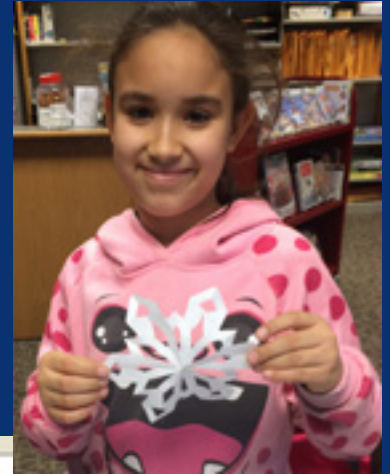




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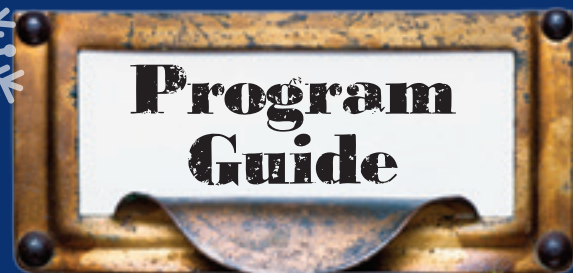
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Express your creativity at the library!



Check out the library's
**ARTS & CRAFTS
ACTIVITIES**
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Meet with the Director

Scott holds office hours at APL branches and invites patrons to discuss their thoughts about the library with him. Appointments are strongly suggested and can be made by emailing jarzombeks@albanypubliclibrary.org.

🕒 Nov. 1 (Tues) at 12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

🕒 Dec. 7 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

🕒 Dec. 20 (Tues) at 12:00-5:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

🕒 Dec. 28 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Every once in a while, a popular television show or movie will make a joke about public libraries and the people who use them. The less fortunate almost always come up whenever there is an article about library funding or new programming, and these patrons are portrayed in a less than positive light. When I was younger, a friend of a friend said to me, "You work in a public library; only poor people go there." Even librarians talk about it. Many of us have a gallows humor about what we do and how little the public understands it. The fact is, libraries are a resource for people in poverty and on the margin of our society. I don't think we should run away from it; in fact, we should embrace it.

I was raised to do service. This value came partly from my family's religion and also because my parents thought it made you a stronger person. Volunteering was something I did from a young age, and I spent a considerable amount of time doing it in college. It was during that time I realized that you could actually make service your living.

Service is what brought me to this profession. I think about the quote from the 80s romantic comedy (and one of my favorite films) "Say Anything." The lead character meets his girlfriend's father, and when asked about his future he replies:

"I don't want to sell anything, buy anything, or process anything as a career. I don't want to sell anything bought or processed, or buy anything sold or processed, or process anything sold, bought, or processed, or repair anything sold, bought, or processed. You know, as a career, I don't want to do that."

This became a mantra for me at a young age. While I wasn't totally successful in living up to the quote, since we do buy stuff at the library, I do think I got as close to this ideal as possible. I love that the work I do at the library helps foster our city's sharing community.

When you enter the library, remember that the people who work here chose a life of service. Remember that they were led to this profession out of a need and want to help people. Librarians are intelligent and highly-educated people who chose a job that isn't always thankless, but is often misunderstood. Librarians are many things, but most of all we are people who chose to help people understand the world a little better. We are guides through an ever more complex world, and navigators in an information age that has left many behind. Librarians are a group of people who have stayed a few steps behind when they could have run ahead.

As we enter the holiday season, we should be kinder to those who do not have it as good as we do. The library is the community's 3rd place, where everyone is welcome. I love the idea that the library is a place where people at all stages of life and at all levels of economic prosperity meet. Attending the same program, browsing the same shelves, and sometimes just sitting across from each other at a table. The truth is the library is full of one thing: your neighbors, the people who you share this city with. And they are in this library because it is the great equalizer.

Scott Jarzombek
Executive Director

APL PROGRAM GUIDE

This program guide highlights many of the events and activities taking place at all Albany Public Library locations around the city. **All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.**

Programs are subject to change.

If you want more information about a specific event, please call the host library or check our online calendar at www.albanypubliclibrary.org

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SCHEDULE NOTES

All libraries are OPEN:

Nov. 8 (Tues) on Election Day
Nov. 11 (Fri) on Veterans Day

All libraries CLOSE EARLY, at 3 pm:

Nov. 23 (Wed) for Thanksgiving Holiday

All libraries are CLOSED:

- ☞ Nov. 24 (Thurs) for Thanksgiving Holiday
- ☞ Dec. 24-26 (Sat/Sun/Mon) for Christmas Holiday
- ☞ Dec. 31-Jan. 2 (Sat/Sun/Mon) for New Year's Holiday

ART & EXPRESSION

Albany Made Creative Lab

This space for makers is full of equipment and technology, including a 3D printer, 3D scanner, video and music editing equipment, sewing machine, fiber arts materials, hand tools, graphics software and computer, color printer, digital camera, and bike repair kit. Stop by one of our open labs and make something! For more information, please call 427-4349 or email albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org. For ages 18+.

☞ **Every Monday at 4:00-7:30 pm**

☞ **Every Thursday at 2:00-5:30 pm**

☞ **Nov. 5, 19 and Dec. 3, 17 (Sat) at 1:00-4:30 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch (1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab)



With Pen in Hand: Writing Your Story

Learn how to express yourself clearly and imaginatively, share your work, and respond to the stories of others. College of St. Rose professor Paul Lamar leads this popular series. Attend any or all sessions. For adults.

Every Monday at 1:30-3:00 pm (Not Dec. 26)

Howe Branch

Knitting & Stitching Group

Join other knitters, bring your own project, share tips, and help your fellow fiber artists.

Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm

Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 (Tues) at 6:00-7:45 pm

Bach Branch



Sew! What?

Drop into our sewing lab to complete small projects, repair clothing, or make something old new again. Bring your sewing machine or use one of ours. Instructors are now available to help guide you through your project. Please register by calling 472-9485. For adults.

Nov. 9 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 14, 28 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch



Adult Coloring

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring. All supplies are provided. For adults.

Nov. 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Dec. 10 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Bach Branch

Family Cocoa & Paint

Adults and their young budding artists are invited to escape the cold, make a cup of hot chocolate, and create a winter-themed painting! The Albany Barn artist-in-residence Megan Ruch is our creative guide and instructor. Space is limited, so we ask that you register by calling 463-0254 x223. For ages 10+.

Nov. 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch



Macrame Crafternoon

We'll delve into the art of knot-tying. Artist Nadine will help us make bracelets and plant holders. Please register by calling 472-9485. For adults.

Nov. 12 (Sat) at 3:30-5:00 pm

Howe Branch



Poetry Slam

Join the Friends of APL for a lively poetry slam. Bring your own poetry to share, or just listen to others. Join new host Valerie Temple for this open mic-inspired poetry slam. For ages 14+.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 15 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Calm Coloring

Explore the relaxing benefits of coloring for adults. No drawing skills are necessary. Bring your own markers and colored pencils, or use ours. We'll also provide coloring sheets. Please register by calling 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 15 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Holiday Card Printing Project

Artist-in-residence Dana leads us through this fun project. Please register by calling 482-2154. For adults.

Dec. 3 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**Bach Branch
Tea & Paint**

Enjoy a hot cup of tea and create your own painting to keep or give as a holiday gift. Albany artist Ashleigh Kinsey is our instructor for the afternoon. Space is limited, so please register by calling 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Dec. 10 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Delaware Branch

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS**North Albany Book Club**

Join us for a great discussion about a thought-provoking book. Please call the branch for the next book club date and title. For adults.

North Albany Branch

**Bach Fiction Book
Discussion Group**

Pick up your copy of the chosen fiction title at the book group or the Bach reference desk. For adults.

Nov. 1 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Dec. 6 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

**Bach Nonfiction Book
Discussion Group**

Join us for a thoughtful discussion of a non-fiction title. Books are distributed at each meeting for the next month's discussion, or you can pick up a copy at the circulation desk. For adults.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Dec. 15 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Bach Branch

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY**Get Help with eBooks & More**

Bring your mobile device, tablet, laptop, or eReader and get help downloading eBooks and eMagazines from the library. We can also help you download our free mobile app. You'll need an email address and valid library card to download books and magazines.

- **Delaware Branch | Call 463-0254 x223 for appointment**
- **Washington Ave. Branch | Call 427-4303 for appointment**

One-on-One Computer Help

Learn the basics of computers or ask questions in a one-on-one setting. Get assistance with resumes, internet skills, mobile devices, Microsoft Office programs, and more. Please call appropriate branch to make an appointment. For adults.

- **Every Tuesday at 10:30-11:30 am (694-0596 x229)**
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- **Please call 427-4303 to make an appointment**
Washington Ave. Branch

FINANCES & CREDIT**Homebuyer 101 Workshop**

Get started on the path to buying a home with this overview of the home buying process, down payment programs, and what it takes to credit qualify for a mortgage. Presented by the Affordable Housing Partnership of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. Please register at 434-1730. For adults.

Nov. 1 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Dec. 6 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch (1st Floor, Large Auditorium)

Free Legal Consultation

Get a free legal consultation on bankruptcy, housing, and other areas of civil law. Call the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association at 435-1770 to make an appointment. For adults.

Nov. 1 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm
Appointment required
Dec. 6 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm
Appointment required
Washington Ave. Branch
(2nd Floor, Computer Lab)

Financial Planning Consultation

Get professional financial guidance without a product pitch. These free consultations are for beginning or experienced investors. Discuss any financial matter. Call 427-4303 to make an appointment for a 30-minute consultation. For adults.

Nov. 15 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm
By appointment
Dec. 20 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm
By appointment
Washington Ave. Branch

FRIENDS OF APL BOOK TALKS

The Friends of Albany Public Library host regular book reviews, author talks, and special presentations every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Washington Ave. Branch.



You can keep up with Friends news on Facebook. Search for *Friends of Albany Public Library*.



Nov. 1— Author Talk

Steven B. Sandler on *Tea with Freud: An Imaginary Conversation about How Psychotherapy Really Works*

Sandler, a psychiatrist at Albany Medical Center, discusses his book, which provides an introduction to psychotherapy that is part case study and part fiction.



Nov. 8—Book Review

Africana Islamic Studies by James L. Conyers & Abul Pitre

This academic book recounts how African Americans have influenced the formation of Islam in this country. Daphne Chandler, an assistant professor in the University at Albany's Department of Africana Studies, reviews the work.



Nov. 15—Book Review

Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel by Dan Ephron

The Washington Post calls this book "carefully reported, clearly presented, concise and gripping." The reviewer is Stephen Berk, a professor of Holocaust and Jewish studies at Union College.



Nov. 22—Author Talk

Mildred Smith-Chang on *The Mask is Off*

The Jamaican native, who now lives in Albany and teaches Spanish, shares her first-person account of coming to America and how our country's immigration system slowly came into focus through her experiences.



Nov. 29—Special Program

Gifts for Grandchildren: What's New in Children's Books

APL youth services librarians talk about new books for children and teens, and give advice on what titles would make good gifts for grandchildren.



Dec. 6—Book Review

The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government by David Talbot

Library Journal says this book "portrays Allen Dulles as the dark prince of the Cold War who manipulated the media, deceived presidents, helped stir up coups... [and might] have been involved in Kennedy's assassination." The reviewer is Eugene Farley, a retired professor of accounting from Siena College.



Dec. 13—Book Review

The Art of Biblical Narrative by Robert Alter

In the 35 years since it was originally published, this book has been credited with helping expand "biblical scholarship by recasting the Bible as a work of literary art deserving studied criticism." Rabbi David Gordis, past president of Hebrew College in Newton, MA, reviews the book.



Dec. 20—Holiday Concert Albany High School Choir

Brendan Hoffman directs these talented singers as they entertain us with a variety of holiday songs.



Dec. 27—Book Review

Vinegar Girl: A Novel by Anne Tyler

W magazine calls this work "a quirky tale that transports Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* to Tyler's modern-day Baltimore, where a father's attempt to shoehorn his daughter into a green-card marriage has, of course, an unintentionally happy ending." University at Albany Professor of English Martha Rozett reviews Tyler's book.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Yoga for Beginners

Give yoga a try in these free classes for beginners presented by the City of Albany Department of Recreation. Class size is limited, so please register by calling the Department of Recreation at 434-5699. For ages 13+.

Every Thursday (Not Nov. 24) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Intro to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Take beginning lessons with Jiu Jitsu trainers from Brian Beaury Jiu Jitsu in Troy. Come prepared to sweat! Wear loose clothing and socks, and bring a water bottle and towel. A snack will be provided.

For ages 11-15.

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm

Dec. 6, 13, 20 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm

Howe Branch



Family Fun Fitness

Enjoy this fun exercise program with your children. We'll do gentle stretching, songs, and games to improve fitness. Barbara Kam, certified fitness instructor and mom, teaches the class. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Registration is required by calling 482-7911 x223. For parents/caregivers and children ages 3+.

Nov. 3, 10, 17 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Howe Be-YOU-tiful Series

Explore the different ways African American boys, girls, men, and women take care of their hair, skin, and nails with customized beauty and health tips from Kenya Jackson of Community Workz. Special guest presenters, demonstrations, tutorials, and snacks will be provided, too. For ages 12+.

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 5, 12, 19 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

JOB SKILLS

Career Center

Drop by and get help with submitting job applications, building resumes, writing cover letters, and searching for jobs. For adults.

Every Tuesday at 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Albany Made Digital Lab)

Resume Workshop

Want help creating or polishing your resume? Looking for a job, but unsure of how to apply on the computer? We can help! Drop by and meet with a librarian to get assistance with your job search and career skills. For adults.

Thursdays at 12:30-2:00 pm

Other times by appointment only | Call 463-0254 x223

Delaware Branch

LOCAL HISTORY

Local History Room Open Hours

- Every Monday at 4:00-7:00 pm
- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Every Friday at 2:00-5:00 pm
- 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 1:30-5:00 pm

Albany City Historian Tony Opalka is available in the Local History Room on:

- 1st, 3rd & 4th Monday of each month at 6:00-7:00 pm
- 2nd Saturday of each month at 2:00-4:00 pm

For more information, call 427-4303 or email

localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org.

Washington Ave. Branch (2nd floor, Local History Room)



Metroland Newspapers in Collection

The library's Local History Collection contains an incomplete run of Metroland, "the Capital Region's alternative newsweekly." The now-defunct weekly newspaper donated back issues to the library which have been bound in volumes and are available to view in the Local History Room. The current Metroland volumes feature issues that were printed between 1988 and 2015. We are looking for missing issues to add to the collection. Please note that the Metroland collection is rare and APL has the only known bound volumes of the paper.

For viewing only during Local History Room hours (see listing of hours in this section)

Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Local History Room)



Online Collection of Historic Albany Photos

We are continuously adding images from our library's collection of historic Albany photographs to the New York Heritage website. To view photos of old Albany businesses, residential Albany, urban renewal, and others, visit the site and select Albany Public Library from the collections tab.

Online at nyheritage.org

MOVIES & MUSIC

Tuesday Night Cinema

Watch a newly released movie at the library. For teens and adults.

Nov. 1 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm

Dec. 6 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Saturday Family Matinee

Fun, family-friendly flicks. Please call 694-0596 for the movie title. For families.

Nov. 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Dec. 3 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Family Movie Club

Cozy up in the library with a seasonal movie and snack on Wednesday nights. All movies are rated PG. See the "Kids & Teens" section for more details. For families.

Wednesdays (Not Nov. 23) at 5:00-7:30 pm

North Albany Branch

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of each weekend's performance. The November prevue theme is "Water Music & Schumann," while the December date highlights the "Magic of Christmas." For ages 18+.

Nov. 18 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Dec. 2 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch



Bach Film Series: Cult Faves

Join us for some fan-favorite cult films and popcorn, too. All movies are rated PG-13. Please call the branch at 482-2154 for the titles. For ages 13+.

Nov. 25 (Thurs) at 4:00-6:00 pm

Dec. 22 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm

Bach Branch



Harp Music

Classical harpist Darhon returns to Pine Hills for a free holiday music performance. For all ages.

Dec. 10 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Child Seat Installations

The Albany Police Department regularly conducts free child seat installations at our Washington Ave. Branch. Appointments are required and can be made by emailing carseats@albany-ny.org or calling 427-4355.

Select Days, Appointment Required

Washington Ave. Branch

Scrabble Evening

Scrabble boards and the latest official dictionaries and cheat sheets are provided, along with coffee, tea, and cookies. For teens and adults.

Nov. 10 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:45 pm

Dec. 8 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:45 pm

Bach Branch



APL Board of Trustees Meeting

The library's elected board meets monthly to discuss library business. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, and there are opportunities to speak in front of the board at the start and end of every meeting. Agendas and minutes can be found on our website (About APL>Leadership>Board Meetings). For adults.

Nov. 8 (Tues) at 6:00 pm | Delaware Branch

Dec. 13 (Tues) at 6:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



Holidays Cookie Exchange

We'll celebrate the holiday with a classic cookie exchange. Visit us at the reference desk for more information and to sign up. For ages 15+.

Dec. 17 (Sat) at 1:00-4:00 pm

Bach Branch

TUTORING & EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Homework Help for Kids & Teens

Tutors from the Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences Family Literacy Program and students from the Albany Medical College are available after school to tutor youngsters. Appointments are required for these 30-minute sessions. Please call your favorite branch for details and availability. For school-age children and teens.

Ongoing during school year

Various APL Branches



Adult Basic Education Class

Capital Region BOCES provides free adult basic education classes for all students 18 or older who lack a high school diploma and have left school. The program is free and features instruction by a certified teacher in the five areas of study for the HSE exam. Please call the Capital Region BOCES Adult Education Office at 862-4775 for more information and to register. For adults.

- **Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 12:30-3:30 pm**
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- **Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
Washington Ave. Branch

ESL: Intermediate Class

Capital Region BOCES offers this free intermediate-level English as a Second Language class. On Mondays and Wednesdays. There are two start times for the three-hour sessions, either at 9:00 am or at 12:00 pm. Please register by calling BOCES at 862-4775. For adults.

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am-12:00 pm

OR 12:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

English Spoken Here: Conversation Class

Practice your English conversation skills in this drop-in English for speakers of other languages. The class is led by trained literacy volunteers. For more information, please call the branch at 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Every Tuesday at 1:30-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch



BOOK DONATIONS

You can now donate gently used books to APL through Better World Books. Book donations can be dropped into special bright green collection boxes at the Washington Ave. Branch and the Delaware Branch. Better World Books sells the books online, donates them to literacy partners around the globe, and recycles them if necessary.

Look for the bright green Better World Books donation boxes in the **parking lots** at:

- *Washington Ave. Branch at 161 Washington Ave.*
- *Delaware Branch at 331 Delaware Ave.*

APL, and the Library Foundation, receive a portion of the proceeds from the online sales of books donated at our sites. That money goes back into your neighborhood libraries to make them better. Thank you for your donation!



KIDS & TEENS



Art Lab: Illustration

Teens and tweens, join us for this new weekly art class! You'll work on illustrations and other art projects with the help of local artist Cara Hanley. Registration is required by calling 482-7911. For ages 11-17.

Every Wednesday at 5:00-6:00 pm (Not Nov. 23)
Pine Hills Branch

Guessing Contest

Guess how many items are in the jar and win a prize! In November our jar will be filled with vegetables and in December it'll be mittens. The winner will be announced the last day of the month. For ages 16 and under.

Nov. 1-30 during regular branch hours

Dec. 1-31 during regular branch hours

North Albany Branch

Dia de los Muertos Craft

Celebrate the Mexican holiday Day of the Dead by creating your own sugar skull ornament using our kits. For ages 5-17.

Nov. 1 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch



Intro to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Take beginning lessons with Jiu Jitsu trainers from Brian Beaury Jiu Jitsu in Troy. Come prepared to sweat! Wear loose clothing and socks, and bring a water bottle and towel. A snack will be provided.

For ages 11-15.

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm

Dec. 6, 13, 20 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm

Howe Branch

Movie Club

Cozy up in the library with a seasonal movie and snack on Wednesday nights. For families.

- **Nov. 2** | "Book of Life" (PG, 2004)
- **Nov. 9** | "The Little Rascals" (PG, 1994)
- **Nov. 16** | "Pocahontas" (PG, 1995)
- **Nov. 30** | "Open Season" (PG, 2006)
- **Dec. 7** | "Eight Below" (PG, 2006)
- **Dec. 14** | "Frozen" (PG, 2013)
- **Dec. 21** | "Elf" (PG, 2003)
- **Dec. 28** | "March of the Penguins" (PG, 2005)

Select Wednesdays at 5:00-7:30 pm

North Albany Branch

Edible Crafternoons

Kids make a different craft—yummy and ready to eat—each session. (Please talk to library staff if you have a food allergy.) For ages 5-17.

- **Nov. 3** | **Sweet Acorns** | We'll make acorns we can eat out of chocolate kisses, peanut butter cookies, and chocolate frosting.
- **Nov. 10** | **Candy Turkeys** | We'll use sandwich cookies, candy corn, pretzels, and frosting to make yummy sweet turkeys.
- **Dec. 1** | **Marshmallow Snowmen** | We'll turn marshmallows, icing, cookies, and pretzels into yummy snowmen.
- **Dec. 15** | **Waffle Cone Holiday Trees** | We'll deck the halls and make trees out of waffle cones, icing, and candy treats.

Select Thursdays at 3:30-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

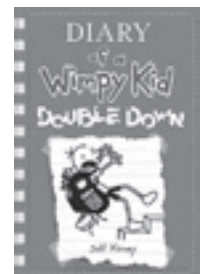
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

Celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*, the 11th book in the series by Jeff Kinney. We'll have a party in the library and find out about Greg and Rowley's latest adventures. Enjoy games, trivia, food, and fun. And enter our raffle to win a copy of the book.

For ages 6-12.

Nov. 3 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Delaware Branch



1st Saturday for Families

Bring your little ones, ages 0-7, for these fun activities:

- **Nov. 5** | **Cast Your Vote for Reading** | Duck and Monster are running for president! Come enjoy their stories, make a campaign button, and vote for who you think should win.
- **Dec. 3** | **Gift Making** | Make special gifts for friends and families. Supplies and guidance provided.

Select Saturdays at 10:30-11:30 am

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd Floor, Community Room)



Sensory Story Time

Little ones with sensory challenges now have their own story time! The program features 30 minutes of books, songs, and movement followed by play time. Children can participate as much, or as little, as they want, and sitting still is not required. This series is designed to meet the needs of children with sensory challenges. The Pine Hills children's librarians welcome any comments and questions you may have about this story time. For children ages 0-8 who are on the spectrum, and their caregivers. Siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Nov. 5 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Dec. 3 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch



Election Day Craft

Celebrate America and Election Day by creating your own American flag-inspired streamer. For ages 5-17.

Nov. 8 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

KIDS & TEENS

Building Project

Kids and their parents work on a project made out of wood from a ready-to-assemble kit from Home Depot. For ages 5-12.

Nov. 11 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Fantastic Libraries & Where to Find Them

Celebrate Newt Scamander's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* and meet other Harry Potter fans! For ages 5-17.

Nov. 11 (Fri) at 3:30-4:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch



Family Cocoa & Paint

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Nov. 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Native American Tales & Painting Experience

This is a celebration for your eyes, ears, and hands. Barry Keegan shares stories about Native Americans, shows us artifacts, does demonstrations, and weaves together an enchanting picture of life in our forests. We'll also decorate a keepsake gourd. For ages 5-12.

Nov. 15 (Tues) at 4:30-6:00 pm

Howe Branch



Make Your Own Drum

We'll celebrate International Percussion Month by making our own hand drums. Learn how to make a drum and about the origins of different percussion instruments. Decorate your instrument and then join in our drum circle. For ages 5-12.

Nov. 16 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch

STEM Story Time

Enjoy stories about all different kinds of shapes. We'll also be sorting and creating shapes as we learn a bit about math. For ages 3-6.

Nov. 16 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)

Thanksgiving Turkey Photo Bombs

Shake your tail feathers at this special holiday craft! Make yourself into a "thankful" turkey. We'll take your picture, or you can take a selfie, print it out and then attach it to our turkey body kits, complete with feathers. For ages 5-17.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Design Your Own Turkey

Let's make a turkey craft in celebration of Thanksgiving! For ages 6-14.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Potato Turkeys

We'll make turkeys out of potatoes, pipe cleaners, feathers, and beads! The Tang Teaching Museum leads us in this fun Thanksgiving tradition. You'll be able to use your turkey as a special centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. For ages 5-12.



Nov. 17 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Delaware Branch



International Games Day

Join people all around the world by taking part in the 9th Annual International Games Day. Several APL branches are hosting activities. For all Ages.

- **12:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills** | Try out some new board games.
- **1:00-4:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | We'll have a variety of tabletop games, video games, party games and more. Bring in your own games to add to the fun!
- **2:00-4:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch** | Celebrate your love of video and board games by playing some at the library.

Nov. 19 (Sat)

Select Branches

Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

It's our special Thanksgiving tradition, watching "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" at the library! We'll also enjoy the same feast featured in the film. For ages 5-12.

Nov. 22 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

12 Months of Giving

Historic Cherry Hill helps us make a classic toy or object that you can keep or give as a gift. You can also play with classic wooden toys from the Cherry Hill collection. For ages 5-12.

Nov. 29 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Dec. 27 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Howe Branch

The Mic Drop

Join us for a monthly jam session where you can freestyle, read rhymes, perform spoken word pieces, and play musical instruments. We'll record the performances and share them with participants and on our YouTube page. For ages 11-17.

- **Nov. 30 and Dec. 28 (Wed) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Delaware Branch**
- **Dec. 19 (Mon) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Howe Branch**

KIDS & TEENS

Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Escape Game

Did you enjoy the books *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* and *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics* by Chris Grabenstein? Then join us for a Mr. Lemoncello-style scavenger hunt using word puzzles and pictograms. For ages 5-12.

Dec. 1 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch



Disney Perlers

Celebrate Walt Disney's birthday by creating your own Mickey Mouse or Minnie Mouse with Perler beads. For ages 5-17.

Dec. 5 (Mon) at 3:30-5:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Holiday Gift Making

Make holiday gifts for your family and friends. For grades K-5.

Dec. 6, 13 (Tues) at 3:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch



Crafternoons

Stop in and make a season-themed craft on select Thursdays. For ages 5-17.

- Dec. 8 | Polar Bear Rolls
- Dec. 22 | Snowman Mobiles

Select Thursdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Folding Fun

We'll use simple pieces of paper to make a variety of origami toys and games. Try your hand at crafting a blow-up ball for juggling, big-eared bunny, spinner, or kaleidoscope. We'll use the book *Folding for Fun: Origami for Ages 4 & Up* by Didier Boursin as our guide. For ages 4-12.

Dec. 15 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Winter Wonderland

This snowy musical experience is designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. Our friends at Turtle Dance Music present this fun performance. For ages 2+.

Dec. 17 (Sat) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Snowsuits & Stories

Welcome winter with our first of three special story times in Albany's parks! We'll enjoy winter-themed stories and then play outside together. The series continues on Jan. 30 at Washington Park and Feb. 20 at Westland Hills Park. (In case of extreme weather, we'll move to the nearest library branch. Check our Twitter and Facebook pages for updates.) For ages 0-3.

Dec. 19 (Mon) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Buckingham Pond



Winter Tales

We'll enjoy stories and hot cocoa to celebrate winter. For grades K-5.

Dec. 20 (Tues) at 3:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Holiday Gingerbread Decorating

Decorate some gingerbread for a tasty craft! For ages 5-17.

Dec. 22 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

YOUTH FX FILM EXPERIENCE

* Imagine * Inspire * Create *

Youth RX FilmMaking For Teens

APL concludes its year of Youth FX filmmaking with programs at the Howe and Washington Avenue branches! The award-winning Youth FX filmmakers will lead teens in a one-day program and two four-week programs. *Special thanks to the Best Buy Foundation for making the Youth FX programs possible at APL!*



5-Hour Film Project

Learn the basics of filmmaking and create a short film in one day. Youth FX will teach teens to write, direct, film, and edit. At the end of the day, we'll eat popcorn and watch the finished film. Please register by calling 427-4310. For ages 11-17.

Nov. 5 (Sat) at 12:00 am-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

4-Week Filmmaking Workshop

Over the course of four weekly workshops, participants will go deeper into the filmmaking process to develop, shoot, and edit complete films. Please register by calling at 427-4310. For ages 11-17.

- Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Mon) | 5:30-8:00 pm | Howe Branch
- Dec. 5, 12, 19 (Mon) and Dec. 28 (Wed) | 5:30-8:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch



SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES

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See Howe Sew Camp & Fashion Show

Join us for this special four-day sewing camp! You'll learn how to identify sewing tools and equipment, then how to do some hand and machine sewing. Projects include a pillow and pillowcase, skirt, dress, or pants, and a tote bag. Ms. Huffman-Harris and our team of volunteers lead the lessons and provide expert guidance. Space is limited, so please call 472-9485 to reserve your spot in camp. For ages 11-17.

Dec. 27-30 (Tues-Fri) at 10:30 am-2:30 pm
Howe Branch

Toddler Dance Party

This special edition of our toddler story time will be a dance party! For ages 0-3.

Dec. 27 (Tues) at 10:30-11:30 am
Pine Hills Branch

Cut-Out Snowflakes

We've got the paper and scissors, you provide the imagination and we'll make snowflakes to display in the library. For ages 5-17.

Dec. 27 (Tues) at 4:00-4:45 pm
Bach Branch

Crayon Art

Crayons aren't just for coloring! We'll make art from recycled crayons in this craft program. For ages 5-17.

Dec. 29 (Thurs) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Winter Snowman Photo Bombs

Make yourself into a friendly snowman! We'll take your picture, or you can take a selfie, print it out, and attach it to our snowman body kits, complete with top hat and coal buttons. For ages 5-17.

Dec. 29 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm
North Albany Branch

National Chocolate Day

Play chocolate games, win chocolate prizes, and eat fruit dripped in chocolate fondue. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. Ages 5-17.

Dec. 29 (Thurs) at 4:00-4:45 pm
Bach Branch

"The Secret Life of Pets"

Watch this fun animated movie with us. For families.

Dec. 30 (Fri) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch



STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
After School Story Time	Grades K-3	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 22, 29
Baby Bounce Story Time	Pre-walkers	Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 24)
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week: Songs, stories, play group
Daycare Story Time	Pre-schoolers	2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Nov. 8, 22 and Dec. 13, 27 Stories, songs for children attending day cares and their providers.
Good Night Story Time	Pre-schoolers	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:45 pm	Bach Branch	Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 13 Wind down the day. PJs welcome!
Kindergarten Story Time	3-6	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week
Pre-school Story Time	3-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Delaware Branch	Every week
		Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week
Toddler Story Time	0-3	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 8)
		Fridays at 10:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week
Toddler Story Time and Play Group	0-3	Mondays at 10:30 am-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5, 12

RAISING A READER

Parents, did you know that reading out loud to a child is the best way to prepare him for reading success? Every time you read to your baby, toddler, or preschooler, her vocabulary and language skills grow.

Our Raising a Reader program helps prepare young children for a lifetime of literacy by making it easy to track how often they hear books read aloud. The program is simple, free, and done at your own pace. Its rewards are priceless!

Register your little reader today at any APL location. Visit your favorite branch to learn more about Raising a Reader. Our librarians also have helpful tips for those just getting started reading to their little ones.



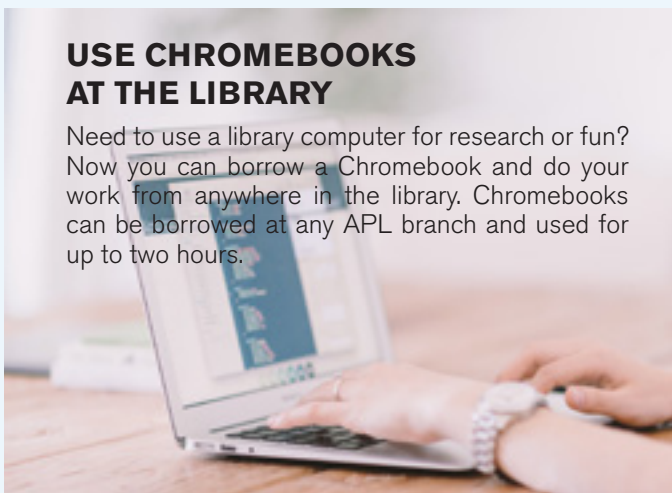
FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
4 O'Clock Lab	Ages 5-12	Thursdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15 Experiments and game fun.
After School Art	Grades K-5	Tuesdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	Nov. 1, 15, 29 and Dec. 4, 13
After School Crafts	Grades K-3	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Nov. 17 and Dec. 15
Art Lab: Illustration	Ages 11-17	Wednesdays at 5:00-6:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every Week (Not Nov. 23)
Board Game Club	Ages 5-17	Fridays at 3:00-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week
Club Wii	Ages 5-17	Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 1, 8)
Gaming Zone	Ages 5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, Xbox & Wii Universe
It's Elementary Kids Club	Grades K-5	Tuesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 8)
LEGO Club	Ages 5-12	Tuesdays at 4:15-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	Nov. 8, 22 and Dec. 6, 20
		Wednesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 23)
		Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	Every Week (Not Dec. 28)
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Nov. 16 and Dec. 21
	Ages 8-17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 12, 19
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Nov. 9, 23 and Dec. 6, 20
Magic The Gathering	Ages 6-17	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Nov. 8)
Minecraft Mayhem	Ages 6-14	Tuesdays at 6:00-7:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)	Every week
		Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week
Pine Hills Playtime	Ages 0-8	Mondays at 6:30-7:45 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not Dec. 26)
Play & Grow	Ages 0-5	Wednesdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Unstructured play w/toy kitchens, train sets, more
Real Talk	Ages 13-17	Mondays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week (Not Dec. 25) HIV, STI, substance abuse prevention. Dates may change. Please check website for updates. Hosted by Alliance for Positive Health.
Teen Open Computer Lab	Ages 11-17	Mondays at 5:00-7:45 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3:30-5:45 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)	Every week No library card required. Play games, watch videos, cruise web.
Teen Zone	Ages 11-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Play videogames, listen to music, do craft and electronics projects, enjoy snacks
United Geeks of Gaming	Ages 11+	Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)	Every week Electronic & board games
Wii Gaming for Teens	Ages 10-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Nov. 4, 18 and Dec. 2, 16, 30



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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
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 <i>BACH BRANCH ONLY</i>	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Howe Branch	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485
Pine Hills Branch	517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911
Mon. & Wed.	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thurs. & Fri.	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Library	Address
North Albany Branch	616 North Pearl Street, 12204 463-1581
Mon. & Tues.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thurs. & Fri.	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Washington Avenue Branch	161 Washington Avenue, 12210 427-4300
Mon., Tues. & Wed.	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thurs. & Fri.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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