SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It’s one of our favorite programs of the whole year — the Summer Reading Challenge!

Everyone can get in on this one: read whatever you like, track the number of books (or pages or minutes) you read, and earn prizes. So simple, and fun!

Details for all ages are online: www.albanypubliclibrary.org/programs/src. You can also call (518) 427-4300 or email albanyreads@albanypubliclibrary.org with any questions.

STORIES & ART IN THE GARDENS

Some of the library’s beautiful outdoor spaces are the setting for this popular summer series for families with young children. The Albany Barn is partnering with APL for Stories and Art in the Gardens, which will take place on three Monday mornings in July. Participants (ages 0-5, and their families) will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in person with our wonderful children’s librarians. Everyone will get a book to add to their home library, and a “take-and-make” art kit from Albany Barn to complete at home. Registration is required and limited to City of Albany residents.

- July 12 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Bach Branch
- July 19 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Howe Branch
- July 26 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Delaware Branch

REMINDERS ABOUT APL PROGRAMS

- Most programs require registration and have attendance limits.
- In-person programs are limited to City of Albany residents. Virtual programs are open to all.
- Programs are subject to change. The online calendar has the most up-to-date information.
- Register by calling an open branch or via the events calendar at www.albanypubliclibrary.org
ANIME GLASS PAINTING
July 9 (Fri) | 3:30 pm | Live Virtual
Learn how to paint anime characters. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

PAJAMA STORYTIME
July 13 (Tues) | 7pm | In Person | Bach
Miss Melissa will lead everyone in singing songs, reading stories, and more fun in the garden. Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 2-8.

QUEER COMIC CLUB
July 13 & Aug. 10 (Tues) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
Join us for a lively virtual hangout and talk about some great graphic novels. July book is Taproot by Keezy Young. August book will be announced online soon. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

PLAY "AMONG US"
July 16 (Fri) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
We’ll play some rounds of “Among Us” online with friends. Registration required. Ages 11-17.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- Collage Selfie | July 19-31 | Bach
- Mermaid | July 26 | Pine Hills
- Nature Origami | Aug. 16-28 | Bach
Kits will be handed out during open hours at the Bach Branch on a first come, first served basis. For Pine Hills, registration is required. For kids & teens.

THERE’S A LLAMA IN THE LIBRARY
July 28 (Wed) | 3 pm | In Person | Bach
Our friends from Have Llama, Will Travel introduce us to some llamas! You’ll also get a craft activity to take home. Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. All ages.

SONGS THAT COUNT: ADD TO THE WORLD
Aug. 3 (Tues) | 4 pm | Live Virtual
This program uses books, music technology, and visuals to share fun lessons about counting, addition, and subtraction. The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including those on the autism spectrum. Registration required. All ages.

1ST SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES: GOATS
Aug. 7 (Sat) | 10:30 am | In Person | Delaware
It’s everything goats! We’ll meet live goats, hear a goat story, and do a goat-themed craft. Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 2-8.

FAMILY MOVE & GROOVE
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Mon) | 6 pm | In Person | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Miss Latisia from Move 2B Moved guides us through fun dance lessons. Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 5-12.

DESIGN YOUR OWN T-SHIRT
Aug. 11 (Wed) | 2 pm | In Person | Pine Hills
Bring a white t-shirt, pillowcase, or other white fabric to decorate with fabric paint. Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 11-17.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Aug. 16 & 30 (Mon) | 10:30 am | In Person | Bach
The first date is “All About Birds” and the second date is “Wiggling and Giggling: Yoga.” Registration required, and limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 0-5.

LEGO BUILDERS
Aug. 17 (Tues) | 3:30 pm | Live Virtual
Be sure to sign up early as the first 19 kids get a LEGO building kit that can be picked up before the Zoom program. Registration required. Ages 6-12.

CRAFY READERS: STARGAZING BY JEN WANG
Aug. 19 (Thurs) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
This fun craft and book club involves reading the selected book, making a craft (you can pick up a supply kit) ahead of time, and meeting on Zoom to talk about them both with your friends. There are many ways to read this book (print, audiobook, Hoopla, OverDrive), so please request a copy online or call a branch for help. Registration required. Ages 8-12.
SOUTH END NIGHT MARKET
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thurs) | 5-8 pm | In Person | Warren St. between Philip & Grand
Visit the APL booth while you’re at this weekly farmers market. All ages.

FARMERS MARKET & BOOK SALE
July 6, 13, 20, 27 & Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Tues) | 4-7 pm | In Person | Delaware Patio
Visit the Delaware Community Farmers Market for fresh fruits and vegetables, plus the used book sale hosted by the Friends and Foundation of APL (FFAPL). All ages.

FFAPL BOOK TALK
July 6 (Tues) | 12 pm | Live Virtual
WAMC’s David Guistina reviews Into the Abyss by Carol Shaben. Registration required. Ages 18+.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE HOURS
July 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) | 4-6:30 pm | Live Virtual OR In Person
APL’s executive director invites you to speak to him during weekly office hours, virtually or in person. Please register for a half-hour session. Ages 18+.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 13 & Aug. 10 (Tues) | 6 pm | In Person | Washington Ave.
Attend in person or watch the livestream on YouTube. You may submit comments ahead of time at publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org or (518) 290-6905. Ages 18+.

MAKE YOUR OWN “PUTZ HAUS”
July 14 (Wed) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
The German word “putz” means to place or decorate, and “haus” means house. Decorate a miniature cardboard house using paint, vellum, glitter, and small figurines. All items supplied in craft kits. Register early to get a craft kit. Ages 18+.

FOREVER (YOUNG) ADULT BOOK CLUB
July 19 & Aug. 16 (Mon) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
July’s title is Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi. August’s title is Tales from the Hinterland by Melissa Albert. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FFAPL BOOK TALK
July 20 (Tues) | 12 pm | Live Virtual

VIRTUAL EMBROIDERY SOCIAL HOUR
July 21 (Wed) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual
Get a beginner embroidery kit from us and learn a new skill at home, virtually, with others. Kits are limited, so please register early. Ages 18+.

FFAPL BOOK TALK
Aug. 3 (Tues) | 12 pm | Live Virtual
The College of St. Rose’s David Morrow reviews The New Climate War by Michael Mann. Registration required. Ages 18+.

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS
Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 (Tues) | 10:30 am | In Person | Pine Hills
This eight-week program series runs through September. Register for a spot, and note that attendance is limited to City of Albany residents. Ages 18+.

FFAPL BOOK TALK
Aug. 17 (Tues) | 12 pm | Live Virtual
Attorney Anita Thayer reviews The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee. Registration required. Ages 18+.

BOOK & ART CLUB
Aug. 24 (Thurs) | 7 pm | Live Virtual
A museum curator (from Albany Institute of History and Art) and a librarian (from APL) lead a discussion about Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce. Registration required. Ages 18+.

Watch video programs by your favorite APL staff!
youtube.com/albanynylibrary
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**North Albany Branch** is closed for renovation (will reopen in 2022)

**NOTE:** This is the July schedule | We expect to add Saturday hours at several branches in August

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**CLOSED**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

**JULY 3-5 (SAT-MON)**