Aurora Town Public Library

Library Leaders Program (aka Teen Action Group) Overview



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Library Leaders program?

The Aurora Town Public Library's Library Leaders (LL) program has been designed to help teens become college ready by developing their leadership skills, and volunteering in our community.

Library Leaders will have the opportunity to design and participate in programs that:

- Share important information with the community in East Aurora.
- Offer new library events and programs for teens.
- Assist with library events and programs.
- Recommend new library materials for our collection.
- Help people-in-need in East Aurora.

Who should get involved? Why?	Library Leaders is open to all teens between the ages of 13-18 who haven't graduated from high school.
When and where will we meet?	Library Leaders will meet on Tuesday evenings once a month for one hour at the Aurora Town Public Library. Participants will also have the option to sign up for volunteering opportunities to complete service learning hours at the library that will be no more than two hours at a time.
How will it work?	The Library Leaders will be primarily engaged in two activities: (1) completing community service hours through volunteering, and (2) developing their own teen programs here at the library.

1. Community Service at the Library

Every month during our meeting, Library Leaders will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteering shifts here at the library, for no more than two hours at a time.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to...

- Assist with library programming, including Children's Story time, crafting nights, and others.
- Help with the preparations or clean up from programs.
- Create fun decorations and displays for the library space.
- Participate in the service learning activities chosen by the Library Leaders group.

2. Library Leaders Teen Programs

This year we will be offering two Teen Programs created by the Library Leaders group:

- Program #1 for January 2026: Working from October 2025 January 2026
- Program #2 for May 2026: Working from February May 2026

Examples of programs: Dungeons and Dragons Night, Make Your Own Spa Night, Poetry Writing Workshop, LGBTQ Pride Party, Amigurumi Crochet Creations, Board Game Night, and many more!

For more information about this program, please contact Alissa Steele by email at steelea@buffalolib.org.

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2025 - 2026 Library Leaders Schedule

Project #1: October 2025 - January 2026

October 2025	Planning Meeting During the first planning meeting for each project, we will decide on: (1) The service learning activity we will be doing this Fall, (2) The teen program we will organize for January.
November 2025	Working Meeting #1 During the second project meeting, we will work on the deliverables for our January teen program. These include: • A flyer • A publicity statement • Registration information for participants and staff • Estimated budget
December 2025	Working Meeting #2 During the last project meeting we will be working on preparing whatever materials we need for the program in January. These often include: • Presentation or printed materials • Craft supplies • Decorations • Prizes or take-home swag
January 2026	Teen Program #1 All Library Leaders are encouraged to attend the teen programs organized by our group. During each program, we will gather information about what worked well, and what we can do to improve for next time.

Project #2: February 2025 - May 2026

February 2026	Planning Meeting During the first planning meeting for the project, we will decide on: (1) The service learning activity we will be doing this Spring, (2) The teen program we will organize for May.
March 2026	Working Meeting #1 During the second project meeting, we will work on the deliverables for our May teen program.
April 2026	Working Meeting #2 During the last project meeting we will be working on preparing whatever materials we need for the program in May.
May 2026	Teen Program #2 During the program, we will gather information about what worked well, and what we can do to improve for next time.

June 2026: End of the year Wrap Party!

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