



PROGRAM GUIDE

JANUARY FEBRUARY 2024

APL programs are free of charge and open to the public | Programs subject to change
Register and see updates on events calendar at albanypubliclibrary.org or call (518) 427-4300

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Visit the Howe, Pine Hills, and Washington Ave. branches on Saturdays for these wonderful activities!

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME | Pine Hills

Every Week | 10:30-11 am | Drop in. Ages 2-5.

BEVERAGES & BOARD GAMES | Howe

Jan. 6 | 1-3 pm | Sit, sip, and play games, puzzles. Drop in. Ages 18+.

1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES | Washington

- Jan. 6 | 1st Saturday for Families Birthday Party
- Feb. 3 | Take Your Child to the Library Day
10:30-11:30 am | No registration. Ages 0-8.

CENTENNIAL MOVIES | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills

- Jan. 6 | "Marty" (1955)
- Jan. 20 | "Lilies of the Field" (1965)
- Feb. 3 | "Julia" (1977)
- Feb. 17 | "E.T." (1982)

No registration. Ages 18+.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS | Howe

Jan. 6, 27 & Feb. 10, 24 | 2:30-4:30 pm | Registration suggested. Ages 18+.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION | Washington

Jan. 13 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | View documentary "Very Young Girls" and hear a panel discussion. Counselors will be on hand. Presented with Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. No registration. Ages 18+.

STORYTIME + PLAY & GROW | Washington

Jan. 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 10, 17, 24 | 10:30-11:30 am | Start with stories, stay for playtime. Drop in. Ages 0-5.

LEGO CLUB | Howe

Jan. 13 & Feb. 10 | 11am-12 pm | Build with our LEGO bricks. No registration. Ages 6-17.

PAINT A MANDALA | Washington

Jan. 20 | 1-3 pm | With instructor Nicole Miele. Registration required. Ages 18+.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE | Washington

- Jan. 20 | "Sonic the Hedgehog 2"
- Feb. 17 | "TMNT: Mutant Mayhem"
1-3 pm | No registration. Ages 5-17.



KIDS CRAFTS | Howe

Jan. 20 & Feb. 17 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Registration. Ages 5-17.

CREATIVE CARD MAKING | Washington

Jan. 27 | 1-4:30 pm | Make greeting cards. Registration required. Ages 18+.

SATURDAY STORYTIME | Howe

Jan. 27 & Feb. 24 | 10:30-11:30 am | Drop in. Ages 2-5.

CARTOONS & CEREAL | Howe

Feb. 3 | 10:30 am-12 pm | No registration. Ages 5-11.

SEED SWAP | Howe

Feb. 3 | 1-3 pm | Connect with other growers and share seeds. Registration required. All ages.

COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR ADULT LEARNERS | Pine Hills

Feb. 10 | 1-2 pm | Get info and answers from the University at Albany's Professional, Adult, and Continuing Knowledge program. No registration. Ages 18+.

AWESOME ABSTRACT ART | Washington

Feb. 24 | 1-4:30 pm | Taught by Virginia Marcellus. All supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18+

WEST AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE | Washington

Feb. 24 | 2-3:30 pm | Celebrate Black History Month with an interactive performance by Jordan Taylor Hill. Presented with Albany Barn. Registration required. Ages 0-17.

ALL AGES

BLACK IN EVERY COLOR

Every Day in Jan. & Feb. | Open Hours | Washington
Do a coloring sheet celebrating Black culture, history, and identity. Materials available at the reference and youth service desks. All ages. Drop in.

MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

➤ Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Washington
➤ Every Thursday | 5-7 pm | Washington
Use 3D printers, video and music editing tools, sewing machines, fiber arts materials, more. Adult supervision required for children. All ages. No registration.

ONE-ON-ONE PIANO LESSONS

Every Thursday | 3:30-6 pm | Howe
Sign up for a weekly piano lesson with Ms. Francesca. All ages. Registration required.

MOVIE NIGHT

➤ **Jan. 10 | "Elemental"**
➤ **Feb. 7 | "The Little Mermaid"**
Wednesdays | 5:30-7:15 pm | North Albany
Watch a fun movie and enter a prize raffle sponsored by St. Catherine's Center for Children. Movie starts at 5:45 pm and raffle winner announced at end of the movie. All ages. Registration required.

NO SEW SOCK SNOW PEOPLE

Jan. 15 (Mon) | 1:30-2:30 pm | North Albany
Make a snow person out of a sock without sewing. All ages. Registration required.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT: "THE RIGHT TO READ"

Jan. 15 (Mon) | 6-8:30 pm | Capital Rep
Join us at the Capital Rep (251 N. Pearl St.) for a screening of "The Right to Read" documentary and community conversation with invited panelists. Brought to you by The Red Bookshelf, The Wizard's Wardrobe, and APL. All ages. No registration.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

➤ **Jan. 15 | "Rock Dog 3"**
➤ **Feb. 19 | "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"**
Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy a family-friendly movie. All ages. Drop in.

OREO COOKIE CHALLENGE

Jan. 22 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Taste test limited edition Oreo flavors and guess which flavor is which. All ages. Registration required.

LIBRARY LOVE

2

Feb. 1-14 (Thu-Wed) | Open Hours | Bach
Make the library a valentine and we'll hang it

up to decorate our shared space. All ages. Drop in.

OSTRICH PUPPET CRAFT

Feb. 2 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany
Make a puppet for World Ostrich Day. All ages. Registration required.

GLOW IN THE DARK FAMILY BINGO

Feb. 8 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
Play for fun prizes and APL goodies, plus it's all in the dark. All ages. Registration required.

PRINGLES CHIPS CHALLENGE

Feb. 9 (Fri) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Sample Pringles flavors and guess which one is which. All ages. Registration required.

ANYONE CAN ART

➤ Feb. 13 | Trash Art
➤ Feb. 20 | Kinetic Sculpture
➤ Feb. 27 | Murals & Graffiti Art with Jade Warrick (aka Trashkid)
Tuesdays | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Art activities with themes about identity, politics, and the freedom of expression that are core to African American History Month. All ages. Registration required.

"I HAVE A DREAM" THOUGHT BUBBLES

Feb. 15-29 (Thu-Thu) | Open Hours | Delaware
Fill in a thought bubble with your response to Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech and we'll post it. All ages. Drop in.



ADULTS



BYOB (BABY) MAGAZINE CLUB

Every Monday | 10:30-11:30 am | Delaware

Pick up this week's parenting magazine articles for discussion in our lobby with other parents. Your babies/little ones can free play while you talk. Coffee will be provided. Ages 18+ and your babies/preschoolers. Drop in.

WITH PEN IN HAND

Every Monday | 2-3 pm | Howe

Learn how to express yourself in writing, share your work, and respond to stories of others. Sessions are facilitated by Misty Yarnall. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Tuesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County teaches this weekly class for intermediate-level adult learners. Attendees will improve their ability to speak, read, write and understand English. Ages 18+. Register with Literacy Volunteers at (518) 244-4650 or lvorc.org.

LEARN ABOUT ALBANY'S NNORC: NEIGHBORHOOD NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Every Wednesday | 10-11 am | Bach

Learn about the free programs and services available from Albany's NNORC for people age 60 and older. Ages 18+. Drop in.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

➤ Every Wednesday | 3-3:30, 4-4:30 pm | Pine Hills

➤ Jan. 11 & Feb. 8 (Thu) | 12:30-1 pm | Bach

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

COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 1-3 pm | Washington

Enjoy a movie, coffee, and snacks. Community organizations that provide housing, mental health,

and other services also share information about getting assistance. Ages 18+. Drop in.

ONE-ON-ONE JOB INTERVIEW PREPARATION

Every Wednesday | 2-4 pm | Washington

Practice interview skills in a mock interview setting. Get tips on answering questions, communicating your skills, and calming jitters. Ages 18+. Registration required.

TAI CHI

Every Thursday | 10:30-11:30 am | Pine Hills

Sabine Seller leads us through gentle movements to improve coordination and balance. All abilities and skill levels welcome. Ages 18+. Registration required.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

Every Thursday | 12-1 pm | Delaware

Update or create a resume in a one-on-one session. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- Arbor Hill Area | Every Thursday | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski, who represents Arbor Hill, plus Sheridan Hollow, Ten Broeck, Downtown, Warehouse, North Albany, Bishop's Gate, Shaker Park, and Empire State Plaza.
- Bach Area | Jan 18 (Thu) at 12:30-2 pm | Feb. 5 (Mon) at 3-5 pm | Feb. 22 (Thu) at 12:30-2 pm | Bach Branch | Meet Folake Oyedokun, who represents the New Scotland, Helderberg, Woodlawn, Park-South, Washington Park, Whitehall, and Normanskill neighborhoods.
- Delaware Area | Every Monday | 3-5 pm | Delaware Branch | Meet Tabora Marcus, the city's neighborhood specialist for Delaware, plus Second Ave., South End, Mount Hope, Port of Albany, Lincoln Park, Mansion, and Pastures.
- Pine Hills Area | Every Thursday | 3-5 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Meet Alex Word, the city's neighborhood specialist for the Pine Hills neighborhood, plus Campus, Eagle Hill, Buckingham Lake, Upper Washington, and Dunes.
- North Albany Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | North Albany Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski, who represents the North Albany neighborhood, plus Warehouse, Shaker Park, Sheridan Hollow, Arbor Hill, Ten Broeck, Downtown, Bishop's Gate, and Empire State Plaza.
- Sound End Area | Every Thursday | 3-5 pm | Howe Branch | Meet Tabora Marcus, the city's neighborhood specialist for the South End, plus Mount Hope, Second

ADULTS

Ave., Lincoln Park, Port of Albany, Lincoln Park, Mansion, Delaware, and Pastures.

- West Hill Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez, who represents West Hill, plus West End, Beverwyck, Central Ave., and Washington Square.

Meet with the city's neighborhood reps to ask questions, share concerns. Ages 18+. Drop in.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- Jan. 2 | Book Review | *The Democrat Party Hates America* reviewed by Frank S. Robinson, philosopher and author.
- Jan. 9 | Book Review | *Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism* reviewed by Roger O. Green, retired librarian and FFAPL board member.
- Jan. 16 | Book Review | *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* reviewed by Jonathan Skinner, retired statistician, amateur classicist.
- Jan. 23 | Author Talk | Paul T. Murray, Siena College professor emeritus, discusses *Seeing Jesus in the Eyes of the Oppressed: A History of Franciscans Working for Peace and Justice*.
- Jan. 30 | Book Review | *Best Remembered Poems* reviewed by Dan Wilcox, Joe Krausman, Gene Damm, and Jonathan Skinner.
- Feb. 6 | Book Review | *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America* reviewed by Thomas J. O'Grady, professor at the University at Albany.
- Feb. 13 | Article Review | "Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum of the Holy Father Francis to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis" reviewed by Mark Dunlea, of NY Public Interest Research Group and climate activist.
- Feb. 20 | Author Talk | Washington Post columnist Kate Cohen discusses *We of Little Faith: Why I Stopped Pretending to Believe (And Maybe You Should Too)* with moderator David Guistina from WAMC Public Radio.
- Feb. 27 | Book Review | *Trans: When Ideology Meets Reality* reviewed by author and journalist Carl Strock.

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington

Please note the NEW TIME for the Friends & Foundation of APL book talks. Ages 18+. No registration.

SEWING GROUP

Jan. 2 & Feb. 6 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe

4

Learn to sew while assisting newly arrived immigrants practice speaking English with help

from Stitching Exchange. Ages 18+. Registration required.

INDIE LENS POP-UP SERIES: DOCUMENTARY FILMS & DISCUSSIONS

- **Jan. 3 | "Raising Liberty Square"**

- **Feb. 7 | "Breaking the News"**

Wednesdays | 6-8 pm | Pine Hills

Watch a documentary film screening followed by a moderated community conversation organized by WHMT. The films are part of PBS's Indie Lens films. Ages 18+. No registration.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

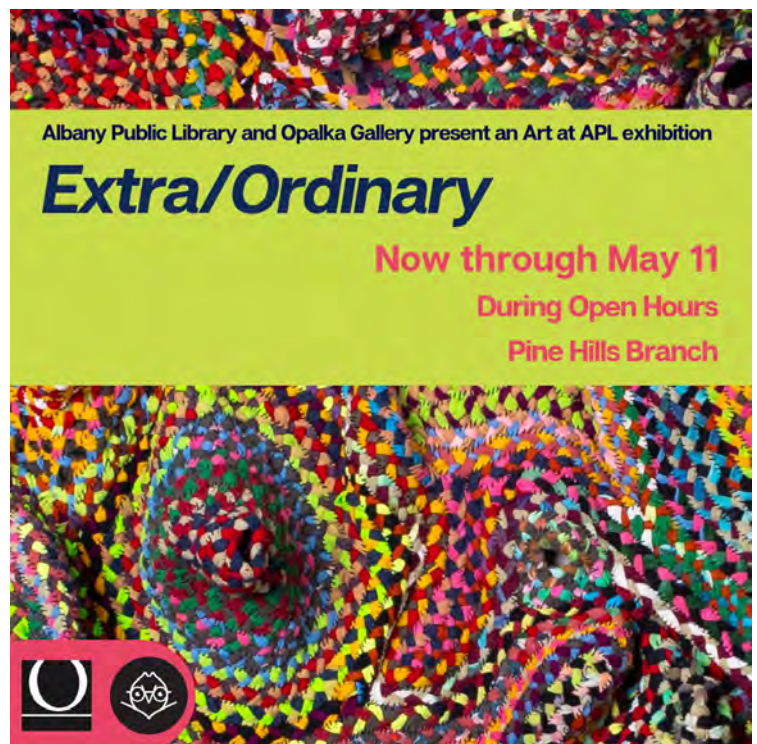
Jan. 4 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

Get an introduction on how to prepare and respond to disaster. You'll learn how to develop family emergency plans and stock up on supplies. Guidance from the Citizen Preparedness Corps. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CHAIR YOGA

- Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Fri) | 10:30-11:30 am | North Albany

- Feb. 12 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Learn yoga basics from Nikki B. Rogers. You can do this gentle workout anywhere that you've got a seat. Wheelchair users welcome. Ages 18+. Registration required.



ADULTS

ONCE-A-MONTH BRUNCH & MOVIE CLUB

- **Jan. 5 | "Race"**
- **Feb. 2 | "The Color Purple"**

Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe

Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching the movie of the month. Ages 18+. No registration.

PAINT 'N' SIP

Jan. 8 & Feb. 5 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Create a piece of art while enjoying relaxing music and a cup of tea, coffee, or cocoa. Ages 18+. Registration required.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

- Jan. 9, 23 & Feb. 6, 20 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
 - Jan. 11 & Feb. 8 (Thu) | 2-5 pm | Arbor H./West H.
- In Our Own Voices, Inc., provides free and discreet HIV and Hepatitis C testing. Ages 18+. No appointment required.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Jan. 9 & Feb. 13 (Tue) | 5-6:30 pm | Motor Oil Coffee
Meet us at Motor Oil Coffee (1034 Madison Ave.) for these special Silent Book Club sessions. Bring a book, settle into a cozy chair, and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. No assigned readings or pressured discussions. Ages 18+. Drop in,

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

- Jan. 9 | **Firekeeper's Daughter** by A. Bouley
 - Feb. 13 | *Take My Hand* by D. Perkins-Valdez
- Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany

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

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

- Jan. 9 | Regular Meeting
- Feb. 13 | Regular Meeting
- Feb. 27 | Budget Session

Tuesdays | 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+. Drop in.

JOY JARS

Jan. 10 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Howe

Decorate a joy jar to fill with moments that made you smile, laugh, or cheer throughout the year. Then in December you can look back at all that good things that happened to you in 2024. Ages 18+. Registration required.

IT'S YOUR MONEY, GET IT BACK

- Jan. 10 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Washington

- Jan. 16 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom

Does New York State have money in your name? Learn how to find out if the state has unclaimed funds that you can get returned to you. Ages 18+. Registration required.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Jan. 10, 24 & Feb. 7, 28 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. Ages 18+. Drop in.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

- **Jan. 10 | "Past Lives"**
- **Feb. 14 | "Hampstead"**

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

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

WATERCOLOR AFTERNOON

Jan. 11, 25 & Feb. 8, 22 (Thu) | 12:30-1:30 pm | North Albany

Paint a watercolor in a relaxing environment using our supplies. Ages 18+. Registration required.

NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

Jan. 11, 25 & Feb. 8, 29 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Susan Riback, a community health nurse educator with the NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community), is available to do blood pressure checks, medication review, and discuss your health concerns. Ages 18+. Drop in.

HOWE-DUNNITS

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

MEET THE APPS: LIBBY

Jan. 16 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Learn more about the Libby app and how to use it to read eBooks and listen to eAudiobooks on your smartphone or tablet. Bring your own device. Ages 18+. Registration required.

MINDFUL COLORING

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

Relax and unwind with an evening of coloring and conversation. Coloring sheets, artist pencils, and herbal tea provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CLASSIC KUNG FU MOVIE NIGHT

Jan. 17 & Feb. 21 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West

ADULTS

Watch a classic kung fu movie with us. Ages 18+. No registration.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Jan. 18 & Feb. 15 (Thu) | 2-3 pm | Howe

This new group meets monthly and will discuss women's issues and how writers and artists deal with societal challenges for women. Participants are encouraged to share the art (writing, painting, collage, photography) they've created to deal with the stresses of today. Ages 18+. Registration required.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

- ▶ Jan. 18 | *The Winner* by D. Baldacci
 - ▶ Feb. 15 | *Lessons in Chemistry* by B. Garmus
- Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach

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

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Jan. 22 (Mon) | 1:30-2:30 pm | North Albany

Artist Lexi Hannah from Albany Barn leads this watercolor painting class. Ages 18+. Registration required.

EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR ADULT LEARNERS

- ▶ Jan. 22 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- ▶ Feb. 10 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

You're never too old to pursue higher education. Learn about college types, degree programs, application requirements, costs, and financial aid. University at Albany's Office of Professional, Adult, and Continuing Knowledge provides info and guidance. Ages 18+. No registration.

ORGANIZING COMPUTER FILES & FOLDERS

Jan. 23 (Tue) | 2-3 pm | Delaware

It's Get Organized Month so we're going to get our computer and digital files in ship shape. Bring your device and learn how to sort, search, move, back-up, convert file types, and more. Ages 18. Registration required.

SNOW FALL, SEW GOOD

Jan. 23, 30 (Thu) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Learn how to sew a quarter-zip fleece sweater from start to finish in this two-part class for intermediate sewers. Ages 18+. Registration required.

EXPERIENCE A SOUND BATH

Jan. 24 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Sound is intentionally used to invite gentle but powerful therapeutic and restorative pro-

cesses. Lead by Charles Adinolfi from Inner Bliss. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CINEMANIA

Jan 25 & Feb. 29 (Thu) | 6-7:45 pm | Delaware

We revisit some of the coolest cult movies ever produced. Enjoy the weird, strange, and (sometimes) poorly made films that fascinate us. Ages 18+. No registration.

HOMEMADE COASTERS

Jan. 31 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Make a beverage coaster with our supplies. Co-sponsored by NNORC. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

Jan. 31 & Feb. 28 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

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

PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK CLUB

- ▶ Jan. 31 | *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* by D. Chopra
- ▶ Feb. 28 | *The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling* by J. Hillman

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

We discuss books that foster personal growth and well-being. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Tax Help

Get free in-person income tax assistance and preparation services (appointments required)

Pick up tax forms at the branches

Call or visit a branch for more information

FEB-APRIL

ADULTS

GET CONNECTED: TBBL & NLS FOR LOW VISION

Feb. 6 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Learn more about the Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) and National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled (NLS) services for folks with low vision. These include home delivery of large print books, Braille options, audio cartridges, and audiobooks. Get certified for these services by our librarians and you won't have to worry about waiting for items once you're connected to the BARD app. Ages 18+. No registration.

BIRDSEED TRINKET

Feb. 6. (Tue) | 1:30-2:30 pm | North Albany

Mold a birdseed trinket to hang for the birds in your backyard. Ages 18+. Registration required.

HOMEBUYER 101

Feb. 9 (Fri) | 1-2:30 pm | Washington

Get started on the path to home ownership with info about the buying process, down payment programs, and mortgage qualifications. Guidance provided by the Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region. Ages 18+. Registration required by calling (518) 434-1730.

COOK THE BOOK: VALENTINE EDITION

Feb. 14 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Discover a recipe from a cookbook or blog — **make it a sweet one for Valentine's Day** — and test it out at home. Then join us to share your cooking story, and samples if you like. Co-sponsored by NNORC. Ages 18+. No registration.

STAMP MAKING

Feb. 21 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | North Albany

Design your own stamps and carve them out of erasers. You can use the stamps to personalize bullet journals, gift wrap, and more. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS: DISHCLOTH

Feb. 27 (Tue) | 2-4 pm | Howe

Learn to crochet a dishcloth using the single crochet stitch — a perfect beginners needlecraft. Cotton yarn has been generously donated by UpStitch. Ages 18+. Registration required.

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MEDITATION

Feb. 28 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn meditation techniques from Charles Adinolfi from Inner Bliss. Ages 18+. Registration required.

YOUTH

MINI MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Every Monday | 3-5 pm | Washington

Join us in the Albany Made Creative Lab makerspace to make shrinky dinks, buttons, perler beads, and more. Ages 6-14. No registration.

READING WITH ROCKET

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

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

TREATS & TOYS TUESDAYS

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

Refresh with a treat after school and enjoy toys, games, and activities. Ages 5-11. No registration.

TEEN LAB

Every Tuesday & Thursday | 4-5 pm | Washington

Play cards, video games, or just hang out with friends. Ages 11-17. Drop in.

GAMERS UNITE

Every Wednesday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

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

MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Every Thursday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Build your Minecraft world and characters in a weekly competition. Ages 6-14. Drop in.

ANIME CLUB

➤ Every Friday | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany | Do anime-related activities and have snacks. Ages 11-17. No registration.

➤ Jan. 9 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach | Watch anime and eat Pocky. Ages 13-17. No registration.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

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

Bring your friends and play Super Smash. Ages 13-17. No registration.

GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Howe

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

LEGO CLUB

➤ Every Friday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington | STEAM-focused LEGO challenges | Ages 7

YOUTH

-17 . Drop in.

- Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware | Ages 4-11. Drop in.

MULTIPLAYER

Jan. 2, 16, 30 & Feb. 13, 27 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Bring friends and play Super Smash, Minecraft, Rocket League, and more. Ages 11-17. No registration.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

Jan. 3 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll read the first chapter of *Magic Treehouse: Balto at the Blue Dawn* together, do activities, and have a snack. The book is yours to keep. Ages 6-11. Registration required.

RAINBOW & UNICORN BAGS

Jan. 5 (Fri) 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Use fabric markers to color a rainbow and unicorn bag to store your library books. Ages 4-11. Registration required.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC SHOWS

- **Jan. 8 | "The New Year's Show"**
- **Feb. 12 | "All You Need is Love"**

Mondays | 10:30-11 am | Zoom
Join us for these high energy music and comedy shows for all kids, including those on the autism spectrum. Ages 2-10. Registration required.

TODDLER PAINT & PLAY: SENSORY ART

Jan. 8 (Mon) | 1-2 pm | Delaware
We'll be painting in plastic bags so we can mark art without the mess. Ages 0-5. Registration required.

BRAINY BOARD GAMES

Jan. 8, 29 & Feb. 5, 12 (Mon) | 3-5 pm | Bach
Bring a partner and play chess and Scrabble with our game boards. Ages 8+. Drop in.

HOT SAUCE TASTE TEST CHALLENGE

Jan. 9 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Taste hot sauce flavors and help us decide which is the hottest and which is the best. Ages 12-17. No registration.

LEGO WEDO WORKSHOP SERIES

Jan. 9, 16, 23 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Discover LEGO WeDo, a hands-on STEM system, and learn computational thinking and engineering principles. Ages 6-12. Register for all sessions.

SOCK CATERPILLARS

Jan. 10 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Delaware
Learn about caterpillars and make one out of a sock. Ages 3-5. Registration required.

FUN @ 4

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 14, 28 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Do a cultural, science, art, or food program each session. Ages 5-11. No registration.

KIDS FILM CLUB

Jan. 10 & Feb. 14 (Wed) | 4-5:45 pm | Pine Hills
Watch a kid-friendly film and enjoy snacks. Ages 5-11. Drop in.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Jan. 10 & Feb. 14 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor H./West H.
Learn to play D&D and make your characters and worlds come alive. Ages 11-17. No registration.

PAINT 'N' SIP

Jan. 11 & Feb. 22 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
Paint a winter scene while enjoying beverages. Ages 12-17. Registration required.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Thu) | 4-4:45 pm | Pine Hills
Activities including cooking, arts, science, and more. Ages 7-14. No registration.

MESSY ART FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Jan. 16 & Feb. 13 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use paint, scissors, and other natural objects to make some messy art. Ages 3-6. No registration.

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

Jan. 16 & Feb. 20 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Get kids who're starting to read on their own excited about books and reading. Parents are encouraged to engage with their new readers. Ages 4-8. Registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS

Jan. 18 & Feb. 15 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Make a fun craft. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

DECORATE A JOURNAL

Jan. 18 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Howe
Use magazine clippings and printed pictures to decorate a journal for the new year. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

YOUTH

PAGE TURNERS

- Jan. 18 | *Sunshine* by J. Krosoczka
 - Feb. 15 | *The Door of No Return* by K. Alexander
- Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
Join us for a monthly book discussion via Zoom. Ages 10-14. Registration required.

GAME TIME

Jan. 19 & Feb. 16 (Fri) | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware
Play Xbox One, board, and card games. Ages 8-17.
Drop in.

COMIC BOOK COLLAGE

Jan. 23 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Look through our stack of old comic books and use them to create a new piece of collage art. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

TEEN ANIMANGA CLUB

Jan. 24 & Feb. 28 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor H./West H.
Share your love of anime and manga with other teens. Pocky, too! Ages 11-17. No registration.

SAND ART BRACELETS

Jan. 29 (Mon) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
Make a sand art bracelet with our supplies. Ages 3-9. Registration required.

SANDPAPER ART T-SHIRTS

Feb. 2 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Use sandpaper and crayons to decorate an APL t-shirt. Ages 5-17. Registration required.

BASQUIAT SKETCH BOOKS

Feb. 6 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
As part of Black History Month, we're taking inspiration from famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat to explore neo-expressionism. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

EXPLORING ART: POINTILLISM

- Feb. 7 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Delaware | Ages 0-5
 - Feb. 19 (Mon) | 2-3 pm | Delaware | Ages 5-11
- Registration required.

CHANGE SINGS: CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Feb. 7 (Wed) | 3:30-5 pm | Bach
Explore the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman then make a group bulletin board with your ideas for making a nicer community. Ages 5-13. No registration.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE: INCLINED PLANES

Feb. 12 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Learn how simple machines work and do experiments with Hot Wheels cars. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

SAND ART HEARTS

Feb. 14 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make a heart for Valentine's Day. Ages 5-11. Registration required.



ENGINEERING LAB

Feb. 19, 20 (Mon, Tue) | 1:30-3:30 pm | N. Albany
Use LEGO Mindstorms to understand coding and engineering. Ages 11-13. Registration required.

WINTER RECESS OF WONDERS

Feb. 19-23 (Mon-Fri) | 12-1 pm | Howe
Visit every day during school break for a fun activity. Ages 5-11. No registration.

FEATHERED FRIENDS

- Feb. 19 (Mon) | Handprint Birds | 1-2 pm
- Feb. 20 (Tue) | Birdhouse | 1-2 pm
- Feb. 21 (Wed) | Bird BINGO | 1-2 pm
- Feb. 22 (Thu) | Read to Parakeets | 6-7 pm
- Feb. 23 (Fri) | Bird Masks | 1-2 pm

Washington

Bird-themed crafts all week, plus you can meet parakeets Cuptido and Sally. Ages 5-11. No registration.

LEGO MANIA

Feb. 20 (Tue) | 1-3 pm | Delaware
Bring your family to do a surprise LEGO build. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

CRIME LAB SCIENCE

Feb. 20 (Tue) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Learn about forensic science techniques and practice being "detectives in training" with help from the Museum of Innovation and Science. Ages 7-11. Registration required.

YOUTH

PIXEL PERLERS

Feb. 20 (Tue) | 3-4 pm | Bach
Make your favorite video game character out of Perler beads. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

A VISIT WITH CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG

Feb. 21 (Wed) | 2-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
Celebrate Clifford's birthday watching an episode of the show and making a craft. Get your photo taken with Clifford, too. Co-sponsored by WMHT PBS Kids. Ages 2-11. Registration required.

MAGIC SHOW

Feb. 21 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy an interactive show with Melvin the Magnificent and his furry assistant. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

BALLOON TWISTING

Feb. 21 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Bach
Balloon Gal Jenny shows you how to make a balloon creation. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

DRAWING WORKSHOP

Feb. 22 (Thu) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Make a flip book and watch your drawings come to life with guidance from illustrator Caroline Corrigan. Ages 9-17. Registration required.

FAMILY MOVE & GROOVE

Feb. 22 (Thu) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Caregivers and children explore movement and dance while listening to kid-friendly music. Ages 0-12. No registration.

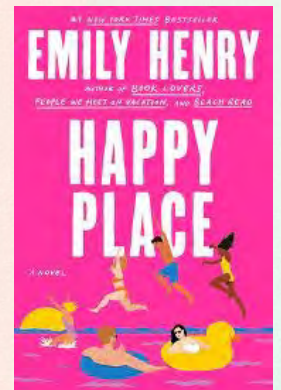
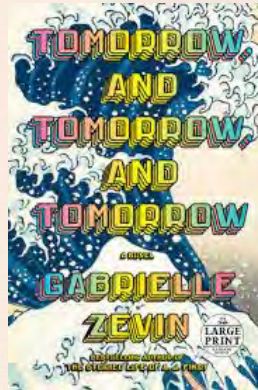
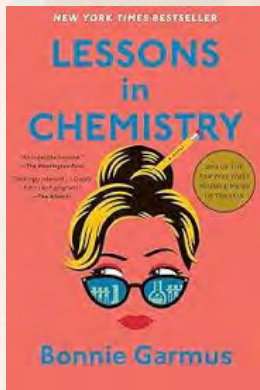
GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Baby Bounce Storytime	Fun songs and short books, then playtime.	0-2	Every Wed (Not Jan. 3)	10:30 am	Bach
Baby Bounce Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes for the first half hour. Then its unstructured play time.	0-18 mos.	Every Monday	10:30 am	Washington
Bilingual Family Storytime	Hear stories, sing songs in English and Spanish. For Spanish speakers AND Spanish learners.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Washington
Daycare Storytime	Music, stories, dance for daycare providers, families.	2-5	Every Thursday	10:30 am	Arbor/West
Pajama Storytime	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Every Tue. (Not Jan. 2)	7 pm	Bach
Preschool Storytime & Play Group	Interactive storytime with movement and fun. Stay after to play.	2-6	Every Monday (Not Jan. 1, Feb. 26)	10:30 am	Bach
Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes for babies to preschoolers.	0-4	Every Monday	10:30 am	N. Albany
Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories and fun, then unstructured playtime.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
Toddler Storytime	Stories, singing, dancing, socializing.	2-5	Tuesdays: Jan. 9, 23 & Feb. 6, 20	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Toddler Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	1-4	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, and more.	0-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe
Sat. Family Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, folktales, movement activities.	2-5	Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Saturday Storytime	Stories, songs, dancing, playing.	2-5	Saturdays: Jan. 27 & Feb. 24	10:30 am	Howe
Saturday Storytime + Play & Grow	Shake the sillies out while learning rhymes, songs, stories. Stay for unstructured play time.	0-5	Every Saturday (Not Jan. 6, Feb. 3)	10:30 am	Washington

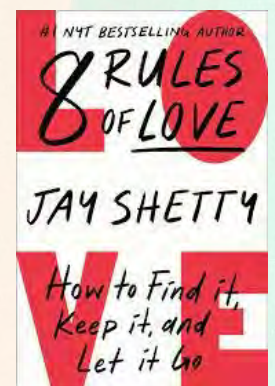
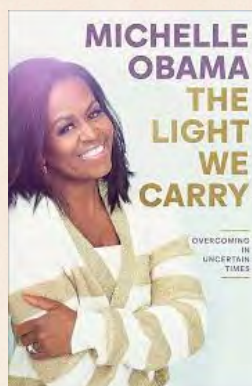
FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2023

The results are in — these are the books that were checked out the most by APL readers last year! If you haven't had read them yet, please visit a branch to borrow a copy or request one using the online catalog.

FICTION



NONFICTION



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 the online events calendar at albanypubliclibrary.org



LIBRARY HOURS

Arbor Hill/ West Hill

148 Henry Johnson Blvd.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 2

Mon	12-8pm
Tue	10-6pm
Wed	12-8pm
Thu	10-6pm
Fri	12-6pm
Sat	Closed
Sun*	1-5pm

Bach Branch

455 New Scotland Ave.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 3

Mon	10-6pm
Tue	12-8pm
Wed	10-6pm
Thu	12-8pm
Fri	12-6pm
Sat	Closed
Sun*	1-5pm

Delaware Branch

331 Delaware Ave.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 4

Mon	10-6pm
Tue	12-8pm
Wed	10-6pm
Thu	12-8pm
Fri	12-6pm
Sat	Closed
Sun*	1-5 pm

Howe Branch

105 Schuyler St.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 5

Mon	12-8pm
Tue	10-6pm
Wed	12-8pm
Thu	10-6pm
Fri	12-6pm
Sat	10-5pm
Sun	Closed

North Albany Branch

616 N Pearl St.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 6

Mon	10-6pm
Tue	12-6pm
Wed	12-8pm
Thu	12-6pm
Fri	10-6pm
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed

Pine Hills Branch

517 Western Ave.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 7

Mon	12-8pm
Tue	10-6pm
Wed	12-8pm
Thu	10-6pm
Fri	12-6pm
Sat	10-5pm
Sun	Closed

Washington Ave Branch

161 Washington Ave.
(518) 427-4300 ext. 1

Mon	10-6pm
Tue	12-8pm
Wed	10-6pm
Thu	12-8pm
Fri	10-6pm
Sat	10-5pm
Sun	Closed

*No Sunday hours in
July/August

www.albanypubliclibrary.org
[@albanynylibrary](https://twitter.com/albanynylibrary)

