



# Aurora Public Library District

**MAY 2026**

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The Dillsboro Library will be closed May 11<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> to finish up construction and move everything back into place!

All buildings will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day!

Items can be returned in the bookdrops outside of the Aurora or Dillsboro Libraries while we're closed.

Our brick walkways are growing! Years ago, many of you helped build these paths, and now we're bringing back the chance to "buy a brick".

We'll be adding bricks to the existing walkways at the Aurora and Dillsboro buildings and creating a brand-new one at the Depot.

For \$100, you can have your name engraved and become a lasting part of our community.

We'll have more information on how to purchase your brick soon, so stay tuned!

## A Note From Our Director

An author I have enjoyed reading lately is Adam Grant who explores motivation and the psychology of self-improvement. Hidden Potential is one of his books that explores how people can find untapped avenues to success which reminded me a lot of the projects APLD has been tackling: expanding offerings at DPL; developing space at the Depot with the Caboose addition, and launching the APLD app. All ways we are seeking to improve patron experience at APLD. Follow our social media on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok—or check out our website at [eapld.org](http://eapld.org) to join us for every step in this discovery of our potential.

**-Leslie Sutherlin, Director**



# Dillsboro Building Project Update

We are almost to the finish line of our Dillsboro Building Project! **The library will be closed May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>** to allow our movers to return materials from storage and for staff to reshelve collections and prepare the new space. The last day to check out items and pick up holds before the closure is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**We will reopen on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** with full use of the building. Upon reopening, please use the exterior book drop attached to the building for returns and enter through the main entrance.

While a few construction and landscaping projects will continue after reopening, we do not anticipate any additional closures as a result. A grand reopening event will be announced once all remaining work is complete. Please stay tuned for more details!

We sincerely appreciate your patience and support throughout this project and look forward to welcoming you into the newly completed space.



## **This renovation will include:**

- A larger children's area
- Meeting and study rooms
- A new teen room
- A cozy reading room with a fireplace
- An outdoor seating area
- An attached garage for our incoming bookmobile



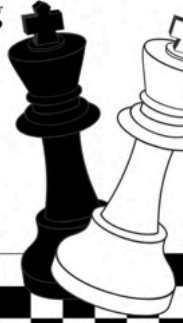
**Scan the QR code to follow along with us!**

# Chess for Success

May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am | The Depot

Whether you're a beginner to the game of chess or looking to improve your skills, we have free chess lessons available. Along with learning the game itself, chess can teach you valuable life lessons such as:

- \* Looking at the big picture
- \* Recognizing opportunity
- \* Always having a goal in mind



# DILLSBORO STORYTIME

WITH MISS TAMMY!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 10:30 AM

Sing, dance, read, and learn with Miss Tammy at the Dillsboro Library!

Due to construction at the Dillsboro Library, there will only be Dillsboro Storytime on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> this month!



# SUMMER READING KICK OFF

SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> | DILLSBORO: 10:30 AM | AURORA: 12 PM

Our Summer Reading Kickoff is almost here, and we're unearthing a ROAR-some adventure!

Join us for a special performance of "Bullysaurus Rex" from Bright Star Theatre, plus tasty treats like hotdogs, chips, and dirt pudding! You can also sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and start uncovering amazing stories all summer long!

UNEARTH A STORY

# AURORA STORYTIME

WITH MISS EMILY!

WED. & FRI. @ 10:30 AM

Sing, dance, read, and learn with Miss Emily at the Aurora Library!

There will be no Storytime on May 15th, 27th, or 29th!



# Tabletop RPG Club

Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm | Aurora Library

Set out to help a friend find a rare treasure, rescue a town from evil goblins, or maybe even save the world in the Tween Tabletop RPG Club! Using easy to learn and use rules, delve into the world of table-top roleplaying games and explore storytelling at its finest.

FREE PIZZA



**teen time**

Aurora

May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm

The first Thursday of every month is Teen Time at the Aurora Library! Drop in anytime during 3-5 pm for snacks, games, crafts, or just a place to study.

**Role-Playing Games**  
FOR BEGINNERS

May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm  
Aurora Library

Interested in role-playing games? Stop by the library to learn the basics! No prior experience necessary.

**GAMING AND GRUB!**

May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4 pm  
Aurora Library

Ages 13-19

Log in and link up with other gamers while playing at the library! Free health packs (munchies) provided.

**ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30 pm | Aurora Library

Are you ready to graduate from our Beginners' DnD program? Check out our Advanced Dungeons & Dragons program! Please bring an idea for your core character concept.

Ages 14-19 welcome! Age limit will be strictly enforced.

**TEEN CRAFT COLLECTIVE**

May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm | Aurora Library

Get creative at our Teen Craft Collective! Each month we'll dive into a brand-new, hands-on project. Bring your imagination, try something new, and hang out with fellow crafters!

This month we're junk journaling!

All supplies will be provided!

# GET WALKIN'

WEDNESDAYS @ 9 AM | AURORA LIBRARY

Start your mornings off with an energizing and refreshing walk around Aurora! Library staff will meet up with you outside the Aurora Public Library each Wednesday!

18+ welcome!



## Don't Worry, Crochet Happy!

Wednesdays @ 1 pm | The Depot

Register for this 4-week series and learn to crochet a donut shape and turn it into a cute character like a fox, fish, or frog.

Please be prepared to commit to all four sessions in order to complete your project.



Registration Required



## Mental Health First Aid

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 AM | THE DEPOT

One Community One Family is able to offer free Mental Health First Aid training to prepare you to help someone having a mental health emergency.

There is about 2 hours of online pre-work to do before attending the program. You will receive information on this work about two weeks prior to the program.

Registration Required. Scan the QR code to register.



## Launching Your Own Business

May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm | The Depot

Join us for the last session on how to launch your own business with our presenter Ginnie Faller from the Small Business Administration. Learn how to write a small business plan and about financial projections, sales tax, income tax and mentorship and advice.

Food and childcare will be provided.

Registration Required



## Shhh... We're Reading

May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm | The Depot

Do you have trouble finding time to read? Does having another person nearby motivate you to get things done? If so, join us for an hour of reading and snacking on quiet foods followed by half an hour of social time chatting about books.

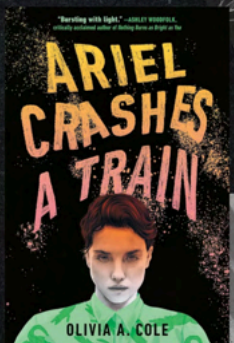
This program takes place directly before Not Your Mother's Book Club so you can choose to attend either or both of these clubs.

## NOT YOUR MOTHER'S

### BOOK CLUB

May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
The Depot

If you like edgy stories and a variety of genres, join us for our next discussion! Pick up your book at the Aurora or Dillsboro library.



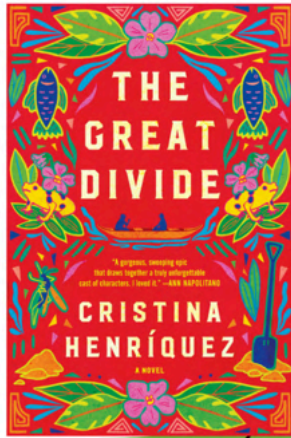
## BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

AURORA  
MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 1 PM

DILLSBORO  
MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 1 PM

AURORA  
JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 6 PM

Discuss today's most popular books with fellow readers!



## MAHJONG MEETUP

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 AM  
DILLSBORO LIBRARY

Calling all fans of American Mahjong! Meet new friends who share your love of the game. Beginners welcome!



# UNEARTH A STORY™

**OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS ALMOST HERE, AND WE'RE UNEARTHING A ROAR-SOME ADVENTURE!**

**JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR NEW, FUN PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES, AND TRACK YOUR READING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AWESOME PRIZES. START UNEARTHING YOUR STORY ON MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT OUR SUMMER READING KICK OFF.**





# The Pulitzer Prizes

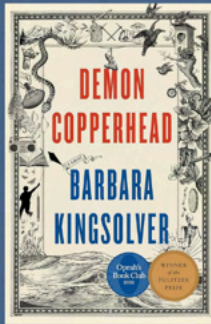
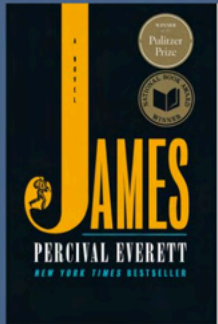
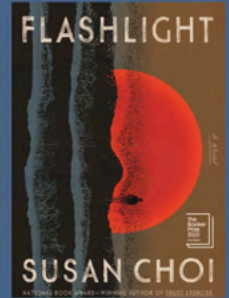
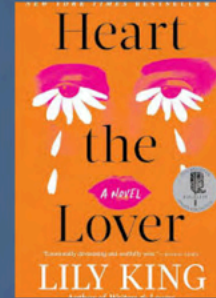
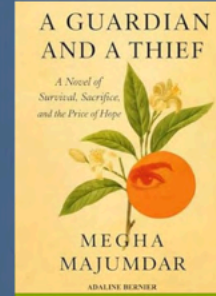
May is an exciting time if you're a bookworm waiting for the next great American novel.

The Pulitzer Prize for Fiction recognizes distinguished fiction by an American author, preferably dealing with American life. This year's finalists will be announced in early May.

Readers are currently debating "ones to watch" for the 2026 Fiction prize. Early favorites include Lily King's *Heart the Lover*, and *Audition* by Katie Kitamura.

Other strong contenders highlighted by critics include *Flashlight* by Susan Choy and *A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar.

Key contenders often focus on intense human experience, historical re-examinations, and intricate storytelling.

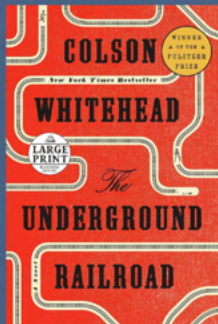


Without even purposefully looking for a prize winner, you have probably read one or watched a screen adaptation of a Pulitzer prize winner for fiction.

- o 1920 Edith Wharton - *The Age of Innocence*
- o 1931 Pearl S. Buck - *The Good Earth*
- o 1936 Margaret Mitchell - *Gone with the Wind*
- o 1960 Harper Lee - *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- o 2009 Elizabeth Strout - *Olive Kitteridge*
- o 2014 Donna Tartt - *The Goldfinch*

And more recently-

- o Anthony Doerr - *All the Light We Cannot See*
- o Colson Whitehead - *The Underground Railroad*
- o Barbara Kingsolver - *Demon Copperhead*
- o Percival Everett's - *James*.



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**Mon, Wed, Fri:** 10-6  
**Tues, Thurs:** 10-8  
**Sat:** 10-3

## Dillsboro Public Library

10151 Library Lane  
Dillsboro, IN 47018  
812-954-4151

**Mon-Fri:** 10-6  
**Sat:** 10-3

## Local History Library @ the Depot

510 Second Street  
Aurora, IN 47001  
812-926-4363

**Tues, Wed, Thurs:** 12-6  
**3rd Sat of Month:** 10-3