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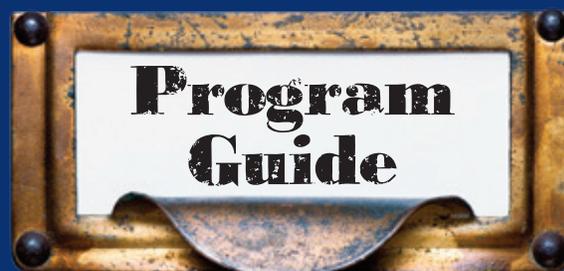


Spring into Reading at APL!

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CAREER & FINANCE WORKSHOPS

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

at Albany
Public Library



We're commemorating the important role of women in our nation's history with special activities at select branches.

Historic Women Poster Contest

Choose from a series of important women in history and create an artistic portrayal of their achievements. Templates and art supplies will be provided by the library. Posters will be displayed on the wall in the children's area. For ages 6-17.

March 1-30 during open hours
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Women Who Colored Outside the Lines

Help decorate the library with coloring sheets of inspirational women who did things their way and made a positive impact in the world. Select a coloring sheet from the branch or bring one of your own. Adults and children are encouraged to complete coloring sheets. Kids who participate will receive a picture book of women leaders for their home

libraries. For all ages.

March 1-30 during open hours
Delaware Branch

Feminist Cross Stitch

Learn the basics of cross stitch and select a pattern from *Feminist Cross Stitch* in honor of Women's History Month to complete during the class. We'll provide all materials. All experience levels are welcome. Attendance at both sessions is required. Register at (518) 463-0254 x2 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

March 2, 16 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Documentary & Discussion: "What Tomorrow Brings"

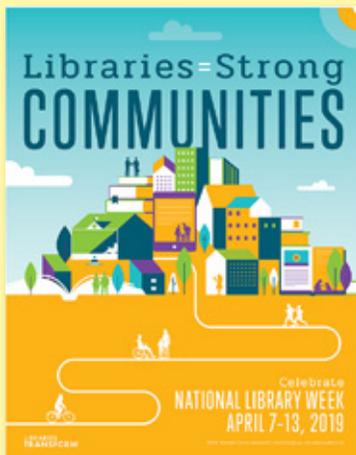
This special Social Justice Film series showing and discussion is for Women's History Month. "What Tomorrow Brings" is a documentary that explores the first girls' school in a small Afghan village. This series is a partnership with the Center for Law & Justice, Youth FX, and EquiVisible. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For adults.

March 4 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Howe Branch

History of the Woman's Club of Albany

Patti Kopach shares the history of the Woman's Club of Albany, one of the area's oldest not-for-profit community organizations. For adults.

March 26 (Tues) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Our branches are celebrating National Library Week April 8-13 with a variety of activities for the whole family! We hope you visit this week to experience all that the library has to offer.

Build Your Dream Library

What does your dream library look like? Use our craft materials to build your ideal library. For ages 11-17.

April 8-13 (Mon-Sat) during regular hours | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Library Week Raffle

Kids and teens can visit the children's desk on the first floor to submit a raffle ticket for prizes in celebration of National Library Week. For ages 5-17.

April 8-13 (Mon-Sat) during regular hours | Pine Hills Branch

Blackout Poetry

Turn old books and magazines into your own poetry and artwork. Bring your own source material, or use those provided by the library, to create something beautiful and new. Space is limited, so please register on our website or call (518) 463-1581. For adults.

April 10 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch



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.

📍 **March 7 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

📍 **March 14 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Delaware Branch**

📍 **March 21 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Bach Branch**

📍 **March 28 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | North Albany Branch**

📍 **April 4 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch**

📍 **April 11 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Howe Branch**

📍 **April 18 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**



SCHEDULE NOTES

April 18 (Thurs) | CLOSED | Staff Development Day

April 21 (Sun) | CLOSED | Easter

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

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

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. For all ages.

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

April 6 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 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 all ages.

March 5 (Tues) at 3:00-4:00 pm

April 11 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

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

Crochet Made Easy

Learn and develop your crochet skills with guidance from our crochet expert in two workshop series. Please register online or at (518) 427-4303. For adults.

- **Learn the Stitches** | **March 6, 13, 20** | Learn basic crochet stitches, patterns, and techniques. Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.
- **Learn the Patterns** | **March 27, April 3, April 10** | Deepen your crochet skills. Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.

Select Wednesdays at 3:00-5:00 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.

April 4 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm

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

We're now

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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 12:30-3:30 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.

March 2, 9, 23 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm

April 6, 13, 27 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Knitting, Crocheting & Crafting Group

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

March 7 and April 4 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

March 19 and April 16 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Bach Branch

Paint 'n' Sip

We'll create cherry blossom paintings with help from artist Ashleigh Kinsey. All materials will be provided, along with some delicious non-alcoholic beverages and treats. Space is limited, so register online or by calling (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

March 9 (Sat) at 1:30-4:00 pm

Delaware Branch

Pastel Portrait Series

Artist Sosha Wickstrom hosts a series of three classes on realistic portrait painting. You'll learn how to capture the likeness of your subject and develop a personal style. Bring at least one photo of the person you want to draw. Attend any or all of the sessions. No previous experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.

Register at (518) 472-9485 or online. For adults.

March 11, 18, 25 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe 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.

March 12, 26 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm

April 9, 23 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill 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.

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

April 10, 24 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

Knitting & Crocheting

Learn to knit or crochet, or pick up some new stitches and techniques. Supplies are provided, or bring your current project. All skill levels are welcome at this drop-in program, so join your fellow fiber artists for stitching and fellowship. For adults.

March 14, 21, 28 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:30 pm

April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:30 pm

Pine Hills 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.

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

April 20 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Cactus Rock Gardens

Create a fun, no maintenance cactus rock garden to celebrate National Craft Month. Supplies and guidance will be provided. Register online or at (518) 694-0596. For adults.

March 19 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Poetry Slam

Join the Friends of APL for a poetry slam where you share your own, or a favorite, poem. For adults.

March 19 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 16 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Cultivating the Sketching Habit

Interested in learning how to sketch? Artist Robert Eaton will walk us through the basics of sketching. All materials are provided. Class size is limited, so please register at (518) 463-0254 x223 or online. For adults.

March 23 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm

Delaware 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.

March 25 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

April 29 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Art Class

Create a beautiful spring painting 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.

April 1 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Ceramics Class

We'll use ceramics to explore nature's textures and inspirations as we celebrate Earth Day all month. Instructor Sarah Haze will teach ceramic techniques including imprinting with natural items such as leaves. Register online or at (518) 694-0596. For adults.

April 4, 11, 25 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:45 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Art Marker Workshop

Learn how to create drawings using art markers, which are ideal for illustrations and fine art drawing, with instructor Sosha Wickstrom. No previous experience is required and you can attend any or all sessions. All materials are provided. Register at (518) 472-9485 or via the online calendar. For adults.

April 8, 15, 22 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch

Scrabble Coasters

Enjoy crafty word play as we create coasters using Scrabble tiles. Please register at (518) 694-0596 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

April 16 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Macramé Jewelry

Join resident artist Danielle for a new twist on her traditional jewelry classes. We'll make simple macramé bracelets with bright beads for the spring. Space is limited, so register at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

April 24 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch

It's Sew Easy: Sewing 101

Sewing instructor Abby teaches us the basics and then we'll create a simple pillow. All materials are provided. You can bring your own sewing machine, or use one of ours. This three-session workshop starts April 25 and continues on May 2 and May 9. Register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

April 25 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Delaware Branch



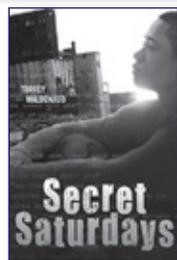
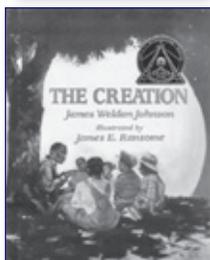
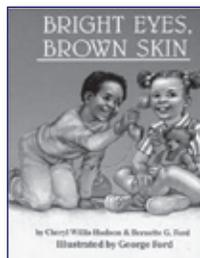
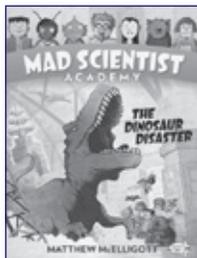
BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR BOOK FAIR

Meet four award-winning authors and illustrators and get your books signed! Books will be available for purchase. We'll have light refreshments, too. For all ages.

- **Matt McElligott | Author/Illustrator** | *Mad Scientist Academy* series, *Benjamin Franklinstein* series, *Even Aliens Need Snacks*
- **Torrey Maldonado | Author** | *Tight, Secret Saturdays*
- **James Ransome | Illustrator** | *The Creation, Let My People Go, Freedom's School*
- **Cheryl Willis Hudson | Author** | *Bright Eyes, Brown Skin; We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices; From Where I Stand*

March 8 (Fri) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch



Bach Fiction Book Discussion Group

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

March 5 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
April 2 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Cozy Winter Reading Program

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.

Through March 15 during regular hours
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 x223 for more information. For adults.

- **March 20 | *Naked in Death*** by J.D. Robb
- **April 17 | *The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree*** by Susan Wittig Albert

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.

March 21 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm
April 18 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Bach Branch



CAREERS & FINANCE

One-on-One Resume Help

Want help creating or polishing your resume? Looking for a job, but unsure of how to apply on the computer? We can help! Please call the appropriate branch to set up a 30-minute appointment. For adults.

- **Wednesdays at 10:30 am-12:00 pm |**
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | (518) 694-0596 x229
- **Thursdays at 1:00-2:00 pm | Delaware Branch |**
(518) 463-0254 x223
- **March 20 and April 17 (Wed) at 6:00-8:00 pm |**
Pine Hills Branch | (518) 482-7911 x2

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.

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

April 2 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

Free Legal Consultation

Get a free legal consultation on bankruptcy, housing, and other areas of civil law. Appointments are required. Call the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association at (518) 435-1770 to make an appointment. For adults.

March 5 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

April 2 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

College Connections: Basics of Financial Aid

Explore ways to fund your education with financial aid in this workshop presented by the Capital District EOC. Learn how to apply for scholarships, grants, and loans. We'll also cover FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), SUNY's financial aid process, and how to be a responsible borrower. Register online or at (518) 694-0596. For ages 17+.

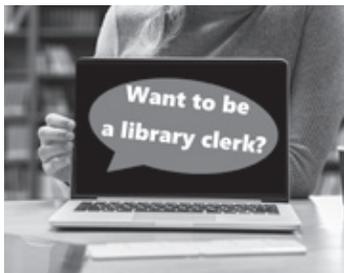


March 6 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm

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) 463-0254 x223 to find out if you're eligible to take the exam and to register for the workshop. For adults.

March 7 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Vision Board Workshop

Learn how to use a vision board as a tool for personal growth. Vision boards can be powerful goalsetting tools to help clarify your needs, wants, and values for the future. Tatiana Gjergji of Noteworthy Resources walks us through the process of making our own vision boards. All supplies provided. Register online or call (518) 427-4303. For adults.

March 14 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Auditorium

Financial Planning Consultation

Get professional financial guidance without a product pitch, for beginner and experienced investors alike. These free consultations are provided by Roderick Sipe, a financial advisor at Edward Jones. Appointments are required. Call (518) 427-4303 to schedule a 30-minute appointment. For adults.

March 21 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

April 18 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

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+.

March 22 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm

April 26 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

Free Resources for Job Seekers

Looking for free alternatives to office software? Need a new template to freshen up your resume? Take a tour of some free resources that can help your application materials stand out. Register at (518) 463-1581 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

April 3 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm

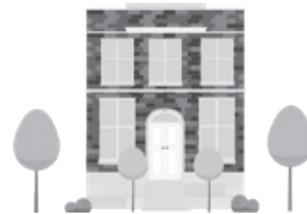
North Albany Branch

Homebuyer Fair

Explore all the resources you need to prepare to buy a home, including free credit reports, workshops, and consultations with lenders, home inspectors, real estate agents, and others. Mortgage workout representatives will be on site, as well. The 2019 Homebuyer Fair is sponsored by the Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP). For questions, call AHP at (518) 434-1730. For adults.

April 13 (Sat) at 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Auditorium



Career & Workplace Coaching

Discuss career and workplace-related issues with a seasoned workforce development professional. Get guidance on your resume, workplace challenges, job goals, and career planning. Space is limited, so register via the website or call (518) 463-1581. For adults.

April 16 (Tues) at 1:00-4:00 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.



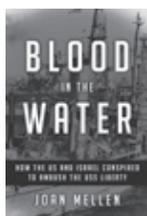
March 5 | Book Review *From These Roots*

Aretha Franklin and David Ritz author this memoir of the "Queen of Soul." Franklin's autobiography is more than exciting songs, it also reveals to readers the heart and mind of the captivating woman who sang them. Donald Hyman, a teacher, actor, and writer, reviews this book.



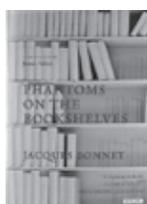
March 12 | Book Review *Warlight*

Michael Ondaatje's national best seller tells the story of two teenagers who must live with a group of unexpected characters in London without their parents. When their mother suddenly returns years later, they start to uncover the mysteries of their past. Poet Bob Sharkey reviews this book.



March 19 | Book Review *Blood in the Water: How the US and Israel Conspired to Ambush the USS Liberty*

This nonfiction work by Joan Mellen presents evidence suggesting the collusion between United States and Israeli intelligence in the attack on a US naval surveillance vessel during the Six-Day War. Paul Rehm, a member of the Upper Hudson Peace Action, is the reviewer.



March 26 | Book Review *Phantoms on the Bookshelves*

Jacques Bonnet writes about his large house that accommodates thousands of novels, and muses on a range of topics from Balzac to Google. Alexis Bhagat, executive director of the Albany Public Library Foundation, reviews this book.



April 2 | Book Review *Devil's Mile: The Rich, Gritty History of the Bowery*

Alice Sparberg Alexiou explores the history and future of the Bowery, a Manhattan street that has a rich history and was nicknamed "The Mile of Hell" by New Yorkers. The book reviewer is David Colchamiro, a transportation analyst.



April 9 | Special Program "Race Relations in 19th Century Saratoga County"

Historian and author James Richmond discusses the issue of race relations in Saratoga County in the 1800s. Richmond has written about local history with a focus on Revolutionary War-era Saratoga County, including *War on the Middleline*.



April 16 | Book Review *March*

The graphic novel trilogy by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell displays a vivid, first-hand account of Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Roger Green, a librarian, reviews this book.



April 23 | Book Review *A Furnace in the Shadows*

This book is a large collection of poems that embody the work of Paul Pines over the course of his life. The book reviewer is Dan Wilcox, a poet and peace activist.



April 30 | Book Review *Fragile Nation, Shattered Land: The Modern History of Syria*

James A. Reilly provides an essential book to understand both the past and present nation of Syria. Karl Barbir, professor emeritus of history at Siena College, reviews this book.



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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

Healthy Bones for Life

Trained peers lead exercise classes twice weekly. The professionally designed curriculum is geared to older adults and uses stretching, balance exercises, and non-impact weight training. For older adults.

Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30-11:30 am
Bach Branch



Zumba for Everyone

Work out and have fun in our all-ages Zumba class. Certified Zumba instructor Ellie Bernstein incorporates Latin and hip-hop dance moves with low and high-intensity moves in dance fitness routines. Please register at (518) 472-9485 or via the online events calendar. For all ages.

Every Saturday in March & April at 1:00-2:00 pm
Howe Branch

Tai Chi for Couch Potatoes

Get off the couch and get ready for spring with this tai chi class for newbies. Tai chi is a gentle exercise that can help improve flexibility, balance, muscle strength, sleep, and overall wellness. Register via the online events calendar or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm
April 5, 12, 19 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills 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.

March 4 (Mon) at 12:00-3:00 pm
Howe Branch

Tai Chi for Beginners

Join us for this weekly tai chi class. You'll learn to make a series of slow flowing movements that promote balance, relaxation, range of motion, and low blood pressure. For adults.

March 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
April 3, 10, 17 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Crystal Bowl/Drumming Meditation

We'll create sounds using crystal bowls and soft drumming to break up negative thought patterns in this meditation workshop. Drums and rattles are provided, or bring your own. Register at (518) 427-4303 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

March 7 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Auditorium

Gentle Yoga

Join us for a relaxing yoga session to soothe your nerves and open your heart. No experience necessary. Space is limited, so please register online or at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

March 13 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Pi Day Pie Tasting

Delaware staff members bake their best pies for your tasting delight. Kevin, our 2018 winner, returns to defend his title of "best staff pie." Tasting services will be available until all of the pies run out.

For all ages.
March 14 (Thurs) at 12:30-3:30 pm
Delaware 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.

March 21 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
April 11 (Thurs) 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Lip Smacking Balm Making

Create your own lip balm to pamper yourself after a long winter. Customize your own scent for a personalized lip balm. Space is limited, so please register at (518) 463-1581 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

March 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch



Library Moon Walk

We're encouraging everyone in the Capital Region to get moving and embrace a healthy lifestyle through the Library Moon Walk program. All you have to do is log your steps, minutes, or miles online at librarymoonwalk.sals.edu. Together, we're hoping to cover the 238,900 miles it takes to get to the moon! Library Moon Walk is a partnership between Southern Adirondack Library System, Upper Hudson Library System, and Mohawk Valley Library System. The initiative is funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Through April 30
librarymoonwalk.sals.edu

GAMING

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.

- **Every Tuesday at 5:45-7:45 pm | Delaware Branch |** Register at (518) 463-0254 or online. For teens and adults.
- **Every Saturday at 1:00-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch |** Registration is required by calling (518) 482-7911 x2 or online. For adults.
- **April 6, 20 (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. For teens and adults.

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.

March 14 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 11 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Bach Branch



LOCAL HISTORY

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 Pruyin 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

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

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.

- **March 4 | "What Tomorrow Brings" |** This documentary explores the first girls' school in a small Afghan village where education goes far beyond the classroom.
- **April 1 | "Still Tomorrow" |** This film follows Yu Xihua, a village woman with no high school diploma who becomes China's most famous poet.

Select Mondays at 6:00-8:00 pm

Howe Branch



Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

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

➤ **March 8 | "Boléro"**

➤ **April 5 | "Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto"**

Select Fridays at 12:00-1:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Large Auditorium

Djembe Drum & Dance Workshop

We'll explore traditional West African culture with this workshop that encompasses rhythms, songs, and dances. Students of all ages and abilities are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to wear loosely fitting clothes that are comfortable for dancing. Percussionists are welcome to join in, too. A limited number of drums and other musical instruments will be supplied, or you may bring your own. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. All ages.



March 27 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 3, 10 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Child Seat Installations

The Albany Police Department regularly conducts free child seat installations at our Washington Ave. Branch. Appointments are required and can be made by emailing carseats@albany-ny.org or calling (518) 427-4355. For adults.

Select Days | Appointment Required
Washington Ave. 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.

March 8 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

April 12 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Pine Hills 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.

March 12 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

April 9 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Bach Branch

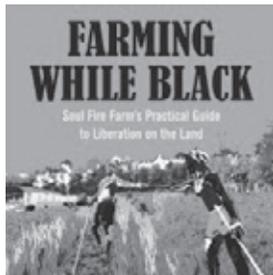
Lecture: "Farming While Black"

Leah Penniman, a Black Kreyol educator, farmer, and food justice activist, talks to us about how many sustainable farming practices, including organic agriculture and farm cooperatives, have roots in African wisdom. Penniman, who cofounded Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, is author of *Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land*.

Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 13 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch



Wednesday Wonders of Science

Learn about a fascinating aspect of science and the world around us. Presenters discuss a different topic each session. Please register online or by calling (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 20 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

April 17 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 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.

March 28 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm

Bach Branch

Harlem Triksterz Basketball Comedy Stunts

Enjoy an afternoon watching the Harlem Triksterz perform a high energy basketball comedy stunt routine with a motivational message. Kevin "Showboat" Jackson and his talented team present this fun, family-friendly program. For all ages.

April 6 (Sat) at 1:00-2:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Auditorium



Sheep Shearing & Wool Spinning

We'll learn how to shear sheep and spin wool from Lindsay Sprague from Winterberry Homestead. Spin wool on drop spindles that you can take home with you. For all ages.

April 24 (Wed) at 5:00-6:00 pm

Howe Branch

Growing Readers Baby Shower

Join us for games, a special storytime, crafts, snacks, raffles, and fun! Each child gets a special gift bag and a free book to take home. For expectant parents and families with children ages five and under.

April 28 (Sun) at 1:00-3:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill 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
- **Every Wednesday at 1:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |**
Call (518) 427-4303 for appointment
- **Every Friday at 2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch |**
Call (518) 482-2154 for appointment
- **By Appointment | North Albany Branch |**
Call (518) 463-1581 for appointment

Computer Club: Learning & Sharing

Older people help each other learn to use tablets, phones, and laptops. For older adults.

March 11, 25 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm

April 15, 29 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Bach Branch

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

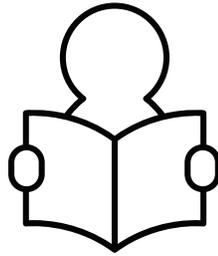
Washington Ave. Branch

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. Registration is required by calling BOCES at (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Afternoon
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. Registration is required by calling BOCES at (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Morning
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. Registration required 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 1:00-2:30 pm
Delaware Branch

English Spoken Here

Practice your English with other English-language learners in a relaxed, fun setting. This drop-in session is led by trained literacy volunteers. For more information, call the branch at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 6, 20 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
April 3, 17 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Pine Hills 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 - Immediately followed by play group
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by play group
Daycare Storytime For daycare students & providers	2-5	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 playgroup until noon
		Saturdays at 10:30-11:30 am	North Albany Branch	March 2, 30 and April 27
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup
Pajama Storytime Wear jammies for stories & lullabies.	1-5	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Bach Branch	Every Week
Pre-School Storytime	0-5	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	Every Week - 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
Afterschool Fun Spot	5-11	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week
Board Game Club	6-11	Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week
Build It! Bricks & Blocks	4-10	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 17 LEGOs, blocks, tinker toys.
Chess Club	11-17	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week
Friday Fun Time	11-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Branch	Every Week. Video & board games.
Game On	11-17	Fridays at 3:30-4:30 pm	North Albany Branch	Every Week - Play Wii , Xbox, Minecraft, Super Smash Bros.
Gaming Zone	5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, WiiU, Xbox 360, Xbox One
Howe's Test Kitchen	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Register: (518) 472-9485
Kids Club	5-8	Thursdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11
LEGO Club	5-11	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17
		Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week
		Mondays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	March 18 and April 15
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	Mar. 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18, 25
Multiplayer	11-17	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 30 Play Nintendo Switch
Mystery Lab	11-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Tinker & experiment.
Pine Hills Afternoon Society	9-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19 Board & video games, crafts
South End Scene	9-17	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16, 23, 30 Contribute to neighborhood newspaper. Register: (518) 472-9485
T(w)een Movies	9-13	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week - Movies (some are rated PG-13) and popcorn.
Teen Time	12-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Play on Wii-U & Nintendo Switch
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

Afternoon Movies

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

- **March 1** | "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" (2018, PG)
- **April 5** | "Smallfoot" (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.

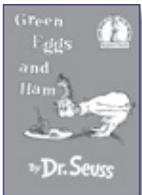
- **March 2** | **March Into Spring** | We'll enjoy spring-themed activities and crafts, and every child will go home with a giant flower!
- **April 6** | **It's an EGGstravaganza** | Learn all about eggs and chicks from environmental science educator George Steele. Watch the candling process to observe chick embryos growing inside eggs. We'll also enjoy an egg-themed storytime and activities.

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

Green Eggs & Ham Hunt

It's Read Across America Day, and Dr. Seuss's birthday, so let's enjoy an egg hunt in the library. What will you find on our adventure? Register at (518) 483-2154 or online. For ages 4-8.

March 2 (Sat) at 12:30-1:30 pm | Bach Branch



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, snacks, and more fun.

- **March 2 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm** | **Howe Branch** | Craft, guessing game, prizes, giveaways, and snacks.
- **March 7 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm** | **Delaware Branch** | Games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt. For ages 5-12.

Select Branches & Dates

Dog Man Party

We'll celebrate author and illustrator Dav Pilkey's birthday with a Dog Man party, the crime-fighting canine who is part dog, part man, and all hero. We'll have Dog Man-themed games and activities. For ages 6-10.

March 4 (Mon) at 3:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Financial Cents for Teens

Interested in going to college without taking loans? Want to buy a car? Or start a savings account? Learn the skills that will help you achieve your financial goals. We'll host weekly discussions based on courses by personal money-management expert Dave Ramsey. Refreshments will be provided, too. Register at (518) 482-7911 x223 or online. For ages 13-17.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Mon) at 5:00-6:00 pm

April 1, 8, 15, 29 (Mon) at 5:00-6:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Kodu: Make Your Own Video Games

Have you ever wanted to make your own video game? Now you can! Learn how to code visually with Kodu Game Lab. For ages 11-17.

March 5 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Teen Chef

Learn a simple cooking lesson in the monthly Teen Chef program. All supplies are provided. Space is limited, so registration is required by calling (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 11-17.

- **March 5** | **Mardi Gras King Cupcakes** | Learn how to make a traditional New Orleans King Cake, in yummy cupcake size.
- **April 2** | **Breakfast Burritos** | Learn how make and assemble the components of a breakfast burrito.

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

Multiplayer

Join your friends and play Nintendo Switch in this new, weekly afterschool program. For ages 11-17.

March 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm

April 2, 9, 16, 30 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Afternoon Snack Attack

Hungry after school?

Come to a Snack Attack program and learn some new recipes that you can make at home. Register via the online events calendar or call (518) 482-7911 x223. For ages 9-17.



- **March 6** | **Better Bites** | Jodie Fitz teaches us how to make something delicious.
- **March 13** | **Cupcake Madness** | Make a cupcake with us.
- **March 20** | **Fidget Grows a Pizza Garden** | Local author Jodie Fitz reads her book *Fidget Grows a Pizza Garden*, and then shows us how to make tomato sauce.
- **March 27** | **Healthy Snacks** | Honest Weight Food Co-op shows us how to make tasty and healthy snacks.

Select Wednesdays at 3:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Movie Series

Join 518SNUG as we screen movies about African American history and social justice issues. For ages 11-17.

March 6, 20 (Wed) at 3:30-5:30 pm

April 3, 17 (Wed) at 3:30-5:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Crafternoons

Get crafty after school. We provide all the supplies you need to make something wonderful. For ages 6-11.

March 6, 20 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm

April 3, 17 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm
North Albany Branch

Simple Machines

Our friends from the Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST) will teach us about levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wedges, screws, plus wheels and axles. Please register for at (518) 694-0596 or via the online events calendar. For ages 8-14.

March 7 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Graphic Design & Photoshop Basics

Learn graphic design and digital art skills using Adobe Photoshop Elements during this six-week program.

You'll experiment with Photoshop, then work together to design logos, posters, business cards, and more. For ages 11-17.



March 11, 18, 25 (Mon) at 4:00-5:30 pm

April 1, 8, 15 (Mon) at 4:00-5:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

Dance Off Monday

Having a hard time getting in gear for the week ahead? Join us for some dance games and chase those Monday blues away! For ages 11-17.

March 11, 18, 25 (Mon) at 3:30-5:00 pm

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Eat Smart

Chow down on an afterschool 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 9-17.

➤ **March 11 & April 8 (Mon) at 3:30-4:30 pm** | North Albany Branch

➤ **March 13 & April 10 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 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.

- **March 12 | "I Spy" |** Play "I Spy" games, explore the "I Spy" sensory bin, and create an "I Spy" bottle to take home. Please register.
- **April 9 | Rainbow Fish |** Listen to *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister then create your own rainbow fish and go fishing for letters. Please register.

Select Tuesdays at 10:30-11:30 am
Delaware Branch

Tween Crafternoons

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



- **March 12 | Perler Beads |** Free build a Perler creation in this drop-in program. For ages 11-17.
- **March 19 | DIY Lip Balm |** Create your own lip balm using beeswax, coconut oil, and essential oils. Register at (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 11-17.
- **April 16 | Perler Beads |** Build a Perler creation in this drop-in program. For ages 11-17.
- **April 23 | DIY Felt Cactus |** We'll cut out the pattern and learn how to make simple stitches to craft adorable felt cactus plants. Register at (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 12-15.

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

STEMpunk

Join us for fun science, technology, engineering, and math projects. For ages 11-17.

March 13, 27 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm
April 10, 24 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm
North Albany Branch

Machine Cooking

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

March 13, 27 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
April 10 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Services Program Room

Shakes & Bakes

Learn how to make yummy treats. Registration is required by calling (518) 482-2154. For ages 11-17.

- **March 14 | Pie Shakes |** In honor of Pi Day, we'll make Pie Shakes. Enjoy a little measuring, a little math, and a lot of fun.
- **April 11 | Quesadillas |** We'll combine healthy ingredients and grill quesadillas.

Select Thursdays at 3:45-4:45 pm
Bach Branch

National Pi Day Pie Tasting

Kids can sample from a variety of different pies, and then vote on their favorite. Register online

or at (518) 472-9485. For ages 5-17.

March 14 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Robotics Family Fun

Try out some robots and make them work in this hands-on, exploratory program. For ages 6-12.

March 23 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Services Program Room

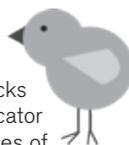
Saturday Science for Kids

Explore the Karner Blue butterfly and learn why this beautiful species that lives in Albany's Pine Bush is near extinction. Learn how you can help save the Karner Blue butterfly, play a game, and make a craft. For ages 5-12.

March 30 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Egg Hatching

Learn all about eggs and chicks from environmental science educator George Steele in this special series of programs. For ages 0-12.



- **March 30 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm |** Meet a hen and rooster, and learn how to take care of eggs as they grow.
- **April 6 (Sat) at 10:30-11:30 am |** Watch the candling process, where we can see the chick embryos growing inside the eggs.
- **April 7-30 during regular hours |** Visit us to see the eggs as we wait for the chicks to emerge. You might even get to see the eggs hatching and the new baby chicks.

Wash. Ave. Branch | 2nd Flr., Youth Services Room

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Visit these branches all during April to celebrate National Poetry Month and explore your creativity.

Memorize that Poem

Memorize your favorite poem and recite it to us at the Reference Desk during National Poetry Month. We'll have poem suggestions, if you need them. You'll get an ice cream coupon and chance to win a copy of *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups* by Chris Harris. For ages 6-17.

April 1-30 during regular hours
Delaware Branch

Write a Poem

Come see your National Poetry Month display, and use our typewriter to write your own poem. For ages 5-17.

April 1-30 during regular hours | Pine Hills Branch

Bubbles Bonanza

Learn all about the science of bubbles from CMOST (Children's Museum of Science & Technology). We'll explore states of matter, mix up a secret bubble solution, and create bubble wands. Register at (518) 482-2154. For ages 7-10.

April 10 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Let's Make Cascarones

We'll make cascarones, a Mexican tradition for Easter and Cinco de Mayo where egg shells are painted and filled with confetti. For ages 5-12.

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

Silent Disco

We're hosting a silent disco party just for TEENS!



Dance your heart out to three different channels of music you can choose from on wireless headphones. This event is partially sponsored by the APL Foundation in partnership with the Capital District YMCA. For ages 13-17.

April 12 (Fri) at 7:00-9:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Learn how to make and fly a kite in this family activity. Please register via the online events calendar or call (518) 482-2154. For ages 5-10.

April 13 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Mom & Me Paint 'n' Sip

Kids and their caregivers can learn how to paint together in this special class. Artist Ashleigh Kinsey walks us through how to paint a beautiful picture. All supplies provided. Space is limited, so register online or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 9-15.

April 13 (Sat) at 1:30-4:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Haiku Poetry

Grab some chalk and take to the sidewalk to share your haikus with the world. (If the weather is bad, we'll write our haikus inside the branch.) For ages 6-10.

April 17 (Wed) at 3:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Growing Readers Baby Shower

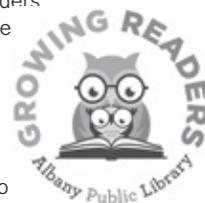
Our Growing Readers program helps prepare young children for a lifetime of literacy by encouraging parents to read aloud to them. Join us at this special baby shower for families to learn more about Growing Readers, and enjoy games, storytime, crafts, snacks, raffles, and fun! Each child gets a special gift bag and a free book to take home. For expectant parents and families with children ages five and under.

April 28 (Sun) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Teen Tech

Step back in time as we try out retro games. Explore original games like Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Frogger, Space Invaders, and more. For ages 11-17.

April 30 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch





SPRING VACATION ACTIVITIES

Off from school April 19-28? Visit the library for fun and free activities to keep you entertained!

Blackout Poetry

Let your poetic spirit soar during National Poetry Month. Blackout poetry is when you take a found document, like a newspaper article, and cross out the majority of the text to leave visible only the words of your poem. Drop in and use our text publications, markers, and pens to create your own blackout poetry. For ages 11-17.

April 22-26 (Mon-Fri) during regular hours
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

APRIL 19 (FRI)

Slime Time

Learn to make slime using common household products. For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

APRIL 22 (Mon)

Giraffes Can't Dance

Our friends from WMHT PBS Kids will show us the "Giraffes Can't Dance" video, based on the book by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees, and do a craft. Each family will receive a copy of the book to take home. Space is limited, so register via the online events calendar or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 3-8.

1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch



Oceans in Motion

Learn all about the ocean, its creatures, and how we can protect them. CMOST (Children's Museum of Science & Technology) teaches this hands-on workshop and will even show us preserved examples of sea life and shells. Register at (518) 482-7911 x223 or online. For ages 5-11.

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

Library LEGO Replica

We'll create a replica of this library branch using LEGOs. Bring friends and family to help us assemble this creation. For ages 6-11.

2:00-4:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |
2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

APRIL 23 (Tues)

Fairy Houses

Build a fairy house using our supplies. Take your creation home, and maybe a fairy will move into your house! Register at (518) 482-2154 or via the online



events calendar. For ages 5-10.

2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Meet a Mini Horse

Lynn Sprague of Winterberry Farm brings a miniature horse for us to meet. We'll learn how to take proper care of horses, and get some hands-on experience with this sweet mini horse. Register at (518) 482-7911 x223 or online. For ages 5-17.

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

Perler Beads

Welcome spring by making Perler bead keychains and magnets. For ages 6-13.

2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |
2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

APRIL 24 (Wed)

Kids Cooking Club

Jodie Fitz brings the Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club to Pine Hills so we can learn easy recipes, experiment with food, and have fun while cooking. Register via the online events calendar or at (518) 482-7911 x223. For ages 5-12.

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



Sheep Shearing & Wool Spinning

We'll learn how to shear sheep and spin wool with lessons by Lindsay Sprague from Winterberry Homestead. She'll introduce us to some sheep and teach us how to shear, card, and spin the wool. For ages 6-13.

2:00-3:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | Garage

Movie: "Ralph Breaks the Internet"

We're a popup movie theater this afternoon! Join us to watch "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and enjoy popcorn. For ages 5-10.

2:00-4:00 pm | Bach Branch

Tile Mosaics

Create a colorful foam tile mosaic to hang on your wall at home. Please register at (518) 694-0596. For ages 8-14.

4:00-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Fort Night

Build a blanket fort in the library! Then play board games or read a story in the cozy comfort of your fort. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x223. For ages 5-10.

6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch

APRIL 25 (Thurs)

Angora Rabbits & Fiber Spinning

Our friends from Winterberry Farm introduce us to some sweet angora rabbits and teach us about their silky fur that makes the best yarn. Angora rabbits have the softest fur and enjoy being groomed to remove their long, continuously growing coats. We'll make a drop spindle, brush the rabbits to collect their



fiber, and then spin some yarn to take home. Register online or at (518) 482-2154.

For ages 5-10.

1:00-2:00 pm | Bach Branch

Paint 'n' Sip for Teens

Sip on soda while creating a custom floral painting to bring home. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x223. For ages 10-16.

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

Crime Science Lab

Learn about forensic science and how evolving technology helps scientists, detectives, and other specialists discover the truth about today's criminal cases and mysterious crimes of the past. For ages 8-11.

2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |
2nd Floor, Community Room

Honeybee Business

Learn all about honeybees from CMOST (Children's Museum for Science & Technology). We'll learn all about how essential honeybees are to the survival of many plant species. Participate in an engineering hive challenge, too. Space is limited, so register via the online events calendar or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 6-12.

3:00-4:00 pm | Delaware Branch

APRIL 26 (Fri)

Multiplayer

Play Nintendo Switch with your friends. For ages 11-17.

2:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch

Junior Detectives

Mad Science of the Capital District teaches us how to be junior detectives. Use your powers of observation and an Inspectikit™ on your detective adventures.

Register at (518) 482-7911 x223 or online. For ages 5-11.

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



APRIL 27 (SAT)

Pottery Painting Party

We'll have a pottery party designed just for the library by the Pottery Place of Albany. Everyone will get a bowl to paint. Our masterpieces will be fired at the Pottery Place's kiln, and can be picked up at the branch one week after the party. We'll enjoy refreshments, too. Space is limited, so register at (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 5-17.

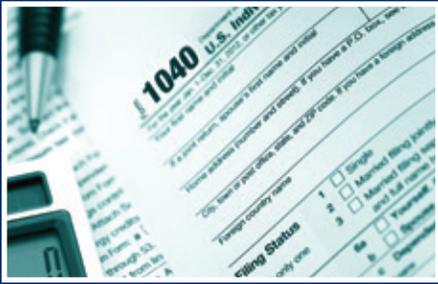
1:30-2:45 pm | Delaware Branch

Fairy Houses

Create a home for the fairies who may live in your house or backyard. Decorate a home you think the fairies would love! For ages 6-11.

2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |
2nd Floor, Youth Services





Free Income Tax Assistance

- The library hosts free federal income tax preparation services at several branches in 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.
- All branches have federal and NYS tax forms available to the public. Visit or call the branch to see what is in stock.

Library	Address
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
Friday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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
Friday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM <i>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</i>
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