

PROGRAM GUIDE | MAY & JUNE 2023

◆ APL programs are free of charge and open to the public ◆ Programs subject to change ◆
◆ For updates: albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar or (518) 427-4300 ◆

ALL AGES

HEARTHSTONE FIRESIDE GATHERINGS

Every Monday | 3:30-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Play Hearthstone on your personal devices together using our WiFi. Drop in. All ages.

ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Washington Ave.

Use 3D printers, video and music editing tools, sewing machines, fiber arts materials, more. Adult supervision required for children. No registration. All ages.

FAMILY MOVE & GROOVE

May 3, 10, 17, 24 (Wed) 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Miss Latisia from Move 2B Moved guides the whole family in movement and dance. Registration required. All ages.

POP-UP PET FOOD PANTRY

May 4 & June 1 (Thu) | 1-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Staff from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society provide free pet food and supplies through the Loved for Life program. Drop in. All ages.

STAR WARS "REVENGE OF THE FIFTH" DAY

May 5 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Howe

Make lightsabers and masks inspired by your favorite Star Wars characters, using paper towel rolls and paper plates. Registration required. All ages.

AUTHOR TALK: HUGH "H.D." HUNTER

May 16 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Hunter is storyteller, teaching artist, community organizer, and author of the *Futureland* series. He is committed to telling stories about Black kids and their many expansive worlds. During the program, Hunter will discuss his own work, and engage with young writers who submitted pieces to the Freedom Dreams project. The event is co-sponsored by Skrib-

blers Magazine, Inc., and Capital District Writing Project. No registration. All ages.

PAINTING CLAY POTTERY

May 18 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | North Albany

Paint a clay pot and bring home a garden starter kit with wildflower or herb seeds. Registration required. All ages.

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY BLOCK PARTY

May 21 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Howe

See page 2 for details on this Centennial program. Drop in. All ages.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

➤ **May 25 | "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"**

➤ **June 29 | "The Secret Life of Pets 2"**

Thursdays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Enjoy a PG movie with your family. Drop in. All ages.

HUDSON VALLEY REPTILES

June 10 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe

Meet lizards, snakes, and more from Hudson Valley Reptile and Rescue. Registration required. All ages.

YOGA AT NOON

June 24 (Sat) | 12-12:45 pm | Delaware

Join local yogi Nikki for some family yoga. No registration. All ages.

CENTENNIAL SUMMER CELEBRATION

June 24 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Delaware

See next page for details. Drop in. All ages.



RAINBOW CLOUD SLIME

June 29 (Thu) | 4-5:30 pm | Howe

Make fluffy cloud slime in all colors of the rainbow. Registration required. All ages.

ALL AGES | CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY

May 21 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Howe

We are kicking off our 100th anniversary celebrations with this special event at our oldest library. We'll have: a proclamation by Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, guest speakers. DJ Trumastr, storytime, craft, photos with Bleecker the owl, Centennial library cards, and an opportunity for you to record your library story. Drop in. All ages.



CENTENNIAL SUMMER CELEBRATION

June 24 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Delaware

Celebrate summer reading and APL's 100th anniversary family-style with live music by Yankee Holler, crafts, balloon twisting, face painting, games, a live owl show, and light refreshments. Be sure to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Drop in. All ages.

Funding for these program provided by the generous support of the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library.

ADULTS

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 | Howe

South End write Paul Lamar leads this weekly writing group. Registration required. Ages 18+.

COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 11 am-1 pm | Washington Ave.

Enjoy a movie, coffee, and snacks. Community organizations also provide info about housing, mental health, and other services. Drop in. Ages 18+.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

➤ **Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | North Albany**

➤ **Every Wednesday | 3-4 pm | Pine Hills**

➤ **May 11, 25 & June 8, 29 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach**

Bring your device, or use a library computer. Registration required. NNORC partners with APL for the Bach program. Ages 18+.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

May 1 (Mon) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Pine Hills & Zoom

Join us in person or virtually to discuss *A Flicker in the Dark*. Registration required. Ages 18+.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

➤ **May 2 | Book Review** | *Milkweed Smithereens* with reviewer Bob Sharkey

➤ **May 9 | Book Review** | *Myth America: Historians Take on the Biggest Legends and Lies About Our Past* with reviewer John McGuire

➤ **May 16 | Book Review** | *Mark Twain: A Life* with reviewer Carl Strock

➤ **May 23 | Author Talk** | Israel Tsvaygenbaum on his memoir *My Secret Memory*

➤ **May 30 | Book Review** | *Poverty*, by

America with reviewer Anita Thayer

➤ **June 6 | Book Review** | *The Quiet Zone: Unraveling the Mystery of a Town Suspended in Silence* with reviewer David Guistina

➤ **June 13 | Book Review** | *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* with reviewer Andrea Nicolay

➤ **June 20 | Special Program** | Dave Kibbe on "From Oklahoma to the Austrian Alps: The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein"

➤ **June 27 | Book Review** | *A Conspiracy of Mothers* with reviewer Miki Conn

Tuesdays | 12:15 pm | Washington Ave.

Hosted by the Friends and Foundation of APL. No registration. Ages 18+.

NEW BOOK TUESDAYS & COFFEE

May 2 & June 6 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

View new books every Tuesday, and enjoy coffee on the first Tuesday. Drop in. Ages 18+.

SEWING GROUP

May 2 & June 6 (Tue) | 4:15-5:30 pm | Howe

Learn to sew while assisting newly arrived immigrants practice speaking English. Get sewing repair assistance and learn to use a sewing machine with help from Stitching Exchange, which uses sewing as a common language. Drop in. Ages 18+.

LIBRARY BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION

May 3 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Washington Ave.

Learn about the 2023-24 library budget, which is up for a vote on May 16. No registration. Ages 18+.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

May 3 & June 7 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Bring a book, settle into our cozy chairs, and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. No assigned readings or pressured discussions. Drop in. Ages 18+.

ADULTS

TAI CHI

May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Pine Hills

Practice gentle, coordinated, and easy Tai Chi movements to improve your balance and energy flow with certified instructor Sabine Seiler. Registration required. Ages 18+.

SPLASH ART

➤ **May 4 | Painted Clay**

➤ **June 1 | Watercolor Painting**

Thursdays | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Paint some beautiful things with us. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

CAMPING WITH KIDS: TIPS & ADVICE

May 4 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach

Camping with kids is not as terrifying as it sounds! Librarians Elnora and Christina have done it many times and lived to tell the tale. They'll share an informative how-to for prospective camping families. Registration required. Ages 18+.

WORKSHOP SERIES: "CLASS RITUAL, RECLAMATION & THE RETURN OF THE GODDESS"

May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1, 15, 22 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware

Zoë Flowers' *From Ashes to Angel's Dust* is used as an entry point to examine violence against women and girls and provides a framework to explore storytelling as a methodology for healing. This series is presented with the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ONCE-A-MONTH BRUNCH & MOVIE CLUB

May 5 & June 2 (Fri) at 1-3 pm | Howe

Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching a movie. No registration. Ages 18+.

URBAN FORAGING

May 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) | 5-6 pm | Howe

The Radix Center leads our walk in the neighborhood to identify and learn about edible plant life around us. Registration required. Ages 18+.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

➤ **May 9 | *The Farm***

➤ **June 13 | *One Last Stop***

Tuesdays | 4-5 pm | North Albany

Read at home and join us for a wonderful conversation. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

May 9 & June 13 (Tue) | 3-5 pm | Washington Ave.

In Our Own Voices, Inc., provides free and discreet HIV and Hepatitis C testing. No appointment required. Ages 18+.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 9 & June 13 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Attend in person, or watch livestream/recording on YouTube. Provide comments to board in person, or submit to (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. Ages 18+.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

May 10, 24 & June 7, 21 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. No registration. Ages 18+.

OIL PASTEL PAINTING

May 10 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | North Albany

Use oil pastel paints to create a beautiful landscape. All skill levels welcome. Registration required. Ages 18+.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

➤ **May 10 | "Brother Sun Sister Moon"**

➤ **June 14 | "Doctor Faustus"**

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Enjoy a film, tea, and popcorn. Registration required. Ages 18+.

CREATE A RESUME THAT BUILDS CONFIDENCE

May 10 (Wed) | 6-7:15 pm | Washington Ave.

Career coach Marsha Lazarus leads this resume building workshop. Registration required. Ages 18+.

HOWE-DUNNITS

May 11, 25 & June 8, 22 (Thu) | 1:30-3 pm | Howe

Share your mystery writing and get feedback. Registration required. Ages 18+.

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

May 16 (Tue) | Polls open 7 am-9pm

Please remember to vote today! Note, there is no trustee election this year. Budget and voting info is online: albanypubliclibrary.org/about/budget/. Ages 18+.

COOK THE BOOK: RACHEL RAY RECIPES

May 17 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Make a Rachel Ray recipe at home and share your cooking story with us. Sponsored by NNORC. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ADULTS

WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE

May 17 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about “The Riddle of the Invisible Dark Matter” from UAlbany Physics Prof. Matthew Szydagis. Registration required. Ages 18+.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

➤ **May 18 | *Dear Life***

➤ **June 15 | *The Paying Guests***

Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach

Read the book at home and join us for a lively discussion. Registration required. Ages 18+.

HOMEBUYER 101

May 19 (Fri) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.

Get started on the path to home ownership with assistance from the Affordable Housing Partnership. Register at (518) 434-1730. Ages 18+.

PAINT ‘N’ SIP: SPOIL YOURSELF

May 24 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Create a painting and enjoy tea. Registration required. Ages 18+. *Materials graciously provided by a grant from the Friends and Foundation of APL.*

INDOOR MUSHROOM FARMING

May 30 (Tue) | 5:30-6:30 pm

Learn how to grow edible and medicinal mushrooms indoors with Collar City Mushrooms. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

May 31 & June 28 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

Watch and draw anime in this group for adults. No registration. Ages 18+.

PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK GROUP

➤ **May 31 | *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Cannot Stop Talking***

➤ **June 28 | *The Art of Communicating***

Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

We'll focus on personal development in these book discussions. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ART AT APL OPENING RECEPTION: “TAG YOU'RE IT”

June 2 (Fri) | 6-8 pm | Pine Hills

Opalka Gallery curates this new art exhibition that features 24 collaborative drawings from 72 artists. Enjoy live jazz music by the Michael Lamkin Trio. Drop in. Ages 18+. *Music performance is partially funded by a grant from the Albany Musicians Association.*

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PRINT MAKING

June 7, 14 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe

Explore the world of gelli plate monotypes with artist Sarah Hazelke. Learn about textures, stencils, and techniques to use with this squishy printmaking surface. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FRIDAY FLICKS

June 9, 30 (Fri) | 3-6 pm | Delaware

Enjoy a movie with us. Drop in. Ages 18+.

REPAIR CAFÉ

June 10 (Sat) | 10 am-1 pm | Washington Ave.

Tools, materials, and guidance you need to repair all kinds of items. Drop in. Ages 18+. *The Repair Café is held in partnership with the Historic Albany Foundation, and is made possible by personal donations, a grant from Albany County, and from the Bender Foundation.*

LIVING WITH DIABETES

June 12 (Mon) | 1-2 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Learn how to eat healthfully with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Registration required. Ages 18+.

PAPER CUTOUT FOR INTERIOR DESIGN

June 14 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | North Albany

Use paper cutouts of household objects to create your ideal room. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ADULT CRAFT HOUR

June 15 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach

Paint a terracotta pot. All supplies and instructions provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

JUDGING A BOOK BY ITS COVER:

THE DESIGNS OF ARTIST PHIL PASCUZZO

➤ **Display | June 19-30 | Open Hours**

View 20 book cover designs by local artist Phil Pascuzzo. Drop in.

➤ **Program | June 26 (Mon) | 6:30-7:30 pm**

Pascuzzo discusses his work and creative process. Registration required. Ages 18+.

Pine Hills

MAKE A SEASHELL ANIMAL

June 21 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Make adorable little animal friends from genuine seashells. Registration required. Ages 18+.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM: POLITICS & PROHIBITION

June 28 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Maeve McEneny-Johnson from Discover Albany dishes out the local gossip behind Albany's secret speakeasies, bootleggers who supplied them, and suspected politicians who perhaps had ulterior motives in keeping Albany a dry town. Registration required. Ages 18+.

KIDS & TEENS

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.

PAWS FOR READING

Every Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware

Read to a certified therapy dog. Drop in. Ages 5-17.

ANIME CLUB FOR TEENS

Every Friday | 3:30-4:30 pm | North Albany

Talk, read, and watch anime with friends. Drop in. Ages 13-17.

GAMERS UNITE

Every Friday | 3:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Play board or video games. Drop in. Ages 11-17.

GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Howe

Play Xbox, Switch, or PS4. Drop in. Ages 9-17.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Bring your friends! Drop in. Ages 13-17.

NATIONAL GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

May 1-26, 30-31 | Open Hours | Washington Ave.

Get caught reading in the youth services room and select a title off the free book cart, plus a fun prize. Drop in. Ages 5-17.

THE BOOKMARK BUNCH

May 3 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Read a few chapters of *Fenway and the Bone Thieves* together and do themed activities. Registration required. Ages 6-8.

TECH CRAFT THURSDAY

May 4, 18 & June 1, 15 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills

Join us for STEM activities, painting, cooking, and arts and crafts. No registration. Ages 7-12.

LEGO CLUBS

- **Every Wednesday | 4-6 pm | Howe**
- **May 4 & June 1 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware**
- **May 9 & June 13 (Tue) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Arbor Hill**
- **May 11, 25 & June 8, 22 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills**

Make something with our LEGO. Register. Ages 5-12.

MAY THE FOURTH CRAFT

May 4 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Celebrate Star Wars Day by making a paper circuit lightsaber card. Registration required. Ages 8-17.

ANIMAL FRIENDS

May 10, 17 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Animal experts from Cornell Cooperative Extension lead the fun. Registration required. Ages 6-12.

FUN WITH FOOD

May 10 & June 14 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Washington

Make fun recipes. May: paper bag popcorn. June: rainbow lemonade. No registration. Ages 5-12.

MESSY ART

May 11 (Thu) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Bach

Use a variety of materials, paint, scissors, and natural objects to create messy art. Drop in. Ages 3-6.

KIDS COOKING CLUB

May 11 & June 8 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware

Miss Siobahn from Cornell Cooperative Extension teaches us to make healthy meals. Get recipes to try at home. Drop in. Ages 5-14.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC

- **“Songs that Count: Add to the World”**
 - ◆ **May 8 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington Ave.**
 - ◆ **May 9 (Tue) | 4 pm | Howe & Pine Hills**
- **“All Together Now: Summer Reading 2023”**
 - ◆ **June 12 (Mon) | 10:30 am | Washington Ave.**
 - ◆ **June 13 (Tue) | 4 pm | Howe & Pine Hills**

Kids of all abilities, sensory, and social needs connect with music and fun following different themes each month. Attend in person and watch a livestream of the program with other participants, or view the show via Zoom from home. Registration required. Ages 2-8.

CRAFTY CREATURES

May 18 & June 15 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Washington

A craft program with Miss Leah. May: panda bears. June: sea turtles. No registration. Ages 5-12.

FLAVOR OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB

- **May 18 | *Holler of the Fireflies***
 - **June 15 | *Odder***
- Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware**

Discover your next favorite book and enjoy a bowl of ice cream. Drop in. Ages 8-12.

WELCOME HOME, JAPAN

May 20 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Explore a traditional Japanese home using objects and art. Presented by World Awareness Children's Museum. Registration required. Ages 8-11.

KIDS & TEENS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

May 20 & June 17 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Washington Ave.

Enjoy board and card games. Drop in. Ages 3-17.

SUPER STICKY STUFF

May 20 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe

We'll do interactive experiments with the experts from Mad Science. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

SPRING INTO CRAFTS

May 22 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | North Albany

Make a spring-themed craft item. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

FUN @ 4

May 24, 31 & June 14 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Do a STEM project, seasonal craft, or learn a new game. No registration. Ages 6-10.

KIDS CRAFTS

May 25 & June 22 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware

Make a handprint paper lily in May and a cardboard vase in June. Drop in. Ages 5-17.

PAGE TURNERS

May 25 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom

Read *Ghost Squad* by Claribel A. Ortega and join us to discuss it. Registration required. Ages 9-13.

GAME TIME

May 26 & June 30 (Fri) | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware

Play Xbox One, board, and card games. Drop in. Ages 11-17.

BABY CHICKS

➤ **Hen, Rooster & Eggs | May 30 (Tue) | 6-7 pm**

Meet a hen and a rooster, and learn how to take care of eggs as they grow, with George Steele.

➤ **Egg Candling | June 8 (Thu) | 2-3 pm**

Steele comes back to show us the "candling process" to see the chicks' growth in the eggs.

➤ **Baby Chicks | June 20-23 (Tue-Fri) | Open hours**

Visit the newly hatched chicks! Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge while you're here!

Washington Ave.

Drop in to the Youth Services Room. Ages 5-17.

DINO DAY

June 1 (Thu) | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany

Decorate dinosaur "fossils" for National Dinosaur Day. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

READER'S STORYTIME THEATRE

June 7 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

We improvise our version of the story of the week using movement, voice, and simple props. Fun theater games, too. Registration required. Ages 5-10.

SHRINKY DINKS

June 8 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | North Albany

Color your design and watch it shrink down when baked. Drop in. Ages 6-12.

PAGE TURNERS

June 15 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Read *Shark Summer* and join us to discuss the book by local author and illustrator Ira Marcks. Registration required. Ages 9-13.

PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION WITH

AUTHOR ANDREW ELIOPULOS

June 17 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington Ave.

Andrew Eliopoulos talks about his books for middle grades and young adults that feature gay characters and relationships, including *The Fascinators* and *The Spider Ring*. Registration required. Ages 8-17.

PANCAKE MADNESS

June 20 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Enjoy pancakes with all the fixings. Registration required. Ages 11-17.

SELFIE PORTRAITS

June 21 (Wed) | 4-5:30 pm | Pine Hills

Artist Caroline Corrigan will show us how to turn what we see in the mirror into a work of art. Registration required. Ages 12-17.

ICE CREAM FOR LUNCH & SUMMER READING KICKOFF

June 23 (Fri) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Visit to sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy ice cream for lunch. Drop in. Ages 5-17.

SING & DANCE-ALONG: AN AFTERNOON WITH

MIRABEL, RAPUNZEL & FLYNN RIDER

June 28 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills

It's a magical day of togetherness and fun with singing and dancing. Get autographs and photos, too. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE STORYTIME

June 29 (Thu) | 1-2:30 pm | Delaware

We'll read the story and do crafts with our friends from WMHT PBS Kids. Registration required. Ages 3-8.

GROWING READERS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
1st Saturday for Families	Activities and take-home ideas for “Screen-Free Fun.”	0-8	May 6 (Sat)	10:30 am	Washington Ave.
Baby Bounce Storytime Bach	Fun songs and short books to introduce your baby to storytime.	0-2	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Bach
Baby Bounce Storytime Washington Ave.	Stories, songs, rhymes in the 2nd floor youth services room.	0-2	Every Thursday	10:30 am	Washington Ave.
Baby Play & Grow	Unstructured playtime with sensory blocks, cars, balls, more.	0-2	Every Thursday	11 am	Washington Ave.
Daycare Storytime	Daycare groups are welcome to this special storytime just for them.	1-3	Every Thursday	10:30 am	Howe
Family Evening Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	3-5	Every Monday	6:30 pm	Pine Hills
Family Storytime	Stories and fun for little ones and their families.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
“Howe”-ling Monster Storytime	Have fun and howl with delight at Gruff and his librarian friend. Puppets, dance, music.	2-8	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe
Pajama Storytime	Listen to books, sing songs, and have cozy fun.	2-7	Tuesdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20	7 pm	Bach
Pre-K Café	Montessori-style play with lots of opportunities to explore.	3-5	Tuesdays: May 9, 23 June 6, 20	11 am	Pine Hills
Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.	0-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	North Albany
Toddler & Preschool Storytime & Playtime	Fun and silly storytime full of singing and movement activities.	2-6	Mondays: May 1, 8, 15, 22 June 5, 12, 26	10:30 am	Bach
Toddler Storytime	Stories, songs, and rhymes.	1-3	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington Ave.
Toddler Play & Grow	Unstructured playtime with sensory blocks, cars, balls, more.	1-3	Every Friday	11 am	Washington Ave.

REMINDERS ABOUT APL PROGRAMS

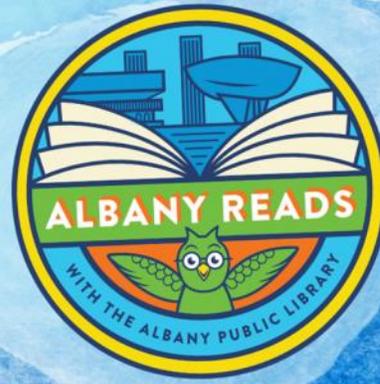
- Many programs require registration and have attendance limits. Programs are free to attend.
- Programs are subject to change. The online calendar has the most up-to-date information.
- Register by phone **(518) 427-4300** or online albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com

May 16



Library Budget Vote!

albanypubliclibrary.org/about/budget/



Summer Reading!

at Albany Public Library

JUNE 23 — AUGUST 25

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BRANCH CLOSURES

MAY 27-29

Saturday-Monday
For Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE 19

Monday
For Juneteenth



Albany Public Library

www.albanypubliclibrary.org

- ▶ 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

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CELEBRATING



ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY EST 1923

WE'RE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF APL!

- The library is thrilled to commemorate our Centennial with a series of events, programs, and activities for our wonderful community to enjoy at APL's seven libraries across the city of Albany.
- We're kicking everything off with the first-ever Albany Public Library Day block party on May 21 at the Howe Branch.
- Our next big event is the Centennial Summer Celebration on June 24 at the Delaware Branch.
- We'll be announcing more programs throughout the summer and fall. Watch our website for new events: albanypubliclibrary.org/centennial/

*APL thanks the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library
for their generous support of Centennial events.*





CELEBRATING 100



ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY EST 1923

May 21 is
APL Day!

Celebrate
with us from
2-4pm at the
Howe Branch!



ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY May 21 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Howe Branch

All are welcome to this free block party on Schuyler Street in front of the library. Planned activities include:

- A proclamation from Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan declaring May 21 as Albany Public Library Day.
- Guest speakers addressing the library's history and place in the community.
- Music by DJ Trumastr, plus cookies and lemonade.
- Crafts and storytimes for kids in the Howe garden.
- A listening booth opportunity to "record your library story" for posterity.
- Self-guided tours of Howe, which was built in 1929 and is part of the South End-Groesbeckville Historic District.
- Special Centennial library cards.
- Centennial Challenge booklets, which include library-related activities you complete to earn points toward a collector's edition Centennial tote bag.
- A photo display of the library's many buildings and locations over the last 100+ years.



CELEBRATING 100



ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY EST 1923

**Centennial
Summer
Celebration**
June 24!

Celebrate with
us from 1-3pm
at the *Delaware
Branch!*



CENTENNIAL SUMMER CELEBRATION June 24 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Delaware Branch

We invite everyone to this free outdoor party for the whole family! Planned activities include:

- Live music by local group Yankee Holler.
- Kids activities — balloon twisting, face painting, crafts, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and hula hoops.
- Meet the "Owls of Vermont" from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum in an interactive demonstration with live birds of prey and touchable artifacts.
- Summer Reading sign ups. Read with us this summer and earn prizes.
- Special Centennial library cards.
- Centennial Challenge booklets. This event counts toward your Centennial Challenge points!
- Light refreshments.



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A LITTLE APL HISTORY



Our library has a long and varied history, which actually dates back more than 100 years.

- ▶ APL's origins began in 1833, when the Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement in the City of Albany (YMA) formed and opened a member library a few months later.
- ▶ It wasn't until **May 21, 1923, that the NYS Legislature created Albany Public Library**, moving five libraries run by the YMA to city government.
- ▶ A year earlier, the YMA, which operated its library in Harmanus Bleecker Hall, as well as the John V. L. Pruyn Library on N. Pearl St., had taken over responsibility of the Albany Free Library, which operated libraries in the South End, Delaware, and Pine Hills areas as far back as 1891.
- ▶ After being part of city government for 79 years, APL then made another major change. On May 21, 2002, city residents voted to allow the library to re-charter for autonomy over its budget and operation, and board members elected by city residents.
- ▶ APL's most recent significant development was the complete renovation of three branches (Delaware, Howe, Pine Hills) and construction of two new branches (Arbor Hill/West Hill, Bach), all of which opened between November 2009 and June 2010.



Harmanus Bleecker Hall

161 Washington Ave. Built 1888-1889. Library branch 1891-1924. Ruined by fire 1940. Demolished 1955. Replaced with IRS building constructed 1956-1957. Library in new building 1977-present.



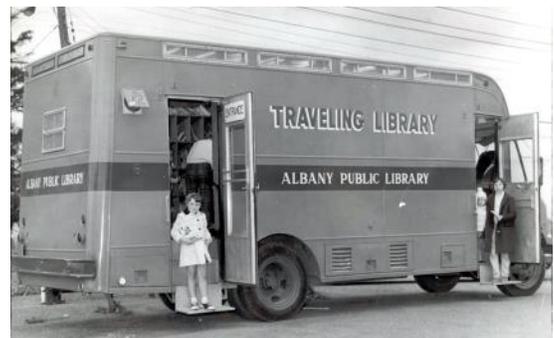
John V. L. Pruyn Library

137 N. Pearl St. Built 1900-1901. Library branch 1901-1968. Closed 1968. Demolished 1970 for construction of I-787 ramp.



Pine Hills Branch

1000 Madison Ave. Built circa 1899. Library branch 1951-1989. Building now part of College of St. Rose campus.



Traveling Library

Traveling Library 1967-1982. Later replaced with "Big Purple Bus" bookmobile 2005-2010.





APL'S BRANCHES

NOW

In 2023, the library currently has seven branches operating across the city of Albany.

All branches provide: books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, computers, laptops, WiFi, entertaining programs, educational classes, storytimes, meeting rooms, study spaces, research assistance, and so much more.

Please visit during the Centennial!

ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL BRANCH

148 Henry Johnson Blvd.



- Newly built branch opened June 2010.
- Single-story, 12,000-square-foot library.
- 1st library building in neighborhood since Pruyn Library closed in 1968 and later torn down to build I-787 ramp.
- Received 2011 Outstanding Public Library Building Award from NY Library Association.

JOHN J. BACH BRANCH

455 New Scotland Ave.



- Newly built branch opened May 2010. Replaced small satellite branch in New Scotland Elementary School.
- Single-story, 8,500-square-foot library.
- Known for outside story garden.

DELAWARE BRANCH

331 Delaware Ave.



- Fully renovated former funeral home opened as branch in December 2009. Replaced small storefront branch in strip mall, also on Delaware Ave.
- Single story, 9,500-square-foot library.
- Received 2010 Outstanding Public Library Building Award from NY Library Association.

JOHN A. HOWE BRANCH

105 Schuyler St.



- Originally built as library in 1929. Fully renovated and expanded branch opened in March 2010. Pocket garden park added June 2016.
- Two-story, 12,000-square-foot library.
- 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 originally opened November 2005. Fully renovated and slightly expanded branch opened October 2022.
- 2,800-square-foot library
- Now part of North Albany Middle School complex.

PINE HILLS BRANCH

517 Western Ave.



- Former telephone building with library branch on 1st floor fully renovated and expanded to 2nd floor, with reopening in November 2009.
- Two-story, 19,000-square-foot library.
- Received 2010 Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse Merit Award from AIA Eastern NY Chapter.

WASHINGTON AVE. BRANCH

161 Washington Ave.



- Former IRS building renovated and opened as library in 1977. Smaller-scale renovations 1990s-2010s.
- Two floors of four-story building house a 40,000-square-foot branch.
- Building also contains library district administration.

