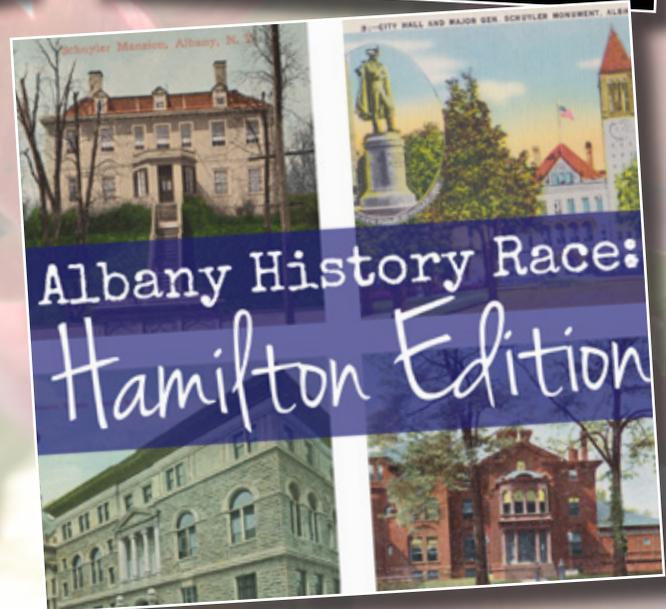




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LITERARY LEGENDS GALA

The sixth annual APL Foundation Literary Legends gala—honoring Peter Golden, Lyn Lifshin, and Dan Wilcox—will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Washington Ave. Branch. The gala will also honor CDTA with the Community Partner Award.

The event will begin at 7:00 pm, with the awards ceremony starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 per person and can be purchased online through the APL Foundation's website, at our seven branches, and at the door the evening of the event.

The event includes the awards ceremony and remarks by the honorees, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar featuring wine, beer, and soft drinks.

The Literary Legends event recognizes outstanding local authors, illustrators, and publishers for their extraordinary contribution to the art of letters. The gala raises funds for the APL Foundation, which in turn supports special programs and projects at the library. Since its inception, more than \$130,000 has been raised through the annual event.



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 champion of the Albany poetry community who hosts poetry open mic nights and readings. He studied at Fordham University and the University at Albany. The Albany native lives in his hometown.

This year's honorees join previous Literary Legends award recipients: Frankie Bailey and Alice Green (2018), Athena V. Lord (2017), Marion Roach Smith and Leonard Slade Jr. (2016), Gregory Maguire and Barbara Smith (2015), and Paul Grondahl, Amy Biancolli, and William Kennedy (2014). The Community Partner Award was initiated last year, and the first recipient was Youth FX.



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 required for meetings taking place after 4 pm. Request an appointment by emailing delgaizor@albanypubliclibrary.org or calling (518) 427-4379.

- 🕒 **Sept. 5 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | Howe Branch**
- 🕒 **Sept. 12 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch**
- 🕒 **Sept. 19 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch**
- 🕒 **Oct. 3 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | Delaware Branch**
- 🕒 **Oct. 10 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | Bach Branch**
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- 🕒 **Oct. 24 (Thurs) | 12:30-6:00 pm | North Albany Branch**

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 | Labor Day Weekend | CLOSED
- Oct. 9 | Yom Kippur | CLOSED
- Oct. 14 | Columbus Day | OPEN



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

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.

- 🕒 **Sept. 3 (Tues) at 3:00-4:00 pm**
- 🕒 **Oct. 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch



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.

- 🕒 **Sept. 7 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm**
- 🕒 **Oct. 5 (Sat) at 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch

Knitting for Newbies

New to knitting? We'll show you the ropes (or the yarn, in this case) and you'll be knitting in no time. Attend one or both sessions. All supplies provided.

Register online or at (518) 427-4303. For adults.

- 🕒 **Sept. 9, 23 (Mon) at 6:00-7:45 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch

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.

- 🕒 **Oct. 7 (Mon) at 5:30-7:30 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch

Next Level Knitting

Develop your knitting skills with our local expert during this two-class series. You'll need to have basic knitting knowledge to participate. All supplies provided. Register online or by calling (518) 427-4303. For adults.

- 🕒 **Oct. 14, 28 (Mon) at 6:00-7:45 pm**

Washington Ave. Branch



ART & EXPRESSION

Art at APL

The latest art exhibition, "Picture This," features work by artists Darcie Abatiello, Brian Cirimo, Jeff Mack, Matthew McElligott, Giselle Potter, Ann Wolf, Stacey Robinson, and Elizabeth Zunon. Art at APL is presented in partnership by the library and Opalka Gallery, and is supported in part by the APL Foundation. For all ages.



[Image: Giselle Potter Tree Dream (detail) 16" x 24", watercolor.]

Through Nov. 2 during regular hours
Pine Hills Branch

With Pen in Hand

Learn how to express yourself clearly and imaginatively, share your work, and respond to the stories of others. Paul Lamar, South End writer and retired college professor, leads this popular series. Please register online or by calling (518) 472-9485. For adults.

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

Stitch Angels

Join this weekly fiber arts group for knitters and crocheters. Work on your current project alongside fellow fiber artists. Beginners can also learn intro techniques for knitting and crocheting. For adults.

Every Friday at 12:30-2:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Flash Fiction Workshop

Do you have a story to tell in 300 to 1,000 words? Then this is the workshop for you! We'll study pieces of flash fiction, write to prompts, read our efforts aloud, provide feedback to classmates, and investigate markets for our stories. This four-session workshop is for beginners and more experienced writers. Writer and teacher Paul Lamar facilitates the sessions. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 (Tues) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Scintillating Stitches

We've got a new needlepoint group dedicated to the needle arts that use embroidery floss. Bring your own project and work companionably with fellow stitchers. Some materials and instruction will be provided for beginners to get started. Register online or call the branch at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Sept. 3, 17 (Tues) at 5:30-7:45 pm
Oct. 8, 22 (Tues) at 5:30-7:45 pm
Delaware 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.

Sept. 4, 18 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 2, 16 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 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.

Sept. 5 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 3 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Bach Branch

Saturday Art Group

This volunteer-led art group continues with an expanded selection of traditional drawing and painting supplies. Artists of all skill levels are welcome to meet and create art independently (without instruction) in a cooperative studio environment. Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own as well. Register via the online events or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Sept. 7, 14, 28 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Oct. 5, 12 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Art Marker Workshop

Local artist Sosha Wickstrom hosts this series of drawing workshops. Art markers are the ideal medium for illustration and fine art. No drawing experience is necessary, and you may attend any or all sessions. Register online or call (518) 472-9485. For adults.

Sept. 9, 16, 23 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 7, 14, 21 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Howe Branch

Citizen Journalism 102: Using Your Phone for Broadcast

Work with community journalists from WCAA-LP (107.3 FM) and WOOC-LP (105.3 FM) to learn how to use your smartphone to create a radio broadcast. You'll learn how to record what you're interested in, whether it's the news around you, your own music, humor, or commentaries, and then edit it for radio play. Register online or call (518) 463-1581. For teens and adults.

Sept. 12, 19, 26 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:15 pm
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:15 pm
North Albany Branch



Paint 'n' Sip

Artist Ashleigh Kinsey leads this class during which you'll create your own painting to keep or give as a gift. Treats and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided, too. Space is limited, so register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Sept. 14 (Sat) at 1:30-4:00 pm | Delaware Branch

Poetry Slam

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

Sept. 17 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 15 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Intro to NaNoWriMo

Have you ever thought about writing a novel? Now's the time! National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is coming up in November, and Shannon Kauderer will be here to help us prepare our story ideas and start getting them down on paper. Register online or call (518) 463-1581. For adults.

Sept. 18 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm
North Albany Branch



Creative Writing

Our instructor will provide writing prompts to help you begin telling some of the core stories of your life. You'll have an opportunity to write and receive feedback about your work. Register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Sept. 19, 26 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:30 pm

Oct. 3 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:30 pm

Delaware 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.

Sept. 21 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Oct. 19 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Make Your Own Reusable Facial Pads

Be green with your beauty routine, and learn how to crochet your own reusable facial pads. Beginner to expert crocheters are welcome. Supplies and guidance will be provided. Register at (518) 694-0596. For adults.

Sept. 24 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



Sustainable Art with a Purpose

Explore the intricacy, beauty, and vulnerability of the natural world. Instructor Carolyn Hopkins guides us through various art printing techniques to make images of salt water fish on rice paper. Register at (518) 463-1581 or online. For adults.

Sept. 25 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm

North Albany 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.

Sept. 30 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Oct. 14 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Painting with Berries

Use the berry harvest in new ways by learning how to make paints from berries. Instructor Selena Wright will also share some fundamental painting techniques. Register at (518) 463-1581 or online. For adults.

Oct. 2 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm | North Albany Branch

It's Sew Easy

Learn the basics of English paper piecing (EPP), which is a technique of folding fabric over paper templates and hand sewing the pieces together. Using paper templates ensures that the blocks are accurate and also makes it easier to piece. Register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Oct. 3, 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Vinyl Mandala Workshop

Mandalas can help center the mind and relax the body. In this workshop, we'll learn a brief history of mandalas and their use for meditation. Then we'll spend some time creating our own expressive designs to paint on used vinyl records. All materials provided. Register at (518) 427-4303 or via the online events calendar. For adults.

Oct. 8 (Tues) at 6:30-8:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch



Leaf Collages

Instructor Selena Wright leads this class where we'll use leaves to create beautiful collages. Please bring your own leaves; we'll provide the rest of the supplies you'll need. Register at (518) 463-1581 or online. For adults.

Oct. 16 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm | North Albany Branch

DIY Busy Bags

Want to learn how to make busy bags for your toddler or preschooler? Join us to create pack-and-go entertainment for your little ones. You're welcome to bring your children for a simultaneous playtime! Register at (518) 694-0596. For adults and children ages 0-5.

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

Market Bags

Go green and learn to sew market bags that you can use for your trips to the grocery other stores. We'll use Up-Stitch for the bags, and some basic sewing machine experience is necessary. All materials will be provided. Register online or call (518) 482-2154. For adults.

Oct. 24 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm | Bach Branch

Scary Storytelling

Bring in your scariest stories for All Hallow's Eve in this interactive program. You can read us a scary story, or tell us one you've written. Register online or at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

Oct. 30 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm | North Albany Branch

Sumi-e Ink Painting

Learn the art of Sumi-e, the Japanese art of monochromatic ink painting, with instructor Carolyn Hopkins. You'll learn to use ink freely with a controlled brush stroke capturing the essence, or spirit, of the subject in your painting. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Oct. 28 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Pine Hills 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 at 7:00-8:00 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 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

Computer Club

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

Sept. 9, 23 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Oct. 14, 28 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm

Bach 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.

Sept. 3 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Oct. 1 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Reading Shakespeare Out Loud (and in Order)

We're rediscovering the Bard in roundtable group readings. No need to prepare ahead of time; we'll be able to handle each of Shakespeare's works in under two hours. Register online or at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

Sept. 10 (Tues) at 1:00-3:00 pm

Oct. 29 (Tues) at 1:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

YA Book Club

We'll discuss a different young adult book title every month. Call for the selected title, and to register, at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Sept. 16 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Oct. 21 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Books & Bagels

Love to read, but don't love being told what to read? Join us as we talk about the books we love or are reading right now. We'll also share suggestions on what to read next. Light brunch refreshments, too. For adults.

Sept. 18 (Wed) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Oct. 16 (Wed) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill 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 register at (518) 463-0254 x223 or online. For adults.

➤ **Sept. 18 | *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* by John Le Carre**

➤ **Oct. 16 | *The Postman Always Rings Twice* by John M. Cain**

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.

Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Oct. 17 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Bach Branch

American History Through Poetry

We'll study works by American poets who commented on current and historic events, and talk about what it means to be an American. The weekly sessions will start with African American poet Phillis Wheatley, continue through the 19th century exploration of nationhood, and end with 20th century voices outside the canon.

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tues) at 1:30-3:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Baby Bounce Storytime	0-2	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Bach Branch	Every Week Followed by play group
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	
Daycare Storytime	2-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week For daycare students & their providers.
Family Storytime <i>Songs, nursery rhymes and stories</i>	0-5	Tuesdays at 5:00-5:30 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30 Immediately followed by playgroup
		Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 pm	Delaware Branch	
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	
Pajama Storytime	1-6	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Bach Branch	Every Week Wear jammies for stories & lullabies
Pre-School Storytime	0-5	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Howe Branch	Every Week
Toddler Storytime	1-3	Mondays at 10:30-11:30 am	Bach Branch	Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Followed by playgroup Every Week Followed by playtime Every Week Immediately followed by playgroup
		Tuesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	
		Fridays at 10:30-11:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	

CAREERS & FINANCE

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.

Sept. 3 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm

Oct. 1 (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.

Sept. 3 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Oct. 1 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Washington Ave. Branch

Property Rehabilitation Fair

Interested in owning property, but not sure how to begin? The Historic Albany Foundation and Albany County Land Bank are hosting a property rehabilitation fair to connect you with organizations that can help. Learn about New York State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits, local grants, and more. You'll also meet organizations that can answer questions and provide more information. For adults.

Sept. 7 (Sat) at 12:00-4:00 pm

Howe Branch



Estate Planning Seminar

Confused about long term care? Concerned about nursing home costs? Worried about whether you'll be able to leave any assets to your children? Sheila Cervera, who is insurance program manager at SEFCU Insurance Agency, as well as a certified estate planner and long term care specialist, will answer your questions. She'll also cover how to protect your financial assets from nursing home fees and other costs using powers of attorney, wills, trusts, and long term care insurance. For adults.

➤ **Sept. 11 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch |** Register online or call (518) 482-7911 x2.

➤ **Sept. 18 (Wed) at 2:00-3:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |** Register online or call (518) 427-4303.

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.

Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Oct. 17 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required

Washington Ave. Branch



What's It Worth?

Get your vintage item appraised! Find out just how much that item you found in the attic is worth. One item per person. No firearms or weapons allowed. All appraisals are non-binding and are not suitable for insurance purposes. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.



Sept. 23 (Mon) 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+.

Sept. 27 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Oct. 25 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

Business Planning Basics

Business plans are critical tools to identify challenges, enable responses to changes in the market, improve management effectiveness, and understand your business. In this session, we'll learn about business plans, what information they include, best practices, and how to utilize them for daily business operations. Register online or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Oct. 1 (Tues) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Delaware Branch



Marketing 101

An effective marketing strategy requires thought, research, understanding consumer behaviors, targeting the right customers, and executing the strategy. During this seminar, we'll identify potential customers, learn how to conduct market research, identify your market niche, develop a marketing and advertising budget and plan. Register online or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Oct. 8 (Tues) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Veterans Affairs Eligibility, Benefits & Transportation Talk

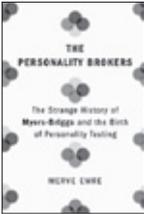
Representatives of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will explain the benefits available to veterans, including eligibility requirements and transportation. Register online or call (518) 482-2154. For veterans and their spouses.

Oct. 10 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm

Bach Branch

FRIENDS OF APL BOOK TALKS

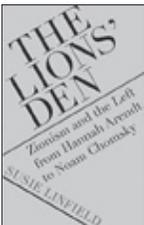
The Friends of Albany Public Library host regular book reviews, author talks, and special presentations every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Washington Ave. Branch.



Sept. 3 | Book Review

The Personality Brokers

Merve Emre explores the “strange history of Myers-Briggs and the birth of personality testing” in this book that was a New York Times Critics’ Best Book of 2018. David Guistina, WAMC “Morning Edition” anchor and senior producer, reviews the book.



Sept. 10 | Book Review

The Lions' Den

Author Susie Linfield shares a lively intellectual history of “Zionism and the left from Hannah Arendt to Noam Chomsky.” Friends of APL President Gene Damm reviews the book.



Sept. 17 | Author Talk

John Schwaller on *The Fifteenth Month*

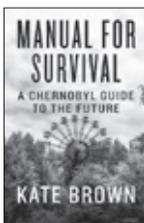
The author explores the “Aztec history in the rituals of Panquetzalitli,” which is the fifteenth in the Aztec 18-month solar calendar that celebrates a different god each month with various rituals. Schwaller, a professor of history at the University at Albany, discusses his latest book.



Sept. 24 | Special Program

I'll Be Home: The Writings of Jim McGrath

Editors Howard Healy and Darryl McGrath discuss the editorials, op-eds, and other compositions by memorable Times Union newspaperman Jim McGrath who died in 2013 as chief editorial writer. Healy currently works for the NYS Bar Association and retired from the Times Union in 2008. Darryl McGrath, Jim’s widow, is an Albany journalist and author.



Oct. 1 | Book Review

Manual for Survival

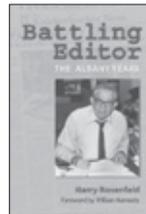
The book, subtitled “A Chernobyl Guide to the Future,” by Kate Brown is called “a magisterial blend of historical research, investigative journalism and poetic reportage” by Economist. Local educator and activist Tom Ellis reviews the book.



Oct. 8 | Special Program

The eba Legacy Project

Marianne Schultz and Maude Baum discuss the Legacy Project and extensive archives of eba, an Albany artist collective that began in 1972. The program includes a reading from Schultz’s forthcoming book about Baum and eba.



Oct. 15 | Author Interview

Harry Rosenfeld

Rosenfeld, legendary editor of the Washington Post and the Times Union, recently wrote *Battling Editor: The Albany Years*. Friends of APL President Gene Damm, a former newspaperman himself, interviews Rosenfeld about his historic career.



Oct. 22 | Book Review

Learned Pigs & Fireproof Women

This book, by popular magician Ricky Jay, examines “unique, eccentric and amazing entertainers” including “stone eaters, mind readers, poison resisters, daredevils, singing mice” and more. Richard King, a Capital Region attorney, reviews the book.



Oct. 29 | Special Program

Parks & Heritage Areas

Paul Bray, a leader in conservation, environmental law, regional planning, and urban issues, discusses Albany’s Washington Park, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, state and national heritage areas, and former NYC Parks Commissioner August Heckscher II.



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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

Zumba for Everyone

Work out and have fun at the same time with our all-ages Zumba class. Certified Zumba instructor Ellie Bernstein incorporates Latin and hip hop dance moves, mixing low- and high-intensity moves in dance fitness routines. Register online or call (518) 472-9485. For all ages.

Every Saturday at 1:00-2:00 pm
Howe Branch

Mental Health Wellness Meetup

Each meeting focuses on a different topic aimed at mental health awareness, coping strategies, networking opportunities, and educational information. The meetups are sponsored by Noteworthy Resources of Albany and facilitated by CEO Tatiana Gjergji. For adults.

Sept. 4 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Oct. 2 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch



Stress Reduction through EFT

EFT is a self-tapping technique that reduces stress and calms the nervous system. The technique can be used to reduce anxiety, cravings, addictions, phobias, and pain. Register online or call (518) 463-0254 x223. For adults.

Sept. 10 (Tues) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Kinship Navigator Support Group

Are you a grandparent, relative, or family friend providing full-time care for a child? The NYS Kinship Navigator has started a Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP) in the Capital Region for kinship caregivers. RAPP is a monthly support group where caregivers can talk to an expert about their legal issues, public benefits, and other issues. For information and to register, call the Kinship Navigator at (877) 454-6463. For adults.

Sept. 12 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Quit Smoking with Hypnosis

Want to quit smoking? Consider breaking the habit using hypnosis. Margaret Kaufman, certified hypnotist and smoking cessation facilitator, leads this session. Register online or call (518) 427-4303. For adults.

Sept. 17 (Tues) at 6:00-8:00 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.

Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Oct. 17 (Thurs) 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Cooking by the Book

Join us to prepare and experience tasty foods. This month, we'll celebrate National Coffee Day by exploring a couple of recipes that feature this much loved bean. Register at (518) 463-0254 or online. For adults.

Sept. 28 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Composting Made Easy

Learn all about the different methods of composting, what types of items should be composted, why composting is beneficial for the environment and our health, and how to use the finished product to enrich our gardens. Register at (518) 463-0254 or online. For adults.

Oct. 26 (Sat) at 2:00-3:30 pm
Delaware Branch



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. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For teens and adults.

Every Saturday at 1:00-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Scrabble Evening

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

Sept. 12 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Bach Branch



MOVIES & MUSIC

Midday Matinee

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

Every Friday at 12:30-2:30 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.

- **Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) | "When They See Us"** | This film series sheds light on the case of five teenagers from Harlem who were falsely accused of a brutal attack on a woman in Central Park. This special four-part series is facilitated by the Center for Law & Justice. We'll screen each episode of the Netflix documentary by Ava Duvernay, and then discuss relevant topics.
- **Oct. 7 (Mon) | "Knock Down the House"** | This documentary follows four women who mounted grassroots campaigns against powerful incumbents in the 2018 U.S. Congressional midterm elections.

Select days at 6:00-8:00 pm

Howe Branch

Movie Musicals

Stop by and view one of our favorite movie musicals. For adults.

- **Sept. 17 | "West Side Story"**
- **Oct. 29 | "My Fair Lady"**

Select Tuesdays at 1:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Flamenco!

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with the music and dance of flamenco performed by guitarist Maria Zemantauski and dancer La Nina. For all ages.

Sept. 22 (Sun) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch



Duke Ellington: American Genius

Ellington is best known as a jazz pianist, bandleader, composer, and arranger. Bill Saxonis examines Ellington's legacy with a special emphasis on his underappreciated impact on civil rights. The presentation will feature an eclectic collection of music and excerpts from interviews with important voices from the world of Ellington. For adults.

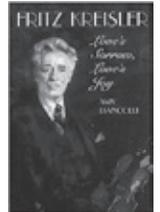
Oct. 5 (Sat) at 12:00-2:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch

Classically Speaking

Join us for "Classically Speaking: An Exploration of Classical Music through Literature, Media, and Performance" by Albany author, journalist, and musician Amy Biancolli. She'll discuss violin virtuoso Fritz Kreisler and her biography *Fritz Kreisler: Love's Sorrow, Love's Joy*. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

Oct. 7 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch



Literary Legend Documentary Screening

Watch the 1987 documentary "Lyn Lifshin: Not Made of Glass" about one of this year's APL Foundation Literary Legends. The documentary features readings of Lifshin's poems interspersed with observations about her life and work from the artist herself and others. For adults.

Oct. 17 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm

Opalka Gallery | 140 New Scotland Ave.

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of this month's performance of "Pictures at an Exhibition." For adults.

Oct. 18 (Fri) at 12:00-1:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch

Swing Music in the Capital District

Former APL librarians Michael Catoggio and Bill Shilling share their research about the swing era scene in the greater Albany area from 1935 to 1945. Learn about top local bands and the venues in which they played in this colorful and rich look into a lost corner of our local history. For adults.

Oct. 26 (Sat) at 1:00-2:15 pm

Washington Ave. Branch



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.

- **Sept. 10 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Howe Branch**
- **Oct. 15 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

What is a Patriot?

Join us for a Patriot's Day discussion about social justice in relation to 9/11, military action, patriotism, nationalism, and basic civics. Register at (518) 463-1581 or online. For adults.

Sept. 11 (Wed) at 6:00-6:45 pm

North Albany 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.

Sept. 13 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm

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

Pine Hills 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.

Sept. 18 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Oct. 16 (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.



- **Sept. 26 | Field Trip to Thacher State Park** | Learn about the cultural history and geology, including important habitats and species, of Thacher State Park in Voorheesville. We'll tour the visitor center, view the exhibits, and have time to enjoy the park on our own. Please arrange for your own transportation. The field trip is co-sponsored by NNORC. Call the branch at (518) 482-2154 to make a reservation.
- **Oct. 24 | Topic TBA**

Select Thursdays at 1:00-2:00 pm | Bach 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.

- **Oct. 4 | Black Holes Don't Suck!**
- **Oct. 25 | TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) & the Hunt for Exoplanets**

Select Fridays at 1:00-2:00 pm | Bach Branch

Build Community Cat Shelters

Keep community cats warm in the winter with handmade feral cat shelters. We'll make easy-to-build shelters using plastic totes and Styrofoam coolers. The dedicated volunteers from SCRUFF (Spaying Capital Region Unowned Feral Felines) will lead this family-friendly activity. Register online or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For tweens and adults.



Oct. 26 (Sat) at 12:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills 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



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

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

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

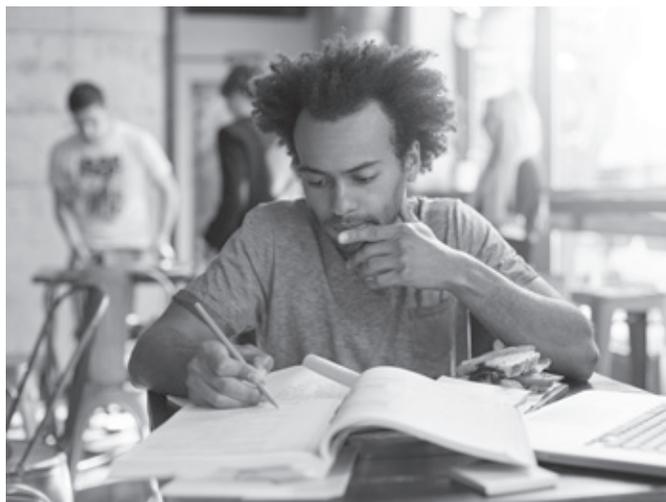
Practice your English with other English-language learners in a relaxed, fun setting. This drop-in session is led by trained literacy volunteers. For adults.

- **Every Tuesday at 1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch**
- **Sept. 11, 25 and Oct. 23 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**

Spanish Language & Culture Class

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and join us for a Spanish conversation class. Brush up on your Spanish by playing board games. We'll also discuss Latin American culture and traditions. All levels of Spanish speakers are welcome. For adults.

Sept. 19, 26 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 3, 10 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



KIDS & TEENS

Tween Craft

Feel like making something crafty? Join us for these fun crafternoons. All supplies are provided. Class size is limited, so register online or at (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 12-17.

- **Sept. 3 | Decorate Your Own ID Pouch**
- **Sept. 17 | Make Your Own Sea Salt Scrub**
- **Oct. 1 | DIY Fall Candles**
- **Oct. 15 | Perler Beads**
- **Oct. 22 | Mini Pumpkin Painting**

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

1st Saturdays for Families

Join us for family fun on the first Saturday of each month. For ages 0-7.

- **Sept. 7 | Dinosaur Discovery |** Celebrate dinosaurs with dino-themed stories and activity stations.
- **Oct. 5 | "Elephant & Piggy" Party |** It's an "Elephant & Piggy" party full of stories and fun.

1st Saturday of each month at 10:30-11:30 am
Washington Ave. Branch

Back-to-School Party

Glam your way back to school with this special party for tweens. Visit different self-care glam stations, including nails, face, hair, body, and mind. Get yourself ready for the new school year. For ages 12-17.

Sept. 11 (Wed) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Honey Bees and Beekeeping

Learn all about honey bees and beekeeping with Bob and Alyson Montione. You'll see a terrarium of live bees and sample some honey. For ages 9-17.

Sept. 14 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch



Learn to Draw

Draw with us and learn about kawaii and chibi to draw your version of cute characters like Pusheen, Hello Kitty, and Gudetama. For ages 9-17.

Sept. 16, 23 (Mon) at 3:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Build Your Own Trail Mix

Choose from an assortment of flavors to build your perfect trail mix to your exact specifications. We'll have savory and salty options on hand. Register at (518) 472-9485 or online. For ages 6-17.

Sept. 18 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Pirate's Booty Treasure Hunt

Arrr, matey! Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day with a library-themed treasure hunt. Stop by the children's desk to discover your pirate name and pick up your first riddle. Those who find the treasure will be rewarded with a pirate-themed snack. For ages 5-10.



Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Talk Like a Pirate Day

We're going to talk like pirates, listen to a pirate storytime, and enjoy crafts. Eye patches will be provided! For ages 6-10.

Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

"Trials of Apollo" Party

We're getting ready for the release of *Tyrant's Tomb*, the fourth book in the "Trials of Apollo" series by Rick Riordan, which will be published on Sept. 24. Test your knowledge of Greek mythology during a trivia challenge and scavenger hunt. We'll also enjoy some Apollo-inspired snacks. For ages 8-17.



Sept. 19 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware 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.

Sept. 21 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Oct. 19 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Teen Chef

Make something yummy with us. All cooking supplies are provided, and space is limited. Register at (518) 463-0254 x223. For ages 12-17.

- **Sept. 24 | Mini Apple Pies**
- **Oct. 29 | Halloween Candy Bark**

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

You Say It's Your Birthday

If this month is your birthday, put your name in our calendar and we'll throw you a mini-party. For ages 11-17.

Sept. 24 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Oct. 29 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Flavor of the Month: Book Club for Middle Graders

Discover your favorite book as you enjoy a bowl of ice cream. We'll feature a different book each month. Read the first chapter, and if you like it, take it home and keep reading. If you don't enjoy the book, try a different one! We'll have an assortment of books for you to sample. And, we'll enjoy different ice cream flavors each month. For ages 8-14.



- **Sept. 26 | Click** by Kayla Miller
- **Oct. 24 | The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander

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

STEM Explorers

We'll design videogames, build robots, and construct small-scale buildings in this five week workshop series. Sarah from Cornell Cooperative Extension leads us in our STEM exploring. Register online or call (518) 482-7911. For ages 6-12.

Sept. 30 (Mon) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Mon) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Costume Madness

Come get your cosplay on! Use our sewing machines, tools, fabrics, and materials to make costumes for upcoming conventions, fairs, and Halloween. We'll make armor, props, and costumes for manga, anime, videogame characters, superheroes, and more. Register online or at (518) 472-9485. For ages 11-17.

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Wed) at 5:00-5:30 pm
Howe Branch

Art Exploration

Art and play go together in this workshop that's all about the process of creating. Different materials will be used each week, including sticks and yarn or watercolors and clay. For ages 6-11.

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Taco Day

It's National Taco Day, so bring your friends visit us and make your own taco. For ages 11-17.

Oct. 4 (Fri) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



Make Your Own Taco Party

Put on an apron and make your own taco. Choose your toppings and prepare the ingredients from scratch. Register at (518) 473-9485 or online. For ages 6-17.

Oct. 4 (Fri) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Chess Tournament

Prove your chess skills against other members of the community to win bragging rights and prizes. Register online or call the branch at (518) 694-0596. For all ages

Oct. 5 (Sat) at 1:00-4:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Read with a Therapy Dog

Visit us and read with Woodstock the therapy dog. Call (518) 427-4310 to sign up for a 30-minute session. For ages 5-10.

Oct. 7 (Mon) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Together Time

Listen to *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh, then do four activities inspired by the book. We'll mix colors, paint with unusual materials, and learn about colors, shapes, and patterns. The library provides smocks for the children, but they should dress for messy fun. 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.



Oct. 8 (Tues) at 10:30-11:30 am
Delaware Branch

“Goosebumps” Party

It's R.L. Stine's birthday, and we're celebrating by watching the "Goosebumps" movie and enjoying refreshments. For ages 6-10.



Oct. 8 (Tues) at 3:30-5:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Teen Tech: Drop Mix

Try your hand at mixing music using the fun game Drop Mix. Compete against your friends to see who can come up with the best music mashup. For ages 12-17.

Oct. 8 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

DIY Spa Day

Hey kids, need some time to yourself to just relax? Do you like crafty things? Join us to learn some relaxation techniques and then create your own spa treatments. We'll enjoy healthy snacks, too. Register online or at (518) 427-4310. For ages 6-11.

Oct. 15 (Tues) at 4:30-5:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Girls Who Code

Want to learn about creating video games and animation? Join us for Girls Who Code to learn Scratch and the basics of video game design. The workshop sessions continue in November. For ages 8-11.

Register online or call (518) 427-4310.
Oct. 16, 23, 30 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

Shakes & Bakes

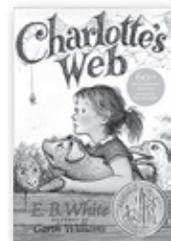
Learn how to make excellent snacks and small meals in this cooking club. Registration is required by calling (518) 482-2154.

For ages 11-17.
Oct. 17 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch



Charlotte's Spiderweb Pizza

In *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, Charlotte the spider spins words in her webs to communicate with her friend Wilbur the pig. Like Charlotte, we'll send messages to one another, but we'll write our words with mozzarella on mini pizzas! We'll also listen to the first chapter of the book as we eat. Register online or call (518) 463-0254. For ages 5-12.



Oct. 17 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Growing Readers Harvest Festival

We're celebrating Growing Readers—our littlest readers, ages 0-5—with a special harvest festival at Pine Hills. Join us for snacks and fun, plus a special harvest storytime at 11:00 am. This is a great time to learn more about the Growing Readers program and enroll your child! For children ages 0-5 and their families.

Oct. 19 (Sat) at 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

HALLOWEEN FUN

Spooky Taxidermy

Have you thought of adding your own spooky decoration to your Halloween décor? Why not consider faux taxidermy! Paint a personal design on an insect and mounting plaque. For ages 13-17. Register online call (518) 427-4310.

Oct. 23 (Wed) at 3:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch



Witches, Goblins, and Ghosts, Oh My!

Wacky witches, rattling bones, goofy ghosts, and spooky moans...we'll hear these and more from storyteller Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi. For ages 5-10.

Oct. 26 (Sat) at 2:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch

Halloween Hauntings

Wear your Halloween costume and visit us for scary stories and creepy activities. For ages 4-10.

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

Halloween Treats

We are making spooky rice krispie treats, so stop in and have some Halloween fun before you go out trick-or-treating. For ages 6-10.

Oct. 31 (Thurs) at 3:30-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween party features a variety of fun games and activities. You can also pick up a piece of trick-or-treat candy and play Poke-a-Pumpkin for prizes. For ages 5-14.

Oct. 31 (Thurs) at 3:30-5:00 pm | Delaware Branch

Howe-loveen Party

Trick-or-treat at the Howe Branch, play Halloween games, and show off your costume. Prizes will be given for the funniest and most realistic costumes. For ages 0-17.

Oct. 31 (Thurs) at 5:00-6:00 pm | Howe Branch

FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Afternoon Society	11-17	Fridays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, 11, 19, 25 Board & video games, crafts
Anime Club	13-17	Mondays at 4:45-5:45 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Bytesize Gaming	11-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Sept. 5, 12, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 Minecraft, Kodu, electronic activities
Chess Club	11-17	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30
Dance Off Monday	11-17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Branch	Sept. 9, 16, 23 and Oct. 7, 21, 28
Family Movies	All ages	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week Popcorn & movies (some rate PG-13)
Friday Fun Time	11-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week Video and board games
Gaming Zone	5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week Play Wii, WiiU, Xbox 360, Xbox One
Just Play	4-12	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30 Ping pong, board games, toys, more
Kids Club	5-10	Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
LEGO Club	5-11	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Sept. 12 and Oct. 10
Level Up	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week - Super Smash Bros, NBA2K19 on the Switch
Mic Drop	9-17	Mondays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week - Jam session
Minecraft Mayhem	6-13	Mondays at 6:00-7:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week
Multiplayer	11-17	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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
Team Royale Dance Register: (518) 472-9485	5-20	Mondays at 6:00-8:00 pm Wednesdays at 6:00-8:00 pm	Howe Branch Howe Branch	Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 14, 21, 28 Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Test Kitchen	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every Week
Tween Unplugged	12-17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every Week - Music, board games, homework, free play
Yo-Chi	3-7 8-12	Thursdays at 3:00-3:30 pm Thursdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch Pine Hills Branch	Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Yoga, Tai-Chi and dance Register: (518) 482-7911 x3
Young at Art	5-10	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 16, 23 Register: (518) 482-2154
United Geeks of Gaming	11-17	Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week Electronic & board games

ALBANY HISTORY RACE: HAMILTON EDITION

Are you crazy for “Hamilton,” but missed the recent local run of the hit musical? Then join us for our “Amazing Race”-style afternoon scavenger hunt to discover Albany’s connection to Alexander Hamilton, the Schuyler Family, Lafayette, and Aaron Burr!

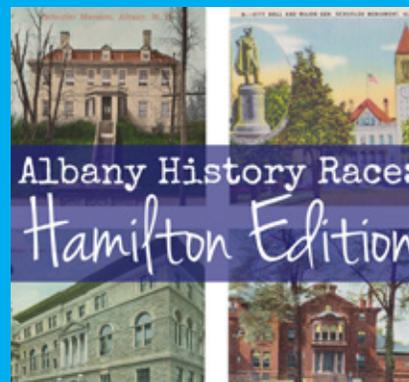
We are partnering with Albany Institute of History and Art for this year’s “Albany History Race: Hamilton Edition.” The museum will serve as the finish line for the event, and is hosting a special Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton-themed exhibition, “The Schuyler Sisters and Their Circle.”

You don’t need to be a Hamilton expert to solve the clues and participate in the scavenger hunt! Here’s how you can join us for the event:

- ⦿ Make a team. Everyone must fit in one vehicle—you provide the car.
- ⦿ Meet at the Washington Ave. Branch where you’ll receive clues directing you to Hamilton locations in Albany.
- ⦿ Plan the quickest route to visit the locations that afternoon. Hop into your team’s car, drive to the spots, and document your quick visit with a photo.
- ⦿ The final stop is the Albany Institute of History and Art. All teams that complete the race will feast on pizza. The fastest teams to arrive will win Hamilton-theme prizes.

Sign up for the Albany History Race online (only one team member needs to register) on our website’s events calendar. If you have questions, please email us at localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org or call (518) 427-4376. (The race is for adults, but children may participate if they are accompanying their caregivers.)

Sept. 7 (Sat) at 2:00-5:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch



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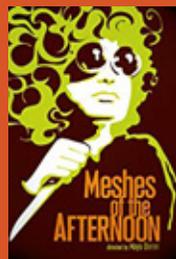
Local musicians perform live, original scores to classic (or not-so-classic) silent films in this popular and award-winning series. For adults.



- ⦿ **Oct. 16 | “Nosferatu” featuring Chris Neuhaus** | This classic 1922 German expressionist horror film by F.W. Murnau is based on Bram Stoker’s *Dracula*. Schenectady-based musician Neuhaus is “inspired by music and art that attempt to explore realms and ideas beyond traditional boundaries and forms.”

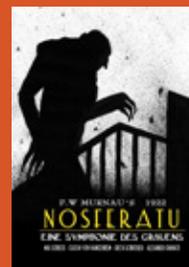


- ⦿ **Oct. 23 | “Dreams” featuring Bobby Kendall** | The 2019 film is an original work by the musician. Kendall, a multi-instrumentalist and engineer, plays a number of instruments, including upright bass, electric bass, and baritone guitar. He also makes films and has “an incredible love for pairing it with music.”



- ⦿ **Oct. 30 | “The Scarecrow” and “Meshes of the Afternoon” featuring Psychedelic Snakeskin** | “The Scarecrow” is a 19-minute 1920 American comedy starring Buster Keaton. “Meshes of the Afternoon” is a 1943 short, surrealistic experimental film directed by husband-and-wife team Maya Deren and Alexander Hammid. Psychedelic Snakeskin “shares atmospheric dream stories from the outer edges with tapes, analog and digital instrumentation” for unique sound collages.

Select Wednesdays at 7:00-9:00 pm
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