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## How to avoid summer slide

Nothing beats going down a swirly waterslide and landing into a refreshing pool on a hot summer day. Unfortunately, there's another summer slide that isn't so fun and can land students in hot water.

The Colorado Department of Education defines the "summer slide" as "the tendency for students, especially those from low-income families, to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year." The National Summer Learning Association reports that students who do not read or do other academic activities over the summer lose up to two months worth of skills and can be two-and-a-half to three years behind their peers by the time they enter the fifth grade.

There is a way to prevent the summer slide though – and that is to read! Studies have shown that reading just 30 minutes per day help students stay mentally active during the summer and can significantly aid in preventing summer slide, even sending them back to school in the fall with more skills and a higher reading level.

Doing other academic activities can also help prevent the summer slide, which is why Aurora Public Library has transitioned this year to having a Summer Learning Program, as opposed to our traditional Summer Reading Program. We're encouraging kids to make one healthy choice each day by either reading, eating fruits and vegetables, being physically active or playing a brain game to give their minds a workout.

Both Central Library and Martin Luther King Jr. Library also offer year-around tutoring from trained tutors. Kids and teens of all ages can visit Central Library, 14949 E Alameda Parkway, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. every Saturday to work one-on-one with a tutor in any subject. This service is free and registration is not required. Elementary students can receive reading tutoring at Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., beginning at 10:15 a.m. on Saturdays. Here, volunteers from the Children's Literacy Center work one-on-one with students to improve their reading and comprehension skills. This service is free but registration is required (call 719.471.8672).



## JULY BOOK REVIEW

"The Selection" Series, books 1-3 by Kiera Cass

Review by Sara Van Holbeck

The best way to describe the idea behind "The Selection" is "The Hunger Games" meets "The Bachelor." 35 young women are chosen at random from around Illea, the former United States, and given the chance to try to win Prince Maxon's heart and the crown. Throw in some rebellion and a particular possible-princess, and the story is full of romance, drama and excitement.

Young America Singer, a Five in the nation's caste system, is among the chosen. But her heart already belongs to Aspen Leger, a Six. America reluctantly participates, assuming she could never love the prince.

From their first fateful meeting, where the commoner yells at the prince, America and Maxon have a complicated relationship, but love soon flourishes. America's rebellion during tests and against King Clarkson are not taken lightly by the crown, but adored by the people, and Maxon.

Despite constant bickering between America and Maxon, mixed emotions when Aspen is drafted and sent to the palace as a guard and the king trying to send America home, Maxon wants to stay with America...until a fateful moment when he catches her in Aspen's arms. It takes a tragic and shocking incident for both Maxon and America to realize where their hearts lie...but will America be The One?

America fights for more than the heart of the prince in this series. She fights for social justice and equality, and she doesn't let anyone stop her. One minute, though, you're cheering for America for taking a stand, and the next you're yelling at her for not making up her mind. It is a real page-turner, with the reader not finding out until the end of the third book, "The One", who Maxon chooses.

The story isn't over yet though. Cass also wrote "Happily Ever After: Companion to The Selection Series" as well as two more novels, "The Heir" and "The Crown", all of which I am excited to read.



"This Book Just Ate My Dog!" by Richard Byrne

Recommended by Sara Van Holbeck

### Storytime

(Ages 0-5)

Tue., 10:30 a.m., HOF

Wed., 10:30 a.m., MLK

### Pajama Storytime

Tue., 7 p.m., CEN

### Baby Storytime

(Ages 0-23 months)

Tue. & Thu., 10:15 a.m., CEN

Tue., 10:30 a.m., TLR

Wed., July 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m., MVL

### Toddler Storytime

(Ages 2-3 with caregiver)

Tue. & Thu., 11:15 a.m., CEN

### Preschool Storytime

(Ages 2-5)

Wed., 10 a.m., CEN

Wed., 10:30 a.m., TLR

Thu., 10 a.m. MVL

Sat., 11 a.m., MVL

### Baby Dance

(Ages 0-3)

Join us for a special time devoted to developing early literacy skills through music and movement. Sing, dance and play with props and other babies. No registration required.

• Wed., July 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m., MVL

• Thu., 10:15 a.m., CEN

### Tots' Tunes

(Ages 2-5)\*

Develop early literacy skills through music and movement. Sing, dance and play with props and other children every other Thursday. Registration required.

• Thu., July 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m., TLR

# JULY PROGRAMS

## Recurring Programs

### Summer in the City

• Wed., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
 July 13 – Expo Park  
 July 20, 27 – Olympic Park  
 Aug. 3, 10 – Red Tailed Hawk Park  
 Join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun! Check out the bouncy castles and water slides, visit the Info2Go Van for fun and crafts, and the Mobile Playground will be there with games and toys you can borrow. We can't wait to see you there!

### One-on-one Computer Tutoring at Central\* (Adults)

Tue, 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m. CEN  
 Wed., 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. CEN  
 Thu., 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m., CEN  
 Sat., 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m. CEN  
 Free one-to-one tutoring on a variety of computer topics including Microsoft Office programs, job searching, resumes, research paper automation and more.

### One-on-One Computer Classes at Tallyn's Reach (Adults)

Classes in resumes, e-readers, email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Pinterest or Facebook taught by a volunteer. See a staff member for more details. TLR

### One-On-One Computer Tutoring\* (Grades 4-Adults)

• Tuesdays, 6 p.m., MVL (30-minute sessions)  
 • Tuesdays, July 12 & 26, 11 and 11:45 a.m., HOF (45-minute sessions)  
 Tutoring on a variety of computer topics, including e-Readers, Microsoft Office programs, resumes and more. Other topics are available by request.

### Volunteer Teen Book Reviewer

Earn two hours of volunteer time for each approved review you submit. Reviews will be published on our Facebook page and posted in the library. Contact [jmsteph@auroragov.org](mailto:jmsteph@auroragov.org) for more information. TLR

### Aurora Anime Club (Ages 13 & up)

1st Tue., of each month, 4 p.m., CEN  
 1st and 3rd Wed., of each month, 4 p.m., MVL

### Teen Advisory Group (Grade 6-12)

1st and 3rd Thu. of each month, 4 p.m., TLR

### Reading Tutoring\* (Grades K-5)

Call 719.471.8672 for registration.  
 Tue. and Thu., 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Sat. 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., MLK

### English Discussion Group (Adults)

Wed., 6:30 p.m., CEN

### Between the Notes (All Ages)

Wed., 4 p.m., TLR

### \*Crafty Kids

Thu., July 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m., TLR

### TGI Fridays! (Grades 4-8)

Fridays, 4 p.m., MVL  
 • Minecraft Papercraft Club – July 1  
 • Perler Bead Club – July 8  
 • Nintendo Club – July 15  
 • LEGO Club – July 22

### Build- It- Fridays (All Ages)

Fridays 3:30 p.m., MLK  
 Join us every Friday and use your imagination to engineer different buildings, cars or whatever you can imagine. We will use different materials every week for you to build with.

### Tabletop Gaming Club (Grades 6-12)

2nd and 4th Wed. of each month, 4 p.m., MVL

### Tween STEAM (Grades 4-8)

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.  
 Play games and take on fun projects that improve your technology and art skills while meeting tweens that share your interests in everything STEAM from Minecraft to Lego and so much more.

### Game Day (Grades 4-8)

3rd Fri. of each month, 4 p.m., TLR

### Afternoon Game Club (Grades 4-8)

Thu., July 6 & 20, 3 p.m., CEN

## July Programs

### Wednesday Crafts

• Wed., July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2 p.m., all locations  
 Join us for a different activity each week – from kinetic sand to jump ropes, you'll find the cure for the summertime blues right here!

### Turbo Thursdays (All Ages)

• Every Thu. in July, 2 p.m., MLK  
 Fun active experiences. Outdoor games, yoga, Zumba or dance will be on the menu with a different activity every week.

### Fun and Healthy Fridays (Grades K-5)

• Every Fri. in July, 4 p.m., TLR  
 Join us for a full range of activities from easy cooking to fun exercises and dancing that will put you on track to good health this summer!

### Dancing Feet with Miss Carole

• Wed., July 6, 10:30 a.m., TLR (Grades K-5)  
 • Wed., July 6, 3:30 p.m., MLK (All Ages)  
 • Thu., Jul. 7, 6 p.m., CEN (All Ages)  
 • Thu., Jul. 7, 10 a.m., MVL (All Ages)

A snowball fight in July? Put on your dancing shoes for Macaroni Soup with Miss Carole and Clarence - they're bringing it from Chicago!

### Active Minds: Olympics (Adults)

• Thu., Jul. 7, 7 p.m., CEN  
 Join this presentation as we explore the rich history of the Olympic Games and how the games have been involved in a variety of international political issues over the years.

### Nature Explorers (All Ages)

• Fri., July 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m., CEN  
 Bring a blanket and join us outside for a storytime exploring the natural world!

### Life Size Candyland\* (All Ages)

• Sat., Jul. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., MVL  
 • Sat., Jul. 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., TLR  
 Join us for Life Size Candyland, where the library is the board and you are the game pieces.

### Bilingual Storytime (All Ages)

• Sat., July 9, 10:30 a.m., CEN  
 Stories and songs in English and Spanish. Cuentos y canciones en inglés y español.

### Read with Goober the Dog! (Grades K-5)

• Mon., July 11, 4:30- 6:30 p.m., TLR  
 Goober loves stories and dogs are great listeners! Bring your own book or use one of ours and read to Goober, a sweet fluffy guy who loves to listen. Sign-up at the circulation desk.

### On Your Mark, Get Set...Get Moving!\* (All Ages)

• Tue., July 12, 19 & 26, 2 p.m., MVL  
 Sample some new ways to keep moving

this summer and all year round. Old school recess games, ballet, yoga, hip hop dance, soccer, and more!

### Yoga Stories\* (Grades K-5)

• Tue., July 12, 3 p.m., CEN  
 Learn basic yoga poses through stories, songs and games. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. Parents are welcome to join!

### Life In The Cloud\* (Adults)

• Wed., July 13, 2:30 p.m., CEN  
 Become more independent by learning how to store your files on the cloud.

### Purrfect Reading Buddy\* (Grades 1 & up)

• Sat., July 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., City of Aurora Animal Shelter, 15750 E. 32nd Ave.  
 Children have the chance to practice their reading skills while providing enrichment for cats waiting for their forever homes at the Aurora Animal Shelter. Reading times are in 30-minute intervals.

### Just Dance\* (Grades 6-12)

• Sat., Jul. 16, 7-9 p.m., TLR  
 Show off your moves at our Just Dance after-hours event. Teens must turn in a permission form.

### Writing Workshop: Absurd Stories with David Atkinson (Adults)

• Sat., July 16, 12:30 p.m., CEN  
 David Atkinson demonstrates how absurdity in writing can build a relationship with the reader.

### Craft It!\* (Grades 4-8)

• Thu., July 21, 3 p.m., CEN  
 Teens and tweens can enjoy a snack and afternoon activity. Registration is required.

### On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!

**YIPPEE! Then Get Set to... (Grades K-5)**  
 • Fri., July 22, 10:30 a.m., TLR  
 SING and MOVE with Katherine Dines and her award-winning Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta songs--plus musical instruments, whacky props, and plenty of audience participation. Bring the whole family!

### Books at the Bar\*

• Sat., July 23, 1 p.m., local brewery  
 Meet up at a local brewery for lively discussions on popular and contemporary literature. Register online and we'll contact you with the title of the next book as well as the location of that month's brewery.

### Computer/Internet Basics\* (Adults)

• Wed., Jul. 27, 2:30 p.m., CEN

### Teen Yoga\* (Grades 6-12)

• Thu., July 28, 3 p.m., CEN  
 Let's get active! Learn fun yoga poses - perfect for beginners or those already practicing. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

### HeroClix Tournament (Grades 4-8)

• Fri., Jul. 29, 4 p.m., MVL  
 Join us for an awesome HeroClix tournament! If you don't have your own collection, we'll have pre-made teams you can play with and we'll be giving some away.

### Family BINGO (All Ages)

• Sat., July 30, 3 p.m., MVL  
 Spend some quality family time playing BINGO for fun and prizes.

\* REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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 Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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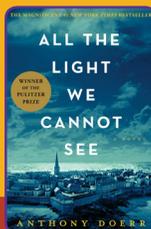
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 Fri. 1-8 p.m.  
 Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

# Book Club



## Daytime Booklovers Book Club

“All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr

Wed., July 20, 10:30 a.m., CEN  
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