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VIEW “PIECED TOGETHER” ART EXHIBITION

We invite you to view “Pieced Together,” the newest Art at APL exhibition at the Pine Hills Branch. The exhibition is curated by Opalka Gallery and underwritten by the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library.

“Pieced Together” showcases artists who transform discarded materials into new compositions. Whether through model making or collage, these artists find inspiration in scrap paper, fabric remnants, old maps, photos, or magazines. For some, the allure of a commonplace material like cardboard is the freedom inherent in it—it isn't precious or perceived as valuable so anything goes. For others, it's the history of the material—all the other stories it has told and can yet tell. Often it's simply the economy of re-using scraps. Ultimately, the satisfaction comes from piecing it all together into something new.

“Pieced Together” features work by: Fern Apfel, Paula Drysdale Frazell, Danny Goodwin, Chloe Harrison, Niki Haynes, Beth, Humphrey, Henry Klimowicz, Juan Hinojosa, Melinda McDaniel, Michael Oatman, and Kenneth Ragsdale.

“Pieced Together” Art Exhibition | Monday-Saturday | Through April 17 | During Open Hours | In Person | Pine Hills



LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT APL

Albany Public Library is searching for a new leader as Executive Director Scott C. Jarzombek resigned at the end of October to take a new position out of state. Jarzombek served as APL's executive director for seven years and started his career as a librarian at the Howe Branch.

The APL Board of Trustees is conducting a search for a new executive director, led by the board's Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee. The board appointed Melanie Metzger, who has served as assistant director since 2013, as interim executive director.



“It has been a fantastic opportunity to serve Albany for the last seven years. I am incredibly proud of everything done by our staff and the support we have received from stakeholders and community partners,” Jarzombek said. “I am grateful to the trustees who were invested in my success. I especially want to thank the library patrons who have made the work worthwhile through their engagement and support. It was a difficult decision to leave APL and Albany, but I am excited for the next stage of my professional career.”

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

LIVE ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME

Every Wednesday | 10:30 am | Zoom

Enjoy stories and songs with us via Zoom. You can also pick up a storytime kit with egg shakers, a scarf, and a book. Registration required. Ages 0-5.

DIY NAME GARLAND: TAKE & MAKE

Nov. 1-5 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit with all the supplies you need to make a colorful banner of your name to display. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID RAFFLE

Nov. 1-14 (Mon-Sun) | All Day | All Branches

Enter our raffle to win a copy of the newest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book, *Big Shot*. Pick up an activity sheet, do one of those activities, and return the sheet to the library. You can enter the raffle one time. Winners will be drawn on Nov. 15. Ages 8-12.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Nov. 2 & Dec. 14 (Tue) | 7 pm | Zoom

Join Miss Melissa for books, songs, and cozy fun before bedtime. Registration required. Ages 0-6.

AFTER SCHOOL ART

➤ **Nov. 4 | Flip Books**

➤ **Nov. 11 | Line Art**

Thursdays | 3:30 pm | Zoom

Participate online and make these art pieces. Registration required. Ages 9-14.

1ST SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES

➤ **Nov. 6 | All Aboard Trains**

➤ **Dec. 4 | Welcome to Winter**

Saturday | 10:30 am | YouTube

The program premieres at this time and can be viewed on demand later. Limited craft supply kits available for pickup. Registration required. Ages 2-8.

FOOD SCIENCE FUN

Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

Join 4-H educators for a fun, virtual four-week program that brings food and science together. Pick up a kit at Bach or Delaware with all the supplies you need to complete each week's project. Registration required. Ages 7-12.

PAINT YOUR PET

Nov. 11 (Thu) | 6 pm | Zoom

Learn how to paint an abstract pet portrait from librarian Leah. Pick up a craft kit at Washington Ave. and then attend the class on Zoom. Registration required. Ages 12-17.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY CRAFT: TAKE & MAKE

Nov. 15-19 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit with all the supplies you need to make a Thanksgiving turkey decoration out of cardstock, cereal boxes, and googly eyes. Registration required. Ages 2-12.

DIY FLOWER PENS: TAKE & MAKE

Nov. 15-19 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit with all the supplies you need to make a flower pen at home. Registration required. Ages 12-17.

CRAFTY READERS

➤ **Nov. 18 | *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier**

➤ **Dec. 16 | *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada**

Thursday | 6:30 pm | Zoom

This fun craft and book club involves reading the selected book, making a craft, and meeting on Zoom to talk about them both with your friends. Pick up a craft kit that includes a paperback copy of the book, activity instructions, and craft supplies. Registration required. Ages 8-12.

ANATOMY OF A COMIC

Nov. 18 & Dec. 2, 9, 16 (Thu) | 3:30 pm | Zoom

Kids can make their very own comic books in this four-part workshop. We'll learn the basics of writing and storytelling, develop characters and plot lines, try out illustration, and craft a whole comic book. Ages 9-14.

SOUPTASTIC STORYTIME & CRAFT

Nov. 20 (Sat) | 1 pm | Zoom

Soup is the theme for the books, songs, and craft in this storytime. Pick up a craft bag with all the supplies you need. Registration required. Ages 0-9.

SNOWY CROSS STITCH

Dec. 2 (Thu) | 6 pm | Zoom

Learn the basics of cross stitching and start your own snowflake piece. We provide a kit with an embroidery hoop, fabric, thread, scissors, needle, and pattern. Registration required. Ages 12-17.

HOLIDAY BOWS & CARDS: TAKE & MAKE

Dec. 6-10 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Make bows out of old book pages and cards out of colored cardstock paper. Pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions. Registration required. Ages 9-12.



Watch video programs by your favorite APL staff!

youtube.com/albanynylibrary

MORE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

FAMILY SING-ALONG

Dec. 7 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

The talented Kim Tateo leads us in a virtual family sing-along. Pick up a lyrics sheet from any branch. Registration required. Ages 3-8.

WINTER MITTEN WREATH CRAFT: TAKE & MAKE

Dec. 13-17 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit with all the supplies you need to make a winter mitten wreath out of cardstock and foam. Registration required. Ages 2-12.

RESOLUTIONS & REFLECTIONS ZINE: TAKE & MAKE

Dec. 13-31 (Mon-Fri) | Anytime | Creativebug

Get a take-and-make craft kit from Bach or Arbor Hill/West Hill, then log into Creativebug online for tutorials on how to create a (maga)zine with your New Year's resolutions and end-of-year reflections. Registration required. Ages 12-17.

MARVELOUS MUG CAKES

Dec. 15 (Wed) | 4 pm | Zoom

Baked goods are wonderful treats on long winter nights. Join us to make marvelous mug cakes. Pick up a craft kit with cake-making supplies. You'll also need to have a microwave oven at home. Registration required. Ages 8-12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

RESUME AND JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Mon & Wed | Select Times | Virtual

Make an appointment for a librarian to help you update your resume and do a job search. You can meet on the phone or via video on Google Meet or Zoom. Registration required. Ages 18+.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Nov. 1 & Dec. 6 (Mon) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

November's book is *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* by Jeff Lindsay. December's book *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley. Registration required. Ages 18+.

MEDICARE & PATIENTS' RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

- **Nov. 2 | Medicare Basics**
- **Nov. 9 | Patients' Rights in the Hospital**
- **Nov. 16 | Medicare Fraud**

Tuesday | 6 pm | Zoom

Learn important information about Medicare and patients' rights. Registration required. Ages 18+.

HOLIDAY CARD & GIFT TAG: TAKE & MAKE

Nov. 8-12 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit full of supplies, then watch "Holiday Craft-Along: 30 Days of Cards, Tags and Packaging Ideas" on Creativebug and make a "Deck the Halls Holiday Card" (Day 1) and "Gift Tag" (Day 29). Registration required. Ages 18+.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Nov. 9 & Dec. 14 (Tue) | 6 pm | YouTube

Watch the meeting live on YouTube. Submit comments to (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. Ages 18+.

SOUND BATH MEDITATION

Nov. 10 (Wed) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

Rock & Soul Wellness teaches us how music from singing bowls, drums, and gongs can be used for meditation, relaxation, and stress relief. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FOREVER (YOUNG) ADULT BOOK CLUB

Nov. 15 (Mon) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual

Join us to discuss Eric Gansworth's *If I Ever Get Out of Here*. Registration required. Ages 18+.

WATERCOLOR POSTCARDS

Nov. 16 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

We'll meet on Zoom and make watercolor postcards with guidance from the Creativebug crafting site. Pick up a craft kit before the online lesson. Registration required. Ages 18+.

RESUME & JOB SEARCH WITH CAREER COACH

Nov. 17 (Wed) & Dec. 14 (Tue) | 5-7 pm | Virtual

Get personalized resume and job search assistance from career coach Marsha Lazarus. One-hour sessions available. Registration required. Ages 18+.

BOOK & ART CLUB

Nov. 18 & Dec. 16 (Thu) | 7 pm | Google Meet

A museum curator (from Albany Institute of History and Art) and a librarian (from APL) explore the intersection of books and art. Registration required. Ages 18+.

MORE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

WRITE & PUBLISH YOUR OWN CHILDREN'S BOOK

Nov. 30 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

Learn about the process of writing and publishing a children's book with local author Michelle Bodden-White. You'll learn to develop a story, work with an illustrator, publish, and promote. Bring your questions! Registration required. Ages 18+.

QUEER COMIC CLUB

Nov. 30 & Dec. 28 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Live Virtual

This comic book club features graphic novels that explore the lives and stories of LGBTQ people and allies in different genres. Join us for this monthly hangout. Registration required. Ages 18+.

DIY HANDWARMERS: TAKE & MAKE

Dec. 6-10 (Mon-Fri) | All Day | Pine Hills

Pick up a craft kit with supplies and make these handwarmers at home. Registration required. Ages 18+.

A VERY MERRY JANE AUSTEN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Dec. 13 (Mon) | 6:30 pm | Zoom

We're celebrating with a representative of the Jane Austen Society of North America, group read, and take & make craft. Registration required. Ages 18+.

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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 online at www.albanypubliclibrary.org

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

INTRODUCTION TO THE IROQUOIS:

A VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP TO THE IROQUOIS MUSEUM

Nov. 18 (Thu) | 1 pm | Live Zoom

An educator from the Iroquois Museum in Howes Cave, NY, introduces us to Iroquois culture, history, and traditions. Brenda LaForme is part of the Six Nations Reserve, a member of the Onondaga Nation and Beaver Clan. She will show us Iroquois artwork and artifacts from the museum's collection. And she'll teach us about the clan system and formation of the Iroquois Confederacy, the oldest still operating democracy in human history. Registration required. All ages.

MAKE YOUR OWN SEASONAL LED CARD

Dec. 7 (Tue) | 10 am | YouTube

Pick up a craft kit and learn how to make a circuit and create an LED greeting card. The tutorial debuts on YouTube at this day and time, and is available for on demand viewing after that. Registration required. All ages.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Nov. 25 (Thu) | Dec. 24 (Fri) | Dec. 25 (Sat)

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UHLS Mobile App

- Search our collections
- Request material for pickup
- Renew and manage checkouts
- Browse new items
- View upcoming events
- Check branch hours & more!

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