



Hours:
Sunday 1-5 p.m. (September - May)
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Winter/Spring 2012
Volume 19

Kids' News & Notes

Rock Your World - READ!

Winter Reading Program: January 9 – March 3, 2012

Have fun and earn prizes for reading and other library activities this winter at the Aurora Public Library. Visit any library location and ask for a reading log to keep track of your reading activities.

Cast Your Vote for the Monarch, Bluestem or Rebecca Caudill Awards January 15 – February 15, 2012

The Aurora Public Library is an official voting site for the Monarch Award (grades K - 3), the Bluestem Award (grades 3 - 5) and the Rebecca Caudill Award (grades 4 - 8). Students must read 5 of the 20 Monarch nominees, 4 of the 20 Bluestem nominees or 3 of the 20 Caudill nominees to be eligible to vote. Ask for details at the Children's Desk.

Library programs are free unless otherwise noted. All registrants and participants permit the taking of photographs and videos of themselves and their children during Aurora Public Library activities for publication and use as the Aurora Public Library deems appropriate. If a child age 8 and under is attending a library program, the parent or responsible adult must remain in the building during the program. If you need an interpreter for the hearing impaired, please notify the library two weeks prior to the program.

Main Library
630-264-4123

STORYTIMES

Winter Series: January 11 - February 29

Registration required

Spring Series: April 4 - May 16

Register beginning February 29

Lapsit (12 - 24 months with caregiver)

Wednesdays 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Toddler (2- to 3-year-olds with caregiver)

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11 a.m.

After-School Fun (7 - 12 years old)

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

March 7, 14, 21

Registration required

Spanish Storytime

Stories in Spanish for the family!

Saturdays 3 p.m.

January 7, 21; February 4, 18;

March 3, 17; April 7, 21

No registration required

Music Together

Infant - age 5

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

January 9, February 6, March 5,

April 2, May 14

Join us as we sing, dance, laugh and play instruments in this early childhood music and movement program.

Fun with Letters

Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver

Saturday, January 14, 3 - 4 p.m.

Songs, crafts and alphabet games.

Registration required

Fun with Words

Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver

Saturday, February 11

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Play word games and make a book to take home.

Registration required

Storytime at the River's Edge Café

All ages welcome

Mondays, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

January 30, February 20, March 19,

April 23, May 21

14 W. Downer Place, Aurora

The café will provide a free treat for children. No registration required



Celebrate National Library Week with us!

Stop by the Young People's Department for raffles, stories and fun

April 8 - 14

**Storytime at the David L. Pierce
Art and History Center**

Grades K - 3

Wednesday, January 11, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Join us for a special storytime followed by a viewing of the Winter Garden of Youth Art Exhibit featuring the artwork of Aurora students. Parents welcome. Registration required.

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Penguin Playday

Ages 4 - 8

Saturday, January 28

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Waddle your "happy feet" in and join us for penguin stories and crafts!
Registration required

It's Race Day!

Ages 4 - 8

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Bring your favorite matchbox size car to our car rally. Enjoy stories and other fun activities.
Registration required

Remember the Titanic

Ages 7 - 11

Saturday, April 14, 2 - 3 p.m.

Explore what really happened with true stories, games and crafts.
Registration required

Movie: James and the Giant Peach (PG)

All Ages

Friday, March 30, 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Registration required

Calling All Princesses!

Ages 4 - 8

Saturday, March 17, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Your royal presence is requested for a storytime, a craft and a good time.

Book Bingo

All children welcome.

Fun and prizes!

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Registration required

Reading Is Top Dog

Ages 6 - 10

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

January 16, February 20,

March 19, April 16

Practice reading your favorite story to our dog friends! Therapy dog and handler pairs are members of the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club. Register beginning December 13

Lego Club

Ages 5 - 11

Saturday, February 11, 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Legos are provided to build LEGO creations. Registration required

Spring Break Drop-in Crafts

All Ages

Tuesday, March 27, 1 - 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, 1 - 4 p.m.

No registration required



Eola Road Branch
630-264-3421

STORYTIMES

Please register your child for only **ONE** time each series

Winter Series: January 9 - February 16

Register beginning December 19

Spring Series: April 2 - May 10

Register beginning March 12

Book Babies

(Birth to 14 months with caregiver)

Thursdays 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Tiny Tots (15 - 23 months with caregiver)

Tuesdays 10 - 10:20 a.m. **OR** 11 - 11:20 a.m.

Toddlers (2- to 3-year-olds with caregiver)

Mondays 11 - 11:30 a.m. **OR**

Thursdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story & Craft Time (2½- to 3-year-olds with caregiver)

Wednesdays 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story & Craft Time (3½- to 4-year-olds with caregiver)

Wednesdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3½- to 5-year-olds on their own)

Mondays 10 - 10:30 a.m. **OR** Thursdays 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Special Storytime series:

February 27 - March 22

No registration required

Book Babies Storytime

(birth - 14 months with parent)

Thursdays 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Tiny Tots Storytime (15 - 23 months with parent)

Tuesdays 10 - 10:20 a.m.

or Tuesdays 11- 11:20 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (2 - 3 years old with parent)

Mondays 11- 11:30 a.m. or

Wednesdays 10 - 10:30 a.m.

or Thursdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3½ - 5 years old on their own)

Mondays 10 - 10:30 am **OR**

Wednesdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

OR Thursdays 2 - 2:30 pm

K - 1 Storytimes

Stories and more for children currently in Kindergarten - 1st grades

2 - 2:40 p.m.

Monday, January 16: "Chinese New Year"

Register beginning December 19

Tuesday, March 20: "Spring Equinox"

Register beginning January 16

Monday, May 14: "Children's Book Week"

Register beginning March 20

Drop-In Storytime

2 to 5-year-olds with caregiver

Fridays 10 - 10:30 a.m.

January 13 - May 11

No registration required

Bedtime Storytime

For families with children

2 to 7 years old

7 - 7:30 p.m.

Mondays, January 9 - 30

Tuesdays, February 7 - 28

Wednesdays, March 7 - 28

Thursdays, April 5 - 26

No registration required



Magic School Bus

Grades 1 - 3

Movie Segment: Magic School Bus "Human Body"
Discover some exciting aspects of the human body!

Monday, February 20, 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Register beginning January 21

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Afternoon with the Masters

Ages 7 - 11

Saturday, 2 - 3 p.m.

Come and learn about a famous artist,
then create your own masterpiece.

January 21 - Register beginning December 19

February 18 - Register beginning January 21

March 17 - Register beginning February 18

April 21 - Register beginning March 17

Reading with Rover

Readers 6 and older

Saturdays, 2 - 3 p.m.

January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28

Drop-in and spend time reading to a trained
therapy dog. Dogs and trainers are members of
the Fox Valley Dog Training Club.

Tween Book Discussion

Grades 3 - 6

Saturdays 11:15 a.m. - noon

Share opinions and do activities

January 7: *The Sixty-Eight Rooms* by Marianne Malone

Register beginning December 10

February 4: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Register beginning January 7

March 3: *One-Handed Catch* by M.J. Auch

Register beginning February 4

March 31: Your favorite superhero graphic novel

Register beginning March 3

May 5: *Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka

Register beginning March 31

Puzzle Day

Grades 2 - 4

Saturday, January 28, 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Can you solve the discombobulated
human knot? Or turn the human circle
inside out while joined to friends?

Surprises galore when you join us for
National Puzzle Day!

Register beginning December 19.

Lego Club

Ages 5 - 11

Come in to build cool LEGO creations! LEGOs are provided.
2 - 2:45 p.m. **OR** 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 7, Register beginning December 19

Saturday, February 4, Register beginning January 7

Friday, March 2, Register beginning February 4

Friday, March 30, Register beginning March 2

Saturday, May 5, Register beginning March 30

Valentine's Day Tea Party

Grades K - 2

Saturday, February 11

2 - 2:45 p.m.

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day with
stories, games and snacks.

Register beginning January 21



West Branch
630-264-3600

STORYTIMES

Winter Series: January 16 - March 9

Register beginning December 19

Spring Series: April 2 - May 18

Register beginning March 12

Lapsit (0 - 24 months with caregiver)

Stories, puppets and more

Fridays 9:30 - 10 **OR** 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Toddler Art

(2- to 3-year olds with caregiver)

Wednesdays 9:30 - 9:50 **OR** 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Space is limited

Preschool (3- to 5-year olds)

Thursdays 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Storytime and Craft

Ages 5 - 11

Thursdays 4 - 5 p.m.

Enjoy stories, poems, music, puppets and a craft

Panera Storytime

Ages 2 - 4

Mondays, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

At Panera Bread - 1330 Orchard Road

January 9, 23; February 6, 20;

March 12, 26; April 9, 23; May 7, 21

Come enjoy stories and receive cookies and milk. Registration required. Please register for each date individually.

Hoppy Spring!

Ages 5 - 12

Saturday, April 14

10 - 11:30 a.m.



Join us for a fun spring storytime with rabbit stories, a rabbit craft, and a visit with a live rabbit!

Register beginning December 19

Spring Break Storytimes

No registration required

Toddler Fun (Ages 2 - 3 with caregiver): Wednesday, March 28, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Story and Craft (Ages 5 - 11): Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m. - noon

Preschool Fun (Ages 3 - 5): Thursday, March 29, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Lapsit Stories (Ages 0 - 24 months): Friday, March 30, 9:30 - 10 **OR** 10:30 - 11 a.m.



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630-264-3600



Lego Club

Ages 5 - 11

Drop in for Lego building time;
we have the Legos!

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

**January 14, February 11, March 10,
April 14, May 12**

No registration required

Saturday Movie

Ages 5 - 12

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

Snacks will be provided. No registration required

January 21: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (MPAA G)

February 18: *Cars 2* (MPAA G)

March 31: *The Lion King* (MPAA G)

April 21: *Dumbo* (MPAA G)

May 19: *Kung Fu Panda 2* (MPAA PG)



Saturday Crafts

Ages 5 - 11

Saturdays, 2 - 3 p.m.

**January 7, February 4, March 17,
April 7, May 5**

No registration required



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



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

Bookmobile
630-723-2705

Main Library
1 E. Benton St.
Aurora, IL 60505
630-264-4123

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Look What's Rollin' on the Bookmobile!

Programs available at after-school and Saturday stops only. Open to kids of all ages!
For more information, call 630-723-2705.

Mark your calendar!

Celebrate National Bookmobile Day on Friday, April 13

Join us at the Church Road and Edison Avenue Bookmobile stop and visit with *Skippyjon Jones*, the Siamese kitten who thinks he is a Chihuahua puppy. Come hear stories, participate in a treasure hunt, join in a Mexican hat dance and make your own *Skippyjon Jones* mask. Don't forget to bring your camera and have your photo taken with *Skippyjon Jones*!

Mobile Monthly Mania

December: Come on board the Bookmobile and receive a **hidden picture game sheet** from *HighlightsKids.com*.

January 9 through March 3: Winter Reading Program, **Rock Your World – READ!**
Earn fun prizes, open to everyone... kids, teens and adults!

February: Pick this year's **Academy Award winners** and be entered into a drawing to win movie tickets.

March: **Guess How Many Gold Coins are in the Pot of Gold** and win the Leprechaun's Loot.

Roses are red, violets are blue, April is National Poetry Month: Write an original poem about the Bookmobile and enter it into our 2nd annual poetry contest.

May is Mystery Month on the Bookmobile. Visit us and solve the mystery!

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

