

PROGRAM GUIDE | JULY & AUGUST 2023

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ALL AGES

ART AT APL EXHIBITION: "TAG YOU'RE IT"

Ongoing | During Open Hours | Pine Hills
Opalka Gallery curated this art exhibition that features 25 collaborative drawings from 76 artists. The artists completed one of three sections of a "body" (head/torso/legs) in an orchestrated and "blind" mail exchange. The resulting collaborative pieces are striking and thought provoking. Drop in. 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
- ▶ Every Thursday | 5-7 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.

DELAWARE COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday | 4-7 pm | Delaware
Stop by and purchase fresh produce, home-baked goodies, and other items from local farmers. The Friends and Foundation of APL also host a used book sale during the market. Drop in. All ages.

PIPE CLEANER FLOWERS

July 5 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany
Create a bouquet of colorful flowers using pipe cleaners. Registration required. All ages.

THERE'S A LLAMA AT THE LIBRARY

July 8 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Meet Nimbus the llama in the Bach garden and enjoy a short storytime. Registration required. All ages.

SEWING WORKSHOP

July 10 (Mon), 18 (Tue) & Aug 7, 14 (Mon) | 12-3 pm
| North Albany

Use the library's sewing machines to learn a new skill, fix up some old clothes, or just have fun. All skill levels welcome. Registration required. All ages.

COME ALONG, SING A SONG: MUSIC MOBILE COMMUNITY GATHERING

- ▶ July 10 (Mon) | Howe
- ▶ July 18 (Tue) | Washington Ave.
- ▶ Aug. 2 (Wed) | Pine Hills
- ▶ Aug. 10 (Thu) | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- ▶ Aug. 16 (Wed) | North Albany
- ▶ Sept. 5 (Tue) | Bach

6-7:30 pm for all dates

Be a part of this fun-filled musical celebration of hope, love, peace, and justice featuring Ruth Pelham of the Music Mobile. For 45 years, Ruth and Music Mobile have brought love, learning, and community to people all over the region. This program is part of the Music Mobile Legacy Project. Registration is strongly suggested. All ages.

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM:

FORMER PINE HILLS BRANCH OPEN HOUSE

July 15 (Sat) | 11 am-2 pm | 1000 Madison Ave.

As part of our Centennial, we are visiting an old location of the Pine Hills Branch. 1000 Madison Ave., a circa 1899 Victorian house, was used as an APL branch from 1950 to 1989. It is now the College of Saint Rose's Administration Center. We know many of you remember this location — please stop by to climb the creaky stairs, chat with former library patrons, and admire the beautifully maintained building. Drop in. All ages.



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INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY MURAL

July 19 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills

Local artist Greg Matusic guides us in making a mural to celebrate family and community. Registration required. All ages.

BUILD YOUR OWN FANTASY MAP

July 19 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany

Build a map of your own fantasy land using beans to create an outline, then fill in your kingdom. Registration required. All ages.

PETTING ZOO

July 20 (Thu) | 2-3:30 pm | Delaware

Meet an alpaca, goats, sheep, rabbits, and baby chicks from Black Creek Rescue Farm. No registration. All ages.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

July 27 & Aug. 31 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West Hill

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

FAMILY ANIME NIGHT

Aug. 1 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Bring the whole family to watch anime and enjoy Pocky. Registration required. All ages.

RAPTOR BIRDS

Aug. 2 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Meet the owls, hawks, falcons, and eagles rescued by Silent Wings. Learn about the birds' behaviors, habitats, and how we can help ensure their survival. Registration required. All ages.

REPTILE ADVENTURE

Aug. 8 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Join us in the garden to meet lizards, snakes, and more from Reptile Adventure. Registration required. All ages.

SUSTAINABLE SUNDAES

Aug. 8 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Delaware

We'll talk about climate change in Albany and how the city is responding, including planting trees to reduce the "heat island effect." Enjoy a "zero waste" ice cream sundae for a sweet end to the discussion. Co-sponsored by City of Albany Sustainability Advisory Committee, Delaware Area Neighborhood Association, and APL. Registration required. All ages.

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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 | 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

► July 20 & Aug. 24 (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+.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

July 5 & Aug. 2 (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+.

TAI CHI

July 6, 13, 20 (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

► July 6 | Wind Chimes

► Aug. 3 | Dot Painting

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

Paint some beautiful things with us. Supplies provided. No registration. Ages 18+.

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FRIDAY FLICKS

July 7, 21 & Aug. 4, 18 (Fri) | 3-6 pm | Delaware
Enjoy a movie with us. Drop in. Ages 18+.

ONCE-A-MONTH BRUNCH & MOVIE CLUB

July 7 & Aug. 4 (Fri) at 1-3 pm | Howe
Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching a movie. No registration. Ages 18+.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- ▶ July 11 | Book Review | *Black, Blind & In Charge: A Story of Visionary Leadership & Overcoming Diversity* with reviewer Common Council President Corey Ellis
- ▶ July 18 | Book Review | *Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind* with reviewer Carol Green of *The Wizard's Wardrobe*
- ▶ July 25 | Book Review | *Hickstown from the Heart: A Family Memoir* with reviewer Rev. Antonio Booth of Riverview Baptist Church
- ▶ Aug. 1 | Author Talk | Albany City Historian Tony Opalka on his forthcoming book about Albany's firehouses
- ▶ Aug. 8 | Book Review | *Pollution is Colonialism* with reviewer Prof. David Morrow of College of St. Rose
- ▶ Aug. 15 | Special Program | "Should We Abolish the Supreme Court?" by Albany Law School Prof. Emeritus Stephen E. Gottlieb
- ▶ Aug. 22 | Book Review | *King: A Life* with reviewer Alice Green, executive director of the Center for Law and Justice
- ▶ Aug. 29 | Book Review | *The Big Myth: How American Business Taught Us to Loathe Government & Love the Free Market* with reviewer Jonathan Skinner, retired statistician

Tuesdays | 12:15 pm | Washington Ave.

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

NEW BOOK TUESDAYS & COFFEE

July 11 & Aug. 1 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
View new books every Tuesday, and enjoy coffee on the first Tuesday of the month. Drop in. Ages 18+.

HOWE-DUNNITS

July 11, 25 & Aug. 8, 22 (Thu) | 1:30-3 pm | Howe
Share your mystery writing and get feedback. Registration required. Ages 18+.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

July 11 & Aug. 8 (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+.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

- ▶ July 11 | *How to Find Your Way Home*
 - ▶ Aug. 8 | *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet*
- Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany
Read at home and join us for a wonderful conversation. Registration required. Ages 18+.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 11 & Aug. 8 (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+.

SEWING GROUP

July 12 & Aug. 1 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 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. Registration required. Ages 18+.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

July 12 & Aug. 9 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. No registration. Ages 18+.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

July 11 & Aug. 9 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Enjoy a film, tea, and popcorn. Registration required. Ages 18+.

PAINT & TEA

July 12 & Aug. 9 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany
We've got a relaxing social event for you! Create a painting and enjoy a cup of tea with other crafters. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

MINDFULNESS EXERCISES

- ▶ July 13 (Thu) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Delaware
 - ▶ July 25 (Tue) | 3-4 pm | Howe
 - ▶ Aug. 10 (Thu) | 11 am-12 pm | Howe
 - ▶ Aug. 29 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Delaware
- Enjoy some mindfulness exercises in the sun with local practitioners from Root3d. Mats are provided, but you can also bring your own. Registration required. Ages 18+.

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RESUME & JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

July 13 (Thu) | 6-8 pm | Zoom

Get personalized resume and job search assistance from career coach Marsha Lazarus. Register for a one-hour Zoom session. Ages 18+.

YOUR PATH TO STUDENT LOAN FREEDOM

- ▶ July 13 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
- ▶ July 17 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about how to navigate the student aid process, loan cancellation and forgiveness, and how to prepare for payments to resume later this year. A student debt counselor from the Empire Justice Center leads the workshop. No registration. Ages 18+.

ADULT ART NIGHT: "EXQUISITE CORPSE"

July 19 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Come on your own, or register with one or two friends, for a Surrealist collaborative art session inspired by our current art show. (And be sure to view the artwork before the program!) Use our art supplies to create an "exquisite corpse" art piece. Start the first third of the piece, then pass it along to two more participants to complete it. The person who started the art can take it home. Registration required. Ages 18+.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

- ▶ July 20 | **The Book Woman's Daughter**
- ▶ Aug. 17 | *The Widows of Malabar Hill*

Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach

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

BACH LIVE PERFORMANCES

- ▶ July 20 | St. James Quartet | Music spans everything from Bach to Billy Joel
- ▶ Aug. 3 | RK Jazz & Blues | Music from American songbook from the 1920s to the 1970s
- ▶ Aug. 17 | Sling Shot | Funk and R&B with songs from 1960s and beyond
- ▶ Aug. 31 | Off The Record | 1960s rock and roll lounge band

Thursdays | 6-7 pm | Bach

Join us on the back lawn for these live concerts in conjunction with the Albany Musicians Association. Bring your own lawn chair. We'll move inside in the case of inclement weather. Seating is limited. No registration. Ages 18+.

PASTEL PAINTING WORKSHOP

July 22 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Howe

We'll provide instruction and materials for you

to create an original pastel painting of a jellyfish. Registration required. Ages 18+.

SOLAR FOR ALL NEW YORKERS

- ▶ July 24 (Mon) | 5-7 pm | Washington Ave.
 - ▶ July 26 (Wed) | 4:30-5:45 pm | Arbor/West Hill
- New York Power Authority's solar energy education workshops teach participants about solar technology, options for rooftop and community solar, and help them determine next steps. Learn about: solar basics, incentives, financing, and community solar. By making informed choices, residents can leverage available resources to reduce electricity bills and save money. Registration required. Ages 18+

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

MAKE YOUR OWN: 100th DECORATIVE JOURNAL

July 26 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington Ave.

Celebrate 100 years of APL by decorating a journal made for writing or drawing. You can embellish the journal with anything that inspires you, like quotes, glitter, or crafting scraps. Miss Virginia will assist with designs and decorations. All materials generously provided by a grant from the Friends and Foundation of APL. Registration required. Ages 18+.



PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK CLUB

July 26 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

We discuss books that foster personal growth, transformation, and well-being. This month, we'll talk about Bruce Lipton's *The Biology of Belief: Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter & Miracles*. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

July 26 & Aug. 30 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

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

SOLAR ENERGY & WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP

July 27 (Thu) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Howe

Learn about all the solar energy options available for homes, and how to reduce electricity bills and save money. A complimentary meal and weatherization kit is provided to all participants. Presented by the New York Power Authority. Registration required. Ages 18+.

LEARNING HOW TO UPSKILL ONLINE

Aug. 1 (Tue) | 6-8 pm | Delaware

Learn how to boost your resume with updated, in-

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demand skills. You'll hear about online platforms that offer free courses on everything from art history to computer programming. University at Albany Prof. Sherry Sahebi leads the workshop, which is supported by the National Science Foundation. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Howe
Beginners can learn the basics, and more experienced painters can brush up on their skills. Try out new materials and techniques. Artist Sosha Wickstrom provides instruction and all supplies are provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

ADULT CRAFT HOUR

Aug. 10 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
Learn how to roll and pattern clay into a textured tile. All supplies and instructions provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

HOMEBUYER 101

Aug. 11 (Fri) | 1-2:30 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+.

SIP & PLAY

Aug. 19 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Bring some friends and settle in to sit, sip, and play board games, puzzles, and card games. No registration. Ages 18+.

COOK THE BOOK

Aug. 23 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Find a summer recipe in our cookbook collection that doesn't require cooking—maybe a salad, side dish, or dessert. Make it at home and share your cooking story with us. Sponsored by NNORC. Registration required. Ages 18+.

BEADING WORKSHOP

Aug. 23 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany
Create a piece of jewelry or knick-knack out of beads in this self-paced crafting program. Registration required. Ages 18+.



Visit the online calendar
to register for library programs!

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TAKE THE CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

Join in on 100th anniversary fun by taking the Centennial Challenge!

- Pick up a challenge booklet at any one of our seven branches.
- Complete activities and get your booklet stamped.
- Activities include visiting branches (old and new), getting a Centennial library card, using library services, and attending library programs.
- Once you complete 10 activities, return your challenge booklet to any branch and get a tote bag for a prize. These are high-quality, limited edition canvas tote bags — perfect for carrying books home from the library!



Delaware Community

FARMER'S MARKET

EVERY TUESDAY
4-7pm

DELAWARE BRANCH
331 Delaware Ave

Fresh picked veggies, fruit,
herbs, flowers, honey & more!

WIC coupons and food stamp (EBT) cards accepted

KIDS & TEENS

IMAGINATION STATION

Every Monday | 1-3 pm | Washington Ave.
Enjoy stories, crafts, art challenges, and more — a different adventure every week. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

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 Rocket, a certified therapy dog and great listener. Drop in. Ages 5-17.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Every Wednesday (not July 5) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
We'll make something different each week. All supplies provided. No registration. Ages 5-12.

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 for Super Smash brawls. Drop in. Ages 13-17.

BALLOON TOWER CHALLENGE

July 5 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Work in teams to "stack" balloons together and make the tallest balloon tower you can to win. But don't let them pop! Registration required. Ages 7-11.

TEEN ANIME CLUB

July 5, 19 & Aug. 2, 16 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Bring a friend to talk, read, and watch anime. Registration required. Ages 11-17

WACKY WATERCOLORS

July 6 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | North Albany
Come paint with us. No experience needed. Registration required. Ages 5-17.

ANGORA RABBIT FIBER ARTS

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July 6 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Meet Angora rabbits, which have super soft

fur, and learn how to spin that fur into fibers using hand spindles. Winterberry Homestead is leading this program. No registration. Ages 7-10.

MAKE A BOOK NOOK

July 6 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
Make a diorama of your favorite book to display on a shelf or table at home. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

FABULOUS FLOWER FAIRIES

July 11 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Make a flower fairy that can live in the garden or flit about the house. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" PUPPET SHOW

July 12 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Howe
The Puppet People present the story of Jack and his famous beanstalk. **We'll also find out what happens when you mix one cow, three magic beans, and one giant beanstalk. Registration required. Ages 5-11.**

SHARK DAY

July 12 (Wed) | 1:30-2:30 pm | North Albany
Do a fun shark-themed activity for Shark Week. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

CRAFTING ALL TOGETHER NOW

July 12, 26 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Do a summer-themed craft and enjoy cool refreshments. Registration required. Ages 3-11.

HONEYBEE BUSINESS

July 12 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn all about honeybees, their honey, homes, and importance with our friends from the Children's Museum at Saratoga. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

FRESH STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

July 12 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll cut fresh strawberries and top the cake with real whipped cream for this refreshing summer treat. Registration required. Ages 11-17.

BE A FAMOUS ARTIST

July 12, 19, 26 (Wed) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Washington
Miss Lindsey teaches us how to recreate famous works by artists Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, and Roy Lichtenstein. **We'll display the art in the branch during August. No registration. Ages 5-11.**

KIDS & TEENS

SCIENCE OF MAGIC

July 13 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Discover how to make objects disappear and reappear using optical illusions, polymers, mirrors, sleight-of-hand, and misdirection. You'll get a Curious Cube to take home and mystify your friends. Presented by Mad Science of the Capital Region. Registration required. Ages 5-14.

BAD ART AFTERNOON

July 13 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.

Get creative with our art supplies and make a sculpture, painting, mobile, book, necklace, anything — as long as it's bad, the uglier the better. We'll have snacks, too. No registration. Ages 5-12.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

July 15 & Aug. 19 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Washington Ave.

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

BOOK BEATS: I GOT THE RHYTHM

July 17 (Mon) | 11 am-12 pm | Bach

Mr. Marty and his guitar join us for a special storytime with singing and dancing. Each family gets to take home a copy of *I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison. Registration required. Ages 5-8.

HELLO PUDDLE

July 18 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Have you ever splashed in a puddle? Or wondered what might live in a puddle? Scientist and author Anita Sanchez teaches us about the habitats of puddles. She'll also read us her book *Hello Puddle*. Registration required. Ages 4-9.

MAGIC SHOW

July 19 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Melvin the Magician and his furry assistant will amaze you with this interactive magic show. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

PINWHEELS

July 20 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | North Albany

Design a pattern and decorate a pinwheel that is all you. Registration required. Ages 5-17.

LEARNING BALLOON TWISTING

July 20 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.

Learn the art of balloon twisting, also called balloon modelling, to make animals, flowers, and other fun items out of balloons. Balloon Gal Jenny leads the workshop. Registration required. Ages 9-17.

SNACK ATTACK

July 25 (Tue) | Bach

Make delicious, healthy snacks with the folks from Honest Weight Food Co-op. Try smoothies, fruit and cheese kabobs, trail mix, and more. No registration. Ages 8-12.

POCKY TASTE TEST

July 26 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Try various flavors of Pocky, a Japanese snack food, and rate your favorites. No registration. Ages 5-11.

TINY CAVAS PAINTINGS

July 26 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Create an original portrait, vista, or character on a 4"x4" canvas using acrylic paints. Registration required. Ages 13-17.

FANTASY MAP MAKING

July 27 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.

Build a fantasy world using household materials. We'll use examples from famous fantasy series to see how buildings, mountains, forests, and rivers look on maps. No registration. Ages 6-12.

TIME FOR SLIME

July 27 & Aug. 10 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Delaware

Make some slime and bring it home. Registration required. Ages 6-13.

GAME TIME

July 28 & Aug. 25 (Fri) | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware

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

THEATRE CAMP: "LET THE WILD RUMPUS START"

July 31 (Mon) & Aug. 1 (Tue) | 2-3 pm | Bach

Let's put on a show! We'll create characters, make costumes, and put together the play on our first day. Come back the next day to rehearse and present the play to our invited audience. This is a fun first theatre experience for all levels. Registration is required for both days. Ages 6-10.

MINECRAFT, YOUR CRAFT: CHARACTER CREATION

Aug. 1 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington Ave.

Author Nick Eliopoulos has written more than a dozen Minecraft books including *Minecraft: Zombies!* He'll talk about how he looks to videogames for inspiration when writing and how Minecraft provides the perfect "building blocks" for exciting stories. Learn to create characters to populate your own stories. We'll raffle off copies of Eliopoulos' books, too. No registration. Ages 6-12.

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FAMILY YOGA

Aug. 1, 15, 29 (Tue) | 11 am-12 pm | Pine Hills
Yoga instructor Tommie Burch leads us through seated and partner poses, relaxation techniques, and a calm book reading. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel. Registration required. Ages 3-7.

MAKING JAM

Aug. 2 (Wed) | 3-5 pm | Radix Center
Join us at the Radix Center (153 Grand St.) and learn how to preserve Radix-grown berries into a **treat that will last the rest of the year.** You'll take home the jam you make and a recipe. Registration strongly encouraged. Ages 5-11.

MEET REPTILES

Aug. 3 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Meet snakes, lizards, and tortoises from Reptile Adventures and learn all about them. No registration. Ages 5-12.

STORYTIME & SONGS WITH THE LITTLE MERMAID

Aug. 3 (Thu) | 2-3 pm | Delaware
The Little Mermaid is joining us for a special sea-themed storytime with singing and dancing. You can get a picture or autograph with your favorite maritime princess. Presented by Hill City Ice Queen Princess Parties. Registration required. Ages 3-12.

ART AND FINANCE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Mon) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Pine Hills
Learn the basics of financial literacy while making art. Paint, design sneakers, make candles, and craft jewelry, all while learning about money. Funding for this series generously provided by the Friends and Foundation of APL. Registration required. Ages 6-13.

REPTILES AND FRIENDS

Aug. 9 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
VIA Aquarium brings us some reptiles to meet and learn about. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

ERIC CARLE STICKER MOSAIC

Aug. 9 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Help us build a sticker mosaic of a classic Eric Carle character. Drop in. Ages 5-11.

MAKE YOUR OWN ANIMAL PUPPET

Aug. 10 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | North Albany
Build an animal puppet using our supplies. Registration required. Ages 5-17.

Make and taste homemade dips for chips and veggies. Vote on your favorite dips and bring home recipes. No registration. Ages 5-12.

HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY GOODNIGHT STORYTIME

Aug. 14 (Mon) | 11 am-12 pm | Bach
We'll read this story by Jane Yolen and do a dinosaur craft with our friends from WMHT PBS Kids. Every family gets a copy of the book and bag of activity ideas to take home. Registration required. Ages 4-8.

BUG BOTS: SOLAR POWERED ROBOTS

Aug. 15 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Build a solar powered robot that can crawl around outside or scuttle about anywhere there is a little light. Registration required. Ages 5-10.

DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

Aug. 15 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington Ave.
What do drag queens and children have in common? They love dressing up and all things sparkly! Drag Queen Story Hour encourages children and families to celebrate all kinds of differences in our complex society. Special guests Noelle Diamond and Mor'Glamazon return to share stories and songs with us. We'll also do a craft and take photos. No registration. For ages 0-10 and caregivers.

WRITING & RENOVATING POEMS

Aug. 16 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Poem Renovation is a software program created by **Kelly de la Rocha.** She's visiting to show us how it works and help us write and renovate some poems. Registration required. Ages 9-17.

TABLETOP GAMES

Aug. 16 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Try out our new tabletop games, or play some old favorites. No registration. Ages 5-11.

NEAR STAR, FAR STAR, BRIGHT STAR, DIM STAR

Aug. 17 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
The sun is a very important star and we depend on it for heat and light, but it's not the brightest star we can see with the naked eye. The Dudley Observatory will help us explore the relationship between distance and brightness of objects in space. No registration. Ages 6-12.

EVERYTHING IS AWESOME LEGO MINIFIGURE

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Aug. 17 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
We'll have everything you need to make your own LEGO minifigure to take home. We'll play minifigure

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bingo and enjoy make-your-own ice cream sundaes from Stewart's Shops (while supplies last). Registration required. Ages 5-11.

ECOSYSTEMS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Aug. 22, 23, 24 (Tue-Thu) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
We'll learn all about ecosystems and how all things in them work together in this three-day workshop by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County 4-H. Hands-on activities include making a food web, dissecting an owl pellet, and creating an ecosystem in a bottle. Registration required; attend one or all sessions. Ages 7-12.

READY, SET, GET WET

Aug. 22 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Join us in the Bach garden for octopus sponge toss, water bucket relays, and all sorts of wet and wacky fun. Then cool down with popsicles. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

ERIC CARLE COLLAGES

Aug. 23 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Explore the art techniques Eric Carle used to create his wonderful illustrations. We'll paint using different colors, patterns, and textures. Then cut the pieces and arrange them into an animal, flower, insect, or person. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

SLIMY THINGS

Aug. 23 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Experiment with some slimy kitchen ingredients and discover the difference between polymers and crossbridges. The Science Chef will also help us make slime to bring home. Registration required. Ages 5-11.

MAKE A FLOWER POT FRIEND

Aug. 24 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Washington Ave.
Use stockings, soil, and grass seed to make a flower pot friend to take home. Miss Lindsey leads the activity. No registration. Ages 5-11.

GROWING READERS

1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES

- **July 1 | "Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs"** Party | Make ice cream, read books, and sing songs about dinosaurs.
 - Aug. 5 | Water Safety | Goldfish Swim School teaches us about water safety for families in an interactive program with Bubbles the mascot.
- Saturdays | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington Ave.
No registration. Ages 0-8.

STORYTIME IN THE RADIX SENSORY GARDEN

- July 13 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am
 - Aug. 9 (Wed) | 3-4 pm
- Radix Center at 153 Grand Street
Meet us at Radix (153 Grand St.) for a fun storytime in the sensory garden. We'll enjoy stories, sample home-grown berries, and hang out with the chickens! Registration strongly encouraged. Ages 2-5.

MESSY ART

July 13 & Aug. 3 (Thu) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Bach
We'll use paint, scissors, and other supplies to make messy art in this fun, sensory activities. No registration. Ages 2-6.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

July 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Tue) | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington Park
Meet us near the Washington Park Playground for stories, songs, and fun! Be sure to bring a picnic blanket to sit on. No registration required. But if you want reminders and notifications of changes, please register. Ages 0-8.

MUSIC FUN WITH MATT

Aug. 25 (Fri) | 10:30-11:15 am | Washington Ave.
Dance, sing, and have lots of fun in this interactive program led by music educator Matt Yaeger. No registration. Ages 0-5.

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

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
1st Saturday for Families	See previous page for details.	0-8	Saturdays: July 1 & Aug. 5	10:30 am	Washington Ave.
Baby Bounce Storytime Bach	Fun songs and short books to introduce your baby to storytime. Stay after and play.	0-2	Wednesdays: July 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug. 9, 16, 23	10:30 am	Bach
Baby Bounce Storytime Washington Ave.	Stories, songs, and rhymes.	0-18 mos.	Every Thursday	10:30 am	Washington Ave.
Baby Play & Grow	Unstructured playtime with sensory blocks, cars, balls, more.	0-18 mos.	Every Thursday	11 am	Washington Ave.
Bilingual Family Storytime	We'll read books in English and Spanish, with fuzzy monster Gruff and his librarian sidekick. Daycares welcome. Registration required.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Family Afternoon Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-8	Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25	4:30 pm	Pine Hills
Family Evening Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-8	Mondays: July 3, 10, 24, 31	6:30 pm	Pine Hills
Family Pajama Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-8	Thursdays: July 20 & Aug. 24	6:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Family Storytime in the Backyard	Stories and fun for little ones and their families in the Delaware backyard. Bring a blanket to sit on.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
Family Storytime in the Garden	Stories, songs, and movement in the Bach garden. Bring a blanket to sit on.	2-8	Mondays: July 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug. 7, 21, 28	10:30 am	Bach
Pajama Storytime	Listen to books, sing songs, and have cozy fun.	2-7	Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25 Aug. 8, 22	7 pm	Bach
Pre-K Play & Grow	Unstructured play time with toy kitchen, blocks, dolls, train sets, etc.	0-5	Every Wednesday	11 am	Delaware
Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.	0-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	North Albany
Toddler Storytime	Stories, songs, and rhymes.	1-3	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington
Toddler Play & Grow	Unstructured playtime with sensory blocks, cars, balls, more.	1-3	Every Friday	11 am	Washington Ave.
Tuesday Morning Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, and more.	0-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe

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Thank you to everyone who participated in these events celebrating our Centennial!

- ▶ APL Day on May 21 at the Howe Branch | We enjoyed sunny skies for this neighborhood block party, a mayoral proclamation of "Albany Public Library Day," remarks by community and APL leaders, storytimes and crafts for children, and music and refreshments for all.
- ▶ Centennial Summer Celebration on June 24 at the Delaware Branch | We did not let the rain get us down and enjoyed a lovely family party inside the library. We were visited by animals from the Southern Vermont Museum, learned how to make balloon animals, snacked on ice cream, signed up for Summer Reading, and listened to live music.



Many thanks to the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library for generously supporting the Centennial events.

Summer Reading!

Through Aug. 25

Sign up at any APL branch

Read or listen to books, graphic novels, eBooks, more

Track what you read

Return your reading tracker for a PRIZE!




For all ages

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JULY 4 (TUE)

EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY & AUGUST



Story Walk[®]

read as you stroll around Albany!

Presented by APL with our partners at the City of Albany Department of Recreation, Buckingham Pond Conservancy, Lincoln Park Alliance, and Washington Park Conservancy.

Enjoy the new APL StoryWalks when visiting three Albany parks, starting this summer! The pages from these family-friendly books are enlarged and mounted to signs so they can be read as you walk along together.

- Buckingham Lake | *The Very Last Castle* | By Travis Jonker (author), Mark Pett (illustrator)
- Lincoln Park | *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* | By F. Isabel Campoy (author), Theresa Howell (author), Rafael Lopez (illustrator)
- Washington Park | *All Are Neighbors* | By Alexandra Penfold (author), Suzanne Kaufman (illustrator)



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