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MEMOIR WRITING GROUP
Every Monday | 1:30-3:30 pm | Howe
Participate with aspiring writers and work on your own memoir. Registration required. Ages 18+.

WITH PEN IN HAND
Every Monday | 2-3:30 pm | Zoom
Paul Lamar, retired College of St. Rose professor and South End writer, leads this weekly group. Learn to express yourself through writing and share your work with others. Attend any or all sessions. 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+.

COMPUTER 101
Every Wednesday in February | 4-5 pm | North Alb.
Learn computer basics including web browsers, email, and more. Registration required. Ages 18+.

TECH TUTORING
Every Wednesday (not Jan. 4) | 3-4 pm | Pine Hills
Get help with computer basics, registering for an email address, using Microsoft Word, and more. Bring your personal device, or use a library computer. Registration required. Ages 18+.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS
Jan. 3 | Review: Nature’s Evil
Jan. 10 | Special Program: “Sinatra’s Favorites”
Jan. 17 | Author Talk: Mildred Chang
Jan. 24 | Review: Gambling with Armageddon
Jan. 31 | Review: The White Wall
Feb. 7 | Review: Witches
Feb. 14 | Review: Why Trust Science?
Feb. 21 | Author Talk: H. Carl McCall & Paul Grondahl
Feb. 28 | Review: Palaces for People
Tuesdays | 12:15 pm | Washington Ave.
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
Jan. 4, 18 & Feb. 1, 15 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Work on your project among friends. No registration. Ages 18+.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 (Wed) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
Join us online for a lively discussion filled with mystery, suspense, and thrills. Book titles to be announced. Registration required. Ages 18+.

HOE-DUNNITS
Jan. 5, 19 & Feb. 2, 16 (Thu) | 1:30-3 pm | Howe
Join this small writing discussion group to share your mystery writing and get feedback. Registration required. Ages 18+.

SPLASH ART
Jan. 5 & Feb. 2 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Paint some beautiful things with us. Registration required. Ages 18+.

BEFORE DINNER BOOK CLUB
Jan. 10 | It Cannoli Be Murder
Feb. 14 | TBD
Tuesdays | 3-4 pm | North Albany
We’ll meet monthly to talk about a timely book. Registration required. Ages 18+.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT
Jan. 11 | “Defending Your Life”
Feb. 8 | “Groundhog Day”
Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Enjoy a film, tea, and popcorn. Featured films will be contemplative, musing, philosophical, or inspiring. We’ll have time for a quick chat after the film, too. Registration required. Ages 18+.

VISION BOARDS
Jan. 12 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Set goals for the new year by creating a vision board of meaningful images and words. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP
Jan. 12, 26 & Feb. 9, 23 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach
NNORC seniors provide assistance with your computer or device skills. Bring your charged tablet, phone, or laptop. Registration required. Ages 18+. 
MORE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

DIAL M FOR MATINEE (AND MOCKTAILS)
▶ Feb. 11 | “Odds Against Tomorrow”
Saturdays | 2-3:30 pm | Bach
Watch a thriller or mystery and enjoy specially-themed mocktails. Drop in. Ages 18+.

BULLET JOURNALS & MIND MAPS
Jan. 18 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Get organized using bullet journals and mind maps to collect knowledge and create ideas. Albany Barn’s Nicole DeSaints teaches the class. Registration required. Ages 18+.

RESUME & JOB SEARCH COACHING SESSIONS
Jan. 18 & Feb. 15 (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+.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE: NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
▶ Jan. 19 | White Fragility
▶ Feb. 16 | Heirs of the Founders
Thursdays | 6-7 pm | Zoom
We’ll meet virtually to discuss a variety of nonfiction titles. Registration required. Ages 18+

AGING IN PLACE: YOUR HOME FOR YOUR LIFETIME
Jan. 24 (Tue) | 10:30-11:30 am | Zoom
Learn the simple steps you can take to make your home safe and comfortable to help maintain your independence. Presented by the Albany Guardian Society. Registration required. Ages 55+.

DISPEL THE MYTH, STOP THE VIOLENCE BOOK CLUB
Jan. 24 (Tue) | 6:30-8 pm | Zoom
This online book club is run by the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. We’re working to dispel sexual assault myths and dismantle rape culture one book at a time. This month, we’re discussing The Gift of Fear: And Other Survival Signals that Protect Us from Violence by Gavin de Becker. Registration required. Ages 18+.

CRAFTY LOVERS BOOK CLUB
Jan. 25 & Feb. 22 (Wed) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
We discuss romance books and make cool crafts in this monthly program. Book titles to be announced. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ADULT CRAFT HOUR
▶ Jan. 26 | Paper Quilling
▶ Feb. 16 | Valentine Wall Art
Thursdays | 6-7 pm | Bach
Make a craft using our supplies and instructions. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING
Jan. 31 & Feb. 28 (Tue) | 3:30-7:30 pm | Washington Ave
Free testing 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+.

BREASTFEEDING/CHESTFEEDING CLASS
Feb. 9 (Thu) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Bach
This class is for expectant parents as well as their partners and support people. You’ll learn about lactation, what to expect, how to handle different situations, and to manage expectations when preparing to bodyfeed an infant. Registration required. Ages 18+

HOMEBUYER 101
Feb. 10 (Fri) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Get started on the path to buying a home with this overview of the homebuying process, down payment programs, and what it takes to qualify for a mortgage. Presented by Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region (AHA). Registration required; call AHA at (518) 434-1730.

“STILL BEJEWELED: BROKEN BUT BEAUTIFUL” POETRY
Feb. 15 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
The theme for this poetry night with authors from the Pine Hills Review is anti-hero, anti-love, and broken hearts. Daniel Nester, Pine Hills Review editor, hosts the event. Registration required. Ages 18+

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ROCK PAINTING
Feb. 22 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Learn different techniques to paint natural river rocks with acrylic paints and paint pens. Miss Virginia leads the session where all supplies are provided. No experience necessary. Registration required. Ages 18+.
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

TUTORING
Every Week | Various Hours & Branches
In-person tutoring starts again in mid-January 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.

GAME BLASTING THURSDAYS
Every Thursday | 4-5 pm | Bach
Bring your friends and play Rocket League, Super Smash Bros., NBA 2k22, more. 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. Drop in. Ages 11-17.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS
Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

GAMING ZONE
Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Howe
Play games on Xbox, Nintendo Switch, or PS4 with your friends. Drop in. Ages 9-17.

ANIME CLUB
Every Friday | 4-5 pm | North Albany
The participants in this welcoming club have a passion for anime. Enjoy anime discussions and activities. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

BANNED BOOK CLUB
➤ Jan. 3 | All American Boys
➤ Feb. 7 | The Perks of Being a Wallflower
Tuesdays | 4:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Librarian Miss Leah leads teens in discussions about books that have been challenged, or banned in some places. We explore these books with open, honest conversations about difficult material as an alternative to book banning. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

THE BOOKMARK BUNCH
➤ Jan. 4 | Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol: The Sleepwalking Snowman
➤ Feb. 1 | Too Small Tola
Wednesday | 4-5 pm | Bach
Read a few chapters together, then enjoy a snack and do activities themed to the book. Registration required. Ages 6-9.

FAMILY MOVE & GROOVE
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe
The whole family will enjoy a lively dance session with Miss Latisia from Move 2B Moved. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC
➤ Jan. 9 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington & Zoom
➤ Jan. 10 (Tue) | 4 pm | Howe & Zoom
➤ Feb. 13 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington & Zoom
➤ Feb. 14 (Tue) | 4 pm | Howe & Zoom
These special programs connect kids of all abilities, sensory, and social needs with music and fun. The January theme is “A New Year’s Celebration” and the February theme is “Valentine’s Day.” You can attend in person or watch from home via Zoom. Registration required. Ages 2-8.

MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME
Jan. 10 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make a special slime just for you. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

LEGO CLUB
➤ Jan. 10 & Feb. 14 (Tue) | 5:30-6:30 | Arbor Hill/WH
➤ Jan. 5 & Feb. 2 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
➤ Every Wednesday | 4-6 pm | Howe
Make something with our LEGO. Register. Ages 5-12.

FUN @ 4
Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 8, 15 (Wed) | 4-5:30 pm | Bach
Do a STEM project, seasonal craft, or learn a new game. Sometimes we’ll have guest presenters. No registration. Ages 5-12.

KIDS COOKING CLUB
Jan. 12 & Feb. 9 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 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.

Register for programs by calling (518) 427-4300 or visit albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com
**Tech Crafts**
Jan. 12, 19, 26 & Feb. 2, 9, 16 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Explore STEM, painting, and cooking after school. No registration. Ages 7-12.

**Interactive Yoga Storytime**
Jan. 14 (Sat) | 10:30-11 am | Washington Ave.
Miss Leah reads yoga picture books to us and Miss Genevieve teaches us to do some basic yoga poses. Registration required. Ages 3-8.

**Chinese New Year**
Jan. 14 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Delaware
Learn about the Chinese Lunar New Year in a series of hands-in stations with authentic clothing and objects. We’ll have a Chinese lunar lion parade, too. Presented by the World Awareness Children’s Museum. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

**Flavor of the Month Book Club**
- Jan. 19 | InvestiGators
- Feb. 16 | Meet Yasmin!
Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware

**Making Scrunchies**
Jan. 19 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany
Learn how to make scrunchies to add to your hair collection or give as a gift. Registration required. Ages 11-17.

**Crafty Creatures**
- Jan. 19 | Arctic Animal Suncatchers
- Feb. 16 | Paper Roll Giraffe
Thursdays | 4:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave.
Miss Leah leads this monthly craft program. No registration. Ages 5-12.

**Page Turners Book Club**
- Jan. 19 | This Was Our Pact
- Feb. 16 | Amal Unbound
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom

**Beaded Snowflake Craft**
Jan. 21 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Bach
Stop by and make a beaded snowflake that you can hang in a window at home. Drop in. Ages 4-10.

**DIY Sleepover Pillowcase**
Jan. 24 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Bach
Make a unique pillowcase from a fun printed fabric. We’ll design, cut out, and sew the pillowcases on a sewing machine. Supplies and instruction supplied. Registration required. Ages 10-15.

**Cheesy Pocket Snack**
Jan. 31 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make a cheesy pocket and enjoy the yummy treat. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

**Skribblers Story Writing**
Feb. 7, 14, 21 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
Develop story ideas and work on writing in this three-part workshop led by Tammy Ellis-Robinson of Skribblers Magazine. Completed stories can be submitted for publication in the spring issue. Registration required. Ages 8-14.

**Fondue for All**
Feb. 14 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Dip some of your favorite treats into melted chocolate. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

**All Around the World: Candy Edition**
Feb. 14 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington Ave.
Taste unique and delicious candy from around the globe, and try to guess which country they’re from. No registration. Ages 6-17.
FEB. 20 (MON)

SLIME TIME
1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Mad Science teaches us about slime and its basic ingredients. We’ll test out the different concoctions in a Slime Olympics. Registration is encouraged. Ages 6-12.

LEGO LANDMARKS BUILDING CHALLENGE
3-4 pm | Bach
Create a famous landmark using LEGO bricks. No registration. Ages 6-12.

STAMP CARVING
6-7 pm | Pine Hills
Learn how to carve stamps from Elizabeth Rowell. Registration required. Ages 10-17.

FEB. 21 (TUE)

MINECRAFT SELFIES
1-2 pm | Washington Ave.

CUPCAKE BASH
2-3 pm | Delaware
We’ll each decorate three cupcakes: a polar bear, a penguin, and a puppy. Presented by Cake Bash-es by Tara Allen. Registration required. Ages 5-17.

CARTOON JOURNALING
3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Graphic designer and illustrator Greg Matusic demonstrates different techniques for keeping an illustrated journal to record your thoughts and ideas. No registration. Ages 9-17.

PIZZA PORTRAITS
4-5 pm | Bach
Make a snack-size pizza that looks like you. Doodle your design first, then make a bagel pizza. Registration required. Ages 9-15.

FEB. 22 (WED)

DOODLE TIME
1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Enjoy hot cocoa while you draw. No registration. Ages 6-12.

CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG’S BIRTHDAY PARTY
1-2:30 pm | Delaware

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT
2-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

MAGICAL MUD CAKES
4-5 pm | Bach

FEB. 23 (THU)

THE MITTEN: STORYTIME & CRAFT
1-2 pm | Bach
This fun program, hosted by Barbara Lukas from WMHT PBS Kids, includes a reading of the classic book and a craft. Registration required. Ages 3-8.

PERLER BEADS
1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Make something with our Perler beads. We’ll have Pokemon, Batman, Minecraft, and more. No registration. Ages 6-12.

FEB. 24 (FRI)

RETRO GAMING
2-3 pm | Washington Ave.
Bring your friends and play some old-school games. No registration. Ages 6-12.

GAME DAY
All Day | Washington Ave.
Hang out with us all day for gaming fun. We’ll have board games set up. No Registration. Ages 6-12.
### STORYTIMES FOR GROWING READERS

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TAX RESOURCES
The library has income tax forms, guidebooks, and other resources for tax time.
Visit your favorite branch or go to our website.

GROWING READERS
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- Growing Readers helps your child get ready to read at their own pace
- It’s for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers
- We give you tips on how to read with your child
- You get a welcome bag with your first free book
- Track every time a book is read to your child
- Return each tracker and get a free book to keep
- Enjoy in-person storytimes and playgroups with other Growing Readers families
- Visit or call a branch to get started!

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- 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