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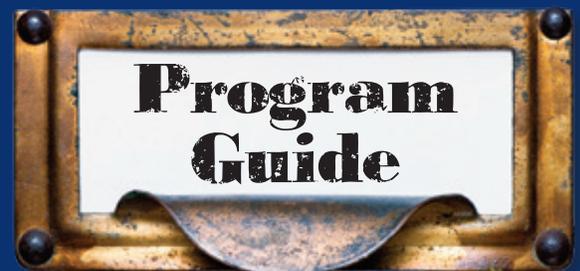
in 2019!

*We are eliminating late fees on books,
DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks!*

Check out the

**WINTER VACATION
FUN & GAMES**

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APL GOES FINE FREE

We are joining libraries all across the country and going fine free in 2019!

Starting on Jan. 1, we are **eliminating overdue fines on all books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for all patrons**. The goal is to make it easier for you to read, watch, and listen to the items you borrow from us without accruing fines for keeping them too long!

All **late fines will also be removed from patron accounts**. So if you haven't been able to use your library card because of too many late fines, you can start using it again!

Our experiences with MyCARD, the library card for kids where they can borrow items with no late fines, influenced our thinking about going fine free for everyone. We found that kids and teens with MyCARD borrowed more items and visited more frequently when they didn't have to worry about paying fines for late books.

Nationally, fine free libraries report that eliminating late fines brings new people into the library and allows previous cardholders to return. At Salt Lake City Public Library, for example, check-outs increased 10 percent and 3.5 percent more new cardholders were added. Libraries also find that the loss in revenue from late fines is negligible on their budgets. At APL, payments from fines and fees comprise less than one percent of our entire operating budget. We are more than making up for this with other revenue sources, including shared use agreements on space at the Washington Ave. building and income from the sale of CDTA Navigator passes, just to name a couple.

Going fine free is an exciting opportunity for the library to break down barriers and promote literacy in all of our community. APL will be the first library in Albany County, and the second in the Upper Hudson Library System, to go fine free.

There are a couple of caveats to our new fine free policy.

We will still charge late fines for "things" – including musical instruments, technology devices, bike locks, museum passes, and tools, among others. These library things are in high demand and we need to have them returned to us in a timely fashion so others on the waiting lists can enjoy them.

The library will also still charge replacement costs for lost items. But if you find the missing materials and return them to us, you won't have to pay a replacement fee or late fine.

We've got more details about the new fine free policy on our website – www.albanypubliclibrary.org – and all service desks at our branches. So please visit to learn more!



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 or calling (518) 427-4379.

- 🕒 Jan. 10 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- 🕒 Jan. 17 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Delaware Branch
- 🕒 Jan. 31 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Bach Branch
- 🕒 Feb. 7 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Howe Branch
- 🕒 Feb. 14 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- 🕒 Feb. 28 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch



SCHEDULE NOTES

Jan. 1 (Tues) | CLOSED | New Year's Day

Jan. 21 (Mon) | OPEN | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 18 (Mon) | OPEN | Presidents' Day

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

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Social Justice Film Series: "Race/Related"

Join us for a viewing of this 2016 POV documentary, followed by an enlightening discussion. In the documentary, three filmmakers explore race and ethnicity in unique ways using interactive digital media. This film series is a partnership with the Center for Law & Justice, Youth FX, and EquiVisible. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485.

For adults.

Feb. 4 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Howe Branch

African American Month Film Series

Join us weekly in February for screenings of impactful movies from the library's collection. For adults

- **Feb. 5 | "Malcolm X"** (1992, rated PG-13)
- **Feb. 12 | "The Color Purple"** (1995, rated PG-13)
- **Feb. 19 | "Selma"** (2014, rated PG-13)
- **Feb. 26 | "Glory"** (1989, rated R)

Select Tuesdays at 5:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

"Brought to Light: Unearthing the History of an African-American Cemetery in Kinderhook"

We'll view this documentary about how a few villagers in Kinderhook set out to clean up some stone markers in an overgrown field, leading to the discovery of a forgotten "slaves' cemetery" from the 1800s. The film is a portal into the Underground Railroad in Kinderhook and follows the efforts to restore respect to the Persons of Color Cemetery. Filmmaker Barbara Reina joins us for a Q&A after the documentary. Please register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For all adults.

Feb. 11 (Mon) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

African American Music History

This two-part series is an interactive workshop with live performances by local artists. We will celebrate the contributions of the African slave on American pop music with the Pilgrimage of African American Music History Project. The series will cover the history and purposes of African music prior to the slave trade, focusing on sub-Saharan African folk and dance music. We'll discuss elements of tribal African music including syncopation, ring shout, and call and response. Light refreshments will be served. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For all ages.

Feb. 13, 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

Exhibit: African American Periodicals in Albany

View reproductions of African American-produced newspapers and newsletters published in Albany and housed in our Pruyn Collection of Albany History. Titles on display include: "Unity" (1937), "The Albany Liberator" (1960s-1970s), and "South End Scene" (1970s-1990s). This exhibit can be viewed on the library's first floor. For all ages.

Feb. 16-24 (Sat-Sun) during regular hours

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

We're commemorating the birthday of this important American Civil Rights leader with activities at several branches.



- **Community Mural | 10:00 am-6:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch** | Paint a watercolor mural of an iconic image of Martin Luther King Jr., which will be displayed in the library. We'll also play famous speeches by King and other Civil Rights leaders of the past and present. For all ages.
- **Happy Birthday Dr. King | 12:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch** | King's favorite dessert was pecan pie, so we are sampling pecan pie bars in his honor. For adults.
- **MLK Jr. Storytime & Craft | 5:00-6:00 pm | Howe Branch** | Children and caregivers can hear stories that celebrate the legacy of King, and then add to the peace flag we are creating. For ages 0-10.

Jan. 21 (Mon)

ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Albany Made Creative Lab

This space for makers is full of equipment and technology, including:

- 3D printer and scanner
- video and music editing equipment
- sewing machine and fiber arts materials
- hand tools and bike repair kit
- graphics software and computer
- color printer and digital camera



Stop by one of our open labs and make something! For more information, please call (518) 427-4303 or email albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org.

For ages 18+.

- **Every Tuesday at 4:00-7:00 pm**
- **Every Thursday at 2:00-5:00 pm**
- **1st & 3rd Saturdays at 1:00-4:00 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Retro Gaming & Video Game Design Demo

Explore game design software provided by the library, or just drop in to test out our Retro Pi Gaming System. Register at (518) 427-4303 or via the online events calendar.

Jan. 3 (Thurs) at 5:00-6:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Stitch 'n' Sip

Looking for a new place to knit or crochet to your heart's content? Bring your own project and meet up with other local fiber crafters in our Albany Made Creative Lab the first Saturday of each month. Light refreshments provided. Register at (518) 427-4303 or via the online events calendar. For all ages.

Jan. 5 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Feb. 2 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

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Folded Book Art

When books become old or unwanted, you can transform them into a treasured keepsake. With folded book art, there is no cutting involved as you simply fold the pages into something special. Learn how to upcycle a book into a piece of art! Register at (518) 427-4303 or via the online events calendar.

Jan. 9 (Wed) at 3:30-5:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Knitting for Newbies

New to knitting? We'll show you the ropes (or, in this case, the yarn) and you'll be knitting in no time. All supplies provided. Please register online or at (518) 427-4303. For adults.

Jan. 23 (Wed) at 5:00-7:00 pm

Feb. 27 (Wed) at 5:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

**3D Printing Class**

Curious about 3D printing technology? Looking for a place to make your designs into reality? Come to the Albany Made Creative Lab for a 3D printing tutorial and learn about free 3D design programs available at the library and online. Please register at (518) 427-4303. For adults.

Jan. 31 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Craft My Valentine

Quilling, or paper filigree, is an art form that involves rolling, shaping, and gluing strips of paper together to create decorative designs. We'll get expert advice on how to use quilling to craft a special Valentine for a loved one. All supplies provided. Please register online or at (518) 427-4303. For adults.

Feb. 6 (Wed) at 5:30-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Beaded Jewelry Workshop

Learn how to make beautiful beaded jewelry from our resident artist Danielle. Class size is limited, so please register via our online events calendar or by calling (518) 427-4303. For adults.

Feb. 7 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Bach Fiction Book Discussion Group

Pick up your copy of the month's fiction title at the Bach reference desk. For adults.

Jan. 8 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Feb. 5 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

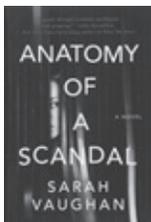
The No. 331 Delaware Detectives Book Club

Welcome to our mystery book club! Copies of the book will be available at the Delaware reference desk. Read the book on your own and then join us for a lively discussion. Books are selected by group members at the conclusion of each meeting. Please call (518) 463-0254 for more information. For adults.

- **Jan. 9** | *Anatomy of a Scandal* by Sarah Vaughan
- **Feb. 13** | *The Whole Cat and Caboodle* by Sofie Ryan

Select Wednesdays at 2:00-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

**Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group**

Pick up your copy of the month's nonfiction title at the Bach reference desk. For adults.

Jan. 17 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm | **Bach Branch**

Feb. 21 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm | **Bach Branch**

Cozy Winter Reading Program

Enjoy six weeks of winter reading fun at the library! Each week will feature a BINGO grid of reading and other activities. Complete up to two BINGO lines per week and receive a raffle ticket for each one. We'll have a prize drawing on March 18. Please register at (518) 482-2154. For adults.

Feb. 1-March 15 during regular hours | **Bach Branch**

North Albany Book Club

Join us for a great discussion about a thought-provoking book. Please call the branch at (518) 463-1581 for the next book title. For adults.

Jan. 23 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | **North Albany Branch**

Feb. 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | **North Albany Branch**

TECHNOLOGY

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, Google Drive, and more. Call the appropriate branch to schedule a one-on-one session. For adults.

- **Every Wednesday at 12:00-2:00 pm** | **Pine Hills Branch** | Call (518) 482-7911 x2 for appointment
- **Every Wednesday at 1:00-3:00 pm** | **Howe Branch** | Call (518) 472-9485 for appointment
- **By Appointment** | **North Albany Branch** | Call (518) 463-1581 for appointment

Get Help with eBooks, Devices & 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. Appointments are required.

Flexible Dates & Times | Call (518) 427-4303 for appointment

Washington Ave. Branch

ART & EXPRESSION

With Pen in Hand

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. Please register online or by calling (518) 472-9485. For adults.

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

Stitch Angels

Do you have a passion and skill for making hand-knitted or crocheted garments? Then the Stitch Angels need you! We gather to share our passion for yarn and create items to use for our next "yarn bombing" when we will distribute our handmade clothing in the city. For adults.

Every Friday at 12:30-2:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Knitting & Crocheting Social Group

Join other knitters, crocheters, and stitchers in this friendly group. Bring your own project, share tips, and chat with your fellow fiber artists. For adults.

Jan. 3 and Feb. 7 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Jan. 15 and Feb. 19 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Bach Branch

Sketch 'n' Sip

Interested in learning how to sketch? Local artist Robert Eaton will teach us the basics of this art form. All materials will be provided, along with some delicious non-alcoholic beverages. Space is limited, so register online or by calling (518) 463-0254. For adults.

Jan. 5 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Saturday Art Group

Adults of all artistic skill levels are welcome to meet and create art independently in this volunteer-run art group. Basic supplies are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Please register for the session you'd like to attend by calling (518) 482-7911 x2 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

Jan. 5, 12, 26 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm
Feb. 2, 9, 23 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Arts & Crafts Social Hour

Hang out and get crafty with our new spectrum-friendly social hour for grownups. We'll do a variety of arts and crafts, play board games, and chat with new friends. For adults on the spectrum and their caregivers.

Jan. 8, 22 (Tues) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Feb. 5, 19 (Tues) at 1:00-2:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Sew! What?

Visit 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 available to help guide you through your project. Please register by calling (518) 472-9485 or via our online library events calendar. For adults.

Jan. 9, 23 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Feb. 13, 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch



Knitting & Crocheting

Design a piece of art and bring it to life using needles, yarn, and thread. Supplies will be provided. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2 or online. For adults.

Jan. 10 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Art Class

Create something beautiful with the guidance of professional art teacher Dana. The class is for all experience levels, and supplies are provided. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Jan. 14 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Feb. 4 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Fiber Fanatics

Meet with other fiber artists in a relaxed environment. Bring your current project or recently finished work to share with the group. If you're a beginner, get some guidance from our crocheting and knitting librarian. For adults.

Jan. 15, 29 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Feb. 12, 26 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Acrylic Painting

Join us for these monthly still-life acrylic painting classes. All supplies are provided. Please register at (518) 482-2154 or via our online library events calendar. For adults.

Jan. 19 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm
Feb. 16 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm
Bach Branch

Scrapbooking

It's National Hobby Month, so join us to learn a new hobby: scrapbooking. Bring your vacation, family, or pet photos and learn how to transform them into a beautiful book of memories. Supplies and guidance will be provided. Register by calling (518) 694-0596. For adults.

Jan. 22 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Craft Night

Enjoy a relaxing night at the library and create something beautiful to take home with you. All supplies are provided. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Jan. 28 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Feb. 25 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Button-Making Workshop

Make your own buttons and speak your truth! Bring pictures or words you want to use, print phrases or images from our computers, and go home with badges to show people what's on your mind. Register at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

Jan. 30 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch



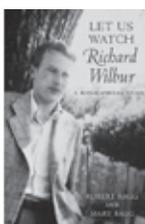
FRIENDS OF APL BOOK TALKS

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.



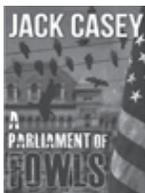
Jan. 8 | Special Program "Death of Theodore Roosevelt"

Author David Pietrusza specializes in writing books about baseball and American presidents. He will be discussing how our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt, died suddenly of a blood clot in 1919.



Jan. 15 | Book Review *Let Us Watch Richard Wilbur*

This biography by Robert and Mary Bagg displays the hidden troubles of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Richard Wilbur in an authentic manner. Walter Auclair, a farmer and retired professor of biology, reviews the book.



Jan. 22 | Author Talk Jack Casey on *A Parliament of Fowls*

This satirical novel chronicles the bloodless 2009 "coup" in the New York State Senate and portrays the legislators as "smarmy, oversexed, boozed-up cabals who turn the venerable statehouse into a kind of Animal House on the Hudson," according to the *Times Union*. Casey served as NYS Senate parliamentarian for 14 years and now writes novels and practices law.



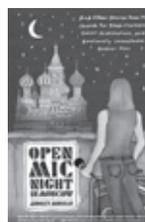
Jan. 29 | Author Talk Harvey Havel on *Mister Big*

The novel follows the story of a football player from high school through a tumultuous tenure in the NFL. Havel is a short story writer and novelist, who has also taught writing at the college level in the Capital Region.



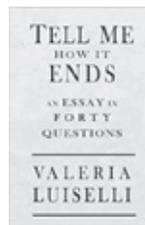
Feb. 5 | Book Review *My Beloved World*

In this autobiography, Sonia Sotomayor recounts her life from its start in a Bronx housing project to her current role as a US Supreme Court justice. *The New York Times* calls the book "an eloquent and affecting testament to the triumph of brains and hard work over circumstance." Ladan Alomar, executive director of Centro Civico, reviews the book.



Feb. 12 | Book Review *Open Mic Night in Moscow*

In this memoir, "Russian-obsessed American writer and comedian" Audrey Murray details her adventures on a solo tour of Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Siberia and her "search for black markets, Soviet architecture, and emotionally unavailable Russian men." The book is reviewed by Marggie Skinner of the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza.



Feb. 19 | Book Review *Tell Me How It Ends*

Author Valeria Luiselli writes about her experience as a volunteer court translator for Latin American refugee children who face deportation in what *Publisher's Weekly* called "a vital document for understanding the crisis that immigrants to the U.S. are facing." Silvia Meijía, an associate professor of Spanish at the College of St. Rose, reviews the book.



Feb. 26 | Book Review *The Ideal of Culture*

This book is a collection of 63 essays on topics ranging from domestic life to current social trends, and an "appraisal of contemporary nuttiness" by author Joseph Epstein. The book is reviewed by Gene Damm, president of the Friends of APL.



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CAREERS & FINANCE

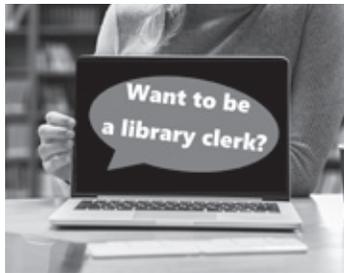
Resume Workshop

Want help creating or polishing your resume? Looking for a job, but unsure of how to apply on the computer? We can help! Call (518) 694-0596 x229 to set up a 30-minute appointment. For adults.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

So You Want to be a Library Clerk?

The Albany Municipal Civil Service Commission has ongoing exams for APL library clerk positions! At this workshop, we'll help you fill out the online application and provide you with study materials to prepare for the exam.



Please call (518) 694-0596 x229 to find out if you're eligible to take the exam and to register for the workshop. For adults.

Jan. 8 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

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 (AHP) of the Greater Capital Region. Please register for a session by calling AHP at (518) 434-1730. For adults.

Jan. 8 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Feb. 5 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Bullet Journaling Basics

It's the start of a new year and a great time to get your life organized. Bring a blank, unlined or grid-dotted notebook, and learn techniques for habit tracking, task planning, and calendar management. Instructor Danielle will also show us other useful bullet journal templates. Please register at (518) 463-1581 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

Jan. 16 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany 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 (518) 427-4303 for more information. For ages 18+.

Jan. 25 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Feb. 22 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

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 (518) 435-1770 to make an appointment. For adults.

Feb. 5 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

Finding the Job You Want

Learn a more effective approach to getting your foot in the door and finding a job that is the right fit for you. You can attend one or both sessions of this two-part workshop. Please register via the online event calendar or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

- **Feb. 6 |** Begin to clarify the kind of job you want. Learn about job-seeking strategies to uncover opportunities to match your interests.
- **Feb. 13 |** Delve more deeply into how to find and connect with people in your field to make the most of networking opportunities.

Feb. 6, 13 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

LOCAL HISTORY

Exhibit: African American Periodicals in Albany

View reproductions of African American-produced newspapers and newsletters published in Albany and housed in our Pruyn Collection of Albany History. Titles on display include: "Unity" (1937), "The Albany Liberator" (1960s-1970s), and "South End Scene" (1970s-1990s). This exhibit can be viewed on the library's first floor. For all ages.

Feb. 16-24 (Sat-Sun) during regular hours
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor

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, homes, urban renewal, and others, visit the site and select "Albany Public Library" from the "Collections" tab.

nyheritage.org



Local History Room Open Hours

The Local History Room—located on the second floor of the Washington Ave. Branch—has regular hours when you can visit and view the Pruyn Collection of Albany History. This collection includes books, pamphlets, clippings, newspapers, and photographs.

The Local History Room is open:

- 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
- The collection is also accessible by appointment. For more information, please call (518) 427-4376 or email localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org.

Albany City Historian Tony Opalka treats us to several visits a month, and 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

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Local History Room

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 or calling (518) 427-4355. For adults.

Select Days | Appointment Required
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 in the "About APL" section under "Leadership." For adults.

- **Jan. 8 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Regular Meeting | Washington Ave. Branch**
- **Feb. 12 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Regular Meeting | Pine Hills Branch**
- **Feb. 26 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Budget Session | Howe Branch**

Culture & Coffee

This lecture series features a different guest speaker each month, covering history, culture, language, and more. Enjoy refreshments and learn something new! Please register at (518) 482-7911 x2 or via our online events calendar. For adults.

Jan. 11 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Feb. 8 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Let's Talk About...Albany

Join us for a great conversation about Albany memories. We'll pick a new topic of interest each month. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. The series is sponsored by APL and NNORC. For adults.

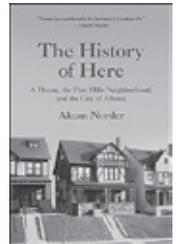
- **Jan. 24 | Author Akum Norder Discusses *The History of Here: A House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany***
- **Feb. 28 | Topic to be Announced**

Select Thursdays at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

We celebrate this national "holiday" every year at the Bach Branch and invite you to join us for some yummy breakfast ice cream! We'll have luscious sundaes made with Stewart's vanilla ice cream, along with toppings of your choice, including: warm cinnamon apples, sliced bananas, granola, fudge, and strawberries. Our musical friend Bob will be here to lead us in song and play his guitar. This is a wonderful family event and perfect for Take Your Child to the Library Day! For all ages.

Feb. 2 (Sat) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Bach Branch



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

High School Equivalency Test Prep Class

This program is free and features instruction by a certified teacher in the five areas of study for the HSE exam. BOCES instructors prepare students ages 17 and older to take the exam. Please call BOCES at (518) 694-4567 to register. For adults.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Community Room

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 (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 2:00-5:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Community Room

ESOL: Intermediate Class

This free intermediate-level English as a Second Language class focuses on developing students' competency in the basic skills areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Vocabulary and grammar will focus on practical language designed to help students effectively navigate everyday situations. Please register by calling BOCES at (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

ESOL Conversation Group

Practice your English conversation skills in this drop-in English group for speakers of other languages. The program is led by trained literacy volunteers. For more information, please call the branch at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Every Tuesday at 1:30-3:00 pm

Delaware Branch

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Nurse Is In

Stop in and get a free blood pressure check at this program co-sponsored by NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). For adults.

Every Monday at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Free HIV & Hep C Rapid Testing & Information: For Substance Abusers

Substance abusers can get tested and learn how to prevent HIV, Hep C, and other sexually transmitted infections in this free, confidential program provided by the Alliance for Positive Health. For adults who are substance abusers.

Jan. 7 (Mon) at 12:00-3:00 pm
Feb. 4 (Mon) at 12:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Healthy Bones for Life

The Healthy Bones for Life Exercise and Education Program is a community-based series for older adults that encourages participants to take steps to build and maintain strong bones. This eight-week series of classes is presented in a small-group format and led by trained peer volunteers. For older adults.

- Week 1 | Jan. 8, 11
- Week 2 | Jan. 15, 18
- Week 3 | Jan. 22, 25
- Week 4 | Jan. 29, Feb. 1
- Week 5 | Feb. 5, 8
- Week 6 | Feb. 12, 15
- Week 7 | Feb. 19, 22
- Week 8 | Feb. 26



Select Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30-11:30 am
Bach Branch

Cook the Book Recipe Swap

Choose a recipe from the cookbook of the month, which you can view at the Bach reference desk. We'll copy the recipe for you, then you can make it at home. Return to the library on the program dates below and share your cooking story with us. Samples of your dish to share are always welcome! For adults.

Jan. 17 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Feb. 14 (Thurs) 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Elevenes: A Brief History of Tea

Learn about the history of tea from expert Cheryl Hurd and then enjoy "elevenes," light refreshments that are enjoyed in the middle of the morning. Please register online or at (518) 482-2154. For adults.

Feb. 1 (Fri) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Bach Branch



Galentine's Day Spa Workshop

Learn how to make bath bombs, sugar scrubs, and coffee scrubs to pamper yourself or give to your favorite friend for Galentine's Day, a holiday that was popularized on "Parks and Recreation." Register online or at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

Feb. 13 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch



Hot Tea Tasting

Enjoy a cup of tea and sample varieties including black, green, herbal, and oolong. We'll also have sweet treats from Danielle's kitchen. For adults.

Feb. 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch

GAMING

Board Game Night

Bring some friends and your favorite board game, or try some of the games we have in our collection. For adults.

Every Wednesday at 6:00-8:00 pm
Howe Branch

Grown Up Gaming

Gaming isn't only for kids and teens! You can get in on the fun with this special time for adults to play board and card games. For adults.

Every Thursday at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons has been around for decades and is a true "build your own adventure" game. We'll use the fifth edition rule-set and journey through a short adventure before branching out into other campaigns. All interest levels are welcome. For adults.

- **Every Saturday at 1:00-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch |** Registration is required by calling (518) 482-7911 x2 or online.
- **Jan. 12, 26 and Feb. 16, 23 (Sat) at 1:45-4:45 pm | Delaware Branch |** Registration is required via the APL online events calendar or by calling (518) 463-0254 x2.

"Go" Game for Seniors

"Go" is an ancient board game that takes basic elements—line and circle, black and white, stone and wood—and combines them with simple rules to create subtleties that enthrall players. The game only has a few rules, which can be quickly demonstrated and easily understood. Seniors who attend the session will enjoy playing the game and learning from each other. All experience levels welcome. For seniors.

Feb. 6 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Scrabble Evening

Join us for a friendly game of Scrabble. We have Scrabble boards, plus the latest dictionaries and cheat sheets. Enjoy tea, coffee, and cookies while you play. For ages 17 and older.

Jan. 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm
Feb. 14 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm
Bach Branch



MOVIES & MUSIC

Midday Matinee

Stop by on Friday afternoons to enjoy a free movie and popcorn.
For adults.

Every Friday at 12:30-3:00 pm | Howe Branch

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of each month's performance.
For adults.

- **Jan. 4** | "Beethoven's Seventh"
- **Feb. 8** | "Romantic Chopin"

Select Fridays at 12:00-1:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Large Auditorium

African American Music History

This two-part series is an interactive workshop with live performances by local artists as we celebrate the contributions of the African slave on American pop music from the 17th century through today with the Pilgrimage of African American Music History Project. The series will cover the history and purposes of African music prior to the slave trade, focusing on sub-Saharan African folk and dance music. We'll discuss elements of tribal African music including syncopation, ring shout, and call and response. Light refreshments will be served. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For all ages.

Feb. 13, 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch

Social Justice Film Series

We'll view and discuss a different film each month. This series is a partnership with the Center for Law & Justice, Youth FX, and EquiVisible. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For adults.



- **Jan. 7 | "Of Men and War"** | This POV documentary provides an unparalleled look at the enduring consequences of PTSD and the role treatment can play in helping soldiers and veterans reclaim their lives.
- **Feb. 4 | "Race/Related"** | This POV documentary showcases stories about race and ethnicity by three different filmmakers.

Select Mondays at 6:00-8:00 pm
Howe Branch

STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Baby Bounce Storytime Songs, stories, play group.	0-2	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 pm	Bach Branch	Every week - Followed by play group
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by Play & Grow
Daycare Storytime For daycare students & their providers.	0-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week
Family Storytime Songs, nursery rhymes, stories.	0-5	Tuesdays at 5:00-5:30 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every week
		Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Delaware Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by Play & Grow
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by Play & Grow
Pajama Storytime Wear jammies for stories & lullabies.	1-5	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Bach Branch	Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
		Wednesdays at 7:00-7:30pm	North Albany Branch	Jan. 9, 23 and Feb. 6, 20
Pre-School Storytime	3-5	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Howe Branch	Every Week - Followed by playtime and family meetup
Toddler Storytime	1-3	Mondays at 10:30-11:30 am	Bach Branch	Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Followed by play group
		Tuesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every Week. Followed by playtime or crafts.
		Fridays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup

FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Board Game Club	6-11	Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week
Build It! Bricks & Blocks	4-12	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Feb. 20, 27 LEGOs, blocks, tinker toys.
North	9-17	Mondays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week Practice coding & tinker w/Little Bits & iPads
Crafternoons	6-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Jan. 9, 23 and Feb. 6, 20
Friday Fun Time	11-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Branch	Every Week. Video & board games.
Game On	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week Play Wii or Xbox.
Gaming Zone	5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, WiiU, Xbox 360, Xbox One.
LEGO Club	5-12	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 27
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week
Let's Move	4-8	Thursdays at 3:00-3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 28 Dance & fitness Call branch to register
Level Up	9-11	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week WiiU, Snap Circuits, LEGOs
Mic Drop	9-17	Mondays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Jam session.
Minecraft Mayhem	6-14	Mondays 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
Movie Club	6-17	Thursdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week
Mystery Lab	11-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Jan. 3, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 28 Tinker & experiment.
Pine Hills Afternoon Society	9-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Every Week Board & video games, crafts, projects.
T(w)een Movies	12-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week Movies and popcorn.
Teen Time	12-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Super Smash Bros., or Mario Kart on Wii-U
United Geeks of Gaming	11-17	Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch (2nd floor, Community Room)	Every Week Electronic & boards games.

KIDS & TEENS



South End Scene

Help us re-launch the *South End Scene*, an Albany community newspaper that covered local and national stories from 1976 until 1991. We're starting up this important community resource again with our friends from the Center for Law and Justice. Join us for these weekly sessions to learn about journalism and be part of crafting real news articles about your community. Registration is required by visiting the online library events calendar or calling (518) 472-9485. For ages 9-17.

Every Tuesday at 4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch



Center for
Law and Justice

Test Kitchen

Come to our test kitchen and make experiments you can eat. Learn about how different ingredients interact, test variations on recipes, and eat the results! Please register at (518) 472-0485 or via the online library events calendar. For ages 9-17.

Every Friday at 3:30-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Dog Man Drawing Challenge

Are you a fan of Dog Man, the hero of Dav Pilkey's newest bestselling kids' series? Do you like to draw? Then why not combine both interests and try your hand at drawing your favorite characters from the books? Every Dog Man book includes



a chapter on how to draw his characters, so check those out for inspiration. Create your drawings at home, and bring them in to the library for us to hang up in our Kid Masterpiece Gallery. You'll also earn a Stewart's ice cream coupon and a chance to win the latest book in the series, *Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild*. For ages 5-12.

Jan. 2-Feb. 28 during regular hours
Delaware Branch

STEMpunk

Join us for fun science, technology, engineering, and math projects. For ages 9-17.

- Jan. 2 | Bloxels
- Jan. 16 | "Frozen" Slime
- Jan. 30 | Scratch 101
- Feb. 13 | Rock Candy
- Feb. 27 | Let it Snow!

Select Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm
North Albany Branch

Kids Club

Enjoy afterschool activities with your friends. For ages 5-8.

- Jan. 3 | Snowflakes
- Jan. 10 | Minecraft
- Jan. 17 | Popsicle Stick Art
- Jan. 24 | Minecraft
- Jan. 31 | Make Slime
- Feb. 7 | Minecraft
- Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day Craft
- Feb. 28 | Card Tricks with Tim Tilstra

Select Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Afternoon Movies

Our monthly movie showings are appropriate for ages 5-17.

- Jan. 4 | "The Incredibles 2" (2018, PG)
- Feb. 1 | "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" (2018, PG)

Select Fridays at 4:00-6:00 pm
Howe Branch

1st Saturdays for Families

Bring your little ones for these fun monthly activities. For ages 0-7.

- Jan. 5 | **Birthdays Party** | Celebrate this fun program's fifth birthday with us! We'll have cake, books, games, crafts, and fun.
- Feb. 2 | **Play-Doh** | Make your own Play-Doh creations using our dough and tools.

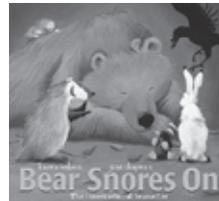
Select Saturdays at 10:30-11:30 am
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor,
Community Room

Family

Storytime: *Bear Snores On*

Our friends from WMHT PBS Kids are helping us with a special family storytime. We'll read *Bear Snores On*, make a craft, and get a copy of the book to take home. Please register online or at (518) 463-1581. For ages 0-7.

Jan. 5 (Sat) at 10:30-11:30 am
North Albany Branch



Music Together

Enjoy a fun hour with Matt's Music Together. For ages 0-5.

Jan. 7 (Mon) at 10:30-11:30 am
Bach Branch

Integrated Playgroup

This monthly playgroup is designed to benefit young children with special needs. Whether observing or participating, children will experience literacy through multi-sensory activities including tactile exploration, music, sign language, art, and movement. For ages 0-5.

Jan. 7 (Mon) at 10:30-11:30 am
Feb. 4 (Mon) at 10:30-11:30 am
Pine Hills Branch

Youth Meditation

Join us for a youth meditation session led by Shameka Andrews. You'll get grounded to achieve greater focus and calm for the rest of your day. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 8 (Tues) at 4:00-4:30 pm
Feb. 5 (Tues) at 4:00-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Tween Crafternoons

Feel like making something crafty? Join us for these fun crafternoons. All supplies are provided.

- Jan. 8 | **Felt Foxes** | Cut out the pattern and learn simple stitches to craft adorable felt foxes. Space is limited, so please register online or at (518) 463-0254. For ages 12-15.
- Jan. 22 | **Perler Beads** | Free build a Perler creation in this drop-in program. For ages 11-17.
- Feb. 5 | **Funfetti Candles** | We'll melt soy wax flakes, add sprinkles, and go home with a finished funfetti candle that's ready to use. Space is limited, so please register online or at (518) 463-0254. For ages 12-15.

Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Machine Cooking

Learn how to cook for yourself using an array of handy home appliances. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 9, 23 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Feb. 6, 27 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch



Crafternoons

Come get crafty after school. For ages 6-17.

- **Jan. 9 | DIY Snowflakes**
- **Jan. 23 | Snowman Bobbleheads**
- **Feb. 6 | DIY Hot Cocoa & Coasters**
- **Feb. 20 | Bead-a-Palooza**

Select Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm
North Albany Branch

Eat Smart

Chow down on an after-school snack with the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Eat Smart New York program. Learn how to make a healthy snack to give yourself some afternoon energy. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 9 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Feb. 13 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Tween Coders

Javascript is the coding language of the web, and we'll learn how to use it to create our own computer games. Register at (518) 427-4310 or via the online library events calendar. For ages 9-12.

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Wed) at 6:00-7:45 pm
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:45 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Program Room

Afterschool Fun Spot

We'll do a different fun craft at each session. For ages 5-12.

- **Jan. 10 | Animal Tracks**
- **Jan. 17 | Paper Airplanes**
- **Jan. 24 | Snowflake Garland**
- **Jan. 31 | Puffy "Snow" Paint**

Select Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Larger Than Life Dot-to-Dot

Discover what superhero symbols you can recognize in these "dot-to-dot" images. For ages 6-11.

Jan. 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Community Room

Design Your Own Model Glider

Celebrate National Hobby Month by building and decorating a model glider with your friends. Please register at (518) 694-0596 or via the online events calendar. For ages 5-12.

Jan. 14 (Mon) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



Together Time

These special programs are for little ones and their families. Each session includes a story and activity. Together Time is brought to us by our friends from the Capital District Child Care Council. Space is limited, so please register online or by calling (518) 463-0254. For ages 2-5.

➤ **Jan. 15 (Tues) at 10:30-11:30 am | The Snowy Day** | We'll read the book by Ezra Jack Keats. Then we'll try a variety of activities related to snow, from sensory bins to ice painting. Bring your mittens, as some of these activities will be cold!



➤ **Feb. 12 (Tues) at 10:30-11:30 am | Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** | We'll read this book by Eric Litwin and then do a bunch of sorting activities to learn how things are the same and different.



Delaware Branch

Teen Tech

We host special tech-related activities in these fun programs.

- **Jan. 15 | Life-Sized Connect Four** | Try out our life-sized game and see which teams can "connect four" the fastest. This is a drop-in program. For ages 11-17.
- **Feb. 12 | STEM Straw Rockets** | Design a paper rocket and then watch it soar. This is a drop-in program. For ages 9-15.

Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

LEGO WeDo Workshop

Come discover LEGO WeDo, an engaging hands-on STEM system that introduces students to computational thinking and engineering principles in a fun way. All materials provided. Space is limited, so register online or call (518) 427-4310. For ages 6-12.

Jan. 15, 22, 29 (Tues) at 6:00-7:15 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Program Room

Popcorn Saturday

We'll celebrate National Popcorn Day by doing some popcorn-related activities and sampling different popcorn flavors. Please register at (518) 482-2154. For all ages.

Jan. 19 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Our branches are celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day with special activities. Visit us and learn what we have to offer everyone in your family.

- **Clifford's Birthday Party | 10:30-11:30 am | North Albany Branch** | We're celebrating Clifford the Big Red Dog's birthday with WMHT PBS Kids. We'll watch the show and make Clifford crafts. Please register at (518) 463-1581. For ages 0-7.
- **Ice Cream for Breakfast Day | 11:00 am-12:00 pm | Bach Branch** | Start your day off with some yummy breakfast ice cream! We'll have luscious sundaes made with Stewart's vanilla ice cream, along with toppings of your choice, including: warm cinnamon apples, sliced bananas, granola, fudge, and strawberries. Our musical friend Bob will be here to lead us in song and play his guitar. For all ages.
- **Button Making | 12:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch** | Make a button featuring your favorite character from literature. For all ages.
- **Games & Giveaways | 12:00-5:00 pm | Howe Branch** | Play games and enjoy giveaways. You can also learn about the activities we host for kids and teens, and sign up your little ones for the Growing Readers early literacy program. For all ages.
- **Balloon Animals | 1:00-2:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | Balloon Gal Jenny will be twisting balloon animals and other fun creations for us today. For ages 0-12.
- **Burrow in on Groundhog Day | 2:00-3:30 pm | Bach Branch** | Today is also Groundhog Day, and you can learn all about what it's like to be one of these furry creatures that love to dig holes by crawling around in our groundhog burrow. For ages 1-5.
- **Balloon Animals | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch** | Balloon Gal Jenny joins us for balloon animals. We'll have a photobooth, too. For all ages.

Feb. 2 (Sat) at various times
All APL Branches





Martin Luther King Jr. Community Mural

Join us to paint a watercolor mural of an iconic image of Martin Luther King Jr. to be displayed in the library for African American History Month. We'll also play famous speeches by King and other Civil Rights leaders of the past and present. For all ages.

Jan. 21 (Mon) during regular hours
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

MLK Jr. Storytime & Craft

Children and caregivers will hear stories that celebrate the legacy of King, and then add to the peace flag we are creating. For ages 0-10.

Jan. 21 (Mon) at 5:00-6:00 pm
Howe Branch

Make Your Own Hot Cocoa Mix

We've got the ingredients, you make the cocoa! Try different flavors like candy cane mint, salted caramel, and spicy cinnamon. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 22 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Paint 'n' Sip Pairs: Parent & T(w)een Edition

It's a new year, and time to learn a new skill. Parents and their tween/teen offspring can bond over learning how to paint from artist Megan Ruch of The Albany Barn. Each lesson in this three-week acrylic painting series will build on the previous session. Please register at (518) 482-2154 or via our online calendar. For parents/caregivers and children ages 11-17.

Jan. 24, 31 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Feb. 7 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Bach Branch

National Puzzle Day

Try your hand at a jigsaw, crossword, or Sudoku puzzle to celebrate National Puzzle Day. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 29 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Teen Chef

Interested in learning to cook? We'll teach you how to make some delicious dishes. All supplies are provided. See our online library events calendar for food allergy warnings. Space is limited, so please register by calling (518) 463-0254. For ages 11-17.

Jan. 29 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Feb. 26 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Programmable Pets

Learn how to program a special stuffed animal with our friends from Albany Medical College Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP). Participants will get a "programmable pal" and learn about Microsoft's MakeCode to program their pet. Space is limited, so register via the online events calendar or by calling (518) 482-2154. For ages 8-12.



Jan. 30 (Wed) at 4:00-5:30 pm
Bach Branch

Be My Favorite Author

Write Valentines to your favorite authors and tell them why you like their books. Your author valentines will be displayed on our bulletin board and posted to social media sites.

For ages 6-17.
Feb. 4 (Mon) at 3:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Exploring Colors

Have you ever experimented with color and all its possibilities? Do you know what happens when you mix colors together, and when you pull them back apart? We'll learn all this and more from our friends at CMOST (Children's Museum of Science & Technology) in this hands-on class. Please register at (518) 482-2154 or via our online events calendar. For ages 7-11.

Feb. 6 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Cupcake Coding

Create a code that will randomly design a cupcake, and then make that cupcake. For ages 5-17.

Feb. 9 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Program Room

Homemade Spa Day

Treat yourself to some homemade spa products. Make your own sugar scrubs, soaking salts, and hair treatments to take home. For ages 11-17.

Feb. 12 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Valentine Make & Take

Make a Valentine and take it home for someone special. Supplies provided. For ages 3-10.

Feb. 12 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Mirror Magic

With our friends from CMOST (Children's Museum of Science & Technology), we'll do experiments with hinged mirrors and their collection of unique kaleidoscopes to learn about the how's and why's of reflection. Every child will make a kaleidoscope to keep. Please register at (518) 482-2154 or via our online events calendar. For ages 7-11.

Feb. 13 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Paint 'n' Sip Pairs: Friends Edition

Bring a friend, enjoy a snack, and make a painting! Artist Megan Ruch from The Albany Barn will teach art techniques so you and your friend can create paintings that complement each other. For ages 11-17.

Feb. 14 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Wonder Valentine's Day Party

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to celebrate the book *Wonder* and it's message of empathy, acceptance, and kindness. We'll use *365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's Book of Precepts* to make posters for the library and to take home. We'll also enjoy refreshments, including cake, and have "Choose Kind" bracelets to take home. For ages 5-17.

Feb. 14 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Marvelous Maples

Learn all about where maple syrup comes from when our friends from Five Rivers Environmental Education Center visit. They'll show us how to use a brace and bit to tap a maple tree to draw out some of the sap. We'll also learn how sap is boiled to become maple syrup. And we'll get a chance to taste the sap and the syrup. For ages 5-12.

Feb. 28 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch



GROWING READERS

Parents, did you know that reading out loud to a child is the best way to prepare him for reading success? Every time you read to your baby, toddler, or preschooler, her vocabulary and language skills grow.

Our Growing Readers program helps prepare young children for a lifetime of literacy by making it easy to track how often they hear books read aloud. The program is simple, free, and done at your own pace. Its rewards are priceless!

Register your little reader today at any APL location. Visit your favorite branch or email us at growingreaders@albanypubliclibrary.org to learn more about Growing Readers. Our librarians also have helpful tips for those just getting started reading to their little ones.

Winter Vacation Fun!

Off from school this week? Visit the library for fun and free activities to keep you entertained!

Random Acts of Kindness

Stop by to pick up a suggested random act of kindness to put into action, or tell us about an act of kindness you have done for someone. Let's bring some more good into the world!

For all ages.

Feb. 18-23 (Mon-Sat) during regular hours
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

FEB. 18 (Mon)

DIY Birdfeeders

Make a colorful bird feeder and help our feathered friends get through the winter. Register at (518) 694-0596. For ages 6-12.

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Drop-Off

Bring your stuffed animals to our library for a sleepover party. Our librarians will accept your furry friends and throw them a fun sleepover. Come back on Feb. 19 at 2:00 pm for the pick-up party and see what your stuffed animal friends did at the library! For ages 3-10.

10:00 am-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Button Making

Drop in and make a cool creation with our button maker. For ages 0-17.

2:00-3:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch

Fruit & Veggie Structures

Honest Weight Food Co-op will teach us to make healthy snacks, and cool sculptures, using fruits and vegetables. Register at (518) 427-4310 or online. For ages 6-17.

2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |

2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

FEB. 19 (Tues)

Perler Party

Come to the library and make a unique Perler bead creation. For ages 6-12.

10:00 am-12:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Pick-Up Party

Visit us to pick up your stuffed animals and see all the fun they had in the library last night during their sleepover. We'll also play games with your furry friends, and make collars for your pretend pets. For ages 3-10.

2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Quiet in the Library

Play zany "Minute-to-Win-It"-style games, all while trying to "be quiet!" in the library. The teams that complete the challenges with the least amount of giggles will be our winners. Fun prizes and snacks for participants. Register at (518) 463-1581 or via the online events calendar. For ages 9-17.

2:00-3:30 pm | North Albany Branch

Movie: "Incredibles 2"

Watch this action-adventure flick from Pixar with your friends. Popcorn and drinks, too.

For ages 0-17.

2:00-3:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch

Popcorn Taste Tester

Join us as we taste different types of popcorn and decide which flavor we like best. For ages 6-12.

2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |

2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

FEB. 20 (Wed)

Cupcake Bash

Learn how to decorate cupcakes like a professional! You'll make a chef's hat and two cupcakes to take home. Tara Allen from Cake Bashes will show you how to decorate a "pot of gold" cupcake and a "milkshake" cupcake. Space is limited, so please register online or call (518) 463-0254. For ages 5-17.

1:00-2:15 pm | Delaware Branch

Simple Machines

Discover the properties and uses of levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wedges, screws, wheels, and axles in this hands-on program with our friends from CMOST. Please register at (518) 482-2154. For ages 7-13.

2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Slime Fest

Test three different types of slime and put them through tests before we decide which one is best. For ages 6-12.

2:00-4:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |

2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

"Stranger Things" Mystery Room

After enjoying some waffles, you'll solve a "Stranger Things" mystery with Eleven, Officer Hopper, and the rest of the gang. Our mystery room challenge will start every half hour, so choose a time slot with your team when you register online or at (518) 482-7911. For ages 11-17.

2:00-6:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch

Tropical Painting

Escape the cold and take a mental break from the ice and snow. Nick the Painter will teach us how to create tropical paintings. Register at (518) 694-0596. For ages 6-12.

3:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

"Eighth Grade" for Eighth Graders

Teens and tweens can watch comedian Bo Burnham's critically acclaimed, R-rated movie in a safe space and have a discussion about this thought-provoking film. "Eighth Grade" follows 13-year-old Kayla and her struggles with contemporary adolescence as she makes her way through her last week of middle school. For ages 11-17.

6:00-8:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch

FEB. 21 (Thurs)

Supa-Epic Dog Man Party

We'll celebrate Dog Man, the crime-fighting canine who is part dog, part man, and all hero. Kids will make crafts, play games, and make comics and flip-o-ramas. We'll also have refreshments and party favors. For ages 5-12.

1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch

Raptors: Meet Birds of Prey

Whispering Willow Wild Care will give us a close-up look at raptors, which are birds of prey that have hooked beaks, excellent eyesight, sharp talons, and strong legs and feet. Some examples are falcons, eagles, vultures, and owls. We'll learn about these majestic birds, and meet some that are unable to be released into the wild. Please register at (518) 482-2154. For all ages.

2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Spider Silk

Learn about spiders, silk, and webs through role playing with finger puppets, stories, and creative activities. We'll also meet a tarantula and other spiders that live with our friends from CMOST. Register online or at (518) 482-7911. For ages 8-17.

2:00-3:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch

Build the Sydney Harbor Bridge

Celebrate Engineering Week by building replicas of real bridges, like the Sydney Harbor Bridge, using K'nex Bridge Building sets. For ages 8-12.

2:00-4:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch

2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

FEB. 22 (Fri)

Clifford the Big Red Dog Birthday Party

Join us for Clifford the Big Red Dog's birthday party, presented by our friends from WMHT PBS Kids. We'll watch a Clifford story, do some crafts, and enjoy birthday cake. And, we'll get to meet the loveable, furry, red dog in person! Space is limited, so please register at (518) 463-0254 or via the online events calendar. For ages 3-8.

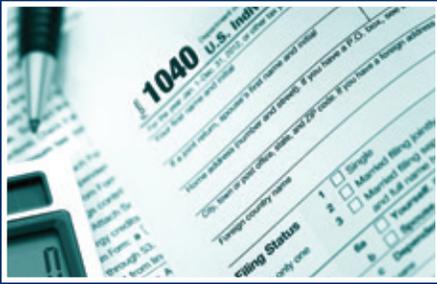
1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch

Make a No-Sew Pillow

Make a pillow using various types of fabric and flufferfill. You don't need any sewing experience, but you do know how to tie a basic knot. Register on our website or call (518) 482-7911. For ages 8-17.

2:00-3:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch





Free Income Tax Assistance

- The library hosts free federal income tax preparation services at several branches in February, March, and April.
- Details are available on our website www.albanypubliclibrary.org
- Please call the United Way 2-1-1 hotline to make an appointment.

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Arbor Hill/ West Hill Branch	148 Henry Johnson Blvd., 12210 694-0596
Bach Branch	455 New Scotland Avenue, 12208 482-2154
Delaware Branch	331 Delaware Avenue, 12209 463-0254
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 <i>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</i>
Howe Branch	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485
Pine Hills Branch	517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911
Mon. & Wed.	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tues. & Thurs.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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Library	Address
North Albany Branch	616 North Pearl Street, 12204 463-1581
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
Washington Avenue Branch	161 Washington Avenue, 12210 427-4300
Mon., Tues, Wed., Thurs.	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
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