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*Get help preparing  
your taxes at  
the library.*

*See page 14 for helpful tax resources available at APL branches.*

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# RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

on page 8 of the guide



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY



**By Melanie Metzger**  
Assistant Director

The number one request I hear from our patrons through my conversations with them is that everyone would love more services from APL. We're proud to report that we have a new suite of services that can make it easier for you to learn a language, read magazines, find out about your ancestors, and get around the city. For more details about any of these services, please talk to a librarian or visit our website. We hope you find these services useful!

## Learn a New Language at the Library, or Anywhere



Is learning a new language on your list of goals this year? Then try out Mango Languages. This is a free online program where you can pick from more than 70 languages and learn through self-paced lessons on your computer or mobile device.

Mango Languages features a whole slew of interesting language courses.

- Widely spoken languages, including Italian and Chinese
- Less commonly used languages, such as Scottish Gaelic and Biblical Hebrew
- Specialty courses, like Medical Spanish
- Fun classes, like Oktoberfest German
- ESOL courses for English learners

You can participate in Mango Languages classes on any computer—at the library or your home. The courses are also accessible on Apple and Android devices by using free apps that allow you to take the learning with you, with or without an internet connection.

## Searching for Ancestors Using Library Resources



Genealogy enthusiasts can now research family history using the library edition of Ancestry.com inside all APL branches.

The library collection of Ancestry.com includes 7,000 databases and billions of indexed names of people from across the globe. The site includes census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from North America, Europe, Australia and other areas of the world.

For example, the U.S. collections have hundreds of millions of names from sources such as the federal census; birth, death, and marriage records including the Social Security Death Index; and U.S. border crossing and trans-ocean ship records.

You have to be in a library building to access this service. You can connect to the library edition of Ancestry.com from APL computers and laptops, as well as your own devices when you are inside our branches.

## Read Digital Magazines on Your Devices

Our new eMagazine service—Flipster—is available now. You can download and read digital magazines, on your computer or mobile device, from Flipster at any time. All you need is your library card number to get started.



You have more than 60 magazines from which to choose on Flipster, including Rolling Stone, People, The New Yorker, Forbes, Bon Appetit, Vogue, Popular Mechanics, GQ, Field & Stream, Good Housekeeping, Women's Health, Men's Fitness, Fine Gardening, Wired, Motor Trend, and Consumer Reports.

## Making it Easier to Ride the Bus



CDTA bus riders, and we know many of you are also our library users, can now get and replenish Navigator smartcard bus passes at all of our branches. The cards are part of a pre-payment system that allows customers to load payments onto the cards that are then tapped on the bus fare box for faster boarding.

APL staff served as pilot testers for the Navigator program over the last several months. Close to 70 percent of library employees live in the city of Albany, and riding the CDTA bus to and from work is a daily occurrence for many of us. The library staff have been trained and are ready to teach bus riders how to load and manage their Navigator cards.



## Meet with the Director

Scott Jarzombek, APL executive director, 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](mailto:jarzombeks@albanypubliclibrary.org).

- March 7 (Tues) at 12:00 pm-5:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch
- March 15 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Bach Branch
- March 28 (Tues) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Howe Branch
- April 5 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- April 18 (Tues) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- April 26 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Delaware Branch

## 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](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org)

## SCHEDULE NOTES

All libraries are CLOSED:

- April 16 (Sunday) for Easter
- April 20 (Thursday) for Staff Development Day

## ART & EXPRESSION

### Art Exhibition

The exhibition, "Mediating Illusion: Landscapes," offers a contemporary spin on landscape art. Surreal scenes are based on our ability to mentally remove ourselves from the natural world. Exhibiting artists carefully construct their representation of what is and can be. For all ages.

Through March 26 during regular hours  
Pine Hills Branch

### 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](mailto:albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org). For ages 18+.



- Every Monday at 4:00-7:30 pm
- Every Thursday at 2:00-5:30 pm
- March 4, 18 and April 1, 15 (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. Paul Lamar, a retired professor from the College of St. Rose, leads this popular series. Attend any or all sessions. For adults.

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

### Read the Play, See the Play

The class will study plays being produced in Albany this spring. Join us every other week for five sessions of reading aloud and analyzing scripts like *The Normal Heart* at Curtain Call Theater and *A Shot in the Dark* at Albany Civic Theater. We'll host directors and performers involved in these productions and visit venues, like Confetti Stage and Theater Voices, that will be staging new works. Please register at 482-7911 x230.

March 2, 16, 30 (Thurs) at 2:00-3:00 pm

April 13, 27 (Thurs) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch



### Knitting & Stitching Group

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

March 2 and April 6 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm

March 21 and April 18 (Tues) at 6:00-7:45 pm

Bach Branch

### Beading Workshop

Resident artist Danielle teaches us to make beautiful beaded jewelry. The class size is limited, so please register by calling 463-0254 x223. For adults.

March 2 (Thurs) at 6:15-7:45 pm

April 6 (Thurs) at 6:15-7:45 pm

Delaware Branch

### Bullet Journaling

Learn about this new pen-and-paper organizing system that uses bullet points as the core structure. It's actually a fun and creative way to organize your weekly calendar, to-do items, future plans, and other goals you want to track. We'll have examples, stickers, and snacks, too. Please register at 472-9485. For adults.

March 4 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm

April 1 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm

Howe 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.

March 8, 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 12, 26 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

### Calm Coloring

We'll explore the relaxing benefits of coloring for adults. Bring your own markers and pencils, or use our supplies. We'll also have coloring sheets for you. No drawing skills necessary. Please register at 463-0254 x223. For adults.

March 10, 24 (Fri) at 1:00-2:15 pm

April 14, 28 (Fri) at 1:00-2:15 pm

Delaware Branch



### Chat & Paint

Learn the basics of acrylic painting in this step-by-step class. We'll look at an image for inspiration, and create a beautiful canvas under the guidance of local artist Dana. We'll discuss layers and mixing colors, as well as how to apply the paints. This is a fun class for beginners, or those of other experience levels. Please register at 482-7911 x230. For adults.

➤ March 13 | Poppies

➤ April 4 | Spring Trees

Select Mondays at 6:00-7:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

### Macramé

Our macramé expert Nadine leads us through this knot-tying art to create bracelets, planters, and belts. All materials are provided. Please register at 472-9485. For adults.

**March 25 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm**

**April 22 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm**

**Howe Branch**

### Pinterest Crafting

Join the librarian and create a seasonal Pinterest craft. Please register at 463-0254 x2. For adults.

**March 30 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:15 pm**

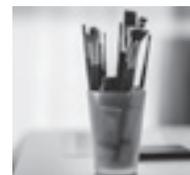
**Delaware Branch**

### Paint 'n Sip

Albany artist Ashleigh Kinsey leads our latest class where we'll sip coffee or tea while we paint. Space is limited, so please register by calling 463-0254 x223. For adults.

**April 1 (Sat) at 1:30-4:00 pm**

**Delaware Branch**



### Artist Trading Cards

Make artist trading cards as part of the 1624 Keepsake Challenge Public Art Initiative at this year's Albany Tulip Fest. All supplies are provided, and a local artist leads the session. For adults.

**April 8, 22 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm**

**Bach 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.

**Select Dates**

**North Albany Branch**

### Spotlight on New Fiction & Nonfiction

Learn about the new arrivals on our fiction and nonfiction shelves. Our reference staff will "book talk" the titles and have copies of some of the most recent new releases. For adults.

**March 3 (Fri) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**April 7 (Fri) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**Pine Hills 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.

**March 7 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm**

**April 4 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm**

**Bach Branch**

### Lit AF (Anarchism-Feminism) Reading Group

Lit AF is a reading group looking at literature at the intersection of anarchism and feminism. The reading list includes bell hooks, Emma Goldman, Ursula LeGuin, and others. All who are curious are welcome. For adults.

**March 14 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm**

**April 11 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

### Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Join us for a thoughtful discussion of a nonfiction 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.

**March 16 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm**

**April 27 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Bach 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.

**March 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm**

**April 4 (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.

**March 7 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm, appt. required**

**April 4 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm, appt. required**

**Washington Ave. Branch**

(2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital 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.

**March 21 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm**

**By appointment**

**April 18 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm**

**By appointment**

**Washington Ave. Branch**

### Credit Report & Repair Help

Drop in and get a free credit report and score from the Affordable Housing Partnership. Credit repair help is available, too. Appointments are not required, but you may call 427-4303 for more information. For ages 18+.

**March 24 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm**

**April 28 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm**

**Washington Ave. Branch**

(2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab)

### Homebuyer Fair

If you're looking to buy a home, or need assistance with the one you already own, the Capital Region Homebuyer Fair is for you. Meet with housing advisors, get pre-qualified for financing, obtain a free credit report on site, and talk one-on-one with lenders, home inspectors, attorneys, and realtors. Special seminars for current homeowners, too. The event is sponsored by Affordable Housing Partnership. For more information, please visit [www.ahphome.org](http://www.ahphome.org) or call 434-1730. For adults.

**April 29 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Washington Ave. Branch**

(1st Floor, Large Auditorium)

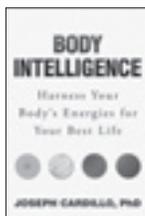


# FRIENDS OF APL BOOK TALKS

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.



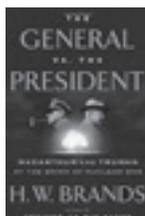
You can keep up with Friends news on Facebook. Search for *Friends of Albany Public Library*.



## March 7—Author Talk & Signing

Joseph Cardillo on *Body Intelligence: Harness Your Body's Energies for Your Best Life*

The author is an expert in holistic psychology. According to *Publishers Weekly*, Cardillo “gives readers reliable tools for addressing tough situations, including emptying one’s mind to eliminate stress, combining the energy of music and art with positive memories to improve one’s mood, and using what he terms power words to enhance memory and view stressful situations from a detached perspective.”



## March 14—Book Review

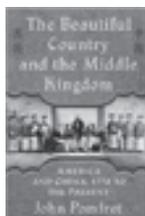
*The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War* by H.W. Brands. *Kirkus Reviews* calls this book “an exciting, well-written comparison study of two American leaders at loggerheads during the Korean War crisis.” Richard King, a retired attorney, presents the review.



## March 21—Book Review

*The Basque History of the World: The Story of a Nation* by Mark Kurlansky

“This wildly informative work is a marvel of clarity, glittering with unusual facts and marked by penetrating insights” of the Basque area that straddles the border of southern France and northern Spain, according to *Publishers Weekly*. The book is reviewed by Victor Asal, associate professor of political science and chair of public administration at the University at Albany’s Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy.



## March 28—Book Review

*The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom: America and China, 1776 to the Present* by John Pomfret

The author “weaves a lively tale, peppered with a cast of adventurers, spies, preachers, communists and McCarthyites who have boosted and sabotaged the relationship in turn over the years,” according to *The Economist*. Kevin M. Shanley, a University at Albany professor emeritus of history, reviews the book.



## April 4—Book Review

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

This book “offers a dark mirror of middle-class America’s obsession with real estate, laying bare the workings of the low end of the market, where evictions have become just another part of an often lucrative business model,” according to the *New York Times*. Local attorney Anita Thayer reviews this highly lauded work.



## April 11—Book Review

*The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* by Charles Duhigg

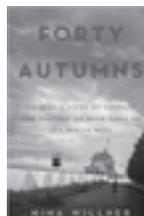
*The Economist* called this best-seller a “first-rate book—based on an impressive mass of research, written in a lively style and providing just the right balance of intellectual seriousness with practical advice on how to break our bad habits.” David Guistina, WAMC “Morning Edition” anchor and senior producer, reviews the book.



## April 18—Book Review

*Presidential Campaigns: From George Washington to George W. Bush* by Paul F. Boller, Jr.

The author has “a good eye for the offbeat and the ludicrous, and he spins the anecdotes together with the skill of the old fashioned Yankee yarnmaster,” according to *The New York Times Book Review*. Giacomo Calabria, a historian and scholar with NY Council for the Humanities, reviews the book.



## April 25—Book Review

*Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall* by Nina Willner

“Charting the twists and turns of politics in communist East Germany over more than four decades, [the book] shows how currents of repression and reform affected individual lives,” according to the *Chicago Tribune*. The reviewer is Evelyn Dufur, a retired teacher and vice president of the Friends of APL.



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## GAMING

### Chess Tournament for Teens & Adults

Join us for tournament-style chess play. Learn moves that can help you improve your game. All levels are welcome! For ages 13+.

**Every Tuesday at 5:00-7:00 pm**

**Arbor Hill/West Hill 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.

**March 9 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm**

**April 13 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm**

**Bach Branch**

### Dungeons & Dragons

D&D has been around for decades, and has recently been shown in such popular TV shows as "Stranger Things" and "The Big Bang Theory." Are you a D&D newbie who wants to find out what all the excitement is about? We'll use the 5th edition rule set and journey through a short adventure before branching out into other campaigns. All interest levels are welcome. Registration is encouraged, so please call 463-0254 x2. For ages 11+.

**March 11, 25 (Sat) at 1:00-5:00 pm**

**April 8, 22 (Sat) at 1:00-5:00 pm**

**Delaware Branch**

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Yoga for Beginners

Join our yoga class and learn the basics of this ancient art form to improve your health and general well-being! Class size is limited, so please register by calling the City of Albany Recreation Department at 434-5699. For ages 13+.

**Every Thursday at 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

### Let's Move

Shake a leg at Pine Hills with this new, family-friendly dance program. Using creative choreography from many different types of dance, elements of fitness, and movement, this beginner class has something for everyone. Registration is required by calling 482-7911 x223. For parents/caregivers and children ages 6-17.

**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**April 6, 13, 27 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**Pine Hills Branch**

### Intro to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Take beginning lessons with Jiu Jitsu trainers from Brian Beauiry 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.

**March 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm**

**April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tues) at 4:45-6:00 pm**

**Howe Branch**

### Pilates

This class will strengthen your core and improve your balance and overall wellness. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required by calling the appropriate branch: Delaware at 463-0254 x223 or Pine Hills at 482-7911 x230. For adults.

➤ **March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 (Tues) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Delaware Branch**

➤ **April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**

### Chair Yoga

A yoga instructor leads us through a session of chair yoga with gentle stretches. For adults.

**March 17 (Fri) at 12:30-1:30 pm**

**April 21 (Fri) at 12:30-1:30 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.

➤ **March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28 | Every Friday at 2:00-4:00 pm | Bach Branch | Call 482-2154 to register**

➤ **March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 24 | Select Mondays at 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch | Call 463-0254 for appointment**

➤ **Flexible Dates & Times | 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. For adults.

➤ **Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30-11:30 am | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Call 694-0596 x229 for appointment**

➤ **Every Thursday at 1:00-3:00 pm | North Albany Branch | Drop in or call 463-1581 to make an appointment**

➤ **Every Friday at 2:00-4:00 pm | Bach Branch | Call 482-2154 for appointment**

## MOVIES & MUSIC

### Family Movie Club

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

**Wednesdays at 5:00-7:30 pm**  
North Albany Branch

### Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of select performances. The March prevue theme is "Mozart and Bach," while the April date showcases "Beethoven's Ninth." For ages 18+.

**March 3 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm**  
**April 7 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. Branch



Photo Courtesy  
Albany Symphony Orchestra

### Midday Matinee

Watch a movie with us and enjoy popcorn, too! See "Kids & Teens" section for more details. For families.

**March 9, 23 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:30 pm**  
**April 13, 27 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:30 pm**  
Howe Branch

### Documentary & Discussion

Join us to view a thought-provoking documentary and lively discussion. Please call 482-2154 for the documentary title. For adults.

**March 23 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm**  
Bach 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](mailto:carseats@albany-ny.org) or calling 427-4355.

**Select Days, Appointment Required**  
Washington Ave. Branch

### Car Q & A

Is your car making a funny noise? Is your check engine light on and you want to know why? Maybe you're interested in purchasing a vehicle in the near future and need some recommendations. Stop by the library and talk to Will, AH/WH librarian/car guy, regarding everything automotive. All questions welcome! For adults.

**March 7, 21 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**April 4, 18 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm**  
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

### Lincoln on the Civil War

This lecture series allows you to examine and appreciate the rhetoric, political skill, and moral transformation of Abraham Lincoln 150 years after his death. This program is sponsored by Humanities New York. For adults.

**March 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thurs) at 1:00-3:00 pm**  
**April 6, 13 (Thurs) at 1:00-3:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. 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.

- **March 14 (Tues) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Wash. Ave. Branch**
- **April 4 (Tues) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Delaware Branch**

### Tea with Fi

Wind down your busy day with a nice cup of tea. Fiona Huffman-Harris gives us a basic introduction to the world of tea leaves and tea customs. Please register by calling 472-9485. For ages 12 and older.

**March 21 (Tues) at 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Howe Branch

### Plant & Gardening Q & A

Gear up for spring planting, share seeds, and look at our gardening book collection at the Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch. For all ages.

**April 12 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm**  
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



### Chinese Language & Culture

Learn basic Chinese, along with some Chinese culture, from an English professor who hails from China.

Please register at 482-7911 x230. For adults.  
**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch

### Chinese Dance Lecture

The speaker will discuss a variety of Chinese dances, including traditional, modern, and those from different ethnic groups. For adults.

**March 11 (Sat) at 3:00-4:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch

### Travel in China

Explore different tourist attractions in various regions of China, and learn some useful traveling tips. For adults.

**April 15 (Sat) at 3:00-4:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch

## TUTORING & EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

### Literacy Tutoring

Two Together provides free after-school literacy tutoring for kids in grades 1-6. The tutors offer individualized reading and writing assistance. Special events, activities, field trips, and snacks are also provided. The program is offered at 200 Green St. and at the Howe Branch. Please call 472-9485 for additional information. (The program is not held on days that school is closed.) For grades 1-6.

**Every Monday through Thursday at 3:30-5:00 pm during school year  
Howe Branch**

### 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**

### Individualized Training & Consultation

The branch hosts one-on-one assistance in the following areas: self-defense training; Big Brother/Big Sister mentorship; health, fitness, and nutrition consultation; and school-age, TASC, and SAT tutoring. Please call 472-9485 to reserve a spot. For all ages.

**Every Saturday at 3:00-5:00 pm  
Howe Branch**

### Adult Basic Education Class

This free class is for people who need to develop the skills needed to advance into the High School Equivalency Test Prep Class. To register, please call BOCES at 862-4707. For adults.

**Every Monday and Wednesday at 2:00-5:00 pm  
Washington Ave. Branch** (2nd Floor, Community)

### High School Equivalency Test Prep Class

This BOCES program is free and features instruction by a certified teacher in the five areas of study for the HSE exam. Please call BOCES at 862-4707 to register. For adults.

**Every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Washington Ave. Branch** (2nd Floor, Community Room)

### ESL: Intermediate Class

Capital Region BOCES offers this free intermediate-level English as a Second Language class on Mondays and Wednesdays. 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**

## JOB CENTER

### 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, or call 463-0254 x223 to make an appointment. For adults.

**Every Thursday** (Not April 20) **at 12:30-2:00 pm**  
**Other times by appointment only | Call 463-0254 x223**  
**Delaware Branch**

### No More Dead-End Job!

Are you tired of your dead-end job, but not sure where you want to go next or how to get there? This workshop can help you figure it out! Career coach Marsha Lazarus, who has more than 20 years of experience, helps you find opportunities that match your interests, strengths, and goals. Please register by calling 427-4303. For adults.

**March 21 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**Washington Ave. Branch**

### The Big 3: Resumes, Cover Letters & Interviewing

For any successful job search, you need three critical tools: a solid resume, a tailored cover letter, and exceptional interview skills. This interactive program will teach you how to master all three. You'll learn the rules of resume writing, the purpose of a cover letter, and the best approach to the most neglected part of the job search: interviewing skills. Pick up tips on how to make yourself that much more competitive in the job market and obtain the edge necessary to get ahead. This free program is presented by Tom Denham of Careers in Transition, LLC. The program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program. Please register by calling 482-7911 x230. For adults.

**April 19 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**Pine Hills Branch**

### Resources for Job Seekers

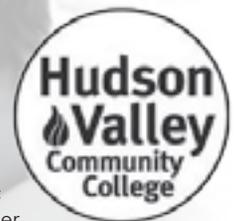
Looking for free alternatives to the pricey Microsoft Office software? Need a new template to freshen up your resume? Take a tour of some free resources that can help your job application materials stand out. For adults.

**April 26 (Wed) at 6:00-7:15 pm**  
**Howe Branch**

### HVCC Academic Advisement

Hudson Valley Community College is now offering academic advisement sessions at the Washington Ave. Branch on Monday and Wednesday evenings. These are one-on-one meetings with an advisor from HVCC to discuss credit-bearing classes and academic programs and non-credit fast-track career training. Every meeting is tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of each individual. HVCC classes and trainings are available at the Troy campus, online, and various off-campus locations. The academic advisors welcome walk-ins, or you can make an appointment by calling HVCC at 629-7338. For ages 16 and older.

**Every Monday and Wednesday at**  
**5:00-7:30 pm**  
**Washington Ave. Branch**  
(2nd Floor, Study Room)



# 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](mailto:localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org).

**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](http://nyheritage.org)



# STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
After-school Storytime	Grades K-5	Select Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	March 23, 30
Baby Bounce Storytime	0-2	Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not April 20)
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week: Songs, stories, play group
Daycare Storytime	3-5	2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	March 14, 28 and April 11, 25 Stories, songs for children attending day cares and their providers.
Good Night Storytime	0-5	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:45 pm	Bach Branch	March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11
		Mondays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	April 3, 10, 17, 24 Wind down the day. PJs and stuffed animals welcome!
Kindergarten Storytime	3-6	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week. Stories and play-and-grow activities.
		Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Howe Branch	April 4, 11, 25
Pre-school Storytime	3-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Delaware Branch	Every Week
	3-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week
Spectrum Storytime	0-8	Saturdays at 2:00 am-4:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week. Storytime then playtime, for kids on the spectrum and their families.
Toddler Storytime	2-3	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week
		Fridays at 10:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week
Toddler Storytime and Playgroup	2-3	Mondays at 10:30 am-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10

# KIDS & TEENS

## Minecraft Mayhem

Minecraft lovers, come build your world and characters in a weekly Minecraft competition with your friends.

For ages 6-14.

- **Every Tuesday at 6:00-7:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch**
- **Every Thursday at 4:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**



## Spectrum Storytime

Our storytime for little ones with sensory challenges meets EVERY Saturday! The program features 30 minutes of books, songs, and movement followed by playtime. 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 on the autism spectrum. The Pine Hills children's librarians welcome any comments and questions you may have about this story time. Siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend. For children ages 0-8 who are on the spectrum, and their caregivers.

**Every Saturday at 2:00-4:00 pm  
Pine Hills Branch**



## Guessing Contest

Guess how many items are in the jar and win a prize! In March our jar will be filled with shamrocks and in April it'll be mini earths. The winner will be announced the last day of the month. For ages 16 and under.

**March 1-31 during regular branch hours**

**April 1-30 during regular branch hours**

**North Albany Branch**

## March Madness Tournament of Books

It's tournament time—16 books enter, but only one can win our March Madness Tournament of Books. Stop by Youth Services each week to vote your favorite title into the next round. Or, put it all on the line and submit your book bracket to enter to win a grand prize. Which title will be the March Madness champion? Play to find out! Book bracket submissions begin on March 1. For ages 6-17.

**Starts March 1 during regular hours**

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



## Integrated Playgroup

This new playgroup is especially for young children with special needs. With the guidance of a facilitator whose background is in special education, children will experience literacy through multi-sensory activities, including touch, music, sign language, art, and movement. Caregivers can engage with their children and other adults in a supporting, instructional, and low-stress environment. Children may observe or participate, and the facilitator will work with families to ensure each participant has a positive experience. For more information, please contact the youth services librarian at 482-2154. For ages 0-5.

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 10:30-11:30 am**

**April 5, 12 (Wed) at 10:30-11:30 am**

**Bach Branch**

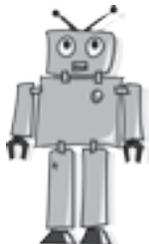
## Teen Robotics Club

Drop into our weekly robotics program to build and program robots. For ages 11-17.

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 3:30-5:00 pm**

**April 5, 12, 19, 26 (Wed) at 3:30-5:00 pm**

**North Albany Branch**



## Movie Club

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

- **March 1 | "Cat in the Hat" (PG, 2003)**
- **March 8 | "Kubo in the Two Strings" (PG, 2016)**
- **March 15 | "Pete's Dragon" (PG, 2016)**
- **March 22 | "Storks" (PG, 2016)**
- **March 29 | "The Wild Life" (PG, 2016)**
- **April 5, 12, 19, 26 | Film Titles TBA**

**Select Wednesdays at 5:00-7:30 pm**

**North Albany Branch**

## Let's Move

Shake a leg at Pine Hills with this new, family-friendly dance program. Using creative choreography from many different types of dance, elements of fitness, and movement, this beginner class has something for everyone. Registration is required by calling 482-7911 x223. For parents/caregivers and children ages 6-17.

**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**April 6, 13, 27 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm**

**Pine Hills Branch**

## Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday us! Several branches are having special celebrations of one of our favorite authors. For ages 5-17.

- **3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany Branch**  
Create your own Lorax roll and Cat in the Hat hat!
- **4:00-4:45 pm | Bach Branch**  
We'll share stories, do a special art project, and enjoy snacks.
- **4:00-5:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | Enjoy games, snacks, and a fun scavenger hunt. Every child will get a free Dr. Seuss book to add to their home library.



**March 2 (Thurs)**

**Select Branches**

## Music Makers

Sing songs and learn fundamental elements about rhythm and various musical instruments. Kids also get a chance to try out instruments. For ages 0-5 and caregivers.

**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Fri) at 10:30-11:30 am**

**Pine Hills Branch**

## 1st Saturday for Families

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

- **March 4 | Parachute Play** | Come play with our giant parachute.
- **April 1 | Fun with Rhythm Sticks** | We'll sing songs and tap along with our rhythm sticks. Music fun for the whole family.

**1st Saturday of Each Month at 10:30-11:30 am**

**Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)**



## Keyboarding Kids

Get faster at using a computer by learning basic typing skills. Space is limited, so please register at 482-2154. For ages 8-17.

**March 6, 13, 20, 27 (Mon) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Bach Branch**



# KIDS & TEENS

## Midday Matinee

Watch a movie with us and enjoy popcorn, too. For ages 6-17.

- **March 9 | "Journey to the Center of the Earth"** (PG, 2008)
- **March 23 | "Pete's Dragon"** (PG, 2016)
- **April 13 | "Jumanji"** (PG, 1995)
- **April 27 | "James and the Giant Peach"** (PG, 1996)

Select Thursdays at 3:30-5:30 pm  
Howe Branch

## Crafternoons

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

- **March 9 | Paper Shamrocks**
- **March 16 | St. Patrick's Day Pots of Gold Garland**
- **March 23 | Tissue Paper Flowers**
- **March 30 | Wire-Wrapped Rings**
- **April 6 | Wood and Bead Wind Chimes**
- **April 13 | Sequin Eggs**

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

## Food, Fun & Fitness

We'll learn how to eat healthy and stay active with tips from Cornell Cooperative Extension. We'll play games to help us learn about new foods and prepare a delicious and nutritious snack that's easy to make at home. For ages 6-17.

**March 9 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

**April 6 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

Delaware Branch

## Stop Motion Film Making

We'll celebrate Teen Tech Week by learning how to make stop motion films. For ages 11-17.

**March 10 (Fri) at 3:30-4:30 pm**

Pine Hills Branch

## Pi Day

Celebrate Pi Day (3.14) with tasty pies at two of our branches!

- **12:00-2:00 pm | Bach Branch** | Join us for pie trivia, and sample fruit pies. For ages 6-17.
- **4:00-5:00 pm | Howe Branch** | Sample delicious pies, with local baker Gwen, and celebrate mathematics. For ages 3-17.

**March 14 (Tues) at Select Times**

Select Branches

## St. Patrick's Day Craft

We'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun crafts and snacks at select branches. For ages 6-17.

- **March 16 (Thurs) | 4:00-5:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | Join us to make a fun St. Patrick's Day craft.
- **March 17 (Fri) | 3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany Branch** | Have the luck of the Irish as we make our own rainbows out of fruit cereal, marshmallows, and pipe cleaners.

## Howe Brilliant: STEM

We'll do fun STEM-inspired activities using science, technology, engineering, and math techniques. Snacks, too. Please register by calling the branch at 472-9485. For ages 6-10.

**March 17 (Fri) at 4:30-5:30 pm**

**April 21 (Fri) at 4:30-5:30 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.

- **March 27 and April 24 (Mon) | 3:30-5:30 pm**  
Howe Branch
- **March 31 and April 28 (Fri) | 3:30-5:30 pm**  
Delaware Branch



## Twelve Months of Giving

Historic Cherry Hill joins us every month to make a classic toy or object that you can gift to someone, or keep for yourself. We'll also pay with some of the classic wooden toys from the Cherry Hill collection.

For ages 5-11.

**March 28 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

**April 25 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

Howe Branch

## Let's Make Cascarones

We'll make cascarones—painted egg shells filled with confetti—which are a Mexican tradition for Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and other celebrations. For ages 4-12.

**April 13 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

Delaware Branch

## Pop-Up Cards

Stop in today and use our supplies to make a pop-up card. For ages 6-17.

**April 14 (Fri) at 12:00-6:00 pm**

Pine Hills Branch

## Green Eggs & Ham Hunt

Today is the day, you should give a big cheer. We celebrate Dr. Seuss and smile ear-to-ear. Come join in the fun, and find an egg or two. We'll sing songs, do crafts, and get prizes. Will that do? Please register for the 6th annual Green Eggs & Ham Hunt by calling the branch at 472-9485. For ages 6-10.

**April 15 (Sat) at 10:00-11:30 am**

Howe Branch



## Bunny Hop & Storytime

Join us for a bunny-themed storytime, then search the branch for eggs and turn them in for a goody bag. Please call us at 463-1581 to register. For ages 10 and under.

**April 15 (Sat) at 12:00-1:00 pm**

North Albany Branch



## RAISING A READER BABY SHOWER

Join us for baby shower games, a special storytime, crafts, snacks, raffles, and fun! We'll share information about the Raising a Reader program, which encourages parents to read to their infants and preschool children. Each child who attends the baby shower gets a special tote bag and free book for their home library. For expectant parents and families with children ages five and under.

**April 23 (Sun) at 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Washington Ave. Branch** (1st Floor, Large Auditorium)



## Pretzel Day Extravaganza

Celebrate National Pretzel Day by sampling a variety of pretzel flavors and dips. Try them all and decide which pretzels and condiments pair best. For ages 5-17.

**April 26 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Howe Branch**

## Gnome & Fairy Gardens

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by creating your own gnome or fairy garden. Bring your own container, or use one of our recycled containers. Your garden will include succulent plants and mini figurines. For ages 6-17.

**April 27 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm**

**North Albany Branch**



## DEAR: Drop Everything and Read

Our community room is transformed into a cozy place to read in celebration of Drop Everything and Read month. We'll have bean bag chairs, reading nooks, snacks, and of course, lots of books for you to enjoy. Take a break from your busy routine and read with your family at the library. For all ages.

**April 27 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Delaware Branch**

# YOUTH FX FILM EXPERIENCE

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## 5-Hour Film Project

Kick off your filmmaking studies with the 5-Hour Film Project. We'll learn how to write, direct, film, and edit a complete short film in less than a day. Please register at the appropriate branch. For ages 9-17.

- **March 4 (Sat) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch** | Register at 694-0596
- **April 1 (Sat) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch** | Register at 482-7911 x223

## 4-Week Film Workshop

During this four-week workshop, we'll take the lessons further to produce longer and more complex film projects. We'll explore documentary and journalism components to our films this year, too. All films will be screened at a special program with free popcorn and prizes. For ages 9-17.

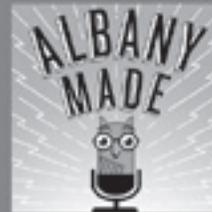
- **March 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tues) at 3:30-6:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch** | Register at 694-0596
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## 2-Day Podcasting Workshop

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**April 17 (Mon) and April 18 (Tues) at 1:00-4:00 pm**  
**Washington Ave. Branch** (2nd Floor, Youth Services)



iTunes

SoundCloud

Pocket Casts

# FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
<b>4 O'Clock Lab</b>	Ages 5-12	Thursdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13 Experiments and game fun.
<b>After School Art</b>	Grades K-5	Tuesdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11
<b>Board Game Club</b>	Ages 5-17	Fridays at 3:00-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week
<b>Brazilian Jiu Jitsu</b>	Ages 11-15	Tuesdays at 4:45-6:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every week
<b>Club Wii</b>	Ages 5-17	Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week
<b>Friday Fun Time</b>	Ages 10-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Play video games and board games with friends.
<b>Gaming Zone</b>	Ages 5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, WiiU, Xbox, Xbox One
<b>Integrated Playgroup</b>	Ages 0-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Bach Branch	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12 Facilitated playgroup for children with special needs.
<b>It's Elementary Kids Club</b>	Grades K-5	Tuesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not April 18)
<b>LEGO Club</b>	Ages 5-12	Tuesdays at 4:15-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	March 2, 16 and April 6, 20
		Wednesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 26
		Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 26
<b>Let's Move</b>	Ages 6-17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 24
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	March 8, 22 and April 5, 19
<b>Let's Move</b>	Ages 6-17	Thursdays at 3:00-4:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not April 18)
<b>Minecraft Mayhem</b>	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
<b>Music Makers</b>	Ages 0-5	Fridays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
<b>Pine Hills Playtime</b>	Ages 0-8	Mondays at 6:30-7:45 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27
<b>Play &amp; Grow</b>	Ages 0-5	Wednesdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Unstructured play w/toy kitchens, train sets, more
<b>Real Talk</b>	Ages 13-17	Mondays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week. Dates may change. Please check website for updates. Hosted by Alliance for Positive Health. HIV, STI, substance abuse prevention.
<b>Teen Open Computer Lab</b>	Ages 11-17	Mondays at 5:00-7:30 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3:30-5:45 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)	Every week No library card required. Play games, do homework, watch videos.
<b>Teen Robotics Club</b>	Ages 11-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week Drop in to build & program robots.
<b>Teen Time</b>	Ages 11-17	Fridays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not April 21) Board & video games, craft projects, more.

<b>Teen Zone</b>	Ages 11-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Play video games, listen to music, do craft and electronics projects, enjoy snacks.
<b>United Geeks of Gaming</b>	Ages 11+	Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)	Every week Electronic & board games

## FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



### The library should be your first stop for income tax assistance this tax season.

On select days during the months of February, March, and April, APL offers free federal income tax preparation services for people with an annual household income limit of \$54,000. This year, tax services are available at the Washington Avenue Branch, as well as the Howe, Delaware, and Arbor Hill/West Hill branches.

This free program is provided by the library's partners—volunteers from the Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the AARP Tax-Aide Program.

#### WASHINGTON AVE. BRANCH

- **Wednesdays | Through April 12 | Days & Evenings**
- **Mondays | Through April 10 | Evenings**

By appointment only | Call 211 hotline

#### HOWE BRANCH

- **Saturdays | Through March 4 | 1:00-3:00 pm**

By appointment only | Call 211 hotline

#### ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL BRANCH

- **Mondays | March 6 to March 27 | Afternoons**
- **Fridays | March 10 to March 31 | Afternoons**

By appointment only | Call 211 hotline

#### DELAWARE BRANCH

- **Tuesdays | March 7 to March 21 | Afternoons**
- **Thursdays | March 9 to March 30 | Afternoons**

By appointment only | Call 211 hotline

### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

If you are coming to the library to get your taxes prepared at one of these sessions, you must bring the following information with you:

-  Photo identification
-  Social Security card or a letter from Social Security with your SSN on it
-  Social Security cards for your dependents and qualifying children
-  All income and interest statements (such as W-2, 1099, etc.)
-  Any other materials necessary to complete your tax return

### TAX FORMS

The Washington Ave. Branch—and most of the other branches—stocks basic federal and NYS income tax forms for individual tax filers. We can't guarantee that all of the forms are always in stock, so please check with your neighborhood library for availability.

### APL TAX PROGRAM BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY

APL's tax assistance program provides a valuable service to Albany residents. Each year, more than 1,500 people get their taxes prepared for free at our library. The total amount of tax returns processed each year is just about \$2 million. That means each person averages a tax return of about \$1,500!

### CALL 211 FOR TAX APPOINTMENT

All appointments for income tax preparation services are scheduled by the United Way 2-1-1 hotline. Simply dial 211 on your phone to be connected with an operator who can set up an appointment at the APL location you select.

(Alternate phone number is 1-888-366-3211)

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# Spring Break!

## Movie Double Feature

It's a double dose of despicable-ness with a showing of "Despicable Me" and "Despicable Me 2." Plus, popcorn! For ages 17 and under.

**April 17 (Mon) at 12:00-4:00 pm**  
Delaware Branch

## 2-Day Podcasting Workshop

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**April 17 (Mon) and April 18 (Tues) at 1:00-4:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)

## Fun with Googly Eyes

Let's put googly eyes on pictures and other items around the library to make things look silly. Fun for the whole family! For ages 17 and under.

**April 17 (Mon) at 2:00-3:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch



## Upcycled Pop Bottle Planters

Spring is here and we'll celebrate by making fun window planters using everyday recycled materials. Everyone will go home with a planter, complete with greenery. For ages 6-17.

**April 17 (Mon) at 2:00-4:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)

## Perler Bead Extravaganza

We'll make emoji Perlers, or you can create your own design. This is a drop-in lab, so come see us and do a fun craft that you can take home. For ages 6-17.

**April 17 (Mon) at 3:30-5:30 pm**  
North Albany Branch

## Build Your Own Kite

We'll use kits to make our own "frustrationless flyer" kites together. Then you'll decorate your kite, also using our materials. Space is limited, so please register by calling the branch at 482-2154. For ages 6-17. (Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.)

**April 17 (Mon) at 4:00-4:45 pm**  
Bach Branch



## Club Wii All Day

Challenge your friends to Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., or another Wii-U game. We'll have the system out all day for Wii-U fun. For ages 6-17.

**April 18 (Tues) at 11:30 am-5:30 pm**  
North Albany Branch

## Hip Dips

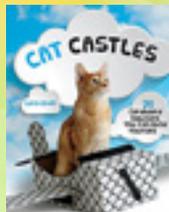
Let's make yummy dips to eat with our fruits and veggies. Honest Weight Food Co-Op will work with us in groups to make different dips, then we'll sample them with a variety of fresh fruits and veggies for a healthy snack. You'll get to take the recipes home to share with your family. Please register by calling 482-7911 x223. For ages 6-17.

**April 18 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch

## Cat Castles & Puppy Palaces

We'll be crafting some unique palaces for our pets, based on the book *Cat Castles: 20 Cardboard Habitats You Can Build Yourself* by Carin Oliver. For ages 6-17.

**April 18 (Tues) at 2:00-4:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. Branch  
(2nd Floor, Community Room)



## A Visit with a TV Meteorologist

NewsChannel 13 meteorologist Jason Gough will share stories about weather forecasting, growing up in Albany, traveling to Alabama, Maryland, and Texas, and the time he flew with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. For ages 5-17.

**April 18 (Tues) at 4:00-4:45 pm**  
Bach Branch



## Hands-on Art

The Tang Teaching Museum leads us in a fun and inspiring art project. Bring your creativity! Space is limited, so please register by calling the branch at 482-2154. For ages 4-17.

**April 19 (Wed) at 12:30-1:15 pm**  
Bach Branch

## Movie Club All Day

Make an edible necklace and crash on a bean bag chair to watch our selection of Pixar movies! For ages 6-17.

- 12:30-2:00 pm | "Toy Story" (G, 1995)
- 2:00-3:30 pm | "Monsters, Inc." (G, 2001)
- 3:30-5:00 pm | "Up" (PG, 2009)
- 5:00-7:30 pm | "WALL-E" (G, 2008)

**April 19 (Wed) at 12:30-7:30 pm**  
North Albany Branch

## What's in a Bird's Nest?

We'll look at a collection of nests from the Children's Museum of Science and Technology to see the surprising materials birds use to build their homes, including mud, spider webs, and moss. Everyone will make a bird nest to take home, and each family will receive a copy of P.D. Eastman's *The Best Nest* to keep in their home library. We'll get messy, so please wear appropriate clothing. Registration is required by calling 463-0254. For ages 4-8.

**April 19 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm**  
Delaware Branch

## Make an Emoji Pillow

Put some felt and cotton together to make your own unique emoji pillow. The class size is limited, so please register at 482-7911 x223. For ages 10-17.

**April 19 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch



## Tulip Fest Artist Trading Cards

We're getting ready for Tulip Fest by creating our very own artist trading cards. Albany Art Room instructor Karen Schupack will show us how. For ages 6-17.

**April 19 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm**  
Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)

**All branches are closed Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
for Staff Development Day**

## Board Game Club All Day

Join us all day for a variety of board games. Bring your friends! For ages 6-17.

**April 21 (Fri) at 12:30-5:30 pm**  
North Albany Branch



## Spring Break Movie

Watch "Trolls" (PG, 2016) with us and enjoy popcorn and drinks, too. For ages 6-17.

**April 21 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm**  
Pine Hills Branch



# Albany Public Library

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Library	Address
<b>Arbor Hill/ West Hill Branch</b>	148 Henry Johnson Blvd., 12210 <b>694-0596</b>
<b>Bach Branch</b>	455 New Scotland Avenue, 12208 <b>482-2154</b>
<b>Delaware Branch</b>	331 Delaware Avenue, 12209 <b>463-0254</b>
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
<b>Howe Branch</b>	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 <b>472-9485</b>
<b>Pine Hills Branch</b>	517 Western Avenue, 12203 <b>482-7911</b>
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
<b>North Albany Branch</b>	616 North Pearl Street, 12204 <b>463-1581</b>
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
<b>Washington Avenue Branch</b>	161 Washington Avenue, 12210 <b>427-4300</b>
Mon., Tues. & Wed.	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thurs. & Fri.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM <i>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY &amp; AUGUST</i>
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