

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.

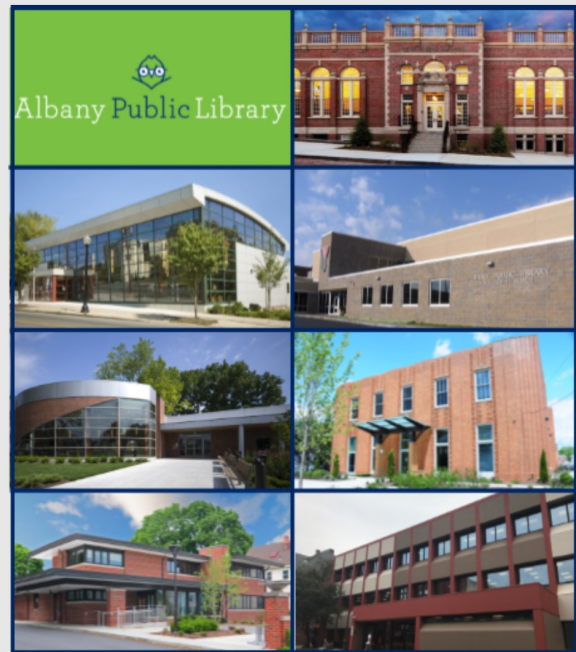
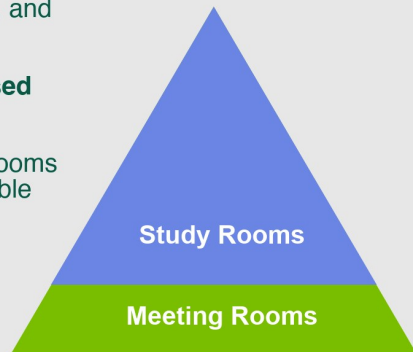


MEETING SPACES

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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