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PRESS RELEASE

Albany Public Library Opens New Room for Kids & Teens Celebration at Washington Ave. Branch on Feb. 3

ALBANY, NY—Albany Public Library officially unveils the new Youth Services Room at the Washington Avenue Branch on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 10 am.

The public is invited to this special celebration which will include:

- A welcome from APL Executive Director Scott Jarzombek and Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan
- Tours of the new space
- Story time and craft activities for children
- Light refreshments

The new youth space at the Washington Ave. Branch features:

- A fresh, colorful, modern look with improved lighting and furnishings
- Separate areas, along with computers and iPads, for children and teens
- Comfortable spots to sit and read, work on homework, and use technology
- Plenty of room for programs, including story times, arts and crafts, and STEM activities
- A daycare-quality play kitchen and LEGO table
- Puzzles, games, building sets, and toys to enjoy in the room
- An expanded picture book collection with titles arranged by themes
- An “express checkout station” right in the room for young patrons and their families to check out materials

“Every day, Albany Public Library nurtures a love of reading and learning in our community’s children and teens,” said Jarzombek. “The new space for youngsters at our Washington Avenue Branch enables us to do this in a more welcoming environment that includes great technology, books, toys, and other materials kids need to learn and grow.”

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