

Albany Public Library

May June

2017















LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Cast your ballot on the Albany Public Library's 2018 budget and three open seats on the APL Board of Trustees on May 16th (see pg. 9)

Check out the Library's

COMMUNITY REPORT

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2016 COMMUNITY REPORT ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY













NEW IN 2016

WIFI HOTSPOTS FOR HOME USE

BIKE REPAIR STATIONS

LAPTOPS FOR IN-LIBRARY USE

SUNDAY HOURS AT BACH BRANCH

ALBANY MADE PODCAST

PARK AT HOWE BRANCH

807,487 VISITORS

767,532 APL ITEMS BORROWED AT APL BRANCHES

501,619 WIFI SESSIONS



BOOKS ETC.

56,320 E-BOOKS & E-AUDIOBOOKS

6,399 E-MAGAZINES

263,002 BOOKS FOR ADULTS

143,569 BOOKS FOR KIDS



PROGRAMS

4.291 TOTAL PROGRAMS

692 EARLY LITERACY

368 DIGITAL LITERACY

57.865 TOTAL ATTENDANCE



















TECHNOLOGY

154,779 COMPUTER USE

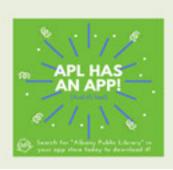
178 COMPUTERS AVAILABLE

40 LAPTOPS AVAILABLE

31 WIFI HOTSPOTS FOR USE AT HOME







FROM OUR PATRONS

"Libraries [are] vital places of learning and development in the community. It's about so much more than books...kids hanging out after school...people using the internet to look for jobs...people of all backgrounds chatting with each other...truly an amazing resource."

"Even in this digital age, having a place to go to for reference books, community gatherings, and even private study rooms is important."

"It gives people access to books, entertainment, internet, and printing. Without the library, I wouldn't have been able to get the job I have today."

"One of the best opportunities for anyone to continue learning and growing."

"The community can use the services supplied by the library in all aspects: job search, document writing, kids homework help, activities like arts and crafts, resources for adults like credit repair, tax preparation, reading programs for kids. All kinds of services available for individual and collective use."

"Libraries save taxpayers money and provide opportunities for everyone to learn."

"Free public libraries that any resident can use and borrow materials from is amazing! The library serves as a kind of community center with all kinds of activities going on."

"I grew up with a library as my babysitter and think it's one of the best investments in a community."

"How can any democracy exist without a public library?"



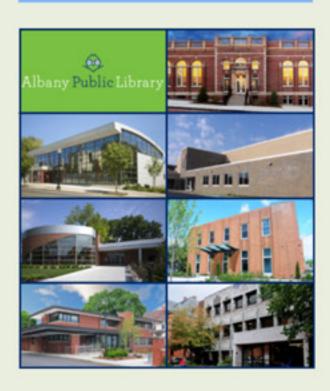
LOCATIONS

7 NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCHES

ALL ON BUS LINES | BIKEABLE | WALKABLE 15.593 Hours Open

1 FULL SERVICE WEBSITE
328.298 WEBSITE VISITS

1 MOBILE APP 16.990 USERS



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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.

- May 2 (Tues) at 12:00 pm-5:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch
- May 17 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Bach Branch
- O May 23 (Tues) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Howe Branch
- O June 7 (Wed) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- June 20 (Tues) at 12:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills 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

SCHEDULE NOTES

All libraries are CLOSED:

May 27-29 (Saturday-Monday) for Memorial Day 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
- May 6, 20 and June 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. Paul Lamar, South End writer and retired college professor, leads this popular series. Attend any or all sessions. For adults.

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

Poetry Workshop

Fixed forms are poems that are written in a prescribed fashion. For example, a sonnet has 14 lines, 10 syllables/line, with a particular rhyme scheme. Other fixed forms include ghazals, triolets, and limericks. Participants in this workshop will study some of these forms and compose their own poems. For adults.

- May 4 | Meter & Blank Verse
- May 11 | Sonnet
- May 18 | Villanelle
- May 25 | Ballad
- June 8 | Misc.

Select Thursdays at 2:00-3:30 pm Delaware Branch



Knitting & Crocheting Group

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

May 4 and June 1 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm May 16 and June 20 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 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.

May 4 (Thurs) at 6:15-7:45 pm Delaware Branch

Bullet Journaling

Learn about this 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.



May 6 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm June 3 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm Howe Branch

Spring into Memoir Writing: A Recital

Celebrate the craft of writing by listening to pieces written by participants of the With Pen in Hand program. Refreshments will be provided. For adults.

May 10 (Wed) at 6:15-8:00 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.

May 10, 24 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm June 14, 28 (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. For adults.



- © Every Thursday at 4:00-6:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- May 12, 26 and June 9, 23 | Select Fridays at 1:00-2:15 pm
 Delaware Branch | Please register at 463-0254 x223.

Acrylic Painting

Join us for a still-life painting class. All materials are provided. Please register at 482-2154. For adults.

- May 13 | Degas-inspired still life of ballerina statue
- June 10 | Still life of hanging pot with flowers

Select Saturdays at 2:00-3:30 pm Bach Branch

Pinterest Crafting

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

May 17 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm Delaware 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.

May 20 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm June 17 (Sat) at 3:30-4:30 pm Howe Branch

Art Class

Explore the world of art with talented teacher and artist Dana Sela. We'll make something beautiful to take home. All experience levels are welcome. Please register by calling 482-7911 x230. For adults.

May 22 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm Pine Hills Branch

Flash Fiction Writing Workshop

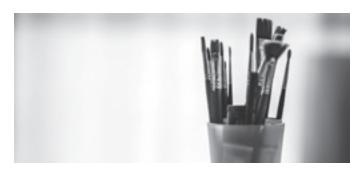
Join us for a five-week flash fiction writing workshop hosted by Paul Lamar, South End writer and retired college professor. For adults.

May 23, 30 (Tues) at 2:00-3:30 pm June 6, 13, 20 (Tues) at 2:00-3:30 pm Bach Branch

Paint 'n' Sip

Albany artist Ashleigh Kinsey leads our latest class where we'll sip coffee or tea while we paint. Create your own painting to keep, or maybe gift to someone special. Space is limited, so please register by calling 463-0254 x223. For adults.

June 3 (Sat) at 1:30-4:00 pm Delaware Branch



BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

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.

May 2 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm June 6 (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.

May 9 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm June 13 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

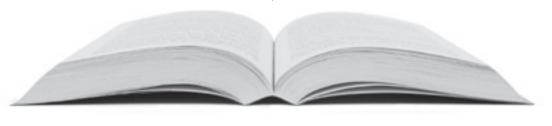
Join us for a thoughtful discussion of a nonfiction title. Books are distributed at each meeting for the next month's discussion, or you can pick up a copy at the circulation desk. For adults.

May 18 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm June 15 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm Bach Branch

North Albany Book Club

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

May 31 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm June 28 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm North Albany Branch



GAMING

Chess Club

Exercise your brain! Bring a friend and play chess. All skill levels welcome. For ages 13+.

Every Tuesday at 5:30-7:30 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.

May 11 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm June 8 (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+.

May 13, 20 (Sat) at 11:00 am-1:45 pm OR 2:00-4:45 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.



May 2—Special Program

Jack Casey on Alexander Hamilton

Casey, an attorney, song writer, and retired politician, presents a special program about Alexander Hamilton.



May 9—Book Review

The Seven Pillars of Statistical Wisdom by **Stephen** M. Stigler

Jonathan Skinner, a retired statistician, reviews the book.



May 16—Book Review

Saratoga Payback by Stephen Dobyns

The "Charlie Bradshaw" mystery is reviewed by John Rowen, who is former president of the Friends of APL.



May 23—Book Review

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein

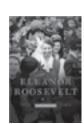
College of St. Rose Prof. David Morrow reviews the book.



May 30—Book Review

Afterlife of the Stars by Joseph Kertes

The novel is reviewed by Ivan Vamos, a retired administrator.

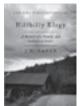


June 6—Book Review

Eleanor Roosevelt: The War Years and After, 1939-1962: Volume 3 by Blanche Wiesen Cook

David Colchamiro, Friends of API, board member

David Colchamiro, Friends of APL board member, reviews the book.



June 13—Book Review

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance

The book is reviewed by Rev. Antonio Booth, co-pastor of Riverview Baptist Church in Coeymans.



June 20—Special Program

Dave Kibbe & Daisy Lin on The Making of the Rodgers & Hammerstein Musical "South Pacific"

This special program celebrates the classic musical "South Pacific."



June 27—Author Talk

Janice Houston-Little on African-American Men & Their Daughters: Living Out the Father-Daughter Drama

The author talks about the relationship she and other African-American women have with their fathers.



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.

May 2 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm June 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.

May 2 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm, appointment required June 6 (Tues) at 5:30-8:00 pm, appointment 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.

May 16 (Tues) at 5:00-7:00 pm, by appointment June 20 (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+.

May 26 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm June 23 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Nurse Is In

Stop in and get a free blood pressure check. Cosponsored by NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). For adults.

Every Monday (Not May 29) at 1:00-2:00 pm Bach Branch



Yoga for Beginners

Join our yoga class and learn the basics of this ancient art form to improve your health and general well-being! For adults.

Every Thursday 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 6-15.

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Tues) at 4:30-5:30 pm June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tues) at 4:30-5:30 pm Howe Branch

Chair Yoga

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

May 19 (Fri) at 12:30-1:30 pm Delaware Branch

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Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to Do When Disaster Strikes

The Red Cross trains participants to prepare, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters. You'll learn tips and tools to deal with disasters and help your family get through them. Please register by calling 482-7911 x230. For adults.

June 5 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm Pine Hills 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.

- May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 5, 12, 19, 26 | Select Mondays at 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch | Call 463-0254 for appointment
- May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16 | Fridays at 2:00-4:00 pm
 | Bach Branch | Call 482-2154 to register
- 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 or PG-13. See the "Kids & Teens" section for more details. For families.

Every Wednesday at 5:00-7:30 pm North Albany Branch

Midday Matinee

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

May 11, 25 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:30 pm June 8, 29 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:30 pm Howe Branch

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of select performances. The June event highlights "American Music Festival." For ages 18+.

June 2 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm Washington Ave. Branch



Photo Courtesy Albany Symphony Orchestra

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

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 Mon. through Thurs. at 3:30-5:00 pm during school year Howe Branch

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. For more information and to register, please call BOCES at 862-4707 or 694-4567. For adults.

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

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 or 694-4567 for more information and 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. 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

LIBRARY VOTE

Budget Session & Candidate Forum

You are invited to attend a forum to learn more about the proposed 2018 budget and meet the library trustee candidates. The agenda for each forum is the same and it will be offered at two different branches. We also plan to record the forums and post the videos on YouTube.

May 1 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm - Washington Ave. Branch May 4 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm - Pine Hills Branch

Library Vote

City voters go to the polls on May 16 to cast ballots on the library's 2018 budget and three open seats on the APL Board of Trustees. (APL's election is held in conjunction with the City School District of Albany.) Budget and candidate information is posted on the library's website. For more information about polling places, please visit the school district website at www.albanyschools.org

May 16 (Tues) at 7:00 am-9:00 pm Various Polling Locations in Albany



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 made by emailing 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.

May 2, 16, 30 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm June 13, 27 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm Arbor Hill/West Hill 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.

- May 9 (Tues) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- June 13 (Tues) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Herbal Tea Talk & Tasting

What is tea, anyway? Learn about where tea comes from, its history, and how to brew it from the tea ambassador from Short and Stout Tea in Guilderland. We'll also have a tea tasting, too. Please register at 482-2154. For adults.

May 16 (Tues) at 6:30-7:30 pm Bach Branch

Chinese Music Lecture

Learn about traditional Chinese folk music and the history of music in China. For adults.

May 13 (Sat) at 3:00-4:00 pm Pine Hills Branch



Chinese Calligraphy

Join us for a discussion of Chinese calligraphy, along with the different schools and styles of this artistic form of decorative handwriting. For adults.

June 10 (Sat) at 3:00-4:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch

JOB CENTER

HVCC Academic Advisement

Hudson Valley Community College provides one-on-one academic advisement sessions during which you can meet 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 the specific needs and interests of each individual. 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)

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 $463-0254 \times 223$ 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

Resume & Computer Help

Get help with your resume, job application, setting up email, using Microsoft Word, Google Drive, and more. Drop in or call 463-1581 to make an appointment. For adults.

Every Thursday at 1:00-3:00 pm North Albany Branch

Online Job Searching that Works

Learn the real top-10 job search techniques. We'll take a look at the topics of job search considerations, analyzing a potential employer and researching job prospects. The importance of a professional online reputation will also be discussed. Career counselor Tom Denham presents this workshop. For adults.

May 3 (Wed) | 1:00-2:15 pm | Howe Branch May 25 (Thurs) | 6:00-7:30 pm | Delaware Branch

Get LinkedIn or Get Left Behind

LinkedIn is a powerful tool for establishing your brand, enhancing your visibility, and managing your career. This seminar demonstrates the features of LinkedIn and how to use it as your professional internet image. 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. For adults.

May 17 (Wed) at 1:00-2:15 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. You'll learn the rules of resume writing, the purpose of a cover letter, and the best approach to interviewing. 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. For adults.

May 24 (Wed) at 1:00-2:15 pm Washington Ave. 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 <u>localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org</u>. **Washington Ave. Branch** (2nd floor, Local History Room)



Albany Yearbook Donations

The Pruyn Collection of Albany History at the Washington Ave. Branch is accepting donations of yearbooks for schools that currently or formerly existed within the city limits of Albany. Yearbooks should be in good condition and can have signatures and messages written in them. For a list of print and digital yearbooks in our collection, visit our website (in the "Books & More" tab under "Local History"). Yearbook donations can be dropped off at the Washington Ave. Branch.

Washington Ave. Branch (1st Floor Information Desk) during regular hours

Genealogy Using Ancestry for Libraries

You can now visit any APL branch and access AncestryLibrary.com, which contains nearly all of the records and resources available through a pay subscription to Ancestry.com. You can search for and view records, print them out, download images, and email records to yourself for home access. Albany Directories from 1861-1960 and dozens of Albany school yearbooks can also be viewed. This service can only be accessed on library computers, or your device on our WiFi network, not from home.

AncestryLibrary.com is only available for in-library use at any of our branches

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	May 25 and June 8, 22
Baby Bounce Storytime	0-2	Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week
		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	May 9, 23 and June 13, 27 Stories, songs for children attending day cares and their providers.
Good Night Storytime	0-5	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:45 pm	Bach Branch	May 2, 9, 23, 30 and June 6, 13
		Mondays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every week (Not May 29) 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.
	3-5	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Howe Branch	May 2, 9, 23, 30 and June 6, 13
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 (Not May 27) 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		Mondays at 10:30 am-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 5, 12

KIDS & TEENS

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 6-15.

Every Tuesday at 4:30-5:30 pm **Howe Branch**

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! Our jar will be filled with LEGOs in May and beach balls in June. The winner will be announced the last day of each month. For ages 16 and under.

May 1-31 during regular branch hours June 1-30 during regular branch hours North Albany Branch

Reading with Emma

Come meet Emma, a certified therapy dog who enjoys listening to stories. Take a turn reading to Emma, and improve your reading skills along the way. For kids, but teens and adults are welcome to visit with Emma, too.



May 1, 8, 15, 22 (Mon) at 4:30-5:30 pm June 5, 12, 19, 26 (Mon) at 4:30-5:30 pm Pine Hills Branch

Mondays with Manga

Have fun exploring your favorite manga and anime on the first Monday of every month. For ages 11-17.

May 1 (Mon) at 4:30-5:30 pm June 5 (Mon) at 4:30-5:30 pm Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)

Movie Club

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

- May 3 | "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (PG-13, 2015)
- May 10 | "Freaky Friday" (PG, 2003)
- May 17 | "Moana" (PG, 2016)May 24 | "Sing" (PG, 2016)
- May 31 | "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (PG-13, 2016)
- June 7, 14, 21, 28 | Film Titles TBA

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

May the 4th be with You

We celebrate all this Star Wars on May the 4th! Select branches have fun activities planned. Join us, you should! For ages 6-17.



- 3:00-5:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch | Create Star Wars character buttons and snap a pic in our Star Wars photo booth.
- 3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany Branch | Make Perler bead lightsabers.
- 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Feel the force and make something crafty.
- 4:00-5:00 pm | Delaware Branch | Make lightsabers, decorate cupcakes, get your picture taken dressed up like Star Wars characters, and decorate a picture frame to take home.

May 4 (Thurs) at Various Times Select Branches

Plant First-Aid Kit

Did you know that plants have been used throughout history to treat serious illnesses, plus things like cuts, mosquito bites, and stomach aches? The Chatham Children's Garden talks to us about the medicinal properties of common plants. We'll make first-aid kit items from flowers, leaves, and roots. Please register at 472-9485. For ages 6-17.

May 4 (Thurs) at 4:30-5:30 pm **Howe Branch**

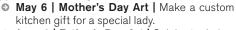
Cinco de Mayo Maracas

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and make your own musical maracas. For ages 6-17.

May 5 (Fri) at 3:30-4:30 pm North Albany Branch

1st Saturday for Families

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



June 3 | Father's Day Art | Celebrate dads and father figures by making festive paper neckties.

1st Saturday of Each Month at 10:30-11:30 am Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)

Free Comic Book Day

Do you love comics? Then don't miss Free Comic Book Day at the library! Stop in any time today to any of our branches to collect



free comics for all ages. Select branches have special activities, too.

- 11:00 am-2:30 pm | North Albany Branch | Superhero **Lollipop Craft**
- 12:00-5:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch | Superhero **Emblems Craft**
- 12:30-3:00 pm | Howe Branch | Minecraft Torch Craft
- 1:00-5:00 pm | Pine Hills Brach | Super Mario Brothers

May 6 (Sat) during Regular Hours All Branches

Howe Brilliant: STEM

We'll do fun Mother's Day-inspired activities using science, technology, engineering, and math techniques. Snacks, too. Please register by calling the branch at 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

May 8 (Mon) at 4:30-5:30 pm **Howe Branch**

KIDS & TEENS

Midday Matinee

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

- May 11 | "Moana" (PG, 2016)
- May 25 | "LEGO Movie" (PG, 2014)
- June 8 | "Shrek" (PG, 2001)
- June 29 | "Zootopia" (PG, 2016)

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

Mother's Day Craft

Make a special flower for your mom or other special person using construction paper and cupcake liners. For ages 6-17.

May 11 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:30 pm North Albany Branch



Afterschool Art

Discuss artist Amy Sillman's colorful abstract paintings, then make abstract art of your own using colored tape shaped into geometric designs. Our friends from the Tang Museum lead this fun art workshop. For ages 10 and under.

May 11 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm Delaware Branch

Tulip Fest Kids Zone

Visit us at the Kids Zone for crafts, books, and more fun! For families.

May 13 (Sat) at 11:00 am-6:00 pm Washington Park



STEMpunk

Tools, wires, gears, and circuit boards...all of these and more are included in our tinkering sessions. We'll do a different project in engineering, computer programming, chemistry, or physics each time. For ages 5-17.

May 18, 25 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm June 8, 22 (Thurs) 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.

May 18 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm June 1 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm Delaware 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.

May 22 (Fri) at 3:30-5:30 pm June 26 (Fri) at 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.

May 30 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm June 27 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm Howe Branch

Hip Dips

Honest Weight Food Co-op teaches us how to create yummy dips for fruits and veggies. We'll work in groups and sample each one's culinary creations. Bring home recipes to share. For ages 6-17.

June 6 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm

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

Pokémon Bingo

We'll be outside in the front courtyard playing Bingo, but with Pokémon characters! You can battle in our Pokémon Go Gym while



you're here. Bingo winners will get a Pokémon-themed prize and other participants get something cool, too. For ages 7-12.

June 7, 14, 21 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm Pine Hills Branch

Father's Day Craft

We'll make two fun gifts for the dad or special guy in your family: an "All About Dad" poster and a do-it-yourself travel mug. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 10 and under.

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

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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 482-2154.

For ages 9-17.

May 6 (Sat) at 12:00-5:00 pm Bach Branch

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. Please register at 482-2154

May 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tues) at 3:30-6:00 pm Bach Branch



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	May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 15 Experiments and game fun.
Club Xbox & Board Games Ages 5-17		Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Ages 11-15		Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every week
Club Wii Ages 5-17		Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week
Friday Fun Time Ages 10-17		Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Play video games and board games with friends.
Gaming Zone Ages 5-16		Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, WiiU, Xbox, Xbox One
Integrated Playgroup Ages 0-5		Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Bach Branch	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14 Facilitated playgroup for children with special needs.
It's Elementary Kids Club	Grades K-5	Tuesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
		Tuesdays at 4:15-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	May 2, 16 and June 6, 20
		Wednesdays at 3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
LEGO Club	Ages 5-12	Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 pm	Bach Branch	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14
LEGO CIUB		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14
	A O 17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week (Not May 29)
	Ages 8-17	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	May 3, 17, 31 and June 14
Let's Move	Ages 6-17	Thursdays at 3:00-4:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 4, 11, 18, 25
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
Monday Crafternoon	Ages 5-12 Mondays at 3:00-5:00 pm		Pine Hills Branch	Every week
Play & Grow Ages 0-5 W		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	May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 5, 12, 19, 26 Hosted by Alliance for Positive Health. HIV, STI, substance abuse prevention.
Teen Open Computer Lab Ages 11-17		Mondays at 5:00-7:30 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)	Every week No library card required. Play games, do homework, watch videos.
Teen Robotics Club	Ages 11-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every week Drop in to build & program robots.
Teen Time	Ages 11-17 Fridays at 3:30-4:30 pm		Pine Hills Branch	May 5, 12, 19, 26 Board & video games, craft projects, more.
Teen Zone	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.
United Geeks of Gaming	d Geeks of Gaming Ages 11+ Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm Washin (2nd Flo		Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Community Room)	Every week Electronic & board games

Summer Reading Program!

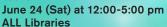
BUILD A BETTER WORLD IN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

School is out and it's time for summer reading fun at the library! Read with us this summer to earn cool prizes and visit the library for awesome activities.

- The Summer Reading Program is June 24 through Aug. 19.
- Sign up at any of our library branches.
- Read whatever you want—fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, chapter books, anime, picture books, biographies, anything!
- Every week that you read, you earn chances for great prizes.
- Visit the libraries for awesome activities like gaming, arts-and-crafts, parties, science and technology, sports, special guests, and more.



The program kicks off on Saturday, June 24, at EVERY APL branch library. Stop by any time today and register for the Summer Reading Program, pick up your reading record, and borrow some books!



A few locations have special activities planned on June 24, too.

12:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Crafts & Frozen Treats

1:00-4:00 pm | Milk & Cookies | Bach Branch

1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch | Games, Crafts & Stewart's Sundaes

2:00-4:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch | Minute-to-Win-It Games & Ice Cream Treats

Food Chain Dioramas

Using the book *Animals are Delicious* by Sarah Hutt, we make dioramas of animals in the ocean, forest, and sky. We'll display the dioramas in the branch during the summer. Space is limited, so please register by calling 482-2154. For ages 5-17.

June 28 (Wed) at 2:00-2:45 pm Bach Branch

"Picture" Yourself

Assemble a framed self-portrait, because building a better world begins with you! For ages 5-17.

June 28 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Make Your Own Paper

Where do books go when their pages are ripped or fall out? We can recycle those damaged pages and turn them new sheets of paper! Discover the art of paper making as we create our pulp, form shapes, use wet and dry felts, and dry the paper for you to take home. Our friends at Bright Ideas lead this hands-on workshop. Please register at 463-0254. For ages 17 and under.

June 29 (Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm Delaware Branch

Movie: "Zootopia"

Join us to watch this fun animated Disney film and enjoy some popcorn, too. For ages 17 and under.

June 29 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:30 pm Howe Branch



Minecraft Camp

Build a better Minecraft world with us! This weeklong camp is open to beginners who want to learn the tricks and cheats of Minecraft. We'll be using Minecraft Education Edition to build and grow a special Minecraft world together. We'll create our own Minecraft character costumes on the last day of camp. A small snack will be provided each afternoon. Class size is limited, and registration is required by calling 427-4310. For ages 9-17.

June 26 (Mon) through June 30 (Fri) at 1:00-4:30 pm Washington Ave. Branch (2nd Floor, Youth Services)

SummerFest

Join us at the Delaware Branch on Saturday, July 8, for our popular outdoor festival celebrating summer reading! We'll have games, activities, refreshments, giveaways, and fun for the whole family. For children and families.

July 8 (Sat) at 12:00-2:00 pm Delaware Branch





Albany Public Library

www.albanypubliclibrary.org

Library		Address	
Arbor Hill/ West Hill Branch		Henry Johnson Blvd., 12210 694-0596	
Bach Branch	455 New Scotland Avenue, 12208 482-2154		
Delaware Branch	3	31 Delaware Avenue, 12209 463-0254	
Mon. & Wed. Tues. & Thurs.	-	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	
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Saturday Sunday BACH BRANCH ONLY		1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	
Howe Branch		105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485	
Pine Hills		517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911	
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	North Albany Branch	Address 616 North Pearl Street, 12204 463-1581
	Mon. & Tues. Wednesday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Thurs. & Fri. Saturday	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
	Washington Avenue Branch	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 161 Washington Avenue, 12210
-	Mon., Tues. & Wed. Thurs. & Fri.	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
-	Saturday Sunday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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