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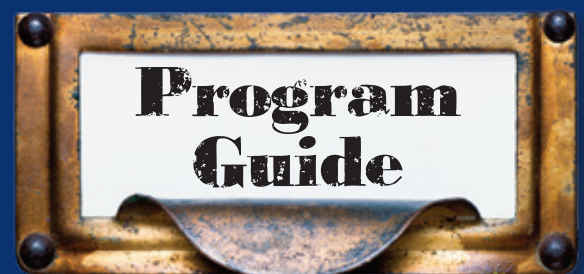
May
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on May 21st (see pg. 10 for details)**

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**COMMUNITY
REPORT**
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ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

...educates, entertains, and empowers...

2018 Community Report



albanypubliclibrary.org

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

- Expanded hours at three branches, which added a total of six hours to our weekly service schedule
- Ensured faster connections on all public computers and WiFi by upgrading internet bandwidth -- increasing it to 5 times the original speed
- Secured \$500,000 in alternative revenue sources through PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments and shared service agreements with building tenants
- 94% patron satisfaction rating in survey about library services, programs, and materials
- APL named one of Times Union's "Top Workplaces" of the Capital Region

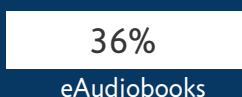
APL FOUNDATION

- Growing Readers early literacy program named CDPHP Workforce Challenge Charity of Choice and awarded \$20,000 grant
- APL Foundation was instrumental in securing Growing Readers funding, as well as other grants and annual appeal donations, for special programs and projects



eMEDIA

- 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



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



BRANCHES CLOSED

May 25-27 (Sat-Mon) for
Memorial Day Weekend

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.

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

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

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 galaxyscapes 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



OPALKA GALLERY

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

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

Delaware Branch

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.

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.

- **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

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**

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

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+.

- May 22 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill 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

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. 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**

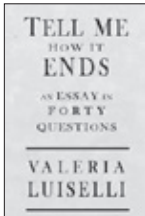
Adult Board Gaming

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**

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.



May 7 | Book Review

Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions

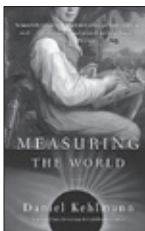
Valeria Luiselli's 2017 work has been called "a damning confrontation between the American dream and the reality of undocumented children seeking new life in the U.S." The book is reviewed by Sílvia Meijía, an associate professor of Spanish at the College of St. Rose.



May 14 | Author Talk

Michael DeMasi on *What They Said: 25 Years of Telling Stories*

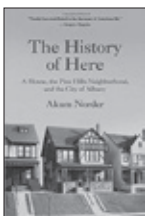
DeMasi, who has reported for the Post-Star and Capital District Business Review, discusses his book of stories collected during his long journalism career. Stories include "a salvager who bought downtown Albany's biggest, ugliest building" and "a friendly clock enthusiast named Smiley Lumpkin."



May 21 | Book Review

Measuring the World

In this novel, the Daniel Kehlmann's "lightly 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

Akum Norder on *The History of Here: A House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany*

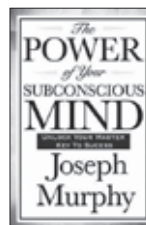
Albany-based author Norder discusses the book she wrote about her house in the Pine Hills neighborhood and how the history of the city is reflected in one home and its residents.



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.



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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. 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

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

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! 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

LOCAL HISTORY

Arbor Hill, West Hill, and Sheridan Hollow: Then and Now

Celebrate Local History Month by viewing photographs from the Arbor Hill, West Hill, and Sheridan Hollow neighborhoods from throughout the years. For all ages.

May 1-31 during regular hours

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

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 1 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch

The Underground Railroad: A New Interpretation of an Old Story

The Underground Railroad, which was active in Albany and the greater Capital Region, helped enslaved African Americans gain freedom in the 1800s. Dark of night, tunnels, secret hidey-holes, and daring escapes populate our images of Underground Railroad history. But research into this important piece of American history tells a richer, more nuanced story. We'll revisit the Underground Railroad through the voices of the people who lived through it. For adults.

May 16 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 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://literaryliterations.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 Pruyne Collection of Albany History. This collection includes books, pamphlets, clippings, newspapers, and photographs.

The Local History Room is open:

- Every Monday at 4:00-7:00 pm
- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Every Friday at 2:00-5:00 pm
- 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 1:30-5:00 pm
- The collection is also accessible by appointment.

For more information, please call (518) 427-4376 or email localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org.

Albany City Historian Tony Opalka treats us to several visits a month, and is available in the Local History Room on:

- 1st, 3rd & 4th Monday of each month at 6:00-7:00 pm
- 2nd Saturday of each month at 2:00-4:00 pm

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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



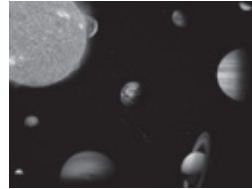
Arts & Crafts Social Hour

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

Computing with Confidence

We have a new series of workshops designed to help you become more confident in your computer, keyboard, mouse, and email skills. Registration required by calling (518) 463-0254 or via the online events calendar. For adults.



➤ Computer Basics & Mouse

Skills Practice | May 2 and June 6 (Thurs) at 10:00-11:30 am | Learn the basics of a computer, including its parts, and practice your mouse skills.

➤ **Typing Practice | May 9 and June 13 (Thurs) at 10:00-11:30 am** | Enhance your typing skills with practice using typingclub.com

➤ **Using Email | May 16 and June 20 (Thurs) at 10:00-11:30 am** | Go through the steps of creating an email account on Gmail. Learn how to compose and delete messages, and how to attach files. This class is recommended for people who have taken the Computer Basics and Typing Practice workshops.

➤ **Introduction to the Internet | May 23 and June 27 (Thurs) at 10:00-11:30 am** | Learn all about web pages, how to search for topics, and find your way around the internet. This class is recommended for people who have taken the Computer Basics and Typing Practice workshops.

➤ **Computing with Confidence | May 30 (Thurs) at 10:00-11:30 am** | This is an open lab where you can practice all of your newly acquired computer skills.

Delaware Branch

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

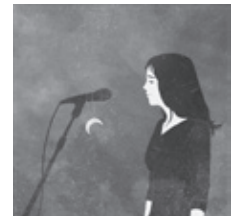
Delaware Branch

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



FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Afterschool Fun Spot	5-12	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week
Afternoon Society	9-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 14 Board & video games, crafts
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	May 1, 15, 29 and June 5 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
Garden Club	5-8	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Grow veggies in library garden w/Cornell Cooperative Extension
Kids Club	5-8	Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11
LEGO Club	3-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12
Level Up	9-11	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week Nintendo Switch, 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
Multiplayer	11-17	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11 Play Nintendo Switch
Mystery Lab	11-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Tinker & experiment.
The New Scene	All ages	Tuesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every Wk.-Contribute to neighborhood newspaper. Register: (518) 472-9485
Test Kitchen	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Register: (518) 472-9485
T(w)een Movies	9-17	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week - Movies (some are rated PG-13) and popcorn.
Teen Time	11-17	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.



Check online for a listing of weekly storytimes!

Go to www.albanypubliclibrary.org and click on "Library Events"

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 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.

➤ **Every Tuesday at 1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch**

➤ **May 1, 15, 29 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**

KIDS & TEENS

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



Comic Caption Contest

Pick up a caption sheet and personalize it. Then turn your comic captions in for a chance to win a prize. Winners will be chosen at the end of the week. For ages 6-17.

April 26-May 6

Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor, Youth Svcs. Rm.

Young at Art

Sculpt, paint, and make art with us. Learn about a working or famous artist and then create a piece inspired by their work. For ages 6-10.

May 1, 15, 29 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm

June 12 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm

Bach Branch

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 Fl., 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

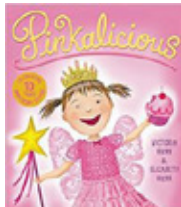
Learn how to make excellent snacks and small meals in this cooking club. Registration is required by calling (518) 482-2154. For ages 11-17.

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 register online or at (518) 463-0254. 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 afternoons. All supplies are provided. Class size is limited, so register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223

- **May 14 | DIY Felt Taco Earbuds 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.
- **June 4 | Emoji String Backpack** | Decorate your own string backpack using fabric markers and your favorite emojis. For ages 9-15.

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 farm 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 at (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 how high you can 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

WMHT 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. And 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 Fl., 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

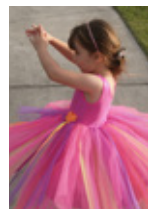
Dress your kids in their favorite dancing duds so they can dance the morning away. Our friends from The Little Gym of Colonie will lead us in dances and games outside on the library patio. We'll enjoy snacks and other fun activities, too. Make sure to save time for photo ops on the red carpet and with 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



A UNIVERSE of Stories

School is out and it's time for summer reading fun at the library! Read with us this summer to earn cool prizes and visit the library for awesome activities. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories," so we'll be hosting a number of programs related to planets, space, and the stars. For ages 6-17.



- **The 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

We have a special Growing Readers component of the Summer Reading Challenge this year, just for our preschoolers age five and under. Visit your favorite branch, or check our website, for details.



GROWING READERS
Albany Public Library

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

Galaxy Sundaes

Sign up for summer reading, check out a new book, and enjoy our party. For ages 5-17.

- 12:00-5:00 pm | Register for the program and get your first week's reading record.
- 12:30-2:30 pm | Enjoy a Stewart's ice cream sundae, and we'll have a special visit from Bruce the Bear of the Mother Bruce book series.

June 22 (Sat) at 12:30-2:30 pm
Howe 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 Pokemon 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 an egg! 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.
- 2:00-3:00 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.

June 29 (Sat)
Pine Hills Branch

Special thanks to our Summer Reading Challenge sponsors!





Albany Public Library

www.albanypubliclibrary.org

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 <small>BACH BRANCH ONLY</small>	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM <small>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</small>
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 <small>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</small>
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