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ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

2016

JUNE 25 – AUGUST 20





SUMMER READING FUN AT ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY!

- The Summer Reading Program for kids and teens runs from June 25 through Aug. 20
- 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, 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 25 (Sat)

Summer Reading Kickoff

The program kicks off on Saturday, June 25, from noon until 5:00 pm at EVERY APL branch library. Stop by and register for the Summer Reading Program, pick up your reading record, and borrow some books! Some branches have special activities planned, too. For ages 6-17.

- **Middle Roller Skaters Performance | 11:00-12:30 pm | Giffen Memorial Elementary School Gymnasium** | Join your favorite Howe Branch librarians and friends at Giffen to watch the Middle Roller Skaters perform awesome tricks and skills. We'll have ice cream and ice pops, too.
- **Popcorn StoryWalk | 1:00-4:30 pm | Bach Branch** | Do a StoryWalk about the history of popcorn and enjoy this tasty treat.
- **Ice Cream Sundaes | 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and free Stewart's sundaes, while supplies last.
- **Tasty Treats | 11:00 am-2:00 pm | North Albany Branch** | Get a fun and tasty treat after you sign up for summer reading.
- **Frozen Pops | 12:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch** | Feast on a frozen yogurt pop and guess how many treats are in the jar.
- **Yummy Cupcakes | 1:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch** | Decorate, and eat, some yummy cupcakes. We'll award ribbons for the Funniest, Most Creative, Most Sporting, and Most Disgusting creations.

12:00-5:00 pm
ALL Libraries

JUNE 27 (Mon)

Mystery Matter

The Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum visits for a special hands-on program where we investigate solids, liquids, and gases. We'll check out look-alike liquids, curious crystals, and more. For all ages.

6:00-7:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

JUNE 28 (Tues)

American Girl Dolls: Sleeping Bags & Trail Mix

Summer is the perfect time to go camping or host a slumber party. Bring your doll friends over and make them a new-sew sleeping bag! We'll also make healthy, summer trail mix and get you and your doll friends ready for your next adventure. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Dyken Traveling Pond

A traveling pond splashes its way into our library with live fish, salamanders, frogs, and insects. You'll be able to touch live animals and learn how they survive in a watery environment. For ages 6-10.

3:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Club Wii Basketball

This year's Summer Reading Program emphasizes sports and exercising, so we'll be practicing our basketball skills on the Wii! Bring your friends. For ages 5-17.

3:30-5:00 pm
North Albany Branch

JUNE 29 (Wed)

Solve the Rubik's Cube

Learn a seven-step process for solving the Rubik's Cube from master Tim Tilstra. Everyone in the class gets a free Rubik's Cube to take home. Please register by calling 463-0254. For ages 8-17.

3:00-4:15 pm
Delaware Branch

Basketball Earring Craft

We're continuing the basketball theme this week by making some cool basketball earrings for yourself, or to give to someone else.

For ages 5-17.
3:00-5:00 pm
North Albany Branch

JUNE 30 (Thurs)

Fruit & Vegetable Games

Play games and make art using fruits and vegetables. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-10.

2:00-2:45 pm
Bach Branch

AH/WH Indoor Olympics

Join us for some Olympic fun! Compete in various feats of physical aptitude with your friends, like running, jumping, and other fun events. Refreshments, too. For ages 6-17.

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

JULY 1 (Fri)

Ready, Set, Move

Instructors from the Little Gym of Colonie take us through fun movement activities. We'll use kid-sized sports equipment, musical instruments, art supplies, and more to help develop your physical skills. Come dressed to play! Caregivers must stay in the room during the program, but do not have to participate. Space is limited, so please register at 463-0254 x223. For ages 3-7.

1:00-2:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Fourth of July Crafts

Make your own patriotic owl ornament just in time for Independence Day! For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

JULY 2 (Sat)

Indoor Fireworks

Enjoy a gentle fireworks light show, read a book about Independence Day, and make fireworks art. For ages 0-7.

10:30-11:30 am

Washington Ave. Branch

5-Hour Film Project

Learn the basics of filmmaking and create a short film in just one day! Youth FX teaches us how to write, direct, film, and edit. We'll watch our finished film at the end of the day, and eat popcorn, too! Please register at 427-4310. For ages 11-17. *Special thanks to the Best Buy Foundation for making the Youth FX programs possible at APL!*

11:00 am-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 5 (Tues)

Design Your Own Sport & Uniform

Take a pit stop at Howe and create your own sport and uniform. Come up with your own rules and explain why your sport will be the next big thing! We'll have concession snacks, too. For ages 5-14.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Old-Timey Games

Have you ever played jacks? Lined up dominoes? Ran in a three-legged race? Come play some of these old-timey games with your friends. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Fireflies

Is your bedtime so early that you never get to see the fireflies come out at night? We are creating our own at the library! For ages 6-10.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 7 (Thurs)

Color Changing Ultraviolet Beads

Test the effectiveness of different sunscreens using indicator beads that change color when exposed to ultraviolet light. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Bobblehead Art

Channel your inner artist and make a bobblehead! Please register at 482-7911 x223.

For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Acro Yoga

Watch these talented athletes as they juggle, do acrobatics, and perform other stunts.

For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Racing Flags

The Tang Teaching Museum helps us create racing flags, using felt and dowels, that are personalized to our own favorite health and fitness activities. For ages 6-17.

3:30-4:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Beat Bots Teen Dance Party

Our teen robotics teams show off their dancing Beat Bot robots. The teams answer your questions about robots and have their robots dance to music. Vote for your favorite bot!

For ages 11-17.

6:00-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 9 (Sat)

SummerFest!

Let's celebrate summer reading with a spectacular outdoor party at the Delaware Branch! We'll have magic, music, games, bounce houses, book giveaways, and refreshments courtesy of hospitality sponsor Price Chopper. For all ages.

12:00-2:00 pm

Delaware Branch

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Stewart's Shops



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JULY 12 (Tues)

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring your stuffed animals to Pine Hills so they can sleep over at the library tonight. You'll be reunited with your furry friends on Wednesday, July 13, at 2:00 pm for a pickup party and see what fun they had! Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Snack Attack

We'll learn how to prepare healthy snacks that we can enjoy at home. Honest Weight Food Co-op teaches us about the importance of eating healthy. For ages 6-17.

11:30 am-12:30 pm

North Albany Branch

Ninja for a Day

Do you want to understand the "way of the shadow?" You're in luck because Dojo Howe is providing a special one-day ninja academy. We'll test your agility, balance, and memory. You'll pick out a weapon of choice and design one made out of found materials. And we'll celebrate with a food that all ninjas, at least sewer-dwelling reptile ones, enjoy...pizza! Registration is required by calling 472-9485 by July 8. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SERVICE TO GROUPS

Albany Public Library encourages group visits by local schools, daycares, camps, and other organizations. However, we cannot always accommodate groups in our scheduled story times and programs.

Arrangements for group programs, story times, library card assistance, or other services must be made with library staff at least two weeks before your visit. In order to provide the best possible service to all patrons, we cannot schedule more than one visit per month for the same class or group.

Groups visiting the library must be well supervised. Teachers, counselors, or adult supervisors are expected to remain with their groups at all times.

READERS FINISH FIRST



Dyken Pond

Learn about animals and plants when the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center visits the library. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Zumba Kids

Bring your dancing shoes and join us for a class by Zumba Kids instructor Katie. Water will be provided. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 13 (Wed)

Kids Cooking Club

Learn how to make healthy snacks and about food choices that make us healthier. Jodie Fitz of Price Chopper shows us how! Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

JULY 14 (Thurs)

Make a Galaxy Rock

Make a little galaxy that you can carry in your pocket. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Paper Mache Art

Make a table for your room at home, then paint and decorate it any way you want. (You'll pick up your table the next day, after it's had time to try overnight.) Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Solar Powered S'mores Oven

Build your own s'mores oven powered by the sun. Then we'll eat our chocolatey, marshmallow treats! For ages 8-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

"Let's Play a Game" Scavenger Hunt

Read clues about board and card games, then search for them in the library. When you're done with the scavenger hunt, we'll play some of these fun games. You'll also have a chance to win a raffle for a few of the board and card games featured in the scavenger hunt. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:15 pm

Delaware Branch

JULY 16 (Sat)

Basketball & Books Tournament

Let's get ready to rumble as teams play 3-on-3 basketball until one team delivers the tournament's winning point! Albany School District students ages 5-11 who have signed up for the city's Summer Reading Club are invited to play. You can sign up on your own and get placed on a team, or you can sign up a whole team that you have created. Please sign up at any Albany Public Library branch.

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Giffen Memorial Elementary School (274 S. Pearl St.)

Medieval Math Mania

We'll read fun stories and do crafts with math and medieval themes. Every child gets their own copy of a math-centered picture book to take home. For ages 3-10. *This program is supported by funds from NYS Library's Family Literacy Library grant program.*

10:30-11:30 am

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 18 (Mon)

Build-a-Song

We provide the instruments and recording equipment, and you create the music! Play drums, bass, guitar, keyboard, and other instruments. You can also sing, rap, beatbox, and more as you craft your own song. At the end, we'll mix and master the song together. Your finished song will be shared on the library's YouTube channel. No musical experience required. For ages 6-17.

5:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

Giant Game Night

Families come together for some laugh-out-loud gaming fun! We'll have giant Jenga, giant Connect Four, and other giant-sized games.

For all ages.

6:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 19 (Tues)

Racing Flags

The Tang Teaching Museum helps us create racing flags, like the ones used by professional racers, that are personalized to our own favorite health and fitness activities. For ages 6-17.

▪ **11:30 am-12:30 pm | North Albany Branch**

▪ **2:00-3:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch |**

Register at 482-7911 x223

Library Scavenger Hunt

Do you really know your library? Grab a list and trek through the Howe Branch and see if you can find the objects in our summer scavenger hunt. If you find all of the items before time runs out, you'll be greatly rewarded. For ages 5-17.

2:00-4:00 pm

Howe Branch

Library Olympics

Get in the Olympic spirit and enjoy some fun, inflatable games at the library! For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 20 (Wed)

Reptile Adventure

We meet, and get to touch and feel, 10 reptiles and amphibians! Come learn about geckos, skinks, tegu lizards, box turtles, bearded dragon lizards, and more. For all ages.

2:00-3:00 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 the 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, with special visits from WMHT PBS Kids. Each program lasts about an hour, with shade and tables available. For ages 2-5.

▪ **July 11 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington Park** (rain site Washington Ave. Branch)

▪ **July 18 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Westland Hills** (rain site Pine Hills Branch)

▪ **July 25 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Lincoln Park, Upper Section** (rain site Delaware Branch)

▪ **Aug. 1 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington Park** (rain site Washington Ave. Branch)

▪ **Aug. 8 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Rosemont Park** (rain site Pine Hills Branch)

▪ **Aug. 15 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Lincoln Park, Upper Section** (rain site Delaware Branch)



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JULY 21 (Thurs)

Ready, Set, Move

Instructors from the Little Gym of Colonie take us through fun movement activities. We'll use kid-sized sports equipment, musical instruments, art supplies, and more to help develop your physical skills. Come dressed to play! Caregivers must stay in the room during the program, but do not have to participate. Space is limited, so please register at 463-0254 x223. For ages 3-7.

1:00-2:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Speed Stacking

Expert cup stacker Tim Tilstra shows us how to stack plastic cups in specific sequences in as little time as possible. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Teen Quidditch

Calling all Harry Potter fans – join APL's teen Quidditch team! We'll be playing with Team Guilderland Public Library and Team Altamont Public Library. We'll have CDTA bus passes available to get to Abele Park in Guilderland. Please call the Pine Hills Branch at 482-7911 x223 to register and for info about getting a bus pass. For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Abele Park (Strawberry Lane, Guilderland)

Racing Flags

The Tang Teaching Museum helps us create racing flags, like the ones used in professional races, that are personalized to our own favorite health and fitness activities. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

JULY 22 (Fri)

Soccer Skills & Snacks

Learn new moves and compete for prizes against a soccer veteran! See who can keep the ball in the air the longest and who can make the toughest shot on goal. We'll have snacks so you can keep your energy up, too. No previous soccer experience required. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

JULY 25 (Mon)

Goofy Golf

Teens get in the game when the Community Room gets transformed into a mini golf course. Try to win a prize for a hole-in-one and enjoy goofy golf snacks. For ages 11-17.

6:00-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch



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JULY 26 (Tues)

Surf Board & Beach Cupcakes

Are the waves calling to you, but you lack a ride? Come down and design your own surf board and beach cupcakes. You're in for one wickedly cool afternoon! For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Popcorn Tasting

Do you love popcorn? Come try some different brands and flavors, then vote for your favorite popcorn. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Snack Attack

The Honest Weight Food Co-op teaches us how to make healthy snacks. We'll have stations to make smoothies, veggie and cheese kabobs, fruit dip, trail mix, and healthy soda. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

JULY 27 (Wed)

Racing Flags

Calling all Lightning McQueen and Indy 500 fans! You can make your own personalized racing flag, using felt and wood dowels, from the Tang Teaching Museum. We'll also learn flagging and hand signals that pit crews use to communicate with each other and their drivers. Space is limited, so please register by calling the branch you plan to attend. (Bach at 482-2154 or Howe at 472-9485.) For ages 6-17.

▪ **1:00-1:45 pm | Bach Branch**

▪ **2:00-3:00 pm | Howe Branch**

Ninja Bracelets & Lollipops

Hi-ya your way into the branch and make your own ninja bracelet and ninja lollipop to show off your sweet skills! For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

JULY 28 (Thurs)

Pop-up Cards

Stop in any time today and use our art supplies to make a pop-up book! For ages 11-17.

12:00-6:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Silent Wings

We'll have a special visit with live birds of prey and learn about these remarkable birds from the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Snack Attack

The Honest Weight Food Co-op shows us how to make good-for-you snacks like smoothies, veggie and cheese kabobs, fruit dip, trail mix, and even healthy soda. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

"Jack & the Beanstalk"

The Puppet People present this classic fairy tale using the magic of beautiful puppets in this family-friendly performance. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 3-9.

3:00-4:15 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 1 (Mon)

See Howe Sew Camp

Hey kids, are you interested in learning how to sew? Do you have some sewing skills, but want to get better? We have a week-long camp (Aug. 1-5) just for you. Join Ms. Fiona and our team of volunteers as they teach you how to identify the sewing tools and equipment, and practice the many different stitches. Tackle several projects, including a cushion, skirt or pants, and a dress or shirt. We'll host a fashion show of clothes made during the camp on Aug. 17, too! Registration for this one-week camp is required by calling 472-9485. For ages 6-10.

Continues Aug. 2-5 (Tues-Fri)

10:30 am-1:30 pm

Howe Branch

Drive-In Movie

Start your week off with a fun family movie night! Wear your PJs to the library and enjoy the movie. For all ages.

6:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 2 (Tues)

Build-a-Song

We provide the instruments and recording equipment, and you create the music! Play drums, bass, guitar, keyboard, and other instruments to produce an original song from scratch. You can also sing, rap, beatbox, and add your voice to the song. We'll mix and master the song together, and the final product will be shared on the library's YouTube channel. No experience necessary. For ages 6-17.

2:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Pinch Pot Workshop

Come make a pinch pot to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Art Bots

Learn how to make a drawing robot with only a pool noodle and a toothbrush! We'll use our bots to create a mural masterpiece for the library's Youth Services Department. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 3 (Wed)

CrossFit for Kids

Kids, try out this special fitness class designed just for you by the trainers from CrossFit Beyond of Albany. We'll do a warm up, workout, and fitness game including elements of gymnastics, weight lifting, body weight movements, and plyometrics especially for kids.

For ages 6-12.

2:30-3:30 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 4 (Thurs)

Make a Hula Hoop

Let's make hula hoops and practice our skills with these fun toys! Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Rube Goldberg Machine

Learn how to make Rube Goldberg contraptions with help from students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Women Engineers. Please register at 482-7911 x223.

For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

"What Happens When a Tortoise Races a Hare"

The Puppet People present this fun mash-up of Aesop's fables. We'll learn why a mouse helps a lion, an ant prepares and a grasshopper plays, and more. These classic stories are re-told using beautiful puppets, colorful sets, humor, and audience participation. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Discover Dinosaurs

Watch PBS Kids "Dinosaur Train" show and then read and talk about a dinosaur book. WMHT PBS Kids also help us make dinosaur crafts and "hatching" dinosaurs. Every kid gets a free book and activity bag to take home. Space is limited, so please register at 463-0254. For ages 4-8.

3:00-4:15 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 6 (Sat)

Caterpillar's Chrysalis

Explore the life cycle of a caterpillar through stories, dramatic play, and a craft. For ages 0-7.

10:30-11:30 am

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 8 (Mon)

Potato Chip Tasting

Take a blind taste test of several brands of potato chips and vote for your favorite. Try some weird flavors and different chips from around the world. Got a flavor you want to request? Put a suggestion in the chip voting can at the Youth Services desk, and get entered into a drawing to win a prize. For ages 11-17.

6:00-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 9 (Tues)

Strike!

Roll on over to Howe to play with our giant bowling pins and ball. We'll see who can get the highest score and win a delicious bowling-themed trophy. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Yo-Yo Workshop

Learn some tips and tricks from yo-yo master Tim Tilstra! Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-10.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Indoor Tennis

15-Love brings tennis to the library! Come play games, hit tennis balls, and score some points. We'll provide rackets, balls, and everything else you need to play tennis. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 10 (Wed)

Olympics Cookies

Decorate your own sugar cookies with Olympic rings to celebrate the 2016 Summer Olympics! For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

AUG. 11 (Thurs)

On Your Mark, Get Set, Track Mammals

Find out how to identify mammal tracks and make a cool animal track t-shirt. The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center leads our animal exploration and craft. Please bring a plain t-shirt to the workshop. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

Breakdance & Hip Hop Class

Learn all the coolest hip hop moves and how to breakdance at the library with teachers from Lorraine Michaels Dance Center. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch



Olympics Garland

Bring home your own Olympic rings by making this special garland. For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Marshmallow Engineering

Build your own marshmallow-launching catapult, and learn about the science of these simple machines along the way. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Traveling Mammal Museum

Nature educator George Steele brings a bounty of skins, skulls, bones, and other mammal artifacts for us to explore. From coyotes to bats and raccoons to skunks, learn all about New York's mammals in their forest, field, and marsh habitats. You'll get a chance to handle these cool animal artifacts, too. Space is limited, so please register at 463-0254. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 12 (Fri)

Basketball Tricks & Treats

Show us your basketball skills and learn new tricks from an expert! Think you can spin the ball for a full minute or sink a three-pointer with nothing but net? Give it a try and compete for prizes. Grab some treats, too. No previous basketball experience necessary. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 16 (Tues)

DIY Olympic Medals & Genre Badges

On your mark, get set, read! We'll read five-minute stories aloud and explore different book genres. Design a badge for each one and make your own Olympic medal to hold your genre badge pins. For ages 5-11.

2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Party & Ice Cream

Enjoy our summer reading wrap-up party with ice cream and an exciting acrobatic show by Scotty Nut Nut. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For all ages.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Racing Flags

On your mark, get set...create a racing flag with help from the Tang Teaching Museum. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 17 (Wed)

Nautical Bracelets

Ahoy, matey! Create your own nautical bracelets using our jewelry kits. For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Community Dance

Celebrate the end of summer reading with your whole family! Paul Rosenberg and Homespun Occasions performs live music, easy-to-learn American barn dance favorites, and international folk dances. We'll all join in on the fun! For all ages.

6:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

AUG. 18 (Thurs)

Cupcake Decorating Party

We close out our summer reading fun with a special cupcake decorating party led by Tara Allen from Cake Bash in Troy. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 6-17.

2:00-2:45 pm

Bach Branch

"Turtle Dance Music"

The Sensory-Friendly Music and Movement Show entertains us with songs, movement, stories, projections, and interactive music technology. We'll try out instruments, dance, and other hands-on activities. This show is for all children, including those on the autism spectrum. For ages 6-17.

3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Library Olympics

Celebrate the end of summer reading with our own Library Olympics! We'll have races and games in the library backyard, for kids and their families. Snacks, too. For all ages.

3:00-4:30 pm

Delaware Branch

AUG. 20 (Sat)

Tailgate Party

We're totaling all the reading points to see who Howe's All-Star Readers are this summer. Find out how you did! We'll have food, drinks, dessert, and games to celebrate, too. For all ages.

1:00-4:00 pm

Howe Branch

Party

Celebrate the end of summer reading with your friends at the North Albany Branch! Free treats, too. For all ages.

11:00 am-2:00 pm

North Albany Branch

AUG. 23 (Tues)

Candy Sushi

This sushi is sweet! Create your own candy sushi using crispy rice treats, fruit rollups, and gummies. For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

AUG. 25 (Thurs)

Summer Bracelets

Make a fun summer bracelet using our supplies. For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

AUG. 27 (Sat)

Adventure Maximus

Fans of "Magic: The Gathering" tabletop role playing board games can play with Ben, our maximus adventurer. Please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

AUG. 30 (Tues)

Bead Suncatchers

Make some pretty suncatchers using beads and other supplies. For ages 6-17.

3:00-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch



Zoom into Nano

All this summer we'll explore science nanotech in a series of hands-on family science nights at three APL branches. Experts from the Children's Museum of Science + Technology at SUNY Polytechnic Institute will guide our young scientists as they investigate the world of nano. For families.



Nano Labs, Tools & Nature:

- July 12 (Tues) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Bach Branch
- July 13 (Wed) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Washington Ave. Branch
- July 19 (Tues) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Delaware Branch

Nano & You

- Aug. 9 (Tues) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Bach Branch
- Aug. 10 (Wed) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Washington Ave. Branch
- Aug. 16 (Tues) | 6:00-7:15 pm | Delaware Branch



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

SummerFest is July 9!

Our popular outdoor festival celebrating summer reading returns to the Delaware Branch on Saturday, July 9, from 12 to 2 pm. The party features games, activities, 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 25 through Aug. 20
- You can sign up at any of our seven 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
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or your favorite APL branch

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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
Mon. & Wed.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tues. & Thurs.	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST
Howe Branch	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485
Pine Hills Branch	517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911
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