

# Catch the Summer Reading Bug

at ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year's theme for the statewide summer reading program is "Catch the Reading Bug", and there is no better place to catch it than Albany Public Library (APL), and everyone is included—kids, teens, toddlers and adults.

School-aged children can join us for storytimes, crafts, special programs and prizes. Plus, we'll help them keep track of the great books they read. This year, even toddlers and preschoolers have their own program we call **Bookworm**. The theme for teenagers is **Metamorphosis @ Your Library**. Metamorphosis is a process of conspicuous change not only in bugs, but young adults, as they grow through reading.

The Summer Reading Program continues the partnership between APL and the Albany City School District to promote reading, literacy and lifelong learning. All books read during APL's Summer Reading Program will be counted toward each child's "100 Book Challenge". It's important to remember though, that reading is its own reward. Karen Basher, North Albany Branch Librarian, said, "When I was growing up, what I really loved about reading in the summer was that you could read just for fun. I read adventure stories, science fiction, poetry, whatever I felt like reading at the moment."

Adults can enjoy summer reading by being a part of APL's popular **Read It & Rate It** program, which allows adults to rate the books they read during the summer. **Read It & Rate It** comment forms will be available at all library locations. Completed forms will be placed in regular drawings for some great prizes such as dining gift certificates and coupons from local merchants.

The Friends of APL have continued their generous support of the Summer Reading Program and local businesses are providing coupons and prizes for children as well. Registration for all Summer Reading Programs begins on Friday, June 27 and the program runs through Monday, August 18.

APL's Summer Reading activities are on our website, [www.albanypubliclibrary.org](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org), or you can call for more information at any APL location—just ask for the Youth Services Librarian.

## MAIN LIBRARY

161 Washington Avenue  
Phone 427-4300 / Fax 449-3386

Mon. thru Thurs. 9 am to 9 pm  
Fri. 9 am to 6 pm  
Sat. 9 am to 5 pm; Sun. 1 pm to 5 pm

*Closed Sundays in July & August*

## BOOKMOBILE

For information and service schedule,  
Call 427-4325 or visit  
[www.albanypubliclibrary.org](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org)

## DELAWARE BRANCH

485 Delaware Avenue Phone 463-0254

Mon. & Tues. 10 am to 8 pm;  
Wed. & Fri. Noon to 6 pm;  
Thurs. 10 am to 6 pm  
Sat. 9 am to 5 pm

*Closed Saturdays in July & August*

## HOWE BRANCH TEMPORARY LOCATION

Albany Housing Authority  
200 South Pearl Street  
Phone 472-9485

Mon. Noon to 8 pm;  
Tues. thru Fri. 9 am to 5 pm  
Sat. Noon to 5 pm

*Open Saturdays Year Round*

## NORTH ALBANY BRANCH

616 North Pearl Street Phone 463-1581

Mon. & Wed. Noon to 8 pm;  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10 am to 6 pm  
Sat. 9 am to 5 pm

*Closed Saturdays in July & August*

## PINE HILLS BRANCH TEMPORARY LOCATION

Elks Lodge No. 49, 25 South Allen Street  
Phone 482-7911

Mon. Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 10 am to 6 pm;  
Tue. 10 am to 8 pm  
Sat. 9 am to 1 pm

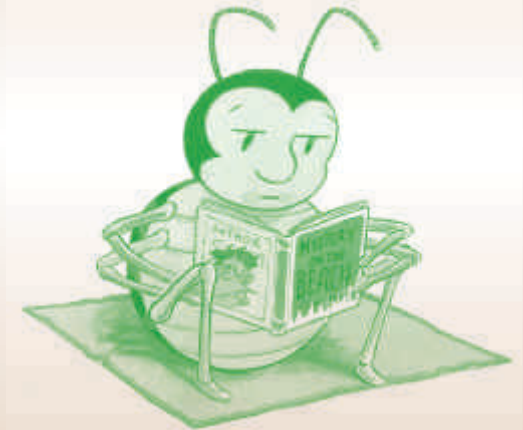
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ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Location-wide Guide*

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM





# Schedule



## JUNE

Friday, June 27

**SUMMER READING SIGN-UP BEGINS**

All Locations



## JULY

Tuesday, July 1 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS**

Delaware Branch

Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

Wednesday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS**

Howe Branch

Come make a bug related craft with us.

Monday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS**

Delaware Branch

Learn about the work of Rensselaer County Search and Rescue and see a bloodhound demonstration. For all ages.

Monday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS**

Main Library

Meet therapy dogs and learn about their care.

Tuesday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

**WEAVE A COLORFUL SPIDER WEB WITH THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM**

Main Library

Weave your own spider web and spider using colored wire, pipe cleaners and sparkling beads.

Tuesday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m.

**SUMMER READING SURPRISE**

Pine Hills Branch

Join us for a fun program. For ages 5 – 12.

Tuesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m.

**CREATE A FANTASTIC BUG**

North Albany Branch

Use yarn in different colors to create your own unique insect. For ages 6 and up.

Wednesday, July 9 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUMMER CRAFTS**

Main Library

Make a key chain from colorful sculpey clay.

Wednesday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS**

Howe Branch

Come make a bug related craft with us.

Monday, July 14 at 1:15 p.m.

**WATER BUGS: LIFE IN A POND**

Main Library

Get a close-up look at bugs, snails, tadpoles and other small pond inhabitants.

Monday, July 14 at 2:00 p.m.

**BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES**

Delaware Branch

Learn about the life cycle of the butterfly with the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. For ages 5 and up.

Tuesday, July 15 at 1:15 p.m.

**RICHARD THE BEE MAN**

Main Library

Join beekeeper Richard Ronconi and learn about bees, beekeeping and honey.

Tuesday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m.

**I SPY (LOTS OF BUGS)**

Pine Hills Branch

Make your very own I Spy game. For ages 5 - 12.

Tuesday, July 15 at 2:30 p.m.

**RICHARD THE BEE MAN**

North Albany Branch

Join beekeeper Richard Ronconi and learn about bees, beekeeping and honey.

Tuesday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS**

Delaware Branch

Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

Wednesday, July 16 at 1:15 p.m.

**AIRPLANE DERBY**

Main Library

Design and decorate a paper airplane. Win prizes for distance, design, and accuracy.

Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS**

Howe Branch

Come make a bug related craft with us.

Thursday, July 17 at 1:15 p.m.

**ICE CREAM MAKING WITH THE SCOTIA GLENVILLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

Main Library

Learn how to make your own ice cream. Space is limited; call 427-4310 to register.

Monday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m.

**SNACK ATTACK**

Delaware Branch

Prepare and taste delicious and healthy snacks with the Honest Weight Food Coop.

Monday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT**

Howe Branch

Come play DDR and Guitar Hero at the Library.

Tuesday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m.

**SUMMER READING SURPRISE.**

Pine Hills Branch

Join us for a fun program. For ages 5 – 12.

# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Tuesday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.

**PAPER AIRPLANES AND OTHER PAPER TOYS** North Albany Branch  
Make and try out different kinds of paper toys. For ages 6 and up.

Tuesday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Delaware Branch  
Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

Wednesday, July 23 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUMMER CRAFTS** Main Library  
Decorate a terracotta pot for summer flowers.

Wednesday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS** Howe Branch  
Come make a bug related craft with us.

Monday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m.

**DOGS THAT JUMP AND DANCE** Delaware Branch  
Find out about how dogs are trained for the sport of agility and see a demonstration. For all ages.

Monday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT** Howe Branch  
Come play DDR and Guitar Hero at the Library.

Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m.

**SUMMER READING SURPRISE** Pine Hills Branch  
Join us for a fun program. For ages 5 - 12.

Tuesday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m.

**BUGGY DIORAMAS WITH THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM** North Albany Branch  
Make fantastic bugs from pipe-cleaners and beads and then create a diorama for them to live in. For ages 6 and up.

Wednesday, July 30 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUMMER CRAFTS** Main Library  
Create and decorate a castle pop-up card.

Wednesday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS** Howe Branch  
Come make a bug related craft with us.

Wednesday, August 6 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUMMER CRAFTS** Main Library  
Decorate a painter's cap.

Wednesday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS** Howe Branch  
Come make a bug related craft with us.

Saturday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m.

**BUGGY RECIPES** Main Library  
Create and enjoy delicious buggy recipes.

Monday, August 11 at 1:15 p.m.

**RICHARD THE BEE MAN** Main Library  
Join beekeeper Richard Ronconi and learn about bees, beekeeping and honey.

Monday, August 11 at 2:30 p.m.

**RICHARD THE BEE MAN** Delaware Branch  
Join beekeeper Richard Ronconi and learn about bees, beekeeping and honey. Ages 5 and up.

Tuesday, August 12 at 1:30 p.m.

**MAKE A BUG CATCHER WITH THE SCOTIA GLENVILLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** Pine Hills Branch  
Come with us on a bug adventure. For ages 5 - 12.

Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m.

**MAKE A BUG MOBILE** North Albany Branch  
Choose to create creepy spiders or beautiful butterflies for your mobile. For ages 6 and up.

Tuesday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Delaware Branch  
Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

Wednesday, August 13 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUMMER CRAFTS** Main Library  
Create a candy dish creature using various shells.

Wednesday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS** Howe Branch  
Come make a bug related craft with us.

Thursday, August 14 at 1:15 p.m.

**ICE CREAM MAKING WITH THE SCOTIA GLENVILLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** Main Library  
Learn how to make your own ice cream. Space is limited; call 427-4310 to register.

Monday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** Delaware Branch  
Prizes, certificates, games and refreshments for everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program.

Monday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT** Howe Branch  
Come play DDR and Guitar Hero at the Library.

Monday, August 18 through

Friday, August 22 from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**READ & FEED** Main Library  
Kids aged 11-13, come each day to hear all of an exciting new chapter book read aloud by guest readers. We provide the munchies!

Monday through Friday, August 18 through 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD GAMES** Main Library

Tuesday, August 19 at 1:30 p.m.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** Pine Hills Branch  
We're reading *Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer; stop in for a copy or request one. For ages 11 and older.

Tuesday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** North Albany Branch  
Games and refreshments for everyone who participated in summer reading.

Tuesday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Delaware Branch  
Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

Wednesday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m.

**BUGGY CRAFTS** Howe Branch  
Come make a bug related craft with us.

Wednesday, August 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** Main Library  
"Catch the Reading Bug" with Melvin the Magnificent and his amazing magic show. Reading certificates, prizes, and more. Bring the whole family.

Thursday, August 21 from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

**TEEN NIGHT** Main Library  
Win prizes, eat food, and celebrate the end of Summer Reading. Ages 12 and up.

Monday through Friday, August 25 through 29 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD GAMES** Main Library

Monday, August 25 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** Howe Branch  
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading, collect grand prizes, and play some games.

Monday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT** Howe Branch  
Come play DDR and Guitar Hero at the Library.

Tuesday, August 26 at 1:30 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY** Pine Hills Branch  
Celebrate all the great reading you've done all summer. For all Summer Reading participants.

Tuesday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Delaware Branch  
Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

## Preschool & Toddler Storytimes

### MAIN LIBRARY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 23 and August 6, 13, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

### BABIES & TOTS STORYTIME

Thursdays & Fridays, July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and August 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

### PINE HILLS BRANCH TODDLER STORYTIME

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12 at 10:30 a.m.

### DELAWARE BRANCH PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. (August 6 will be a special storytime with Honest Weight Food Coop)

### NORTH ALBANY BRANCH PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Toddlers and preschoolers can join the Bookworms Summer Reading Program. Parents or caregivers can get a calendar booklet and mark off each day that they read to their child. Turn in the booklet at the end of the summer and your child will receive a prize.

## AUGUST

Monday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Main Library  
Meet therapy dogs and learn about their care.

Monday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m.

**WEAVE A COLORFUL SPIDER WEB WITH THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM** Delaware Branch  
Weave your own spider web and spider using colored wire, pipe cleaners and sparkling beads. Ages 7 and up.

Tuesday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m.

**SCULPTING WITH COLOR WITH THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM** Main Library  
Create an abstract sculpture using Model Magic and colored wire.

Tuesday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m.

**CREATE A WORK OF ART WITH THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM** Pine Hills Branch  
Make your own wonderful art. For ages 5 - 12.

Tuesday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**HIP DIPS** North Albany Branch  
Join Honest Weight Food Coop and learn how to make fruit and veggie dips; then sample your creations. For ages 6 and up.

Tuesday, August 5 at 4:00 p.m.

**DELAWARE DOGS** Delaware Branch  
Join Miss Rose and her certified therapy dogs for a fun and educational kids' program.

