

Aurora Public Library District

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A Note From Our Director

The Dillsboro Public Library commemorative brick path includes a special brick dedicated in memory of Jana Holtegal by Rhea Dawn Johnston. I appreciate Rhea purchasing this brick so many years ago to help keep the memory of Jana alive. Rhea, Jana, and I were in the same class at Dillsboro School and friends who ran together on the playground and stayed up too late at sleepovers. Unfortunately, Jana experienced a serious health complication during our childhood which profoundly changed her life and caused her subsequent early passing, so the brick serves as a memorial I regularly see. I just read *All the Blues in the Sky* by Renee Watson, which shares the journey of a girl processing grief after losing a long-time friend; some things that bring her comfort are a memorial and a packet of keepsakes gifted her by her friend's family. This story resonated with me, reminding me of Jana's passing and her memorial brick, but coincidentally this summer, I was also given a packet of correspondence in childish handwriting from Retta Thayer Callis, Jana's mother! These letters written by our 11-year-old selves gave me a smile as I read about the "news" that I found important enough to share with Jana. Sometime stories do indeed reflect everyday lives! If you would like to purchase a brick in memory or in honor of someone, check out the insert In the newsletter.



**Celebrate America's
250th!**



**Summer Reading Kick Off with
Bright Star Touring Theatre**



Mason Jar Herb Butter

ALL AGES

Tiny Art is back!

Share a tiny bit of your creativity with the community by participating in our Tiny Art contest! Pick up a painting kit beginning August 1st while supplies last and submit your masterpiece no later than August 22nd.

Vote for your favorite painting August 24th - 29th! Winners will be announced on the 31st.

**All ages
welcome!**

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!



AURORA STORYTIME

WITH MISS EMILY!

WED. & FRI. @ 10:30 AM

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



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 table-top roleplaying games and explore storytelling at its finest.

FREE PIZZA



C. A. GERKEPOTT

DILLSBORO, IND.



Dillsboro Ribbon Cutting

The Aurora Public Library District hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 20th at the Dillsboro Public Library to celebrate the completion of their building project. Renovations began on the Dillsboro Library in April of 2025 and include two new private study spaces and two large meeting rooms, a reading room with a cozy fireplace, an outdoor seating and play area, a bigger children's room, a room specifically for teens, more restrooms, updated display shelving in the Local History Room, and a garage for an incoming bookmobile.

The ceremony included many Dillsboro residents including Jeanne Kinnett singing the National Anthem, Doug Baker and Tim Benning raising the flag, and Hunter and Lincoln Fox assisting with the ribbon cutting. There was a poetry reading by professor emeritus, Ron Nicholson, and Library Board President, Ben Turner, and Library Director, Leslie Sutherlin, both spoke about the renovation process.



DILLSBORO MANOR

Buy a Brick

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

Order forms can be found on the back of the calendar insert in this newsletter.

Orders are due by September 1st. Checks may be payable to Aurora Public Library District Foundation.



Limited Edition Library Card

Show off your Bulldog pride with a limited edition library card showcasing historic Dillsboro items. There's a limited number of cards, so get yours before they're gone. Available only at the Dillsboro Library!

Dillsboro Wall of Fame

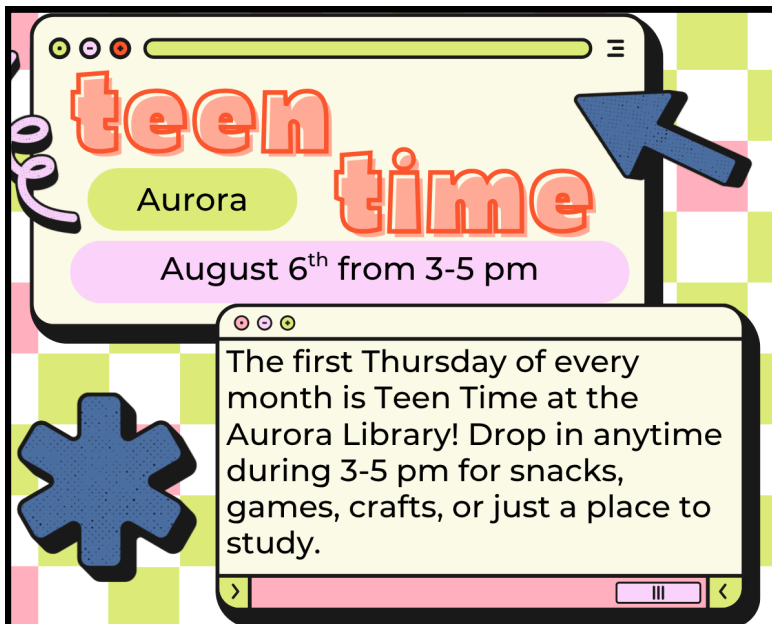
Check out our interactive, touch screen display in our updated Local History Room! Look through old class composites from Dillsboro High School, explore a timeline of the town's history, learn about notable residents, and so much more!



Time Capsule

The last day to add to our time capsule is August 31st! Write a letter, add some photos or newspaper clippings, and let the future residents of Dillsboro, Indiana know what life was like 2026. The capsule will be opened in 2056.





teen time

Aurora

August 6th 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

August 13th @ 4 pm
Aurora Library

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

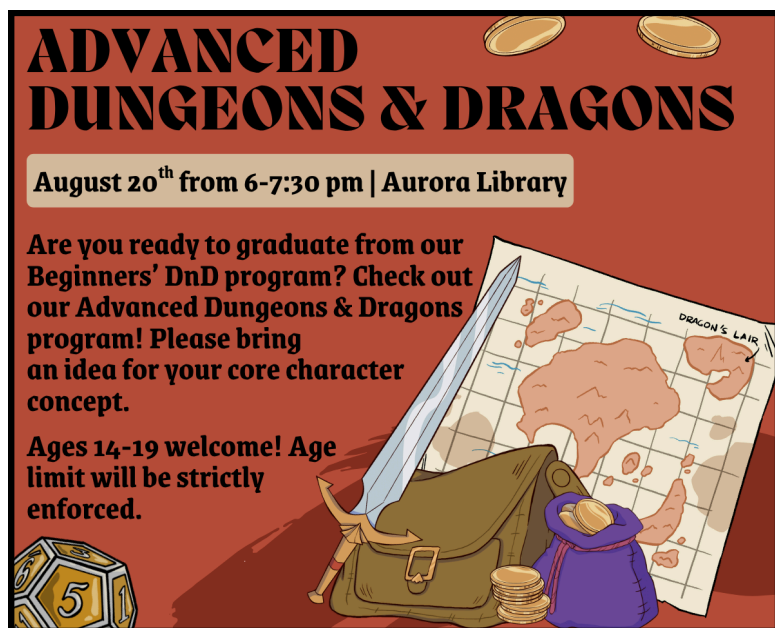


GAMING AND GRUB!

August 20th @ 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

August 20th 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

August 27th @ 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 is open crafts!

All supplies 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!

Email Marcia at mparcell@purdue.edu to sign up by August 3rd!



HUE & BREW

**AUGUST 10TH @ 4 PM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY**

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

Shhh... We're Reading

August 13th @ 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.

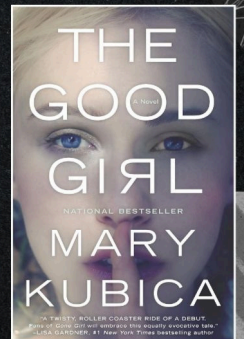
This program takes place directly before Not Your Mother's Book Club so you can choose to attend either or both of these clubs.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S

BOOK CLUB

**August 13th @ 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
AUG. 27TH @ 1 PM**

**DILLSBORO
AUG. 28TH @ 1 PM**

**AURORA
SEPT. 1ST @ 6 PM**

Discuss today's most popular books with fellow readers!



MAHJONG MEETUP

**AUGUST 28TH @ 10 AM
DILLSBORO LIBRARY**

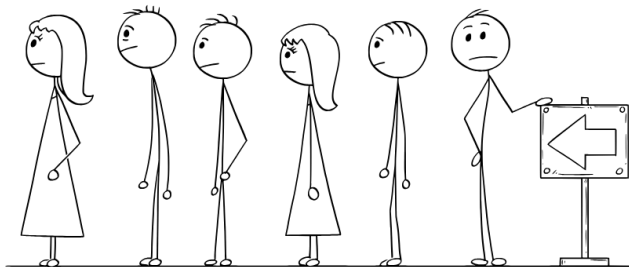
Calling all fans of American Mahjong! Meet new friends who share your love of the game. Beginners welcome!



Place the Hold - Use the Notify Me Tag

Looking for that popular new title on Libby?
or for a title we don't own?

WAITLIST



- Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke: – 2343
- Night Objects by Eli Raphael: – 1256
- Whistler by Anne Patchett: – 765
- Strangers by Belle Burden: – 367
- The Land and Its People by David Sedaris: – 846

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Notify Me Tag = Patron Interest = buy a copy

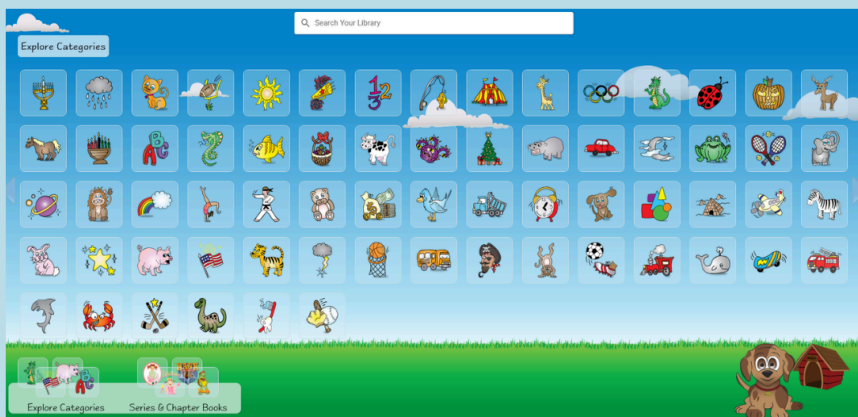
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Aurora Public Library

414 Second Street
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-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