experts, including a mortgage broker, a real estate attorney and a home inspector, give you pro advice on selling your home!

Consumer Fraud Prevention Tips

Friday, March 13

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room

Learn about identity theft prevention and tips to avoid various telephone, online and consumer scams. Presented by the Office of Illinois Attorney General, Kwame Raoul.

Evolution of the Census

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Join our genealogy expert, Maxine Liesinger, as she discusses the many changes that have taken place through the decades of the United States Census.

Getting Started with 3D Printing

Friday, March 20

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

3D printing is available in all three Aurora Public Library buildings. Come and learn how easy it is to get started making 3D prints of your very own!

Polish Egg Decorating

Monday, April 6

6 to 7:30 p.m.

108 Small Meeting Room

Join us for the Polish custom of making pisanki, colorful and detailed Easter eggs! No real eggs will be used so you can enjoy your craft for years to come. Registration required - opens March 9.

2020 Census: Why Is It Important?

Thursday, April 9

7 to 8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

What is the census? Why is it important to our community? What's new with the 2020 Census? College of DuPage sociology professor Matthew Green will answer these questions and more. Everyone counts!

Adult Programs (continued)

STATE REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT'S THIRD THURSDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Thursdays,
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Call 630-585-1308 for more information.

March 19:

Road Construction Update

Representatives from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, the Illinois Tollway, Aurora, Naperville, and Oswego will give an overview of upcoming road construction projects in the area.

April 16:

Protect Your Privacy

Abbey Eusebio, Community Outreach Liaison for Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, will cover ways for you to stay safe on the internet and help prevent you from becoming a victim of consumer fraud.

May 21:

Property Taxes

Warren Dixon III, Naperville Township Assessor, will discuss property taxes and understanding your bill, the appeal process, exemptions and tax relief programs. Bring your bill if you have questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Eola Road Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Led by Elke Lange-Lalos, 630-264-3437
Small Meeting Room
March 4: "Cemetery Road" by Greg Iles
April 8: "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell
May 6: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

Griot African-American Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Led by Becky Clark, 630-264-3431
Small Meeting Room
March 17: "My Sister, the Serial Killer" by Oyinkan Braithwaite
April 21: "Murder in G Major" by Alexia Gordon
May 19: "Rebel" by Beverly Jenkins

Breakfast Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Call 630-264-3424 for more information.
Small Meeting Room
March 25: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith
April 29: "A Place For Us" by Fatima Farheen Mirza
May 27: "The Lost Girls of Paris" by Pam Jenoff

WELCOME TO AMERICA

English Conversation Group

Wednesdays, April 1, 15; May 6, 20
6 - 7:30 p.m.
108 Small Meeting Room
Improve your English through conversation in a casual and friendly setting. Join other English learners of all levels in conversations on everyday topics led by a tutor.

Citizenship Classes

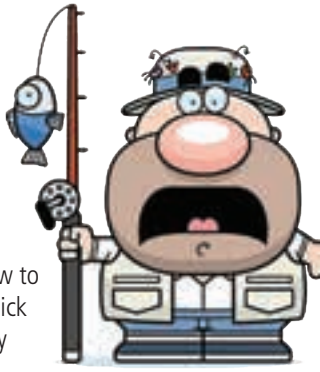
Saturdays, March 7 to May 30
9 - 12:50 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Sponsored by the College of DuPage. Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship test with this free citizenship course! Open enrollment until March 14. For more information, please call College of DuPage at 630-942-3697.

Energy Efficiency Workshop

Thursday, April 23
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Make smarter choices in your energy use! Learn about energy efficiency programs and practical steps you can take to lower your energy bills.

Getting Started with Fishing

Monday, May 4
6 to 7 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Did you know that the Aurora Public Library checks out fishing poles? DuPage County biologist Andy Plauck will explain how to get a fishing license, pick a location, and identify the fish you reel in.



Getting Started with Vinyl Cutting

Tuesday, May 5
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn how to make your own vinyl decals and stickers with the Aurora Public Library's very own vinyl cutter.

Spring BINGO! For Adults and Seniors

Friday, April 10
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Spring BINGO! fun for adults and seniors, with books and small spring themed prizes.

Searching for a Job with JobNow

Tuesday, April 14
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
108 Small Meeting Room
If you are currently searching for a job, you should know Brainfuse JobNow. JobNow offers a wide range of tools to job seekers that can only be accessed with your Aurora Public Library card.

Practical Approach to Meditation

Wednesday, April 15
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn techniques to reduce stress, increase calmness, and promote happiness. By incorporating meditation into your daily routine, you will see the changes!

Self-Watering Bottle Planter

Monday, April 20
6 to 7 p.m.
108 Small Meeting Room
Celebrate 50 years of Earth Day by recycling an old plastic bottle into a self-watering planter! Supplies will be provided. Registration opens March 30.

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Eola Road Branch

Adult Programs (continued)

The History of American Country Music

Friday, May 8

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room

A wide variety of the best and most influential country musicians down through the decades showing the different elements of the genre. Join musician Steve Justman for this fun musical overview!

Alternative Healing: Seminar and Book Signing

Sunday, May 17

3 to 4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Local author, Cat Baldwin, will discuss alternative methods for healing the body systems in her new book 'Divine Gifts of Healing My Life with Spirit.'

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 30

2 to 4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Were your seedlings a little too successful? Or do you just want something new to spruce up your space? Bring labeled, potted plant cuttings and swap them for offerings from other people's gardens!

West Branch

Children's Programs

Community Counts! Children's Poetry Contest (Grades 3-6)

March 1 to 21

You count in your community! Submit an original, unpublished poem to our contest between March 1 and March 21 for your chance to win! Call or visit the Children's Department for more details.

Sunset Stories (All Ages)

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, May 6

7 to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join us for a fun nighttime family storytime. Families are encouraged to participate together. You can even wear your jammies! No registration.

Kite Making (Ages 5 to 11)

Thursday, March 5

4 to 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join us to make a kite!! No registration.

LEGO Club (Ages 5 to 11)

Mondays, March 9, April 13, May 11

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Build cool creations with LEGO bricks. No registration.

Reading with Rover (All Ages)

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, May 12

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Have fun reading to our dog friends! Dogs and handlers are from the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club

Animal Adventures (Ages 5 to 11)

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21

4 to 4:45 p.m.

Meeting Room

Learn about different animals and enjoy a fun project.

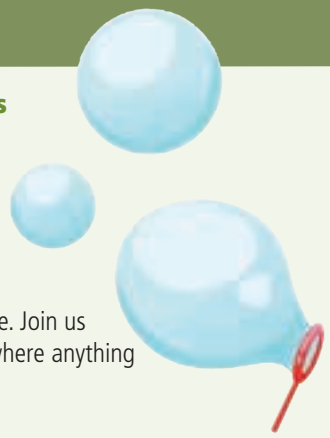
Bubble Wonders Bubble Show (All Ages)

Saturday, March 14

2 to 3 p.m.

Meeting Room

Everyone is welcome. Join us and enjoy a show where anything is possible!



Make a Spring Basket (Ages 5 to 11)

Monday, March 30

10 to 11 a.m.

Meeting Room

Join us to make a spring basket!

Hoppy Spring! (All Ages)

Tuesday, March 31

2 to 3 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and a visit with a real rabbit!

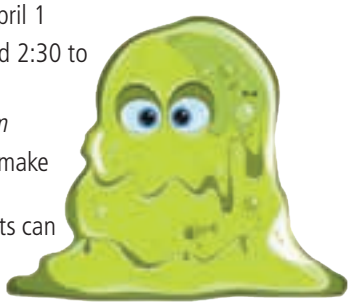
Children's Programs (continued)

Slime-a-Palooza (Ages 5 to 11)

Wednesday, April 1

2 to 3 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Meeting Room



Have fun and make slime! Tickets required. Tickets can be picked up 30 minutes before the event at the reference desk.

We All Count Storytime (All Ages)

Friday, April 3

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room

Join us for a special counting storytime for all ages, which will include information on the importance of the 2020 Census. I count, you count, we all count!

Community Counts Children's Poetry Contest Reception

Saturday, May 2

2 to 3 p.m.

Living Room

Everyone is invited to celebrate poetry and the winners of our Community Counts contest! Enjoy poetry readings, refreshments, and the awards ceremony.

Mother's Day Craft (All Ages)

Thursday, May 7

4 to 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Make a craft to celebrate Mother's Day!

Pyjamarama (Ages 2 to 5)

Wednesday, May 13

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room

Bring your stuffed animal to storytime. The stuffed animals will stay and have a sleepover at the library! Retrieve your animal the next day and get a bag of goodies.

Elephant and Piggie Storytime and Craft (All Ages)

Monday, May 18

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room

Join us for Storytime and a craft with Mo Willems' "Elephant and Piggie" stories! Registration is not required.

Tico the Turtle (All Ages)

Thursday, May 21

4 to 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Come and meet Tico the turtle! Storytime and craft.

Teen Programs

Record Painting for Teens

Mondays, March 2, April 6, May 4

5 to 7 p.m.

Join us as we re-purpose vinyl records into works of art.

West Branch Teen Hangout (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Living Room

Come hang out and play games, do crafts, refreshments will be served. No registration.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (Grades 6 to 12)

Thursday, March 12

5 to 7 p.m.

Meeting Room

Find out who is number one in this Super Smash Bros Ultimate tournament for teens!

West Branch Teen Advisory Board (TAB) (Grades 6 to 12)

Mondays, March 16; April 20; May 18

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Teen Advisory Board is a group of teens that helps with special projects and planning programs. They work hard to make the library a better place!

West Branch Teen Anime Club (Grades 6 to 12)

Saturdays March 28; April 25; May 23

1 to 3 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join us at the West Branch for Anime Club. Hang out, talk about your favorites, watch Anime, read Manga, do crafts and draw your favorite characters. Cosplay is always welcome. Walk-ins are welcome!

Mario Kart Tournament (Grades 6 to 12)

Thursday, April 9

5 to 7 p.m.

Meeting Room

Put the pedal to the metal and see if you've got what it takes to be the champion of this Mario Kart tournament!

Digital Study Hall

Wednesday, May 20

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Get ready for your final exams and essays with a dedicated space at the Aurora Public Library. Chromebooks will be available to access the library's research databases and online study tools.

National Paper Airplane Day

Tuesday, May 26

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Living Room

Join us for National Paper Airplane day! Compete in a Distance, Airtime, and Design Competition.

West Branch

Adult Programs

Census Cafe

March 9 to April 30

All Day

West Branch Café

Did you know that you can respond to the 2020 Census online? And you will be able to do it at your Aurora Public Library, at both the West Branch and Santori. Come be part of this historic moment!

¿Sabía que puede responder al Censo 2020 en línea? Y podrá hacerlo en su Biblioteca Pública de Aurora, en la Sucursal West y Santori. Ven a ser parte de este momento histórico!

Census Forms Throughout History – An Interactive Exhibit

March 1 to April 30

All Day

Peer into an integral piece of local history with this fascinating exhibit of late 19th and early 20th century census forms. Complete a scavenger hunt across all locations to earn a prize!

Genealogy Walk-In Assistance

Tuesdays, March 3, 17,31; April 14, 28; May 12, 26

1 to 3 p.m.

Small Conference Room

Need help with your family tree? Ask our expert volunteers, Maxine and Diane Liesinger, whose years of experience can help you with your family history questions.

Planning And Planting A Vegetable Garden

Tuesday, March 3

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Feed your whole family the fruits and vegetables they enjoy from your own garden! Master Gardener Leslie LeResche will tell you how to grow a successful vegetable garden.

Book Discussion Groups

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Led by Janet Stephens, 630-264-3626

March 24: "Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love" by Dani Shapiro

April 21: "Born A Crime: Stories From A South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah

May 19: "The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century" by Kirk W. Johnson

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Led by Becky Clark, 630-264-3410

March 26: "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain

April 30: "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

May 28: "The Guest Book" by Sarah Blake

Classic Film Discussion Group

All are in Meeting Room

Popcorn will be available. You are free to bring your own snacks and drinks.

Pi

Saturday, March 21

1to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for the film "Pi" directed by Darren Aronofsky. Runtime: 84 minutes. Rated R.

Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid

Saturday, April 18

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for the film "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" directed by Carl Reiner. Runtime: 88 minutes. Rated PG.

O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Saturday, May 16

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for the film "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" directed by the Coen brothers. Runtime: 107 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Chess Club (All Ages)

Thursdays, March 5, April 2, May 7

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Living Room

Drop in, learn, play, and have fun developing strategies! Chess Club welcomes newbies, novices and chess masters! Walk-ins welcome.

Bingo for Adults

Mondays, March 9, May 11

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Small Conference Room

Join us for Bingo fun, with books, candy, and other small prizes!

Aurora Lamplighters

In Celebration of St. Patrick's Day!

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Living Room

Aurora's a cappella singing group will entertain us with a variety of songs, including some Irish tunes for St. Patrick's Day. A fun event for all ages!

Adult Programs (continued)

Books n' Brew

Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

March 18: "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield

April 15: "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote

May 13: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jaime Ford

Join us for our Books n' Brew book discussion group. Held at the famous Two Brothers Roundhouse, a relaxed setting to socialize, discuss books, and enjoy libations. Your drink is on you.

Searching for a Job with JobNow

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

If you are currently searching for a job, you should know Brainfuse JobNow. JobNow offers a wide range of tools to job seekers that can only be accessed with your Aurora Public Library card.

Craft A Spring Basket And Greeting Card

Thursday, March 19

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Room

Learn how to make a beautiful spring basket and greeting card from paper! Registration required.

Woolly Bully

Thursdays, March 19, April 16, May 21

6 to 7:45 p.m.

Small Conference Room

Come and talk with our group of dedicated knitters about your project! Show your work and get help from experienced knitters. You may bring other handwork as well. Walk-ins welcome!

West Branch Board Game Club (All Ages)

Thursdays, March 19, April 16, May 21

6:10 to 7:55 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join us for our board game club! Come play the games we already have available or bring your favorite board game and teach others how to play! No registration required!

A-Town Poetics

Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, May 26

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Small Conference Room

A-Town Poetics is a group of writers who gather on select Tuesdays to share our work. We offer each other support, critiques, writing assignments and discipline.

Spring Birds

Sunday, April 5

2 to 3 p.m.

Meeting Room

Sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds that you would experience on a spring day at Nelson Lake. Bird calls and information on birds that migrate through our area in spring will be included.

Get Started With Microsoft Excel 2016

Tuesday, April 7

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Learn the basics of this popular Microsoft spreadsheet program including lists, sorting, basic formulas, and formatting. Taught by Suzan Spitzberg of Rasmussen College. Please register.

Getting Started with 3D Printing

Wednesday, April 8

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

3D printing is available in all three Aurora Public Library buildings. Come and learn how easy it is to get started making 3D prints of your very own!

Using Microsoft Excel 2016 for Analysis

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Learn how to manage large amounts of data with tools such as what-if analysis, sorting, filtering, and more. Taught by Suzan Spitzberg of Rasmussen College. Please register.

How to Prevent Consumer Fraud

Thursday, April 16

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Room

With Iwona Przonak, Illinois Attorney General's Office. Come learn about how to protect yourself from various scams and how the Illinois Attorney General's office can help mediate unfair billing and consumer complaints.

Evolution of the Census

Saturday, April 25

2 to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Join our genealogy experts, Maxine and Diane Liesinger, as they discuss the many changes that have taken place with the U. S. Census since the first count was taken in 1790.

Simon And Garfunkel: Sound And Then Silence

Tuesday, April 28

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Using audio and visual content we will trace the arc of Simon & Garfunkel's career from their surprise teenybopper hit ,"Hey Schoolgirl" to the majesty of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Miniature Scenes & Fairy Houses

Tuesday, May 5

6 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Make your own mini fairy house garden scene. We'll provide the casing, odds n ends, and instruction on making a few different elements. Bring your own bits and bobs to make it truly unique!

Herbs for the Kitchen and Garden

Tuesday, May 12

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Room

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