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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

2015

JUNE 27 - AUGUST 22





SUMMER READING FUN AT ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY!

- The Summer Reading Program for kids and teens runs from June 27 through Aug. 22
- Sign up for summer reading at any of our branches in Albany
- Read your favorite books and try out some new ones
- Visit the libraries for fun activities like arts and maker workshops, movies, gaming, Superhero Training Academy, Heroes in Our Neighborhood, kickoff and finale parties, and more
- Each week that you read and participate in library activities, you'll earn chances to win cool prizes



GUIDE TO SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AT APL

- All activities are free and open to the public
- Some events require registration
- For more details and updates, please call the host branch

JUNE 27 (Sat)

Summer Reading Kickoff Parties

Visit any of our branches today to register for the Summer Reading Program. You'll also enjoy ice cream and fun activities. For ages 5-17.

1:00-3:00 pm

ALL Branches

JULY 1 (Wed)

Superhero Training

Try feats of strength, and then make a superhero bracelet, mask, and t-shirt. Please register by calling 482-2154. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

JULY 2 (Thurs)

Movie: "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"

We'll watch this Marvel flick that continues the adventures of Cap and a new foe, the mysterious Winter Soldier. (Movie is rated PG-13.)

2:00-4:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Superhero Training Camp

Test your special powers at our training camp! Make a superhero cape with us, or wear your own superhero costume. Then see if you can pick up a boulder, walk across a lava pit, make it through a maze of lasers, and smash through a wall of bricks. Please register by calling the branch at 463-0254 or visiting our online calendar. For ages 4-10.

3:00-4:15 pm

Delaware Branch

Build It, Race It, Superhero Car Derby

Build your own superhero mobile and race it against your friends. Find out who can build the fastest car, and win prizes. Space is limited to 15 participants. Ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Superhero Lollipops

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make and eat lollipops. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch

JULY 6 (Mon)

What Makes a Bird a Bird?

Learn about birds with a hands-on science project. For ages 5-11.

2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Decorate a Birdhouse

We'll decorate birdhouses made out of milk cartons. We've got all of the supplies, you bring the creativity. For ages 5-12.

2:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Superhero Training Academy

Gear up for a super summer by making your own superhero costume. Then, hone your hero skills at our training stations. For ages 5-17.

6:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor community room)

JULY 7 (Tues)

Play Croquet

Bring your friends and play a friendly game of croquet on our east lawn, weather permitting. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Heroes in Our Neighborhood:

Fire Department Field Trip

We'll visit a South End firehouse, meet our firefighters, see how their gear works, and learn about fire safety. We'll meet at the Howe Children's Room and walk to the station together. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

1:45-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Superhero Capes

With the help of the Tang Teaching Museum, you'll make superhero capes that represent the super qualities that you would like to have. Space is limited, so please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Beautiful Birds

Dyken Pond joins us to talk about what makes a bird a bird and how to identify birds we typically see at our birdfeeders. We'll make a bird craft, too. Please register by calling 427-4310. For ages 7-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor community room)

Make Your Own Ninja Stress Balls

We'll make an arsenal of "ninja gear" for fun and games. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 7-17.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

JULY 8 (Wed)

Navigation in the 17th Century

The Crailo State Historic Site, which is a museum of Colonial Dutch in the Hudson Valley, will show us artifacts from the 1600s. For ages 7-17.

3:00-3:45 pm
Bach Branch

JULY 9 (Thurs)

Storytelling for Kids

Whether they are famous, or faceless, heroes abound in our lives. Jeannine Laverty shares stories about some of her favorite well-known heroes. Then we'll play a game to identify the everyday, unsung heroes in our own lives. For ages 5-17.

10:00-11:15 am
Delaware Branch

Heroes in Our Neighborhood: Mounted Police

Get a close-up look at the magnificent patrol horses from the Albany Police Department. Officers will explain how the horses are trained, what they do every day, and how they help the police. You'll get a chance to pet the horses, and learn about how to care for them, too. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Library Land of Ooo:

An "Adventure Time" Celebration

Have a totally algebraic time at our celebration of this beloved TV show. We'll make Finn's grass sword, a lumpy little MBO to call your own, and a mathematical mask of your favorite character. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Chalk of Fame

Come create sidewalk chalk superheroes by tracing your own outline and adding a cape and mask. The sky's the limit of your imagination! Ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Movie: "Toy Story 2"

Buzz and the gang fight to save Woody from being sold to a toy collector in Japan. (Movie is rated G.)

3:30-5:30 pm
Howe Branch

Wild West Wanted Posters

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll create our own wild, wild west "wanted" posters to find dastardly villains. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

JULY 11 (Sat)

Polar Bears

Cool down at the library while learning about polar bears. We'll read **Polar Bear Night** by Lauren Thompson, make polar bear puppets, and experiment with things that sink and float. You'll even get a copy of the book to take home, provided by the NYS Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program. For ages 7 and under.

10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

SummerFest

Bring your family and friends to our super-awesome outdoor party celebrating summer reading! We'll have a toddler zone, bounce house obstacle course, games and prizes, music, magic, and refreshments courtesy of hospitality sponsor Price Chopper. For all ages.

1:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

JULY 13 (Mon)

Trees and Conservation

Learn about our natural environment with a hands-on science project. For ages 5-11.

2:00-3:30 pm
Bach Branch

T-Shirt Purse

We'll be crafting no-sew hobo purses out of t-shirts. Bring a favorite t-shirt to turn into a bag. We'll have a small selection of shirts, in case you don't bring one from home. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 13-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Hula Hoop Party

Teens, use our supplies to make your own hula hoop, then learn how to use it. We'll have music, hoop dancers giving tips, and refreshments. When you're done, take your hoop home with you. For ages 12-17.

6:30-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

JULY 14 (Tues)

Heroes in Our Neighborhood: Mounted Police

Get a close-up look at the magnificent patrol horses from the Albany Police Department. Officers will explain how the horses are trained, what they do every day, and how they help the police. You'll get a chance to pet the horses, and learn about how to care for them, too. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 11 and under.

11:00 am-12:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Play Croquet

Bring your friends and play a friendly game of croquet on our east lawn, weather permitting. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

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Super Sidekicks: Veggies & Fruits Unite

We'll get healthy eating and smart shopping tips from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is the first in a series of four classes; come to one or all. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Strawbees Building Challenge

Form a team for this building challenge with Strawbees, a new construction toy where the possibilities are endless. Teams can have between two and four players. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Fun with Energy

Jeff Boyer will create amazing demonstrations to show us how energy makes our world work. This program is made possible in part by the NYS Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program. For ages 5-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

JULY 15 (Wed)

Special Program

Every Wednesday in July, come to Bach for a special program. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

JULY 16 (Thurs)

Movie: "Guardians of the Galaxy"

Everyone's favorite intergalactic band of misfit criminals/heroes tries to save the Marvel universe. (Movie is rated PG-13.)

2:00-4:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Superfoods: Hip Dips

Honest Weight Food Co-Op will teach us to make yummy fruit and veggie dips using superfoods. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Cooperative Action Games

Join Lili Cook as we play cooperative games like Mystery Moves, Shark, Cross the River, and Bear in the Air. We'll even make up our own games. Ages 8-15.

3:30-4:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Baymax Origami

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll learn how to craft an origami version of Baymax from "Big Hero 6." Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch

JULY 17 (Fri)

Movie: "Big Hero 6"

Young Hiro and his new scientist friends take on a villain with the help of Baymax, a squishy inflatable robot. (Movie is rated PG.)

3:30-5:30 pm

Howe Branch

JULY 20 (Mon)

Building Strong Bridges

Learn what it takes to build strong bridges with a hands-on science project. For ages 5-11.

2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Create Superhero Gauntlets

We'll turn everyday items into gauntlets. Show off your inner superhero and give Thanos' Infinity Gauntlet a run for its money! For ages 5-12.

2:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Heroes in Our Neighborhood:

K-9 Officers

Enjoy a short film of the award-winning book **Officer Buckle and Gloria**, then we'll meet one of Albany's own police officers and his K-9 partner. We'll find out if they have adventures like Officer Buckle. For ages 5-17.

6:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor community room)

JULY 21 (Tues)

Play Croquet

Bring your friends and play a friendly game of croquet on our east lawn, weather permitting. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Superhero Training Camp

Test your special powers at our training camp! Make a superhero cape with us, or wear your own superhero costume. Then see if you can pick up a boulder, walk across a lava pit, make it through a maze of lasers, and smash through a wall of bricks. Please register by calling the branch at 472-9485. For ages 4-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Comic Jam

Local artist Ira Marcks teaches us how to create comics in this collaborative workshop. Fun for artists of all skill levels. Drop in for an hour, or stay the whole time. Please register online or by calling 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-17.

2:00-5:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Super Bubble Fun

Giant bubbles, small bubbles, bouncy bubbles, bubble wands...they'll all be popping into this program! For ages 5-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(1st floor auditorium)



JULY 22 (Wed)

Comic Jam

Have you ever wanted to draw a comic, but weren't sure how to start? Artist Ira Marcks will teach us in this collaborative comic book workshop. Please register by calling the branch at 463-0254. For ages 8-17.

1:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Special Program

Every Wednesday in July, come to Bach for a special program. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

JULY 23 (Thurs)

Traveling Pond

The Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center brings its traveling pond to us so we can explore animal and plant life. For ages 17 and under.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Snack Attack

Honest Weight Food Co-op shows us how to make healthy snacks, like smoothies, veggie and cheese kabobs, fruit dip, trail mix, and even healthy soda. We'll give you the recipes so you can try them out at home. Space is limited to 25 participants. Ages 8-15.

3:30-4:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Perler Bead Superheroes

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make our own superhero figures using perler beads. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch

More Summer Fun For Your Preschoolers

Stories & Art in the Parks

We're partnering with the City of Albany Department of Recreation and Albany Barn for a six-week series of story times and art activities in our city's beautiful parks. APL librarians will perform special story times, followed by fun arts-and-crafts activities provided by the Department of Recreation and Albany Barn. Each program lasts about an hour, with shade and tables available. For ages 2-5.

- **June 29 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
With special guest Mayor Kathy Sheehan
Washington Park (rain site Washington Ave. Branch)
- **July 6 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
With Special Guest WMHT PBS Kids
Hoffman Park (rain site Delaware Branch)
- **July 13 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
With Special Guest WMHT PBS Kids
Westland Hills (rain site Pine Hills Branch)
- **July 20 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
With Special Guest WMHT PBS Kids
Lincoln Park, Lower Area (rain site Howe Branch)
- **July 27 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
Ridgefield Park (rain site Bach Branch)
- **Aug. 3 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
North Swan Park (rain site Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch)



JULY 24 (Fri)

Teen Resume Writing

We'll help you start building your resume for next summer's job hunt. Learn how to write a solid resume that shows all the skills you've been learning during this summer's job, especially helpful for participants in the city's Summer Youth Employment Program. For ages 14-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Movie: "Divergent"

Tris and the mysterious Four fight to defeat a powerful alliance that threatens their society in this movie based on the dystopian novels by Veronica Roth. (Movie is rated PG-13.)

3:30-5:30 pm

Howe Branch

JULY 27 (Mon)

Airplanes and Flight

Learn about airplanes and how they fly with a hands-on science project. For ages 5-11.

2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Urban Survival Skills

Have you ever been stranded someplace with a dead cell phone and no way to get help? We'll show you how to navigate the city the old-school way. Learn some cool life-hacks and simple survival skills that may just come in handy someday. For ages 13-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Make Your Own Comics

Do you dream of writing your own comics? We'll show you how to get started. We'll provide the comic book panels and you create the story and drawings. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Glow-in-the-Dark Games

We're putting a glow-in-the-dark twist on favorite childhood games like Capture the Flag, Hopscotch, Ring Toss, Bowling, and more. Teens, we'll have plenty of glow sticks for everyone. For ages 12-17.

6:30-8:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch (1st floor auditorium)

JULY 28 (Tues)

Play Croquet

Bring your friends and play a friendly game of croquet on our east lawn, weather permitting. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Super Sidekicks:

Veggies & Fruits Unite

We'll get healthy eating and smart shopping tips from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

TMNT Pizza Tasting

Leo, Donnie, Mikey, and Raph only eat the best pizza and now's your chance to try all of Albany's finest pies at our pizza tasting party. Space is limited to 30, so please call 482-7911 ext. 223 to register. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Save the Book

Are you ready to rescue a boring book? All it takes is some markers and your imagination. Visit mybirthdaybunny.com for a sneak preview of the fun we'll have. For ages 7-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch (2nd floor community room)

JULY 29 (Wed)

Special Program

Every Wednesday in July, come to Bach for a special program. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

JULY 30 (Thurs)

Veggie Sculptures

Who says you can't play with your food? The Honest Weight Food Co-Op will help us create cool sculptures made out of veggies. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Kitchen Science: Sand Sculptures

The Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum teaches us how to use sand and basic kitchen ingredients to observe how energy changes matter. We'll work in groups to measure and mix ingredients to create new compounds. Then we'll use our new materials to make art. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 5-10.

3:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Gigantic Soda Geyser

Experiment with us as we figure out what type of soda makes the best gushing geyser. For ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

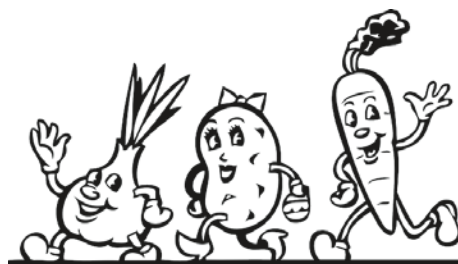
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Watch-it-Grow

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make superhero versions of seed pots that you can take home and watch grow. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch



JULY 31 (Fri)

Teen Resume Writing

We'll help you start building your resume for next summer's job hunt. For ages 14-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Movie: "The Avengers"

Earth's mightiest heroes, including Iron Man and the Hulk, come together as a team to fight trickster Loki and his alien army. (Movie is rated PG-13.)

3:30-5:30 pm

Howe Branch

AUG. 1 (Sat)

Heroic Hijinks

Rose's Joyful Noise joins us for this fun music and movement program where we'll vanquish villains, fly around a super-sized parachute, and leap over tall buildings in a single bound. For extra fun, wear your favorite costume and bring your camera. For ages 7 and under.

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 3 (Mon)

Otto the Auto Robot Safety Program

Meet Otto, a lively, robotic car that helps us learn about important traffic safety rules. Otto, and his helpers from AAA Hudson Valley, will teach us about crossing the street safely, using booster seats and seat belts, playing away from traffic, and wearing bike helmets. You can also take a picture with Otto and get a bookmark to take home. For ages 3-8.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Duct Tape Crafts

We'll teach you just how easy it is to transform colorful duct tape into a beautiful flower or functional wallet. For ages 13-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Stuffed Animal Hospital

Does your teddy bear have a sore tummy, or is your bunny suffering with an earache? Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend to our mini-veterinary clinic. Enjoy waiting room activities, then meet our vet for your stuffed pet's checkup. For ages 5-17.

6:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 4 (Tues)

Tin-tastic

Let's make something useful, and fun, out of tin cans. Join us to find out exactly what we have planned for our pile of tin cans. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Chalk of Fame

Make our sidewalks ZAP into superhero life with your wonderful chalk art. We'll trace our own outlines and add chalk capes, masks, and superhero costumes. Let your imagination fly! Please register at 472-9485. For ages 6-17.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Superhero Capes

With the help of the Tang Teaching Museum, we'll design our own superhero logos in the style of pop artist Nicholas Krushenick. Then, we'll put our logos on flowing capes we can wear on our next superhero adventures. Space is limited, so please register at 427-4310. For ages 7-17.

4:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 5 (Wed) Kid M.D.

Medical students will teach us about stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers, and visiting the doctor for checkups. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

AUG. 6 (Thurs) Social Robotics

Let's explore the capabilities of robotic platforms with the University at Albany Social Robotics Team. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 12-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

PreK Jump Start

You are your child's first teacher! This free program will help you encourage your child to read, write, sing, play, and discover as he or she gets ready for pre-kindergarten. During the one-hour sessions, you and your preschooler will enjoy stories and activities designed to encourage the development of the early learning skills they'll need when they enter preK. You can participate in this four-week series and any one of three branch libraries. Space is limited and you need to register by calling the branch you plan to attend. For children ages 3-5.

- **July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10, Aug. 17**
Mondays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
Call 694-0596 to register
- **July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11, Aug. 18**
Tuesdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
Call 427-4310 to register
- **July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12, Aug. 19**
Wednesdays at
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Howe Branch
Call 472-9485 to register



Epics, Sagas, and Heroes

The NYS Museum will teach us just what makes a character in a story "heroic." We'll compare hero stories from hundreds of years ago to those in today's pop culture, from Gilgamesh to Luke Skywalker, and discover the common thread linking them all. After the discussion, we'll embark on a hero-themed scavenger hunt in the library. You'll have a chance to win prizes, too. For ages 5-17.

3:00-4:15 pm
Delaware Branch

Community Hero Training

We'll talk about community heroes with Officer William Pierce, who's our neighborhood's community police officer. Learn what it takes to be a local hero and become a Junior Albany Public Library Police Officer. Ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Tie-Dye Bandanas

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make super-cool logo bandanas to wear. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 7 (Fri) Teen Resume Writing

We'll help you start building your resume for next summer's job hunt. For ages 14-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Movie: "The Incredibles"

A family of retired superheroes emerges from suburbia to tackle a mighty foe in this Pixar classic. (Movie is rated PG.)

3:30-5:30 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 10 (Mon) Build a Rube Goldberg Machine

Students from RPI will help us make our own crazy-smart Rube Goldberg contraptions. For ages 4-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Scavenger Hunt

We'll put some spark in your afternoon with this cool scavenger hunt. Visit us and get all the details, plus snacks. For ages 13-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Design a Superhero Mask

Every superhero needs to maintain his or her secret identity, and what better way to do that than with a mask! We'll help you craft your own identity-shielding mask. For ages 5-12.

2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Chocolate Olympics

Who'll medal in our teen-tastic Chocolate Olympics? Come eat, compete, and triumph over chocolate-themed physical and mental challenges. For ages 12-17.

6:30-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 11 (Tues) Super Sidekicks: Veggies & Fruits Unite

We'll get healthy eating and smart shopping tips from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Pine Hills Summer Reading Finale

Let's celebrate our summer reading accomplishments with ice cream and superhero bracelet and Shrinky Dinks crafts. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Superfoods: Hip Dips

Honest Weight Food Co-Op will teach us to make yummy fruit and veggie dips using superfoods. Please register at 427-4310. For ages 7-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 12 (Wed) Author Visit: Coleen Paratore

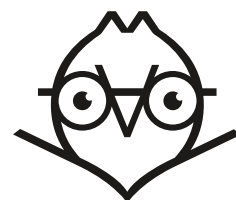
Travel to the "firefly fields" in your own mind and heart where all your best ideas are sparking, just waiting for you to catch them. We'll write without rules and share in a fun, encouraging atmosphere. Bring a pen and a copy of the author's new writer's journal, "Fireflies," or your own blank notebook. For ages 8-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

AUG. 13 (Thurs) Let's Yarn Bomb the Library

Let's knit or crochet some new creations—don't worry, we'll teach you if you don't know how—and use them to decorate the library courtyard. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 12-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch



Heroes in Our Neighborhood: Firefighters

You'll get to talk to firefighters from Delaware Avenue's Engine 9 and take a turn sitting in their huge hook-and-ladder truck. We'll also watch a demonstration of firefighting gear and learn important fire prevention tips. For ages 5-17.

3:00-4:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Superhero Shrinky Dinks

Put your favorite superhero emblem on a necklace, keychain, or bracelet. Ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Make Your Own Ninja Turtles Slime

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make our own slime, just like the kind of ooze that spawned the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 14 (Fri) Teen Resume Writing

We'll help you start building your resume for next summer's job hunt. For ages 14-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Movie: "TMNT II: The Secret of the Ooze"

Our ninja turtle heroes battle Shredder, who wants to create a new army of mutants with the last canister of ooze that spawned the turtles. (Movie is rated PG.)

3:30-5:30 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 17 (Mon) Scratch Art

Transform scribbles into something beautiful. With just some crayons and paint, we'll show you how to make scratch boards that you can use to create intricate designs. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Washington Ave. Summer Reading Finale

Celebrate your heroic reading feats with snacks and prizes. You'll also be able to test your reflexes with our special superhero-themed ping pong games, using books as paddles. For ages 5-17.

6:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 18 (Tues) Super Sidekicks: Veggies & Fruits Unite

We'll get healthy eating and smart shopping tips from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Children's Summer Book Discussion

We'll talk about The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger and enjoy snacks and drinks with friends. Make sure to pick up a copy of the book so you have time to read it before the program. And, please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Superhero Book Pong

It's back! Stop by for some more superhero book pong action with your friends. For ages 5-17.

3:30-4:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

Superhero Capes

With the help of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, you'll be making superhero capes that represent the super qualities that you would like to have. Space is limited, so please register at 472-9485. For ages 6-15.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 19 (Wed) Superhero Capes

The Tang Teaching Museum teaches us how to make our own awesome superhero capes. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-15.

2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Make Your Own Hero Sandwich

Construct your own yummy hero sandwich. Please register by Aug. 12 by calling 482-2154. For ages 4-17.

3:00-4:00 pm
Bach Branch

Delaware Summer Reading Finale

Join us for food, music, crafts, and games on our outdoor patio. The Zucchini Brothers will perform an interactive, acoustic show for us filled with original children's songs and adult pop-rock cover songs. For all ages.

5:00-7:00 pm
Delaware Branch

AUG. 20 (Thurs) Young Adult Summer Book Discussion

Let's talk about I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak with snacks, drinks, and friends. Be sure to pick up a copy of this award-winning book so you have time to read it before the program. Please register at 482-7911 ext. 223. For ages 12-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Superhero Capes

With the help of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, you'll be making superhero capes that represent the super qualities that you would like to have. Space is limited, so please register at 694-0596. Ages 6-15.

3:30-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Superhero Paper Snowflakes

In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll make superhero-themed paper snowflakes. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 21 (Fri) Teen Resume Writing

We'll help you start building your resume for next summer's job hunt. For ages 14-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Howe Summer Reading Finale

We'll celebrate with pizza, games, prizes, and the South End firetruck. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-17.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 24 (Mon) Post-It-Palooza

Pop into our Post-It party and make pixel art, sculpture, and origami with Post-It notes. Teens, we'll also play Post-It party games, and serve flat, sticky snacks! For ages 12-17.

6:30-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd floor community room)

AUG. 27 (Thurs) Grow Your Own Groot

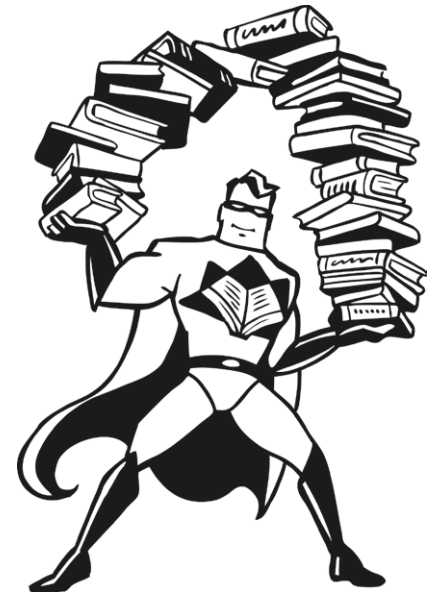
In this special edition of the Howe-ler's Club, we'll teach you how to grow your own Groot, the lovable, but fierce, tree creature from "Guardians of the Galaxy." Please register at 472-9485. For ages 4-16.

4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

AUG. 28 (Fri) Movie: "Guardians of the Galaxy"

An oddball group of deadly, yet charming, space criminals take on a warrior who's threatening the universe. (Movie is rated PG-13.)

3:30-5:30 pm
Howe Branch



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

SummerFest is July 11!

Our popular outdoor festival celebrating summer reading returns to the Delaware Branch on Saturday, July 11, from 1 to 3 pm. The party features games, activities, magic, music, refreshments, giveaways, prizes, and fun for the whole family!



READ WITH US THIS SUMMER!

- The Summer Reading Program for kids and teens runs from June 27 through Aug. 22
- You can sign up at any of our branches
- Read your favorite books, and we can suggest some new ones to try, too
- Visit the libraries for awesome activities like gaming, movies, arts-and-crafts, parties, and more
- Every week that you read and participate in these special library activities means that you earn chances for cool prizes

For more information, visit
www.albanypubliclibrary.org
or your favorite APL branch

Library	Address
Washington Avenue Branch	161 Washington Avenue, 12210 427-4300
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Monday — Wednesday
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Thursday & Friday
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Saturday
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sunday
CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST	
Library	Address
Arbor Hill / West Hill Branch	148 Henry Johnson Blvd., 12210 694-0596
Bach Branch	455 New Scotland Avenue, 12208 482-2154
Delaware Branch	331 Delaware Avenue, 12209 463-0254
Howe Branch	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485
North Albany Branch	616 North Pearl Street, 12204 463-1581
Pine Hills Branch	517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Monday & Wednesday
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Tuesday
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Thursday & Friday
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Saturday