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PRESS RELEASE

Free Income Tax Preparation Services at Albany Public Library Program Starts Feb. 1 and Continues through April 12

ALBANY, NY—Albany Public Library (APL) should be your first stop for income tax assistance and resources this tax season.

On select days from Feb. 1 through April 12, APL provides free federal income tax preparation services for people with an annual household income limit of \$54,000. The Washington Ave. Branch hosts appointments for assistance from February through April. The Howe Branch offers tax help in February and March, while the Delaware and Arbor Hill/West Hill branches have appointments in March.

All tax help at APL branches are by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling the United Way 2-1-1 hotline.

The income tax preparation services are provided by APL's partners—volunteers from the Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the AARP Tax-Aide program. APL's tax program provides a valuable service to the community. Every year, more than 1,500 people get their taxes prepared for free at Albany Public Library resulting in over \$2 million in refunds back to the community.

Here is the schedule of free income tax assistance programs available at Albany Public Library branches. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 2-1-1.

- **Feb. 1 to April 12 | Mondays AND Wednesdays | Washington Ave. Branch | 161 Washington Ave.**
By appointment only. Call the 2-1-1 hotline to schedule an appointment.
- **Feb. 4 to March 25 | Saturdays | Howe Branch | 105 Schuyler St.**
By appointment only. Call the 2-1-1 hotline to schedule an appointment.
- **March 6 to March 31 | Mondays AND Fridays | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | 148 Henry Johnson Blvd.**
By appointment only. Call the 2-1-1 hotline to schedule an appointment.
- **March 7 to March 30 | Tuesdays AND Thursdays | Delaware Branch | 331 Delaware Ave.**
By appointment only. Call the 2-1-1 hotline to schedule an appointment.

Albany Public Library branches also stock basic New York State and limited federal forms (1040, 1040-A, 1040-EZ) for individual filers. [Details and other tax resources can be found on the library's website.](#)

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