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 Skribblers 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.
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 Moth ers 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+.

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

SPASH 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+.
WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE
May 17 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

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

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 prediabetes. 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+.

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

MINICRAFT 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

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

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

FLAVOR OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB
May 18 | Holler of the Fireflies
June 15 | Odder
Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware

WELCOME HOME, JAPAN
May 20 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Delaware
SATURDAY AFTERNOON GAMES
May 20 & June 17 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Washington Ave.

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.

DINO DAY
June 1 (Thu) | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany
Decorate dinosaur “fossils” for National Dinosaur Day. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

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.
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

GROWING READERS

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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.
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.

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.
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.
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.

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### APL’S BRANCHES

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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.
- 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.

- Single-story, 8,500-square-foot library.
- Known for outside story garden.

### 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.

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### JOHN A. HOWE BRANCH

105 Schuyler St.

- 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.

- 2,800-square-foot library
- Now part of North Albany Middle School complex.

### DELEWARE 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.

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### 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.