NORTH ALBANY BRANCH REOPENS AFTER RENOVATION

The fully renovated and expanded North Albany Branch is now open!

The renovation project included a 12% increase in library square footage, plus it added a public meeting room, two study rooms, a staff office, and two public bathrooms. A new entrance was created that solely serves the library. APL’s investment included a new service desk, new carpeting and paint, new furniture and shelving, and updated collections.

"Albany Public Library is thrilled to reopen the renovated North Albany Branch," said APL Executive Director Andrea Nicolay. "It may be our smallest branch but it’s bigger and better than ever, with dedicated rooms for programs, activities, community meetings, and tutoring. As a full-service branch people can also take advantage of the collection, use computers, or relax and read. We’re excited to welcome everyone back to this great little library."

The North Albany Branch was closed in March 2020 when the entire system shut down in-person operations at the onset of the COVID pandemic. The library branch remained closed during the renovation and expansion of the North Albany Middle School by the City School District of Albany, which opened in September. Part of the school’s expansion renovated a former YMCA building, which opened at 616 North Pearl St. in 2005 and included a space for APL’s North Albany Branch.

While the North Albany Branch is the smallest of APL’s seven location, it offers services common to all of Albany’s public libraries, including: browse the collection and borrow items; use computers, Chromebooks, and WiFi; access printers, scanners, and copiers; hold community meetings and use study rooms; attend entertaining and educational programs; get assistance from trained librarians and staff; and purchase and replenish CDTA Navigator bus passes.
ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB
Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Washington Ave.
Use 3D printers, 3D scanner, video and music editing tools, sewing machines, fiber art materials, and much more. Adult supervision required for children. No registration. All ages.

ONE-ON-ONE PIANO LESSONS
Every Thursday | 3:30-6 pm | Howe Branch
Ms. Francesca is providing individual piano lessons. Registration required. All ages.

LANERN MAKING
Nov. 1 (Tue) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Bring a clean, clear plastic container (like a soda bottle or takeout container) and use our supplies and instructions to make a lantern for the Albany Lantern Parade. Drop in. All ages.

DELAWARE COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET
Nov. 1, 8 (Tue) | 3-6 pm | Delaware
Purchase fresh produce, home-baked goodies, and other items from local farmers. Drop in. All ages.

FOOD WASTE AND YOU
Nov. 2 (Wed) | 4 pm | Zoom
Learn strategies to save food, money, and the planet. This Zoom program is presented by Albany Sustainability Advisory Committee and Zero Waste Capital District. Registration required. All ages.

PINE CONE CRITTERS
Nov. 8 (Tue) | 4 pm | North Albany
We'll use pine cones and felt to craft some colorful critters that make great decorations. Registration required. All ages.

COOKING WITH LOVE FOR THE PLANET
Nov. 15 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Learn healthy and sustainable ways to cook meals with lessons from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Registration required. All ages.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- Nov. 15 | “The Road to El Dorado”
- Dec. 20 | “Rise of the Guardians”
Tuesdays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy a movie with your family. Drop in. All ages.

CELEBRATE WINTER WITH A “FROZEN 2” PARTY
Nov. 26 (Sat) | 1:30-4 pm | Howe
Kick off the winter season at our “Frozen 2” party where we’ll watch the further adventures of Anna, Elsa, and Olaf and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Drop in. All ages.

MAKE CARE PACKS FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE
Nov. 29 (Tue) | 3-5:30 pm | Howe
Help us make care packs for people in our community who are unhoused. The care packs will be donated to the Street Soldiers who will distribute them in Albany. Drop in. All ages.

GIFT WRAPPING STATION
Dec. 1-30 (Mon-Fri) | Open Hours | North Albany
We have a gift wrapping station set up for the whole month of December. Stop by and use our supplies to wrap that special gift. Drop in. All ages.

READ TO LULU THE THERAPY DOG
Dec. 6, 13 (Tue) | 4-6 pm | Bach
Lulu is fluffy, cuddly, calm, loves to be petted, and is a great listener. Drop in. All ages.

LIVE MUSIC: WINTER CLASSICS WITH STRINGWYNDE
Dec. 10 (Sat) | 2 pm | Pine Hills
The concert was arranged in partnership with Local 14 Albany Musicians Association. Drop in. All ages.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING
Dec. 22 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm
Decorate some cookies using our supplies. Drop in. All ages.
TECH TUTORING
Every Monday | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
Get help with computer basics, registering for an email address, using Microsoft Word, and more. Registration required. Ages 18+.

COFFEE & A MOVIE
Every Wednesday | 11 am-1 pm | Washington Ave.
Join us for a free movie screening with coffee and snacks. Community organizations that provide housing, mental health, and other services will also be available to answer questions and provide information. Drop in. Ages 18+.

HOWEDUNNITS
Every Thursday | 1:30-3:30 pm | Howe
Join this small writing discussion group to share your mystery writing and get feedback. Registration required. Ages 18+.

DAY OF THE DEAD NICHÓ WORKSHOP
Nov. 1 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Create a nícho, a portable shrine for loved ones, in honor of Día de los Muertos. Nicole Miele of Rock and Soul Wellness leads this workshop. Registration required. Ages 18+.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS
- Nov. 1 | Review: American Rascal
- Nov. 8 | Review: Normal Accidents
- Nov. 15 | Review: Sorry, Out of Gas
- Nov. 22 | Author Talk: Eleanor Kuhns
- Nov. 29 | Author Talk: Megeen R. Mulholland
- Dec. 6 | Review: In the Lateness of the World
- Dec. 13 | Author Talk: David Pietrusza
- Dec. 20 | Holiday Concert: Albany HS Choir
- Dec. 27 | Author Talk: Dodji Koudakpo

Weekly book reviews and author talks are hosted by the Friends and Foundation of APL. Details on the online calendar. No registration. Ages 18+.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP
Nov. 2, 16 & Dec. 7, 21 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Join us and our friends from NNORC for an afternoon of fiber arts for senior adults. Drop in. Ages 18+.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
- Nov. 2 | Harsh Times by Mario Vargas Llosa
- Dec. 7 | Year in Review/What to Read in 2023

Read the book on your own and then join us for a lively discussion filled with mystery, suspense, and thrills. Registration required. Ages 18+.

COMPUTER HELP WITH SUNY ATTAIN LAB
- Nov. 3, 10, 17 (Thu) | 4-4:45 pm | Pine Hills
- Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Thu) | 5-5:45 pm | Pine Hills
Sign up for a one-on-one session with a trained aide from the SUNY ATTAIN Lab. Get help with your tech device, computer skills, and related topics. Registration required. Ages 18+.

LEADING WITH PASSION
Nov. 7 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Educator Ellen Mall-John teaches us how to be an exceptional team leader in a changing world. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ENERGY EDUCATION & WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP
- Nov. 8 (Tue) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Nov. 9 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Howe
Learn low-cost and no-cost ways to improve the energy efficiency of your home without compromising comfort. You’ll also get a free weatherization kit and dinner at this free workshop. Presented by New York Power Authority and Historic Albany Foundation. Registration required. Ages 18+.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Submit comments to (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. Watch livestream or recording on YouTube. Ages 18+.

KEEPING THE IROQUOIS CULTURE ALIVE
Nov. 9 (Wed) | 1 pm | Zoom
We’ll learn about modern-day and traditional activities that Iroquois People use to maintain their culture in these challenging times. Brenda LaFrome, Onondaga Beaver Clan, shares lessons and insight from the Iroquois Museum of Howes Cave. Registration required. Ages 18+.

RESUME & JOB SEARCH COACHING SESSIONS
Nov. 9 & Dec. 7 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Zoom
Career coach Marsha Lazarus helps with workplace challenges, writing a resume, and searching for a new job. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP
Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 (Thu) | 12 pm | Bach
NNORC seniors provide assistance with your computer or device skills. Please bring your charged tablet, phone, or laptop with you. Registration required. Ages 18+.

PUMPKIN DÉCOR
Nov. 10 (Thu) | 6:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Create colorized paper pumpkins to decorate your home. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**MEDICARE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENROLL**
- Nov. 10 (Thu) | 6:30 pm | Zoom
- Nov. 14 (Mon) | 12:30 pm | Zoom
Learn how to enroll in Medicare from members of the NY Statewide Senior Action Council in these Zoom sessions. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**MAKE HOLIDAY CARDS**
Nov. 14 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe
Make holiday cards using embossing techniques and watercolors. And enjoy refreshments. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**GETTING CENTERED: MEDITATION SERIES**
Nov. 15, 22, 29 & Dec. 6, 13 (Tue) | 10:30 am | Pine Hills
This series is an introduction to meditation practices. Our leader is James W. Mitchell, founder/CEO of Young Futures. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**CRAFY LOVERS BOOK CLUB**
- Nov. 16 | The Last Chance Library
- Dec. 28 | Year in Review/What to Read in 2023
Wednesdays | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
We discuss books and make cool crafts in this monthly program. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**ARTS & CRAFTS HOUR**
- Nov. 17 | Apple Block Print Dish Towel
- Dec. 8 | Rustic Winter Wreath
Thursdays | 6 pm | Bach
Make a craft using our supplies and instructions. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**PUZZLE SWAP**
Nov. 21 (Mon) | 1-7 pm | Pine Hills
Bring a gently used 500+ complete puzzle set and trade it for one of ours. Drop in. Ages 18+.

**DIAL M FOR MATINEE**
- Nov. 26 | “Gaslight”
- Dec. 10 | “Strangers on a Train”
Saturdays | Bach
Watch a thriller or mystery and enjoy specially-themed mocktails. Drop in. Ages 18+.

**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING**
Nov. 29 & Dec. 27 (Tue) | 3:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Testing done for free by Albany Medical Center’s Dept. of HIV Medicine. Takes only 20 minutes. No insurance necessary. Call to make appointment (518) 264-8378 or walk in. Ages 18+.

**COMMUNITY COMICS WORKSHOP**
Nov. 30 & Dec. 28 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Meet up with other comic enthusiasts, participate in making a comic, or work on your project. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**COCOA IN A JAR**
Dec. 2 (Fri) | 4-5:45 pm | Howe
Make hot cocoa jars perfect for giving as gifts. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**BOOK SALE: MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM**
Dec. 3 (Sat) | 12-5 pm | Delaware
An assortment of gently used mystery books are available to purchase for $1 and under. We’ll also have new books from Sisters in Crime authors for sale. The book sale is presented in partnership between the Friends & Foundation of APL and the Ma-ven’s of Mayhem, Upper Hudson Chapter of Sisters in Crime. Drop in. Ages 18+.

**PEPPERMINT BARK GIFT BOXES**
Dec. 5 (Mon) | 6 pm | Howe
Make peppermint bark and create a pretty gift box for it. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**CRAFT & SIP**
Dec. 5 (Mon) | 6:30 pm | Pine Hills
Make a snow-frosted jar to hold a votive candle. All supplies and instructions are provided. We’ll have light refreshments. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING**
Dec. 6 (Tue) | 5-7:45 pm | Delaware
Learn to create a wreath using tree trimmings, wire, and add-on decorations. All materials provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**A JANE AUSTEN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
Dec. 14 (Wed) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
Celebrate Jane Austen’s birthday with a read-along, teacup craft, and tea with the head of the Jane Austen Society of North America. Registration required. Ages 18+.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
Dec. 21 (Wed) | 10 am-3 pm | Washington Ave.
Blood donations are needed at this time. Drop in or you can make an appointment online via red-crossblood.org. Ages 18+.
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

TUTORING
Weekly | Various Hours & Branches
In-person tutoring returns this fall for school-age children and teens. Visit the online events calendar or call a branch for dates and details. Ages 5-17.

MINECRAFT MAYHEM
Every Monday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Build your Minecraft world and characters in a weekly competition. Drop in. Ages 6-14.

EXPRESSION SESSION
Every Tuesday (starting Nov. 8) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Weekly projects with art, poetry, puzzles, more. Drop in. Ages 13-17.

FANTASY/SCI FI MOVIE TUESDAYS
Every Tues. (except Nov. 8) | 4-6:30 pm | Delaware
Join us on Tuesday afternoons for bone-chilling, edge-of-your-seat movies. All movies are PG-13 and snacks are provided. Drop in. Ages 13-17.

TECH CRAFTS
Every Thursday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Explore STEM, painting, and cooking after school. Drop in. Ages 7-12.

GAME TIME
Every Friday | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware
Play Xbox, board games, and card games with friends. Drop in. Ages 11-17.

UNITED GEEKS OF GAMING
Every Friday | 3:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave.
We’ve got Wi-Fi for DS battles, along with an Xbox One and a Nintendo Switch, plus a big screen tv. Bring your own games or use ours. Snacks provided. Drop in. Ages 11-17.

SMASH FRIDAYS
Every Friday (except Nov. 25) | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

BOOK CHARACTER TURKEYS
Nov. 1-24 | Open Hours | Washington Ave.
Visit the children’s room to pick up a cardstock turkey and turn it into your favorite book character. We’ll display the turkeys. Drop in. Ages 4-12.

THE BOOKMARK BUNCH
▶ Nov. 2 | The Princess in Black
▶ Dec. 7 | Magic Treehouse: Sunlight on the Snow Leopard
Wednesday | 4 pm | Bach
We’ll read the first chapter together, then enjoy a snack and do activities themed to the book. Keep the book for your home library, too! Registration required. Ages 5-10.

GAME BLASTING THURSDAYS
Nov. 3, 10, 17 & Dec. 1, 8, 22 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Bach

LEGO CLUB
▶ Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 (Thu) | 3:30 pm | Delaware
▶ Every Friday | 4-5:30 pm | Howe
Make something with our LEGO. Drop in. Ages 5-14.

MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC
Nov. 8 (Tue) | 4 pm | Delaware
Write and draw your own stories and share them with others. Registration required. Ages 10-17.

FUN @ 4
▶ Nov. 9 | Squishy Circuit
▶ Nov. 16 | Corn Husk Figure
▶ Nov. 30 | House of Cards
▶ Dec. 14 | Pine Cone Critters
▶ Dec. 21 | Books and Blox
Wednesdays | 4-5:30 pm | Bach
Do a STEM project, seasonal craft, or learn a new game. Sometimes we’ll have guest presenters. Drop in. Ages 5-12.

KIDS COOKING CLUB
Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 (Thu) | 3:30 pm | Delaware
Learn how to prepare healthy meals with Miss Siobhan from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Get recipes to try at home. Registration required. Ages 5-14.

DUCK ON A BIKE STORY & CRAFT
Nov. 12 (Sat) | 1-2:30 pm | Delaware
WMHT PBS Kids will show us the Duck on a Bike story video and then we’ll do a craft together. Registration required. Ages 3-18.

APPLE CIDER PAINT & SIP
Nov. 12 (Sat) | 2 pm | Washington Ave.
Join us for a fall-themed paint and sip with apple cider. Registration required. Ages 8-12.
TURTLE DANCE MUSIC
- Nov. 14 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Zoom
- Nov. 15 (Tue) | 4 pm | Zoom
This special program connects kids of all abilities, sensory, and social needs with music and fun. Registration required. Ages 2-8.

FLAVOR OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB
- Nov. 17 | Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Överlöde
- Dec. 15 | Front Desk
Thursdays | 3:30 pm | Delaware

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD?
Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 (Thu) | 4 pm | Zoom
Paul and Mary Liz Stewart of the Underground Railroad Education Center share the history of the Underground Railroad through games, puzzles, activities, and more. Registration required. Ages 8-14.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
- Nov. 17 | Wink by Rob Harrell
- Dec. 15 | Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac
Thursdays | 6:30 pm | Zoom

SATURDAY AFTERNOON GAMES
Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Washington
Bring your friends and try out our extensive collection of board and card games. Drop in. Ages 3-17.

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOWFLAKES
Dec. 1-31 | Open Hours | Washington Ave.
Drop by the children’s room in December and make paper snowflakes. Drop in. Ages 4-12.

MUSIC FUN WITH MATT
Dec. 9 (Fri) | 10:30 am | Washington Ave.
Popular performer Matt Yaeger entertains us with songs, dances, and stories. Registration required. Ages 0-5.

KAWAII CHARM NECKLACE
Dec. 12 (Mon) | 4 pm | Bach
Use sculpting clay to create tiny figures and craft them into a necklace. Registration required. Ages 10-17.

MAKE YOUR OWN HOT COCOA MIX
Dec. 13 (Tue) | 4 pm | Washington Ave.
We’ll make hot cocoa mix using cocoa powder, sugar, and dehydrated milk. Then enjoy what you made. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

CHOCOLHOLICS TASTE & TRIVIA
Dec. 15 (Thu) | 4 pm | Bach
Taste-test chocolate and answer trivia about our favorite treat. Registration required. Ages 7-13.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD: COOKIE EDITION
Dec. 20 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington Ave.
We’re taste testing cookies from a variety of countries across the globe. Drop in. Ages 8-17.

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY
Dec. 28 (Wed) | 3 pm | Pine Hills
Celebrate the day with chocolate games, taste tests, and trivia. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

MAPLE SUGARING
Dec. 29 (Thu) | 3 pm | Pine Hills
Author and educator Anita Sanchez explains how maple trees work and why the sap is important for the tree. We’ll also taste some real maple syrup. Registration required. Ages 4-10.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SNOW SLIME?
Dec. 31 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Make snow slime to take home. The slime gives you the joy of snow without the cold! Registration required. Ages 5-12.
## Storytimes for Growing Readers

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<td>1st Saturday for Families</td>
<td>We’ll have a drum circle with John and Heidi Kowalchyk on Nov. 5 at Washington Ave. Branch. Register. And visit Albany Institute of History and Art together on Dec. 3 for the Jan Brett Celebration exhibit, stories, and scavenger hunt. Register.</td>
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<td>Baby Bounce Storytime</td>
<td>Fun songs and short books to introduce your baby to storytime with Ms. Melissa.</td>
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<td>Baby Bounce Storytime</td>
<td>Stories, songs, rhymes in the 2nd floor youth services room.</td>
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<td>Baby Play &amp; Grow</td>
<td>Unstructured playtime with sensory blocks, cars, balls, more.</td>
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<td>Daycare Storytime</td>
<td>Daycare groups are welcome to this special storytime just for them.</td>
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<td>Family Evening Storytime</td>
<td>Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.</td>
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<td>“Howe”-ling Monster Storytime</td>
<td>Have fun and howl with delight at Gruff and his librarian friend. Puppets, dance, music.</td>
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<td>Listen to books, sing songs, and have cozy fun with Ms. Melissa.</td>
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<td>Fun and silly storytime full of singing and movement activities.</td>
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### Reminders About APL Programs
- Many programs require registration and have attendance limits. Programs are free to attend.
- Programs are subject to change. The online calendar has the most up-to-date information.
- Register by phone *(518) 427-4300* or online [albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com](http://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com)
MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Albany Public Library Executive Director Andrea Nicolay is visiting each branch to meet the community. We invite you to drop into a one-hour meet-and-greet with Andrea!

- Arbor Hill/West Hill: Dec. 6 (Tue) at 12:30 pm
- Bach: Nov. 29 (Tue) at 12:30 pm
- Delaware: Dec. 8 (Thu) at 12:30 pm
- Howe: Dec. 12 (Mon) at 6 pm
- North Albany: Dec. 8 (Thu) at 4 pm
- Pine Hills: Nov. 21 (Mon) at 6 pm
- Washington Ave: Nov. 16 (Tue) at 6 pm

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

National Novel Writing Month -- NaNoWriMo -- activities at APL in November aim to connect you with other writers in the community, spark ideas, and provide encouragement to finish writing your novel.

Guided Autobiography Writing Workshop
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 (Wed)
3-4:30 pm | Zoom

Memoirist Farley Jones leads this six-session workshop series that will help you get started writing the stories of your life. For each class, you'll write a 600-750 word essay and get feedback from others. This will give you a great start in writing your full memoir.

Registration required. | For adults.

ART AT APL WINTER EXHIBITION:
"Neither Here Nor There"

The Pine Hills Branch is hosting the ’Neither Here Nor There’ CRT exhibition, which looks at the changes and challenges of being in between places -- not a tourist, not a local.

The exhibition is conceptually tied to Opalka Gallery’s Spring 2023 solo show of James Ransome’s work about the Great Migration.

**Opening Reception**
Dec. 2 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm

**View the Exhibition**
Dec. 3–Spring ’23

Stop by Pine Hills during open hours and view the artwork on display in the branch. | For all ages

**View the Exhibition**
Dec. 3–Spring ’23 | Open Hours

View art, enjoy light refreshments, and listen to the Albany High School Jazz Ensemble. | For adults

The show was curated by Opalka Gallery of Sage College of Albany and underwritten by the Friends & Foundation of Albany Public Library.

ALL BRANCHES

CLOSE EARLY at 5:30 pm
Nov. 23 (Wed) | Thanksgiving Eve

CLOSED
Nov. 24 (Thu) | Thanksgiving
Dec. 24-26 (Sat-Mon) | Christmas

- Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | 148 Henry Johnson Blvd | (518) 427-4300 x2
- Bach Branch | 455 New Scotland Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x3
- Delaware Branch | 331 Delaware Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x4
- Howe Branch | 105 Schuyler St. | (518) 427-4300 x5
- North Albany Branch | 616 North Pearl St. | (518) 427-4300 x6
- Pine Hills Branch | 517 Western Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x7
- Washington Ave. Branch | 161 Washington Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x1