



Aurora Public Library District

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A Note From Our Director

I have been reading *The Power of Regret* by author and researcher Daniel Pink. Pink researched regret in his own The World Regret Survey and intertwined that data with psychological, biological, and other scientific research to understand “regret”. What his examination came to find was that “regret”—if harnessed in a certain way—can actually inspire a person to make a change in their future, and he reveals ways one can better use that regret for good. For example, if you have regretted not reading as much in the past, this regret can inspire you to start now to read. If you regret not writing that book you always thought about, regret can push you into action. If you regretted not ordering that Commemorative Brick at DPL, APL, or the Depot, there is still time! APLD will have gift certificates available as well for you to order just in time for the holidays so that you can leave your stamp (or that of a loved one) at the library—with NO regrets. Stop by or call the library for an order form. November is a great time to be thankful—especially for regrets that improve our lives. -**Leslie Sutherlin, Director**

WINTER STORYWALK

December 1–31st | Gabbard Riverfront Park

Stop by the Believe in the Magic of Christmas event at Gabbard Park anytime in December between 5–10 pm to enjoy a lighted gingerbread village, decorated trees, and a StoryWalk from the Aurora Public Library District!



Miracle on Main Reindeer

December 6th & 20th from 1–4
Aurora Lions Club

All the way from the North Pole, the library is bringing Jingle John and his reindeer for you to visit, pet, or whisper a message for Christmas!

Sorry

**WE'RE
CLOSED**

- Tuesday, November 11th: Closed for Veterans Day
- Monday, November 16th: Closed @ 3 pm for staff training
- Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th: Closed for Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 15th: Closed at 4 pm for staff training
- Thursday, December 24th & Friday, December 25th: Closed for Christmas
- Thursday, December 31st & Friday, January 1st: Closed for New Year's

CHILDREN (0-6)

DILLSBORO STORYTIME

WITH MISS TAMMY!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 10:30 AM

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

No Storytime the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's.



AURORA STORYTIME

WITH MISS EMILY!

WED. & FRI. @ 10:30 AM

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

NO STORYTIME THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, OR NEW YEAR'S.



Special guest on Nov. 4th & Dec. 16th!

CHILDREN (0-12)

How To Catch a Gingerbread Man

December 5th @ 4 pm
Dillsboro Hometown Christmas

Calling all gingerbread detectives! Join us near the art gallery during Dillsboro Hometown Christmas for a fun-filled Storytime featuring *How to Catch a Gingerbread Man*! Kids can complete an activity after the story or take it home to complete. See if you can catch our gingerbread man and get a picture with him.



TWEENS (7-12)

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 tabletop roleplaying games and explore storytelling at its finest.

No meeting on November 11th or 25th and December 23rd or 30th



STEM NIGHT

Nov. 20th & Dec. 18th @ 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

December 11th @ 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.



NOTARY SERVICE

We now offer free notary services!
Walk-ins are welcome, but service
availability is not guaranteed.



Schedule an
appointment here!



TRAVELING BOOK SETS

We can supply your book club,
class, or group with multiple
copies of the same title through
our Traveling Book Sets Program!

You can find more
information and a list
of available titles at
the QR code below.

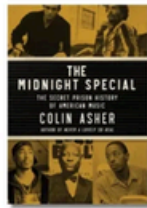
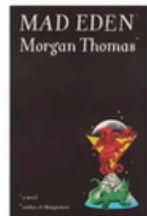
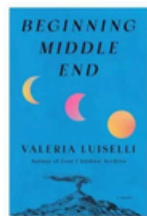
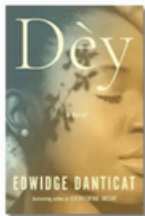
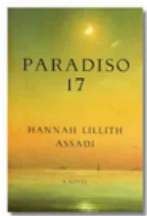


SANBORN MAPS

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps were a
subscription service that insurance
companies could purchase for their city. The
maps showed construction materials,
underground gas tanks, and other features
that helped agents assess the risk of fire at
each of the city's properties.

Annual updates were cut out and pasted
onto the base map, so remaining print
copies have unique combinations of updates
applied.

Sanborn Maps are a great resource for
researching the history of your home or
business! Stop by the Depot for assistance
accessing and interpreting these maps.



Finalists for the 2026 National Book Awards

Does "the third time's the charm" apply to prestigious literary awards? Edwidge Danticat will have the opportunity to find out. She's now a three-time finalist for a National Book Award.

Danticat's novel, *Dèy*, is about a woman who witnesses a violent gun attack in a Miami mall. Danticat's short story collection *Krik? Krak!* was a finalist for the prize in 1995, and her book *Brother, I'm Dying*, was a non-fiction finalist in 2007.

The other writers up for the 2026 fiction prize include Hannah Lillith Assadi, Julián Delgado Lopera, Valeria Luiselli, and debut novelist Morgan Thomas.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO JESSICA ON
HER 10 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
AT APLD!**

Local History & Genealogy Office Hours

Dillsboro History Room: Mondays & Fridays | 1 pm to 3 pm
Local History Library @ the Depot: Tuesday-Thursday | 1 pm to 3 pm

We now have dedicated office hours to assist with reference questions at both the Dillsboro History Room and The Local History Library @ The Depot. We welcome visitors during any of our open hours, but cannot guarantee one-on-one research assistance at all times. If you would like one-on-one help outside of the open office hours, please schedule an appointment by calling the library or emailing sarah@eapld.org.



teen time

Aurora Library

Nov. 5th & Dec. 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.



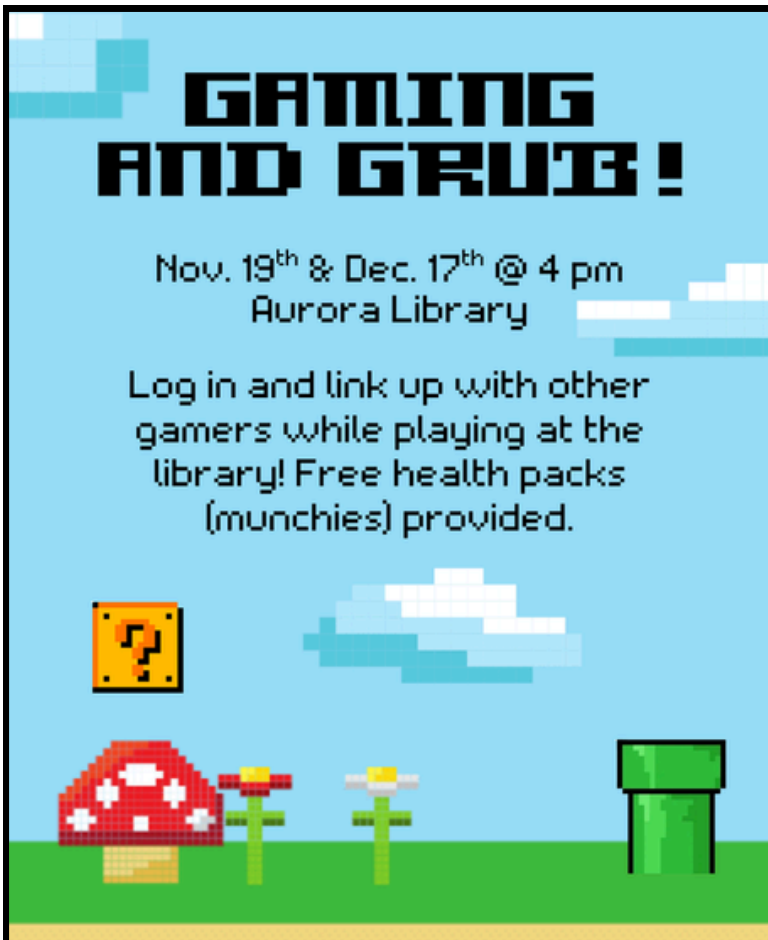
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Role-Playing Games

FOR BEGINNERS

Nov. 12th & Dec. 10th @ 4 pm
Aurora Library

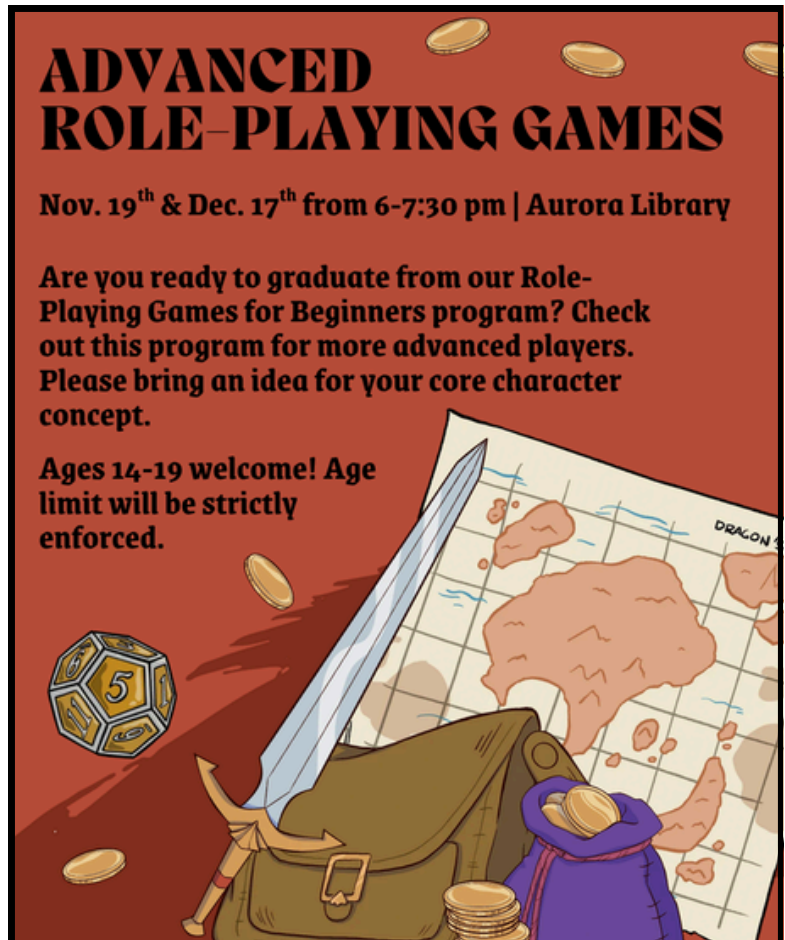
Interested in role-playing games? Stop by the library to learn the basics! No prior experience necessary.



GAMING AND GRUB!

Nov. 19th & Dec. 17th @ 4 pm
Aurora Library

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



ADVANCED ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

Nov. 19th & Dec. 17th from 6-7:30 pm | Aurora Library

Are you ready to graduate from our Role-Playing Games for Beginners program? Check out this program for more advanced players. Please bring an idea for your core character concept.

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

HUE & BREW

NOV. 9TH & DEC. 14TH
4 PM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY

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



THANKSGIVING SIDES WORTH SHARING

November 12th @ 6 pm | The Depot

Get ready for Thanksgiving with some delicious, healthy, and budget-friendly ideas! Join us for a special food demonstration presented by Purdue Extension. Watch as 2-3 tasty Thanksgiving side dishes are prepared, get the recipes to take home, and sample the dishes!

Cozy Christmas Poems with Ron

December 10th @ 6 pm | Dillsboro Library

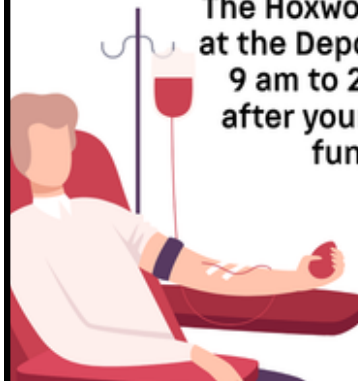
Let Ron Nicholson, Professor Emeritus, put you in the Christmas spirit with famous poems, original works, and an excerpt from A Christmas Carol. Get cozy by the fireplace with hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes!



Blood Drive

Dec. 30th from 9-2:15
The Depot

The Hoxworth donor bus will be back at the Depot on December 30th from 9 am to 2:15 pm! Stop by the Depot after your donation for a snack and fun facts about local history.



Registration
Recommended

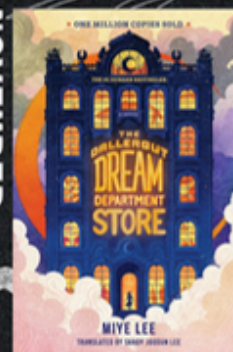


NOT YOUR MOTHER'S BOOK CLUB

Nov. 19th & Dec. 10th @ 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.

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Here are a selection of 2026-2027 Nominees Middle Grade Books



A teen girl must outwit assassins and uncover a government cover-up after a plane crash leaves her stranded in the mountains with a key to a deadly secret.



Eighth-grade new girl Anna Hunt investigates why Rachel—once a popular student—has suddenly become a complete social outcast at East Middle School.



A boy living on Mars unexpectedly becomes a dragon rider. Keep your eyes down and your feet moving, or this planet will rust you. That's what Lunar Jones tells the other kids at the relocation clinic.



Riley Oh can't wait to see her sister get initiated into the Gom clan, a powerful lineage of Korean healing witches their family has belonged to for generations.



With a last name like Sherlock, siblings Alex and Zoe feel destined to solve mysteries.

EARLY 2027 BOOK TO SCREEN ADAPTATIONS



January 15th



February 5th



February 12th



March 19th



Spring 2027



May 7th

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Aurora, IN 47001
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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