Check out the library's COMMUNITY REPORT on pages 2-3 of the guide.
BY THE NUMBERS

830,704 Visits to the library

640,146 Items borrowed

215,233 Computer and WiFi sessions

58,069 People attended programs

8,940 Meeting and study rooms used

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Expanded hours at three branches, which added a total of six hours to our weekly service schedule

2. Ensured faster connections on all public computers and WiFi by upgrading internet bandwidth -- increasing it to 5 times the original speed

3. Secured $500,000 in alternative revenue sources through PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments and shared service agreements with building tenants

4. 94% patron satisfaction rating in survey about library services, programs, and materials

5. APL named one of Times Union’s “Top Workplaces” of the Capital Region

APL FOUNDATION

1. Growing Readers early literacy program named CDPHP Workforce Challenge Charity of Choice and awarded $20,000 grant

2. APL Foundation was instrumental in securing Growing Readers funding, as well as other grants and annual appeal donations, for special programs and projects
Digital books, audiobooks, magazines, and videos are increasingly popular.

eMedia is downloaded from the free Libby app and accessed on smartphones, tablets, and computers.

75,165 eMedia items were borrowed in 2018.

- 56% eBooks
- 36% eAudiobooks
- 8% eMagazines
- <1% eVideos

**LOOKING AHEAD**

APL is doing great things in 2019!

**FINE FREE**

- The library eliminated late fines on books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks in January 2019.
- We also waived old late fines on these types of items for all APL patrons.
- The goal of fine free is to decrease barriers and increase access for patrons.

**WIFI IN CITY PARKS**

- We are partnering with the City of Albany to provide free WiFi in three city parks starting in Spring 2019.
- WiFi will be available at the Washington Park playhouse and skate park, Lincoln Park pool, and Bleecker-Swinburne Park stadium.
- The goal of the parks WiFi project is to help bridge the digital divide of our city's residents and expand library service outside the branches.

**WHAT PATRONS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE LIBRARY**

"The library is a fantastic city resource. From books to videos, and from research to training and museum passes...it has so much to offer."

"The staff are very helpful, respectful of the diverse community, and understanding of our neighborhood."

"Without a doubt, APL locations are bright spots in the city."

"APL is one of the best things about living in Albany. You are an integral part of the community and always striving to draw more people in."

"Ancestry.com for free is a big plus. History room is outstanding. Your staff are pleasant and helpful."

"The library is an absolutely wonderful resource, which also serves as an important community gathering place in our neighborhood."

"I am so impressed with all the libraries we have, the variety of programs and services they provide, and how responsive and accommodating they are to the communities they serve."

"The libraries are so well designed and very inviting."

"Love having the ability to request books and pick them up at the library. Also enjoy reading library books online."
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.

- May 9 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- May 16 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Howe Branch
- May 30 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- June 6 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Bach Branch
- June 13 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | Delaware Branch
- June 27 (Thurs) | 12:30-5:30 pm | North Albany Branch

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.
May 4 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm
June 1 (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.
- May 7 (Tues) at 3:00-4:00 pm
- June 13 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

Make It & Bake It
In our first session, we'll design our own cookie cutters to 3D print. Then we'll come back the following week to pick up our cookie cutter creations and enjoy making (and eating) our own unique cookie shapes. Please register at (518) 427-4303. For all ages.
May 8, 15 (Wed) at 5:00-7:00 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.
June 6 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Albany Made Creative Lab

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
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

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.
May 2 and June 6 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
May 21 and June 18 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Bach 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. Register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.
May 2, 9 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Delaware 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.
May 7, 21 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm
June 4, 18 (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.
May 8, 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
June 12, 26 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch

Origami Dragons
Fold up a fantasy! Join us to learn how to fold origami dragons and other neat foldable crafts. For adults. Register online or at (518) 463-1581.
May 8 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch

Sketch & Stroll
Enjoy the warm weather, get some exercise, and make art all at the same time! Check out a sketch book from the library, then go outside and draw. Artist Blaine Zubris will be available for instruction and inspiration. And art sketch kits are always available from the circulation desk. These sessions take place rain or shine.
Register at (518) 482-7911 x2 or online.
May 8, 22 (Wed) at 6:00-8:00 pm
June 5, 19 (Wed) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Pine Hills 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.
May 13 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm
June 24 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 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.
May 18 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm
June 15 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm
Bach Branch

Still Life as Self Portrait
Create a mixed media drawing of a single object that has significant personal meaning. We’ll start by looking at art history for still life inspiration, and then discuss a range of possible approaches. Materials will include dry media, collage, and a bit of watercolor. The class is for all experience levels, and supplies are provided. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.
May 20 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch

Poetry Slam
Join the Friends of APL for a poetry slam where you share your own, or a favorite, poem. For adults.
May 21 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
June 18 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Button Bonanza
Make buttons and speak your truth without saying a word. We’ll have an assortment of patterned papers, and you can bring words and pictures to design a personalized button. For adults.
Register online or at (518) 463-1581.
June 5 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch

Galaxy Rocks
Turn smooth rocks into galaxiescapes using paint and panache. Style a universe with us and bring home a galaxy of your very own. For adults.
Register online or at (518) 463-1581.
June 19 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm | North Albany Branch

Beginner Cross Stitch: “I Just Need Some Space”
Learn the basics of cross stitch and make a space-themed pattern from designer Pixl Stitch. The three-part class starts on June 29 and continues on July 20 and Aug. 24. All materials are provided, and all experience levels are welcome. Please be sure you can attend all sessions before registering. Sign up online or by calling (518) 463-0254. For adults.
June 29 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch

Art at APL Opening Reception
We’re proud to announce our new partnership for Art at APL with Opalka Gallery. Join us for opening night of our latest art exhibition. We’ll share details about the artists and their work on our social media channels @AlbanyNYLibrary and our website. For all ages.
June 7 (Fri) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

OPALKA GALLERY
**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.
- **May 7 (Tues)** at 2:00-3:00 pm
- **June 4 (Tues)** at 2:00-3:00 pm

**Bach Branch**

**A World of Stories: Multicultural Book Discussion Group**
Celebrate diversity and broaden your mind in this new book discussion group that highlights cultural experiences through literature and nonfiction. Pick up each month’s book at the reference desk. Please register at (518) 463-0254. For adults.
- **May 7 (Tues)** | *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
- **June 27 (Thurs)** | *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung

Select Dates at 6:30-7:30 pm

**Delaware 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.

- **May 15** | *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn
- **June 19** | *A Willing Murder* by Jude Deveraux

Select Wednesdays at 2:00-3:00 pm

**Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group**
Pick up your copy of the month’s nonfiction title at the Bach reference desk. For adults.
- **May 16 (Thurs)** at 6:00-7:00 pm
- **June 20 (Thurs)** at 6:00-7:00 pm

**Bach Branch**

2019 LITERARY LEGENDS
The Albany Public Library Foundation is proud to announce this year’s Literary Legends honorees: Peter Golden, Lyn Lifshin, and Dan Wilcox. The APL Foundation will celebrate their contributions to life and literature in Albany at the sixth annual Literary Legends Gala on Saturday, Oct. 19. Details about this fundraiser will be shared in future program guides and online by the library and the foundation.

**AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS**
Meet our Literary Legends authors and learn about their lives and their work at this special wine-and-dessert reception that is a fundraiser for the APL Foundation. Golden and Wilcox will read from their work and discuss their craft with APL Foundation Director Alexis Bhagat. Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased at the library branches or online at literarylegends.org. For adults.
- **May 30 (Thurs)** at 6:00-8:00 pm | Ticket purchase required
- **Washington Ave. Branch** | 2nd Floor, Community Room

**LEAVES OF GRASS BICENTENNIAL READING**
The APL Foundation is co-sponsoring this event, with the Hudson Valley Writers Guild, that is hosted by Wilcox. He and the Poetry Motel Foundation present their annual reading of Whitman’s "Song of Myself" on the 200th anniversary of his birth. For adults.
- **May 31 (Fri)** at 6:00 pm
- **Washington Park** | Near Robert Burns Statue

**SCREENING & DISCUSSION**
Join the APL Foundation at The Sage Colleges’ Opalka Gallery for a special screening of the documentary “Lyn Lifshin: Not Made of Glass.” Lifshin will join us for a question-and-answer session after the screening. For adults.
- **June 13 (Thurs)** at 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Opalka Gallery** | 140 New Scotland Ave.

**READING OF LIFSHIN POEMS**
Literary Legend Lifshin has written more than 125 books and edited four anthologies of women writers. For this special reading, local poets will select their favorite Lifshin poems to read aloud. Contact the APL Foundation at (518) 427-4367 if you’re interested in reading. For adults.
- **June 14 (Fri)** at 5:00-7:00 pm
- **Washington Ave. Branch** | 1st Floor, Auditorium

**Peter Golden | Novelist, Historian**
Golden has written a number of biographies and novels, including the historical work *Wherever There Is Light* and the 2018 thriller *Nothing is Forgotten*. A New Jersey native, Golden graduated from the University at Albany and lives in Guilderland.

**Lyn Lifshin | Poet, Editor**
Lifshin has published more than 100 books and chapbooks of her poetry, including *Blue Tattoo* and *A Girl Goes Into the Woods*, and edited several anthologies. The Vermont native holds degrees from Syracuse University and the University of Vermont. She divides her time between Niskayuna and Virginia.

**Dan Wilcox | Poet, Activist**
Wilcox has written hundreds of poems, including chapbook *boundless abodes of Albany*. He is also a peace activist and a champion of the Albany poetry community who hosts poetry open mics and readings. He studied at Fordham University and the University at Albany. The Albany native lives in his hometown.
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.
- Thursdays at 12:30-2:00 pm | Delaware Branch | (518) 463-0254 x223
- May 14, 28 and June 11, 25 (Tues) at 6:00-7:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | (518) 694-0596 x229
- May 15 and June 19 (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.
- May 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
- June 4 (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.
- May 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
- June 4 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
  Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

Changing Careers: Pros, Cons, Myths & Realities
Changing careers is one of the most difficult challenges in adulthood, but it may keep you more marketable by further developing your skill sets. Learn how to navigate this major life change in a free, high energy session by Tom Denham from Careers in Transition. Register online or call (518) 427-4303. For adults.
- March 15 (Wed) 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.
- May 16 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
- June 20 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
  Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

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) 482-7911 x2 to find out if you’re eligible to take the exam and to register for the workshop. For adults.
- May 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Pine Hills 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+.
- May 24 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- June 28 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
  Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Tompkins Digital Lab

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 teens and adults.
- May 4 and June 1, 15 (Sat) at 1:45-4:45 pm | Delaware Branch | Register at (518) 463-0254 x2 or online
- May 4, 11, 18 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Sat) at 1:00-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Register at (518) 482-7911 x2
- May 18 (Sat) at 1:45-4:45 pm | Howe Branch | Registration is required by calling (518) 472-9485 x2 or online

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 adults.
- May 9 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
- June 13 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
  Bach Branch

Adult Board Gaming
Try your hand at some modern board games. Stretch your sense of wordplay with Dixit, sketch phrases with Telestrations, and pit unlikely warriors against each other in Superfight. Register online or at (518) 463-1581, For adults.
- May 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
  North Albany Branch
May 7 | Book Review  
*Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions*  
Valeria Luiselli’s 2017 work has been called “a damming confrontation between the American dream and the reality of undocumented children seeking new life in the U.S.” The book is reviewed by Silvia Mejía, an associate professor of Spanish at the College of St. Rose.

May 14 | Author Talk  
*What They Said: 25 Years of Telling Stories*  
Michael DeMasi, who has reported for the Post-Star and Capital District Business Review, discusses his book of stories collected during his long journalism career. Stories include “a salvager who bought downtown Albany’s biggest, ugliest building” and “a friendly clock enthusiast named Smiley Lumpkin.”

May 21 | Book Review  
*Measuring the World*  
In this novel, the Daniel Kehlmann’s “lighty surreal style [is] a mixture of comedy, romance and the macabre, with flashes of magical realism that read like Borges in the Black Forest,” according to The Washington Post Book World. Hannelore Wilfert, emerita professor of German at Russell Sage College, reviews the book.

May 28 | Author Talk  
*The History of Here: A House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany*  
Albany-based author Norder discusses the book she wrote about her house in the Pine Hills neighborhood and how the history of the city is reflected in one home and its residents.

June 4 | Author Talk  
*Erik Schlimmer on Cradle of the Union: A Street by Street History of New York’s Capital City*  
Schlimmer discusses his latest book, which historically decodes all 785 street names in the city of Albany. “Dipping into this book is like opening a bag of potato chips. You’re not going to be able to read just one entry,” according to The Times Union.

June 11 | Book Review  
*The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*  
Joseph Murphy wrote this 2008 book about how people can use specific techniques to unlock the subconscious mind to improve relationships, finances, and physical well-being. The reviewer is Janice Houston-Little, a writer and Smith College graduate.

June 18 | Book Review  
*Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire – A 500-Year History*  
Kurt Andersen wrote this New York Times bestseller that The Guardian called, “A frighteningly convincing and sometimes uproarious picture of a country in steep, perhaps terminal decline that would have the founding fathers weeping into their beards.” Frank Robinson, a retired NYS administrative law judge and author, reviews the book.

June 25 | Book Review  
*The Edge of Anarchy: The Railroad Barons, the Gilded Age, and the Greatest Labor Uprising in America*  
Jack Kelly’s book “tells the fascinating tale of that terrible struggle” when “the stubborn and irascible Pullman became a central player in...the greatest battle between labor and capital [ever] inaugurated in the United States,” according to The Wall Street Journal. The reviewer is Michael McLaughlin, an attorney and educator.
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
who lived through it. For adults.
We’ll revisit the Underground Railroad through the voices of the people
important piece of American history tells a richer, more nuanced story.
Railroad history. But research into this
populate our images of Underground
hidey-holes, and daring escapes
1800s. Dark of night, tunnels, secret
African Americans gain freedom in the
Capital Region, helped enslaved
was active in Albany and the greater
The Underground Railroad, which
Old Story
The Underground Railroad: A New Interpretation of an
An Old Story
The Underground Railroad, which
Cradle of the Union: Albany History Uncovered
The city of Albany has almost 800 streets with a variety of names. Author Erik Schlimmer, who wrote Cradle of the Union: A Street by Street History of New York’s Capital City, takes us on a virtual tour of street names that were influenced by war heroes, criminals, founding fathers, and Dutch settlers. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.
May 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 5, 12 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
Understanding Alzheimer’s
We’ll explore the relationship between Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, examine what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer’s, detail the risk factors and the stages of the disease, identify FDA-approved treatments, and learn about helpful resources. For adults.
May 14 (Tues) at 4:00-5:30 pm | Washington Ave. 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. Please call (518) 2154 or visit the online events calendar to register. For older adults.
Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30-11:45 am | Bach 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.
May 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 5, 12 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill 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 welcomel Please register via the online events calendar or call (518) 482-2154. For adults.
May 16 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 20 (Thurs) 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch
Pilates
Popular instructor Megan leads a five-week Pilates series. Strengthen your core, and improve your balance and overall wellness. Beginners are welcome. Be sure to bring water and mat to the class. Register at (518) 463-0254 or online. For adults.
May 16, 23, 30 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
June 6, 20 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Delaware Branch
Death Café
The international Death Café movement comes to Albany with a discussion at the Bach Branch. During a Death Café, people “gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death.” It includes a “group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes.” For adults.
May 23 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:00 pm | Bach Branch
Cradle of the Union: A Street by Street History of New York’s Capital City
Author Erik Schlimmer, who wrote Cradle of the Union: A Street by Street History of New York’s Capital City, takes us on a virtual tour of street names that were influenced by war heroes, criminals, founding fathers, and Dutch settlers. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.
May 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 5, 12 (Wed) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
Literary Libations
Guide Maeve McEneny leads this literary pub crawl where we’ll admire buildings, visit taverns, and learn about the stories behind Albany’s surprising literary history. The Literary Libations walking tour is a fundraiser for the APL Foundation, which funds special projects and programs at the library. Tickets are required for the tour, and are $25 each. Visit https://literarylibations.brownpapertickets.com to purchase tickets. For adults.
June 15 (Sat) at 4:30-7:00 pm
Meet at Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Local History Room
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:
- Everyday 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

Free Comic Book Day
Comics aren’t just for kids! Visit any APL branch today and pick up some free comic books for yourself while your kids are stocking up. Be sure to check out our awesome selection of comics and graphic novels while you’re here. For all ages.
May 4 (Sat) during regular hours
All APL Branches

Arts & Crafts Social Hour
The North Albany Branch hosts a spectrum-friendly social hour. Participants can make arts and crafts, play board games, and chat with new friends. For adults on the spectrum and their caregivers.
May 7, 21 (Tues) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 4, 18 (Tues) at 1:00-2:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Dudley Observatory Astronomer Talk
Dudley Observatory Outreach Astronomer Valerie Rapson will lead these talks, which each include a question and answer session. The Dudley Observatory at miSci (Museum of Innovation & Science) in Schenectady provides education and outreach programs to bring the wonders of science and astronomy to the community. For adults.
- May 10 | We Love Pluto
- May 24 | Sending Humans to Mars: Will We Make It?
May 10, 24 (Fri) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach 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.
May 10 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm
June 14 (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.
- May 14 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Delaware Branch
- June 11 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | North Albany Branch

Wednesday Wonders of Science
Learn about a fascinating aspect of science and the world around us. Please register online or by calling (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.
May 15 (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 each month. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. The series is sponsored by APL and NNORC. For adults.
May 23 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
June 27 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

National Donut Day
Did you know National Donut Day was created to honor members of the Salvation Army that gave out donuts and other baked goods to soldiers during World War I? Visit us to learn more about the history of the day and enjoy some donuts. For all ages.
June 7 (Fri) at 3:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Juneteenth Celebration
Celebrate Juneteenth, which commemorates the abolition of slavery in the United States, with local food, live music, and festivities. For all ages.
June 19 (Wed) at 3:00-5:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION

There is a library trustee election on May 21 with three seats available. Two seats carry full five-year terms, while one carries a partial term of one year. Candidates will be announced on May 2.

APL’s election is held in conjunction with the City School District of Albany. Candidate information is posted on the library’s website at www.albanypubliclibrary.org. For more information about polling places, please visit the school district website at www.albanyschools.org.

*Note, there is no library budget vote this year because the APL Board of Trustees approved a 2020 budget with no tax levy increase. The 2020 library operations budget is $7,153,022— the same amount as the 2019 spending plan.

Trustee Candidate & Budget Forum
Meet the candidates running for APL trustee and learn more about the library’s 2020 budget.
- May 6 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- May 8 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch

Election Day
City voters go to the polls on May 21 to elect three library trustees.
May 21 (Tues) at 7:00 am-9:00 pm
Various Polling Locations in Albany
TECHNOLOGY

Computer Club: Learning & Sharing
Older people help each other learn to use tablets, phones, and laptops. For older adults.
Every Monday (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.
Every Monday & Tuesday at 7:00-7:30 pm | Call (518) 427-4303 for appointment
Washington Ave. Branch

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 Tuesday (except May 7) at 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch | Call (518) 463-0254 x223 for appointment
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

MOVIES & MUSIC

Midday Matinee
Stop by on Friday afternoons to enjoy a free movie and popcorn. For adults.
Every Friday at 12:30-2:30 pm | Howe Branch

Social Justice Film Series
We’ll view and discuss a different film each month. This series is a partnership with WMHT, the Center for Law & Justice, Youth FX, and other community organizations. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For adults.
May 6 | “The Throwaways” | This film documents homeless filmmaker and ex-felon Ira McKinley’s struggle to bring positive changes to his neighborhood in inner-city Albany. Filmmakers McKinley and Bhawin Suchak will hold a question and answer session following the screening.
June 3 | “God Loves Uganda” | This documentary, from director Roger Ross Williams, explores the evangelical campaign to change African culture with values imported from America’s Christian right.
Select Mondays at 6:00-8:00 pm | Howe Branch

Movies at Pine Hills
Each month we’ll host a classic film or new blockbuster movie. Stop by the reference desk to see what’s coming up and vote for the movies you want to see! For adults.
May 8 (Wed) at 6:00-8:00 pm
June 12 (Wed) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue
The ASO treats us to a special prevue of this month’s performance of “American Music Festival.” For adults.
May 31 (Fri) at 12:00-1:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor, Large Auditorium

Music Fundamentals for Beginners
This is a pre-music theory class intended for students applying to music programs or conservatories or for those who want to brush up on the basics. The lessons will include discussion of music reading and notation, ear and intervals training, constructing musical scales and modes, and more. This workshop series is presented by Muse en Lysrala, a local composer and performing artist. Register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.
May 21, 28 (Tues) 6:00-7:30 pm
May 28 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
June 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Bach Live: Kitty Rodeo
Join us in the story garden for a live musical performance by Kitty Rodeo, an all-female band that plays roots rock, country, and blues with an emphasis on a woman’s perspective. For all ages.
June 27 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Bach Branch
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Check online for a listing of weekly storytimes!
Go to www.albanypubliclibrary.org and click on “Library Events”
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 and Wednesday at 9:00 am-12:00 pm**
Pine Hills Branch

ESOL Intermediate Class
This free intermediate-level English for Speakers of Other Languages 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

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 adults.

**Free Comic Book Day**
It’s one of our favorite pop culture holidays – Free Comic Book Day! Stop by any of our branches during regular hours today and pick up some free comic books to take home. For all ages.
- **Superhero Transformation** | 2:00-5:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch | After you get your comics, you can pick your powers and make a superhero mask. For ages 9-13.
- **May 4 (Sat) during regular hours | All Branches**

**May the 4th Be With You**
Today is also one of our favorite sci-fi holidays – Star Wars Day, also known as May the 4th Be With You! Several branches also have special activities planned:
- **2:00-3:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Make a Star Wars puppet to take home. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For ages 3-17.**
- **4:00-5:00 pm | Howe Branch | Practice the art of origami, which involves folding paper, to create some of your favorite Star Wars characters. We’ll have a Jedi-themed snack, too. For ages 5-17.**
- **1:00-3:00 pm | Bach Branch | Decorate cookies shaped like droid BB-8. Then see if you can follow the clues that lead to mini-lightsabers hidden in the library. For ages 5-13.**
- **May 4 (Sat) Select Times & Branches**

**Traveling Pond**
Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center makes a splash by bringing the traveling pond to the library. You’ll be able to touch live animals and learn how frogs, fish, and other slimy pond dwellers survive in their environment. Register online or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For ages 3-17.
- **May 2 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:30 pm**
Pine Hills Branch

**Bytesize Gaming**
Use our laptops for Minecraft, Kodu, and other electronic activities. For ages 11-17.
- **May 2, 9, 16, 30 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**
- **June 6, 13, 20, 27 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm**
- **Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

**1st Saturdays for Families**
Eric Carle’s *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is 50 years old! And we’re celebrating this beloved book with an interactive reading, plus treats, crafts, and games. For ages 0-7.
- **May 4 (Sat) at 10:30-11:30 am**
- **Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Flr., Community Rm.**

**Crafternoons**
Get crafty after school. We provide all the supplies you need to make something wonderful. For ages 6-11.
- **May 8, 22 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm**
- **June 5, 19 (Wed) at 3:30-4:30 pm**
- **North Albany Branch**
LEGO Mindstorms
Learn about robots in this four-week program with LEGO Mindstorms. We’ll construct a robot and create code that will allow it to make sounds and detect other objects. Register at (518) 427-4310 or online. For ages 9-12.
May 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Movie Afternoon
Watch “Teen Titans Go! to the Movies” and enjoy some popcorn, too. For ages 5-12.
May 11 (Sat) at 1:00-3:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Flr, Community Rm.

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.
- May 8 & June 12 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- May 13 & June 10 (Mon) at 3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany Branch

Shakes & Bakes
Learn how to make excellent snacks and small meals in this cooking club. Registration is required by calling (518) 482-2154. For ages 11-17.
May 9 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
June 13 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Pinkalicious Mother’s Day Tea Party
We’ll celebrate Mother’s Day by reading from the “Pinkalicious” series by Victoria Kann, which encourages kids to be creative and express themselves through music, dance, and art. We’ll enjoy hands-on activities, yummy treats, and free books. Every child will get a pink balloon to take home. Be sure to wear something pink! Space is limited, so please register online at (518) 463-0254 or by calling (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 4-12.
May 11 (Sat) at 1:00-2:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Team Royale Dance
Join this amazing local dance team for kids and teens. Register online or call (518) 472-9485. For ages 5-20.
May 13, 20 and June 10, 17, 24 (Mon) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Every Wednesday in May and June at 6:00-8:00 pm | Howe Branch

Together Time
We’ll listen to a readaloud of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We’ll also enjoy several activities inspired by the book. 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.
May 14 (Tues) at 10:30-11:30 am
Delaware Branch

Tween Craft
Feel like making something crafty? Join us for these fun craft activities. All supplies are provided. Class size is limited, so register online at (518) 463-0254 x223.
- May 14 | DIY Felt Taco Earbud Holder | Make these cute taco-shaped earbud holders in our special Cinco de Mayo-inspired craft. For ages 12-17.
- May 28 | Perler Beads | Use our stack-and-melt perler beads to craft your own design. For ages 11-17.
Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Uni the Unicorn
We’ll read one of our favorite unicorn books, Uni the Unicorn by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. And then color unicorn canvas drawstring bags to take home. Space is limited, so please register online or by calling (518) 463-0254. For ages 5-11.
May 16 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Traveling Farm
Meet and pet some friendly farm animals at the library. You’ll also learn about organic farming management techniques and how heritage breeds contribute to sustainable agriculture. For ages 6-10.
May 18 (Sat) at 1:00-2:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Teen Aspie Gaming Group (TAGG)
Meet others with similar interests and have fun in a safe and accepting environment in this gaming group for teens and young adults on the autism spectrum. Siblings are invited, too. Register online or by calling (518) 427-4310. For ages 13-17.
May 18 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
June 15 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Teen Tech
Join us for these fun-filled, drop-in programs. For ages 11-17.
- May 21 | Candy Stack | Compete to see who’s the best stacker. Can you stack cookies, gummy bears, and marshmallows with toothpicks?
- June 11 | Life-Sized Sorry! | Four competitors rally against each other to see who’ll win our life-sized Sorry! Game.
- June 25 | Galaxy Candy Bark | Our Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is outer space, so we’ll be making edible galaxies of our own.
Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

World Turtle Day
Celebrate World Turtle Day and learn about the fascinating lives of these cold-blooded mammals that live in our lakes and oceans. We’ll read a turtle story and make a turtle craft. For ages 6-10.
May 23 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

“Two Old Potatoes and Me” Family Storytime
WHMT PBS Kids joins us for a special storytime about gardens. We’ll watch an animated version of Two Old Potatoes and Me by John Coy and Carolyn Fisher. Then everyone will plant a tomato and a petunia to take home. Register at (518) 463-1581 or via the online events calendar. For ages 3-9.
June 1 (Sat) at 10:30-11:30 am
North Albany Branch

Mermaid Storytime
Mermaid Dot joins us for a special under-the-sea storytime. She’ll read mermaid books and sing songs with us. We’ll make a sea-themed craft. Mermaid Dot will take pictures with us at the end of the program. For ages 0-10.
June 2 (Sun) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Flr, Community Rm.

HYPE Talk
In Our Own Voices joins us for a discussion in support of the local LGBTQ community as part of the Healthy Youth through Prevention and Empowerment (HYPE) program. For ages 11-17.
June 4 (Tues) at 3:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Ocean Discovery
Watch the Disney documentary “Oceans” in recognition of World Oceans Month. We’ll also create some shell art in this family program. For ages 6-10.
June 6 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Preschool Prom
Dress your kids in their favorite dancing duds so they can dance the morning away. Our friends from The Little Gym of Colonie will lead us in dances and games outside on the library patio. We’ll enjoy snacks and other fun activities, too. Make sure to save time for photo ops on the red carpet and with our fancy prom backdrop. And every child gets a free book to bring home. This is a special Growing Readers program, which celebrates early literacy. For ages 0-5.
June 8 (Sat) at 10:30-11:45 am
Delaware Branch

Gardening
Join us for this three-part gardening program with our friends from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Register via the events page on our website or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For ages 5-11.
June 18, 19, 20 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) at 3:00-4:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch
Summer Reading Challenge starts June 17 and ends Aug. 30
Sign up at any of our library branches
Read whatever you want—fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, chapter books, anime, picture books, biographies, anything!
Every week that you read, you earn chances for great prizes
Visit the libraries for awesome activities like space-themed programs, gaming tournaments, arts-and-crafts, parties, science and technology workshops, animal encounters, and more

Summer Reading Kickoff
The program kicks off today at all of our branches! Make sure to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and pick up the week 1 reading record, too. For ages 6-17.
June 17 (Mon) during regular hours
All Branches

Summer Snacks
Make a snack and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. For ages 5-17.

- June 17 (Mon) | Trail Mix
- June 18 (Tues) | Fruit Salad
- June 19 (Wed) | Chips & Salsa
- June 20 (Thurs) | Mini-Bagel Pizzas
- June 21 (Fri) | Waffles & Toppings

Select Dates at 2:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Services Room

Party & Face Painting
Enjoy a play-dough extravaganza, along with face painting and ice cream sundaes! For ages 5-17.

- 12:00-5:00 pm | Register for the program and get your first week's reading record.
- 12:30-2:00 pm | Stewart's sundaes are available while supplies last.
- 1:00-2:00 pm | Get your face painted by JoJo's Fabulous Faces.

June 22 (Sat) at 12:30-2:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Space Jam Ice Cream Party
Watch “Space Jam,” starring Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny, while enjoying our ice cream sundae bar. Make sure you register for summer reading while you’re at the library. For ages 6-17.
June 22 (Sat) at 1:00-3:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Pokémon GO Tournament
Take part in our first Pokémon GO Tournament! Battle in a player vs. player (PVP) with other Pokémon trainers within your community. For ages 9-17. (Younger children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.)
June 22 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Community Room

Space Drop Challenge
Have you ever seen video of a space capsule recovery? We’ll simulate that scientific feat using a ball! We’ll also sing songs about the universe with our special guest, science educator George Steel. For ages 6-10.
June 26 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Bach Kickoff Event
Stop by any time today and sign up for the Summer Reading Program and enjoy a special activity. For ages 4-17.

- 12:00-5:00 pm | Register for the program and get your first week's reading record.
- 12:00-2:00 pm | Get a balloon creation from Balloon Gal Jenny.

June 29 (Sat)
Bach Branch

Start Summer Reading with Personal Planetariums
Stop by any time today and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and enjoy a special activity. For ages 6-17.

- 12:00-5:00 pm | Register for the program and get your first week's reading record.
- 12:00-3:00 pm | Make a personal planetarium with science educator George Steele. We’ll use mythology, star stories, and projected star images and learn how to identify some constellations. We’ll also make our own planetariums to take home. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2.

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Pine Hills Branch

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