

## Culture Days at Aurora Public Library



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The Aurora Public Library will be untraditionally LOUD on Saturday when an explosion of the arts takes place in the library living room as part of Culture Days 2013.

Culture Days, a national celebration, connects communities across the country to arts and culture in all its forms through free experiences and activities where artists, creators and participants join together to explore their own creativity and curiosity. The day's festivities begin with an invitation to join Polly and a host of her puppet friends at 10.30 a.m. for a very silly storytime that will delight the young and the young-at-heart. There will be stories, songs, rhymes, and of course, lots of giggles, furry hugs and fun. The afternoon will rock at 1.30 p.m. as slam poet, Sterling Dillinger, takes off with an original work that is part poetry, part beat-boxing, part music and all performance.

In honour of Aurora's Sesquicentennial, Aurora Public Library held its first short story contest - with a twist. All stories had to begin with the same opening line, but here, all similarities stopped. Creative memoir, science fiction, non-fiction, murder mystery, psychological drama and romance were genres submitted.

Come for the announcement of winning entries, the prizes and the glory and enjoy a reading of the opening paragraphs of the three top entries. The ceremony starts at 1.45 p.m.

All writing has its origins in storytelling and the Human Library takes interactive storytelling to its highest form. Billed as ?The Human Library: books that talk back to you!? visitors are invited to chat with engaging, famous and even infamous people with real life stories to share.

How does the Human Library work? Read the synopsis of the Living Books on the library website or visit the display in the facility and choose the ones that pique your interest. You can place a hold in advance or just drop in the day of.

Be ready to chat and have your burning questions answered. The Human Library can be experienced between 2.00 ? 4.00 p.m. All ?reads? last for approximately 20 minutes.

Culture Days is a collaborative movement that welcomes your participation. The Aurora Cultural Roundtable invites you to celebrate your passions at the venues offered by Aurora Public Library, the Aurora Cultural Centre, the Aurora Farmer's Market and the Aurora Historical Society.

For further information on Culture Days at Aurora Public Library, visit the library website at [www.library.aurora.on.ca](http://www.library.aurora.on.ca) or telephone 905-727-9494 x275. Aurora Public library is located at 15145 Yonge Street in the downtown historic core of Aurora.