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Work by Sara Pruiksmá

ORGANIC CONSTRUCTION & THE INTERIOR DOMAIN

Summer Art Exhibition

May 1, 2015 - September 26, 2015

Albany Public Library, Pine Hills Branch



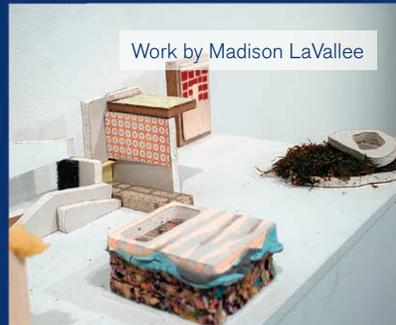
The exhibition features work by Tegan Brozyna.



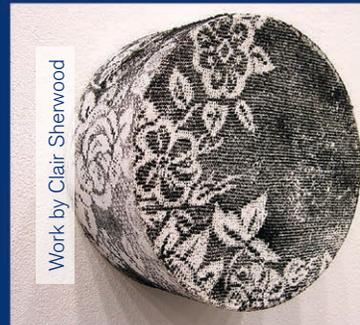
Work by Debbi Kenote



Work by Alyssa McClenaghan



Work by Madison LaVallee



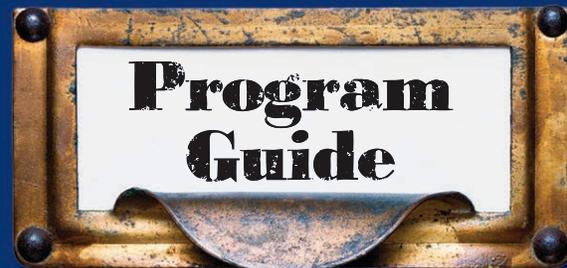
Work by Clair Sherwood

The Pine Hills Branch is hosting another outstanding art exhibition, "Organic Construction & the Interior Domain," this summer. The exhibition is brought to you by the Albany Public Library Foundation.

Check out the library's

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

on the back of the guide



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR

Scott hosts office hours at APL branches. You can just stop by, or you can make an appointment by emailing jarzombeks@albanypubliclibrary.org. Meet Scott and share your thoughts about the library.

July 31 (Fri) at 12:00-6:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Aug. 14 (Fri) at 12:00-6:00 pm
Howe Branch

Aug. 28 (Fri) at 12:00-6:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

It is July and that means summer is here! For many kids this means the end of school, but this shouldn't mean the end to learning. The summer can be a time of great exploration and experiences, however it may also cause something known to educators as the "summer slide."

According to the National Summer Learning Association, "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year...It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

The best way to prevent the summer slide is for parents, care givers, and family friends to get their children involved in the city-wide Summer Reading Program (SRP) happening at one of their Albany community libraries. Our staff have crafted an excellent array of programs to engage young minds that might go idle during those hot days of July and August. Help us build recreational readers in our community by encouraging the youth in your family and community to take part in this year's SRP.

If you are an adult, the library also has plenty of things to do during your downtime this summer. Don't forget to bookmark our website or download our app so you can still use library services on those road trips and weekend getaways. We also have a collection of trade paperbacks and audio books to take with you on vacation. When you aren't traveling, come to the library to enjoy some programs, learn some things in our Albany Made maker space, or just cool off in our air conditioned buildings. Enjoy a great summer.

Scott Jarzombek
Executive Director

DIGITAL BOOKS & MAGAZINES

Did you know that APL has eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines? Access your library 24/7 with these great—and free—digital resources!

You can borrow up to 10 eBooks and eAudiobooks at a time, and they will automatically expire after three weeks. You do need an APL card and an email address to access eTitles through content provider OverDrive.

You can also download eMagazines as you wish through OverDrive. This is a great way to keep up with the latest magazines.

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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.

SCHEDULE NOTES

All libraries are CLOSED:
July 3-4 (Fri-Sat)

All branches—EXCEPT Washington Ave. and Delaware—will be closed on:
July 11 (Sat)

Washington Ave. Branch will be closed on Sundays in July and August.

ART & EXPRESSION**Albany Made Creative Lab**

This space for makers is full of great equipment and technology, including a 3D printer, 3D scanner, video and music production equipment, sewing machine, fiber arts materials, hand tools, graphics software and computer, color printer, digital camera, and much more.

For more information please call 427-4349 or visit our website

Washington Ave. Branch

**Art Class**

We'll explore creating still life artwork in this class, focusing on watercolors during the first session and pastels in the second. All art supplies are provided. No previous art training is necessary. For ages 18+.

July 13 & Aug. 24 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Bach Branch

Art Exhibition

Our latest art exhibition, "Organic Construction & the Interior Domain," is on display through Sept. 26. For all ages.

During Regular Branch Hours
Pine Hills Branch

Beading Workshop

Our popular beading instructor, Danielle, is back with some beach read-inspired jewelry making. We'll use sea glass and natural materials to make bracelets. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 18+.

Aug. 5 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Plarn Knitting

Ever wonder what to do with all those plastic bags you get from the grocery store? We'll teach you how to transform the bags into yarn, also called plarn. Then, we'll do a simple knitting project and turn that plarn into a messenger bag or water bottle carrier. For ages 13+.

July 18 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Poetry Slam

Join the Friends of APL for a lively poetry slam. Bring your own poetry to share, or just listen to others. This open-mic inspired poetry slam is hosted by the Friends' Willie Mae Spencer. For ages 14+.

July 20 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Aug. 17 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Purl Jam

Come work on your current projects with other knitters. All levels welcome. No formal instruction provided, but plenty of help from experienced needle crafters available. For ages 18+.

July 25 (Sat) at 2:30-4:30 pm
Aug. 8, 22 (Sat) at 2:30-4:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Sew! What?

Drop into our sewing lab to complete small projects, repair clothing, or make something new out of your old clothes. Sew what? You decide! Bring your own sewing machine or use one of ours. Instructors now available. Registration required by calling 472-9485. For ages 18+.

July 8, 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Aug. 12, 26 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch

Still Life Class

Instructor Dana Sela takes us through creating a still life. All materials will be provided. Registration is required by calling 463-0254. For ages 18+.

Aug. 17 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Delaware Branch

With Pen in Hand: Writing Your Story

College of St. Rose professor and South End writer Paul Lamar leads this popular series. In these group sessions, you'll learn how to express yourself clearly and imaginatively, share your work, and respond to the stories of others. For ages 18+.

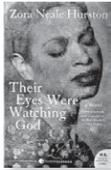
Every Monday at 1:30-3:00 pm
Howe Branch



BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Bach Fiction Book Discussion Group

Pick up your copy of the chosen fiction title at the book group or Bach reference desk. For ages 18+.



Their Eyes Were Watching God

by Zora Neale Hurston

A beloved classic of American literature, this 1937 novel showcases a Southern love story.

July 1 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch



The Blue Flower

by Penelope Fitzgerald

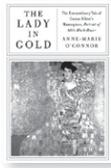
This novel tells the true story of 18th-century German romantic poet Novalis.

Aug. 5 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Pick up your copy of the chosen nonfiction title at the group meeting or Bach reference desk. For ages 18+.



The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer

by Anne-Marie O'Connor

The book recalls the decade-long dispute between heirs and the Austrian government over a celebrated painting stolen by the Nazis during World War II.

July 20 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Bach Branch



King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village

by Peggilene Bartels
The author recounts her unlikely ascension from American secretary to Ghanaian king.

Aug. 17 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Bach Branch

Multicultural Book Discussion Group

Explore the world through its literature and view life through the eyes of a different culture. Visit the Pine Hills circulation desk for a copy of each month's book. For ages 18+.

July 8 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Aug. 12 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Reading Music Book Discussion & Performance:



Songwriter Gail Sparlin Inspired by Author Kurt Vonnegut

The Reading Music series welcomes local songwriter Gail Sparlin performing "And so it Goes: The Characters and Chronicles of Kurt Vonnegut." Part book discussion and part music performance, this event is a unique opportunity to delve deeper into Vonnegut's writing, while learning about the songwriting process from one of Albany's finest singer/songwriters. A selection of books by Vonnegut are available at the Washington Ave. Branch circulation desk. For ages 18+.

Aug. 26 (Wed) at 7:00-8:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(2nd floor, local history room)

Summer Reading Book Club

Get a copy of Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple and join us for a fun discussion. We'll serve light refreshments, too. For ages 18+.

Aug. 12 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Delaware 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.

Every Monday at 6:30-7:30 pm – Bach Branch

By Appointment (Call 427-4301) – Washington Ave. Branch

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, and more. Appointments required; please call 694-0596 x229. For ages 18+.

Every Thursday at 10:30-11:30 am, by appointment

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

FINANCES & CREDIT

Child Identity Theft Prevention & Mitigation

Learn tips to help protect your child's identity. We encourage parents to attend this workshop while their children are participating in the day's Summer Reading Program activity. For ages 18+.

Aug. 19 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Credit Report & Repair Session

Drop in to get your credit report and advice on how to repair your credit. Ask you questions about buying a home, too. Information provided by the Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region. For more information, please call 427-4303. For ages 18+.

July 24 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Aug. 28 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
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 ages 18+.

July 21 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm, by appointment
Aug. 18 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm, by appointment
Washington Ave. Branch

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 ages 18+.

July 7 (Tues) in evening, appointment required
Aug. 4 (Tues) in evening, appointment required
Washington Ave. Branch (2nd floor, computer lab)



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 ages 18+.

July 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Aug. 4 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch (1st floor, large auditorium)

Senior Scams

Learn about current scams in the area, how to recognize a scam, and what to do if you become a scam victim. For senior citizens.

Aug. 31 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

HEALTH & FITNESS

Delaware Area Neighborhood Farmers Market

Local farmers sell their fresh produce, flowers, and other homemade goods in the branch's rear parking lot.

Tuesdays at 4:00-7:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Family Fun Fitness

This program features gentle stretching, songs, and games for families to participate in together. Please register at 482-7911 x223. We ask that you bring a yoga mat or beach towel to class. For parents and caregivers with children ages 3-11.

Every Wednesday in July & August at 2:30-3:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Field Goods Produce Pickup

Several branches are pick up locations for subscribers to Field Goods, a weekly paid delivery service that provides certified organic produce from Hudson Valley farmers. For more information, go to www.field-goods.com or call 1-888-887-3848.

Every Wednesday from 1:00-8:00 pm
at Delaware Branch
Every Wednesday and Thursday during regular hours at Pine Hills Branch
Every Thursday during regular hours at Washington Ave. Branch

Pilates

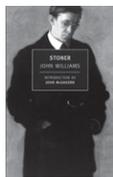
Pilates is back for a summer session that runs through July. In this class you'll strengthen your core, improve balance, and enhance overall wellness. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required by calling the branch at 463-0254.

July 8, 22 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Delaware 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 (in the large auditorium).

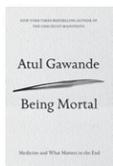


Book Review

Stoner by John Williams

Called the "perfect novel" by many critics, this work was first published in 1965. Casey Seiler, Times Union state editor and columnist, reviews the book.

July 7

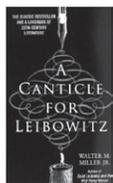


Book Review

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

The author, a practicing surgeon, explores how modern medicine often runs counter to the needs of the human spirit when dealing with aging and death. Allan Schneider, a retired biophysicist, reviews the book.

July 14



Book Review

A Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

This sci-fi classic won the 1961 Hugo Award for Best Novel. Nancy Rosenblum, a retired human resources specialist and Episcopal clergyperson, reviews the book.

July 21



Special Program

"Operation Downfall: A Planned Invasion of Japan during World War II" by Don Eberle

Eberle, a retired financial advisor, discusses a planned Allied invasion of Japan that was abandoned after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

July 28



Book Review

Kafka Comes to America: Fighting for Justice in the War on Terror, A Public Defender's Inside Account by Steven T. Wax

The author recounts his struggles to free two innocent men as examples of how our civil liberties eroded after the September 11th attacks. Attorneys Kathy Manley, of Kindlon Shanks & Associates, and Stephen Downs, retired, review the book.

August 4

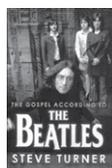


Book Review

Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights by Katha Pollitt

The author argues that abortion is a moral right and social good. Chelly Hegan, president and CEO of Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, reviews the book.

August 11



Book Review

The Gospel According to the Beatles by Steve Turner

The author explores the religious and spiritual influence of the Beatles. Roger Green, librarian and Friends of APL president, reviews the book.

August 18



Book Review

Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek

The author uses real-life stories to explain how great leaders innovate, influence, and inspire others. Scott Jarzombek, APL executive director, reviews the book.

August 25

LOCAL HISTORY

Local History Room Open Hours

- Every Monday at 4:00-7:00 pm
- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 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

Albany Yearbook Donations

We are accepting donations of yearbooks for schools that currently or formerly existed within the city limits of Albany. Yearbooks should be in good condition, but can have signatures and messages written in them. Please drop off your yearbook donations during regular library hours at the first floor circulation or reference desks at 161 Washington Avenue.

Washington Ave. Branch

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 residential Albany, urban renewal, and others, visit the site and select Albany Public Library from the collections tab.

Online at nyheritage.org

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

APL Board of Trustees Meeting

The library's elected board meets monthly to discuss library business. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Visit our website for meeting agendas: click on "About APL" in the footer and then select "Leadership" from the menu. For ages 18+.

July 14 (Tues) at 5:30 pm

at Washington Ave. Branch

Aug. 11 (Tues) at 5:30 pm at Bach Branch

Child Seat Installations

To help keep our children safe, the Albany Police Department and APL are partnering to provide residents with monthly appointments to participate in child seat installations. Appointments are required and can be made by sending an email to CarSeats@albany-ny.org or calling 427-4355.

July 14 & Aug. 18 (Tues)

at 5:00-7:00 pm, by appointment

July 11 & Aug. 8 (Sat)

at 10:00 am-12:00 pm, by appointment

Washington Ave. Branch

(garage at back entrance off Elk Street)

Discover What the U.S. Census Can Do for You

Learn how you can use the massive amount of data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau to better understand your community, do genealogical research, and get a better picture of how the data is put to use by community organizations and the government. The program is led by U.S. Census Bureau staff.

July 15 (Wed) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

Garage Bands in the Garage

The popular and award-winning Garage Bands concert series returns this summer with some great local talent. These all-ages live shows take place in the Washington Ave. Branch's garage, off the Elk Street parking lot. In addition to some great music, each show features a garage sale of gently used CDs for just \$1 each. Check our website for updates!

- **Moon Worship – lastdayshining – Yoma**

Moon Worship is a primitive rhythm and blues band that features "scuzzy electronics...ghostly vocals and keys...growling bass and back-alley croon." lastdayshining is a hard-hitting, post-rock band with "a sound characterized by expressive instrumental buildups that travel through a range of dynamic changes from quiet lows to bone-crushing highs." Yoma is a three-piece post-metal band that brings "a fresh, hard-hitting sound to the instrumental rock genre, while retaining (a) familiar grandeur and elegance."

July 17 (Fri) at 6:00-8:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

(garage off Elk St.)

- **Bands TBA**
Aug. 21 (Fri) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(garage off Elk St.)

- **Bands TBA**
Sept. 18 (Fri) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch
(garage off Elk St.)

Dungeons & Dragons

Join us for swords, sorcery, odysseys, and adventure with dungeon master Mark Lopez as we play the fifth edition of DnD. All players and levels of experience welcome. For ages 13+.

July 1, 15 (Wed) at 5:00-8:00 pm

Aug. 5, 19 (Wed) at 5:00-8:00 pm

Howe Branch

Monday Night Cinema

Watch a newly released movie at the library. Please call 694-0596 for the movie title. For teens and adults.

July 6 (Mon) at 5:00-7:00 pm

Aug. 3 (Mon) 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.

Aug. 8 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Scrabble Evening

Use our game boards and dictionaries and challenge your friends to a game of Scrabble. Coffee, tea, and cookies served, too. For ages 18+.

July 9 (Thurs) at 6:30-8:00 pm

Aug. 13 (Thurs) at 6:30-8:00 pm

Bach Branch

TUTORING & EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

High School Equivalency Prep Class

Capital Region BOCES provides high school equivalency (HSE) preparation classes (formerly GED) 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 ages 18+.

Every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

English for Speakers of Other Languages: Intermediate Class

The Capital Region BOCES offers a free intermediate English for speakers of other languages class. Please register with Capital Region BOCES at 862-4775. For ages 18+.

Every Monday and Wednesday

at 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

English Spoken Here: Conversation Class

Practice your English conversation skills in this drop-in English for speakers of other languages class run by Literacy NY Greater Capital Region. For more information, please call 452-3381. For ages 18+.

Every Tuesday at 1:30-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

PROGRAM

AGES

DAY, TIME

LOCATION

SPECIAL NOTES

STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

Baby Bounce Time Story Time	Pre-walkers	Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch Washington Ave. Branch	Every week Songs, stories, play group
Bedtime Stories	Pre-school	Mondays at 7:00-7:30 pm Wednesdays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch Bach Branch	Every week Wind down with quiet story time
Kindergarten Story Time	3-6	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week Stories, play & grow activities
Pre-school Story Time	3-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am Wednesdays at 10:30 am Wednesdays at 1:00-2:00 pm	Delaware Branch Washington Ave. Branch Pine Hills Branch	Every week Every week Every week
Toddler Story Time	0-3	Tuesdays at 10:30 am Fridays at 10:30 am	Pine Hills Branch Washington Ave. Branch	Every week Every week
Toddler Story Time & Play Group	0-3	Tuesdays at 10:30 am-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	Every week

FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

Delaware Dogs	All	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week
Howe-lers After-School Club	7-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every week
ImagiKnit	12-17	Saturdays at 2:00-3:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	July 11 and August 8 Explore things that can be made from yarn
LEGO Club	5-12 8-17	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm Thursdays at 2:00-2:45 pm Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch Bach Branch Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	July 29 and August 26 Every week Every week
Music Together	5 & under	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:15 am	Bach Branch	August 4, 11, 18, 25
Off the Grid Gaming	5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every week in July Play Wii, Xbox & Wii Universe
Play & Grow	5 & under	Wednesdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Creative play with large-scale activity furniture
STEMpunk	12-17	Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week Tinker with wires, gears, circuits, more
Teen Open Computer Lab	11-17	Mondays at 5:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays at 3:30-6:00 pm Thursdays at 3:30-6:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (Computer Lab on 2nd Floor)	Every week
Wii Gaming for Teens	11-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:30 pm Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week (1st hour is Minecraft, 2nd hour is Wii) July 10, 24, and August 7, 21

