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PRESS RELEASE

Albany Public Library Hosts Raising a Reader Baby Shower April 26

Free Event for Expectant Parents and Families with Young Children

ALBANY, NY—Everyone knows how important reading is, especially for the development of young children. But, some parents aren't sure about the best way to read to, and with, their little ones. Albany Public Library is stepping in to help with the Raising a Reader Baby Shower on Sunday, April 26. The free event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the large auditorium of the Washington Avenue Branch at 161 Washington Avenue.

The library encourages expectant parents, new parents, and parents of preschool-age children—and their offspring—to attend the free event, which shares information within the fun atmosphere of a baby shower. Adults will learn tips and tools to make reading fun, and also access parenting resources from local organizations. Children will enjoy stories, crafts, and active play. For more information, please call the Washington Ave. Branch Youth Services Department at 427-4310.

The Raising a Reader Baby Shower features lots of fun, and free, activities including:

- Free book and special tote bag
- Shower games and prizes
- Raffles and giveaways
- Chair and infant massage
- Arts and crafts activities
- Story times
- Library card sign-up and replacement library cards
- Library card fine forgiveness
- Parenting information from local organizations
- Refreshments

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