

# 2017 COMMUNITY REPORT

## ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY



### THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

✓ **792,832** VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

✓ **681,470** ITEMS BORROWED

✓ **414,714** WEBSITE VISITS

✓ **149,714** COMPUTER SESSIONS

✓ **59,601** PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS

✓ **8,759** MEETING & STUDY ROOMS USED



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Beat Bots named Upper Hudson Library System Youth Program of the Year
- ➔ Local History Room and program honored for distinguished service by Capital Area Archivists
- ➔ Albany Community Action Partnership Head Start class moved into space at Washington Ave. building
- ➔ CDPHP CYCLE! storage and repair operation moved into surplus space at Washington Ave. building
- ➔ Library Links book delivery service for homebound seniors expanded to entire Albany community

### DIGITAL MEDIA

Our collection of digital books, audiobooks, magazines and streaming video continues to grow in quantity and popularity.

APL patrons **borrowed a total of 64,859 eMedia titles** in 2017.

All are available to download for free from the app -- UHLS Mobile -- or the APL website.

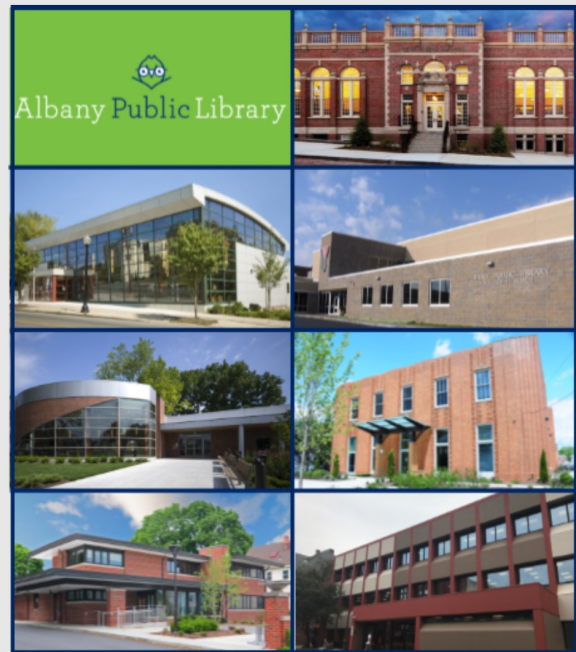
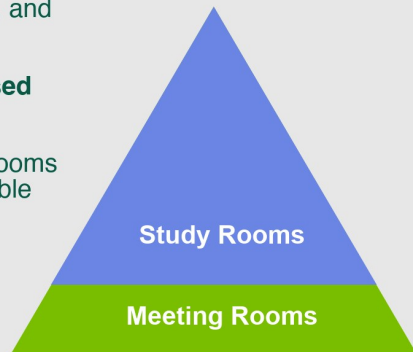


# MEETING SPACES

People are increasingly using our meeting rooms and study spaces to hold organization meetings, tutoring sessions, small-group gatherings, and community forums.

These **spaces were used 8,579 times** in 2017.

There are 20 meeting rooms and study rooms available across our branches.



# LIBRARY LIFE



## COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The library's new strategic plan, developed in 2017 for implementation in 2018, promises to:

### MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

Provide exceptional programs, material, outreach & public interactions that promote literacy, lifelong learning & civic participation

### COMMUNITY LEARNING PLATFORM

Enhance library's space, tools & resources as a platform for community learning, creativity & engagement

### CULTIVATE LEADERSHIP

Develop & empower strong, capable, flexible & vocal users, staff, volunteers & board members who embody the values of the organization

### LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Maximize public investment through efficient, creative & intelligent management of resources



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