

Albany Public Library educates, entertains, and empowers our community.

Albany Public Library:

- Is committed to connecting the people of Albany to information to empower and enrich their lives
- Operates seven branches—Arbor Hill/West Hill, Bach, Delaware, Howe, North Albany, Pine Hills, Washington Ave.—in diverse neighborhoods across the city of Albany, NY
- Serves the 98,000 residents of the city of Albany (just about two-thirds have library cards)
- Is governed by an elected board of nine trustees and is funded by city taxpayers, with residents voting on the library budget every May
- Provides access to a collection of more than 350,000 materials, including books, magazines, eBooks, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs
- Provides 24/7 access to many services and collections, as well as digital books and materials, through a free mobile app and interactive website
- Delivers dozens of programs each week for all ages, including book talks and author events, movie screenings and music performances, art classes and music lessons, story times and early literacy initiatives, art classes and music lessons, wellness and fitness classes, and career and finance workshops | Programs are available in a variety of formats, including in-person, live virtual, and recorded
- Provides building-wide WiFi connections, plus WiFi in three city parks and four Albany Housing Authority locations, as well as public access computers and printers, and computer and digital device training assistance at all branches
- Hosts free literacy programs, tax preparation, and financial education services for Albany residents
- Houses the Pruyn Collection of Albany History, which includes many historical books, pamphlets, newspapers, photographs, city directories, and census records
- Provides unique items like bike repair stations, fishing poles, museum passes, musical instruments, and WiFi hotspots
- Offers meeting rooms, study rooms, and tutoring spaces for community groups
- Completed an award-winning \$29.1 million project in 2010 to renovate three branch libraries and construct two new library buildings
- Has won numerous accolades, including five library design/building awards for the new/renovated branch libraries, as well as awards for adult and children's programming and the full library system

Each Month* at Albany Public Library:

*during a typical, non-pandemic, year

- 69,000 people use the libraries
- 53,000 books, DVDs, magazines, CDs, and audiobooks are loaned out
- 6,000 eBooks and other digital materials are downloaded
- 18,000 people use WiFi and library computers for research and entertainment at our branches
- 38,000 people access the library website for information
- 5,000 people attend library programs and activities
- 750 library meeting and study rooms are used by community groups and individuals

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ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL BRANCH

148 Henry Johnson Blvd.



- Newly built branch opened June 2010
- Single-story, 12,000-square-foot library with 28,000 items
- Received 2011 Outstanding Public Library Building Award from NY Library Association

JOHN J. BACH BRANCH

455 New Scotland Ave.



- Relocated, newly built branch opened May 2010
- Single-story, 8,500-square-foot library with 23,000 items
- Known for outside story garden

DELAWARE BRANCH

331 Delaware Ave.



- Relocated, renovated branch opened December 2009
- Single story, 9,500-square-foot library with 35,000 items
- Received 2010 Outstanding Public Library Building Award from NY Library Association

JOHN A. HOWE BRANCH

105 Schuyler St.



- Originally built as library in 1929, renovated March 2010
- Two-story, 12,000-square-foot library with 21,000 items
- Received 2010 Preservation Merit Award from Historic Albany Foundation
- Received 2010 Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse Merit Award from AIA Eastern NY Chapter

NORTH ALBANY BRANCH

616 North Pearl St.



- New satellite branch opened November 2005
- 2,500-square-foot library with 12,000 items
- Housed in North Albany YMCA

PINE HILLS BRANCH

517 Western Ave.



- Renovated, expanded branch reopened November 2009
- Two-story, 19,000-square-foot library with 49,000 items
- Received 2010 Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse Merit Award from AIA Eastern NY Chapter

WASHINGTON AVE. BRANCH

161 Washington Ave.



- Building renovated and opened as library in 1977
- Two floors of four-story building house a 40,000-square-foot branch with 169,000 items
- Building also contains library system administration
- Known as the flagship branch of Albany Public Library



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