



Aurora Public Library District

SEPT/OCT 2026

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A Note From Our Director

A book I read years ago when I worked at South Dearborn was *The Library Card* by Jerry Spinelli, which was fairly new at the time, but is now 30 years old. The starring role is...well...the Library Card, which changes lives of four young people in a short time. September is National Library Card Sign up Month and if you are reading this, it is likely you already have a library card and already know that the card can get you much more than books. The theme this year is "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," and patrons who show their library card (or sign up) can be entered to win music-themed prizes—including tickets to the Southeastern Indiana Musicians Hall of Fame Induction event. In fact, since it is the perfect time to celebrate local music, we will be highlighting some inductees with connections to our library district on our social media. We will also be adding some musical items to our Library of Things which is now at both Aurora and Dillsboro. If you are a Library lover, also remember to share that love with others by encouraging them to become a member at their local library.

-Leslie Sutherlin, Director

A library card
**HITS ALL THE
RIGHT NOTES!**

**SHOW YOUR LIBRARY CARD EVERY
DAY IN SEPTEMBER TO BE ENTERED
TO WIN PRIZES!**

Two Cincinnati Orchestra tickets

**Two Southeastern Indiana Musicians
Association Hall of Fame Award
Ceremony and Concert tickets**

Guitar

Vinyl Record Player

Ukelele

Children's Roll Up Keyboard

September is **LIBRARY
CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

ALA150
American Library Association



**BANNED
BOOKS
WEEK®**

OCT 4-10, 2026

LET BOOKS BE

*PROTECT THE
FREEDOM TO READ*

ALA American Library Association

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS

Sorry
**WE'RE
CLOSED**

All buildings will be closed:
Labor Day (September 7th)
Columbus Day (October 12th)

**The Aurora Library & the Depot will
be closing at 4 pm:**
September 30th - October 2nd.

The Aurora Library will be closed:
Farmers Fair Parade (October 3rd)

Preparing little ones
for Kindergarten
begins with **TALK!**



TALK

Text And Learn for Kindergarten



Sign up for TALK to
be entered for a
chance to win a
board book set
every month!



textandlearn.org



Receive fun activities on your phone
and make any time learning time!

Text TALK to 75547 to get started.

ALL AGES

ENDANGERED HERITAGE

September 30th - October 2nd from 12 pm - 4 pm | The Depot

Come view Endangered Heritage, a traveling exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society. The exhibit gives examples of some of the most common dangers to objects and documents in history collections and suggests ways visitors can assist in preserving Indiana's history!

Visit the exhibit from 12-4 pm during the Farmers Fair to enter a raffle for a local history prize basket.

If you can't make it that week, the exhibit can be viewed throughout the rest of October during the Depot's regular operating hours.

ASTONISHING ADVENTURES

October 6th @ 1 pm | Aurora Library

When two bumbling court knights are tasked with helping the queen face a fearsome dragon, they realize they're missing one crucial thing, bravery!

To find it, they dive into classic fairy tales like Puss in Boots, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Hansel and Gretel, discovering along the way that heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and levels of silliness.



HUNDRED ACRE

**BOOK
BASH**

**OCTOBER 24TH @ 10:30 AM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY**

Winnie-the-Pooh is turning 100!
Celebrate a century of this beloved bear. Drop in for Pooh-themed crafts, games, stories, live animals, a taste of honey, and a chance to meet Winnie-the-Pooh himself.



SPOOK-TACULAR PARTY

October 27th @ 5:30 pm | Aurora Library

Join us for a Halloween party before the Aurora Lions Club Costume Parade! Have a small meal, enjoy activities and crafts, and go trick-or-treating through the Library.



CHILDREN (0-6)

PET PARTNER STORYTIME

Sept. 23rd & Oct. 16th @ 10:30 am
Aurora Library

We are inviting some special guests to Storytime in September and October!

Jascia Robinson will be bringing her therapy dog, Frannie, to join us for a story!



DILLSBORO STORYTIME

WITH MISS TAMMY!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 10:30 AM

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



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 SEPT 30TH OR OCT 2ND



TWEENS (7-12)

STEM NIGHT

Sept. 21st & Oct. 5th @ 5 pm | Dillsboro Library

Join us at the Dillsboro Public Library for a STEM-tastic night of fun. Build a train track with the Railcube, create fantastic buildings with LEGOs, and more!



READ WITH FRANNIE

Sept. 14th & Oct. 9th @ 5 pm
Dillsboro Library

Join the Dillsboro Public Library for a special tween program with Frannie, an adorable, certified Pet Partner reading dog. Settle in, listen to a story, and meet Frannie.



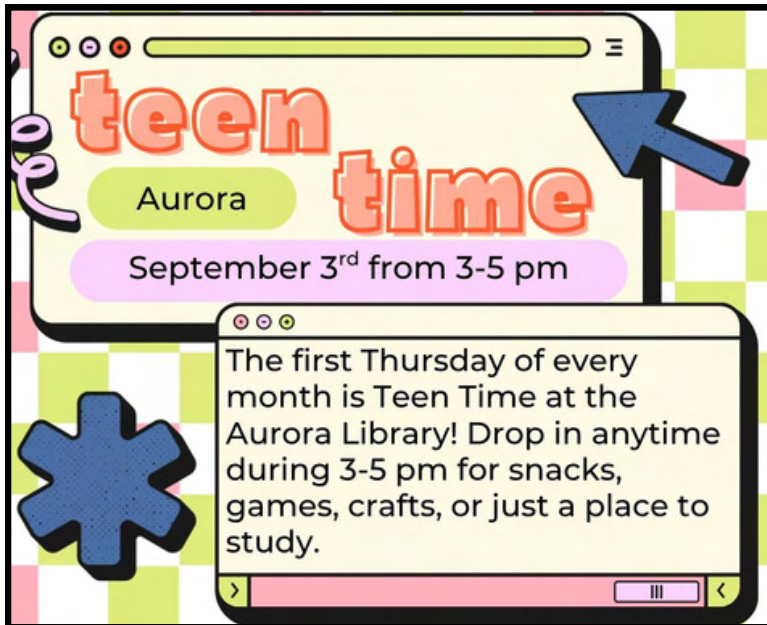
Tabletop RPG Club

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.

There will be no meeting on September 30th or October 21st!





teen time

Aurora

September 3rd 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

Sept. 10th & Oct. 8th @ 4 pm
Aurora Library

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



GAMING AND GRUB!

Sept. 17th & Oct. 15th @ 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 ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

Sept. 17th & Oct. 15th from 6-7:30 pm | Aurora Library

Are you ready to graduate from Role-Playing for Beginners? 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

SEPT. 24TH & OCT. 22ND [AT] 4 PM
AURORA LIBRARY

Each month we'll provide supplies to create a hands-on project. Bring your imagination, try something new, and hang out with fellow crafters!



Halloween Party

October 29th @ 4 pm | Aurora Library

Join us for a haunting night at the library! We'll have spooky games, movie trivia, and a costume contest!

Free pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

PURDUE EXTENSION GET WALKIN'

WEDNESDAYS @ 9 AM | AURORA LIBRARY

Want to improve your health, but short on time and motivation? This FREE email based program has you covered! Sign up, walk, and get email support.

Library staff will meet up with you outside the Aurora Public Library each Wednesday!

There will be no WalkIn' on September 30th due to the Farmers Fair.

The Spirit of Service

September 10th @ 6 pm | The Depot

Join us to view excerpts from Ken Burns' The American Revolution documentary series.

Excerpts will be on the theme "The Spirit of Service" and will be paired with discussion and activities related to community service and civic engagement.

Ages 13+ welcome!



HUE & BREW

SEPT. 14TH & OCT. 19TH
4 PM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY

WARM YOUR SOUL BY SIPPING HERBAL TEA DURING A RELAXING SESSION OF COLORING AND SOCIALIZING.



Shhh... We're Reading

Sept. 17th & Oct. 15th @ 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.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S BOOK CLUB

Sept. 17th & Oct. 15th @ 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.

SEPTEMBER

GIRL
IN
PIECES

KATHLEEN
GLASGOW

HORRORSTÖR

A Novel by Grady Hendrix



OCTOBER

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

AURORA

SEP. 24TH & OCT. 22ND
1 PM

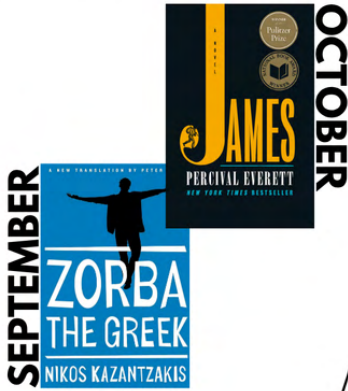
DILLSBORO

SEP. 25TH & OCT. 23RD
1 PM

AURORA

SEPT. 29TH & OCT. 27TH
6 PM

Discuss today's most popular
books with fellow readers!



MAHJONG MEETUP

SEPT. 25TH & OCT. 23RD @ 10 AM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY

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



Blood Drive

Oct. 5th from 10-3:30
Dillsboro Library

The Hoxworth donor bus will be at the
Dillsboro Public Library on October
5th from 10 am to 3:30 pm! We invite
you to rest in our new reading room
after your donation and take a look
around our renovated building.

Registration
Recommended



FALLING FOR CRAFTS

Aurora: October 13th @ 6 pm
Dillsboro: October 15th @ 6 pm

Sweater weather is calling!
Spend a cozy evening at the
library creating a wooden
"Hello Fall" sign to brighten
your home all season long.

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED



CAPTURING ORAL HISTORY

October 17th from 11 am to 2 pm | The Depot

Indiana Authors Award-winner, Samuel Love, will
present a workshop on conducting oral history
projects. From the planning stages through
preserving the final product, Sam will share his
insights from three decades of work as an oral
historian.

The workshop will last until approximately 2 pm,
with a 30 minute lunch break.



Registration
Required



LINKING YOU TO Lineage Societies

OCTOBER 22ND @ 6 PM | THE DEPOT

Join us in learning
how to determine
your eligibility and
prove your lineage
for Daughters of the
American
Revolution, Sons of
the American
Revolution, and
countless other
lineage-based
societies.



The Booker Prize 2026 (Longlist)

The
Booker
Prizes

About the Longlist:

The novels chosen transport readers from a hospital in Mexico City to the Kent seaside in a post-apocalyptic Britain; from an assisted-suicide clinic in Zurich to the barren hillsides of the Outer Hebrides; from the criminal badlands of West Dublin to Kingston, Jamaica in the late 1980s; from an unnamed medieval court to a prison cell that defies explanation.

Intrigued?

Diverse, the books are filled with humor and heartbreak, satire and surreality. There are fresh takes on dystopian sci-fi, royal history, the crime thriller and the campus novel. There are books about memory, mortality, metamorphosis and murder; about old lives and new worlds; about the limits of human understanding; about reconciliation and retribution; and about the many ways we reckon with the past.

- The Shadow of the Object by Chloe Aridjis
- Switzky by Emma Cline
- Helen of Nowhere by Makenna Goodman
- The End of Everything by M. John Harrison
- The Disappearers by Marlon James
- Black Bag by Luke Kennard
- The Renovation by Kenan Orhan
- May We Feed the King by Rebecca Perry
- The Palm House by Gwendoline Riley
- The Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Strout
- John of John by Douglas Stuart
- All Them Dogs by Djamel White
- The Vivisectors by Missouri Williams

Coming soon
to the library
shelves!

Shortlist Announcement: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Winner Announcement: Monday, November 9, 2026

Everyone is reaching for Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman.

Popular science-fantasy LitRPG book series written by American author Matt Dinniman. The series follows Carl, a Coast Guard veteran, and his ex-girlfriend's prize-winning Persian show cat, Princess Donut, as they try to survive an apocalyptic alien reality TV show set inside a massive, 18-level, video-game-like dungeon that has replaced planet Earth.

MIND
Blown

**"I never considered myself a big fan of cats.
But, if we're being truthful here, I liked Donut.
That cat did not give two sh*** about anybody
or anything, and I could respect that."
— Matt Dinniman, Dungeon Crawler Carl**



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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, Wed, Fri: 10-6
Tues, Thurs: 10-8
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**