



# PROGRAMGUIDE

## MARCH APRIL 2024

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*Solar  
Eclipse*

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WITH THESE APL PROGRAMS

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#### SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES GIVEAWAY

**Starting March 25 | During Open Hours | All Branches**

We have a limited number of solar eclipse glasses to give away. Glasses will be handed out on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. | All ages. Drop in.

#### ECLIPSE SOLAR-BRATION

**April 1 (Mon) | 4-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill**

Make lunar crafts and enjoy over-the-moon snacks while learning about the upcoming solar eclipse. Everyone gets special eclipse-viewing glasses. | All ages. No registration.

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE EXTRAVAGANZA

**April 8 (Mon) | 2-4:30 pm | Howe**

It's all about today's total solar eclipse! We'll have a paper moon photo booth, lunar poetry, and space music. | All ages. No registration.

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#### OUT OF THIS WORLD CRAFTING

- **April 1 | Galaxy Prints with Crayon and Watercolor**
- **April 2 | Marbled Galaxies Using Salad Spinners**

- **April 3 | Astronaut Sticker Mosaic**
- **April 4 | Popsicle Stick Astronaut Art**
- **April 5 | Aluminum Foil Moon Sculpture**

**Monday-Friday | 1-2 pm | Washington**

We're celebrating all things space this week in honor of the eclipse. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

### 1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES:

#### STORYTIME WITH THE CONSTELLATIONS

**April 6 (Sat) | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington**

Our wonderful partners from MiSci are bringing their traveling planetarium. Learn how ancient cultures connected their mythology to the stars and constellations like Ursa Minor and the Big Dipper. | Ages 0-8. Registration required.

### MOON PHASES

**April 6 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Washington**

Our friends from MiSci teach us about the dance between the earth and the moon that's been going on for more than 4.5 billion years. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

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#### ECLIPSE EXPERIENCE SERIES

- **March 6 | Imaging the Eclipse**

Learn about the phases of a total solar eclipse and how to safely view and photograph the sun throughout. Presenter Steve Dittmar is an astrophotographer from the Adirondack Sky Center & Observatory.

- **March 20 | When Day Turns into Night**

Explore the mysteries of eclipses and how they shaped human history, culture, and our understanding of the universe. Presenter Dr. Michael West is part of the Lowell Observatory in Arizona and has worked on numerous Hubble Space Telescope projects.

- **April 3 | Out of the World Cooking Demo**

The dishes we'll learn tonight — squid ink risotto with rocket, calamari croutons, and sunny saffron nage, and fire-roasted sweet potatoes with crispy poached egg, and black bean salsa—are inspired by the eclipse. Presented by Chef Kevin McCarthy from Paul Smith's College Culinary and Hospitality Program.

**Wednesdays | 7-8 pm | Zoom**

Our partners at ADK Experience, the Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, host these virtual programs related to the eclipse. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

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## MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Washington
- Every Thursday | 5-7 pm | Washington

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

## WOMEN'S HISTORY COMMUNITY PUZZLES

March 1-31 | During Open Hours | Delaware  
Stop by all month and work on our Women's History Month puzzles. | All ages. Drop in.

## GLOW-IN-THE-DARK ROCK PAINTING

March 8 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Paint rocks using glow-in-the-dark colors. Supplies are limited. | All ages. Registration required.

## COMMUNITY MOVIE

March 9 (Sat) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Washington  
Watch "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" and enjoy refreshments. Presented by Capital District Tobacco-Free Communities. | All ages. No registration.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

March 18 & April 15 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West  
Enjoy a family-friendly movie. | All ages. Drop in.

## ART AT APL ARTIST TALK

March 27 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills  
Albany fabric artist Victoria van der Laan discusses her "Dream Work" fabric installation currently on display at the branch. | All ages. No registration.  
*The installation is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Arts Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of The Governor and the NYS Legislature and administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region.*

## SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

March 27 & April 24 (Wed) | 4-5:45 pm | Delaware  
Accommodations include low level lighting, low sound, relaxed rules, an intermission, accessible bathrooms, and captions. You can bring a fidget or comfort item. | All ages. No registration.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY FILM

March 30 (Sat) | 2-4:15 pm | Pine Hills  
We're screening "A League of Their Own" to celebrate Women's History Month and the start of baseball season. | All ages. No registration.

## BOOK SPINE POETRY CONTEST

April 1 (Mon) | 12:30-6 pm | Delaware  
April is Poetry Month and we're making book spine poems. Stop by today and stack books

to make a poem, haiku, or poetic line. We'll share the book spine poems on our social media channels. | All ages. No registration.

## MIRACLE BERRY TASTING

- April 2 (Tue) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Delaware
- April 4 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

Miracle berries are a funky little fruit that make sour foods taste sweet. Try them with us. | All ages. Registration required.

## LIVE MUSIC: BRAD MONKELL QUARTET

April 6 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Howe  
The Brad Monkell Quartet combines improvisation with cross-pollination of genres that keep audiences grooving and guessing. This performance is co-funded by the Albany Musicians Association. | All ages. No registration.

## GARDENING 101

April 17 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | North Albany  
This hands-on workshop from the Radix Center will cover how to select a spot to garden, grow plants in containers, test soil for lead, enrich soil for planting, when and where to plant crops, and more. | All ages. No registration.

## CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

April 19 (Fri) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Use our MakeDoKits. | All ages. Drop in.

## LIVE MUSIC: RK JAZZ AND BLUES

April 27 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills  
Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with RK Jazz and Blues. Sponsored by the Albany Musicians Association. | All ages. No registration.

## BRANCH CLOSURES

**March 16 (Sat)**  
**Washington Ave. Branch CLOSED**

**March 31 (Sun)**  
**All Branches CLOSED**

**April 25 (Thu)**  
**All Branches CLOSED**

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## SYMPHONY OF COLOR: COLORING, TEA, AND CLASSICAL SERENITY

Every Monday | 1-2 pm | Washington

Enjoy a quiet afternoon of coloring, tea, and classical music. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## WITH PEN IN HAND

Every Monday | 2-3 pm | Howe

Learn how to express yourself in writing. Facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

➤ Every Monday | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware

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

➤ March 14 & April 18 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach

Bring your device and questions, and we'll help you with computer basics, email, and more. NNORC partners with us for the Bach sessions. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## DIGITAL NAVIGATOR ASSISTANCE

➤ Every Monday | 3-7 pm | Howe

➤ Every Tuesday | 3-6 pm | Pine Hills

➤ Every Thursday | 3-6 pm | Washington

➤ Every Friday | 1-5 pm | Washington

➤ Every Friday | 3-6 pm | Delaware

➤ Every Saturday | 12-5 pm | Howe

➤ Every Saturday | 12-5 pm | Pine Hills

Get help with resumes, internet skills, mobile devices, and more from our digital navigators. | 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 class. | Ages 18+. Register with Literacy Volunteers at (518) 244-4650 or [lvorc.org](http://lvorc.org).

## COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 1-3 pm | Washington

Enjoy a movie, coffee, and snacks. Also get info from community organizations that provide housing, mental health, other services. | Ages 18+. Drop in.

## ONE-ON-ONE JOB INTERVIEW PREPARATION

Every Wednesday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Washington

Practice interview skills. Get tips, improve communication skills. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## STITCH ANGELS

Every Friday | 12:30-2:30 pm | Delaware

Work on your knitting or crocheting projects with fellow fiber artists. | 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.

➤ Delaware Area | Every Monday | 3-5 pm | Delaware Branch | Meet Tabora Marcus.

➤ North Albany Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | North Albany Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski.

➤ Pine Hills Area | Every Thursday | 3-5 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Meet Alex Word.

➤ West Hill Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez.

The city's neighborhood reps answer your questions and hear concerns. | Ages 18+. Drop in.

## ONCE-A-MONTH BRUNCH & MOVIE CLUB

➤ **March 1 | "Hidden Figures"**

➤ **April 5 | "Dumb Money"**

Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe

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

## CENTENNIAL MOVIE SERIES

➤ **March 2 | "Good Will Hunting" (1997)**

➤ **March 16 | "Slumdog Millionaire" (2008)**

➤ **April 6 | "The Big Short" (2015)**

➤ **April 20 | "Barbie" (2023)**

Saturdays | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills

Watch a movie from each decade of APL's life in honor of our centennial. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## PAINT 'N' SIP PLUS

March 4 & April 1 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor/West

Discover your inner artist while enjoying relaxing music and a hot cup of tea, coffee, or cocoa. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

March 5, 19 & April 9, 23 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware  
Caregivers can stop in with their groups for various activities, like crafts, karaoke, and movies, for all abilities. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

➤ March 5 | Book Review | *The Path to Paradise: A Francis Ford Coppola Story* reviewed by attorney John McGuire.

➤ March 12 | Author Talk | Diane Cameron discusses *Looking for Signs* and memoir writing.

➤ March 19 | Book Review | *The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT, and the Fight for Women in Science* reviewed by UAlbany's Elaine Garrett.

➤ March 26 | Author Interview | Ian Ross Singleton is interviewed by Geri Walsh about



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his novel *The Two Differences*.

- April 2 | Special Program | Times Union Bibliofiles columnist Donna Liquori discusses the culture of reading.
- April 9 | Book Review | *American Visions: The United States: 1800-1860* reviewed by John Rowen, former Friends of APL president.
- April 16 | Author Talk | Katherine Harbour discusses and reads from her young adult novel *The Dark Fable: Magic...Mayhem...Murder*.
- April 23 | Book Review | *Freedom's Dominion: A Saga of White Resistance to Federal Power* reviewed by Erasmus Schneider, a retired cancer researcher.
- April 30 | Book Review | *New York 2140* reviewed by Mark Lowery of the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington

Weekly book talks hosted by Friends & Foundation of APL. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## MAGAZINE ART

March 6 (Wed) | 5:30-7 pm | North Albany

We'll tear old magazines into strips and use them to make art. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## "THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRENDAN FAHY BEQUETTE": A PRESENTATION

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

View the photographs of Brendan Fahy Bequette, an aspiring filmmaker and photographer who died from an aggressive form of cancer at 25 in 2022. A book of his photographs was produced with funds from its sale going to support aspiring young artists. His parents, NYS Assemblymember Pat Fahy and RPI Prof. Wayne Bequette, will discuss Brendan's photographs and their work supporting the arts. The book's curators will also participate in the presentation. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

March 6, 27 & April 10, 24 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

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

## TAI CHI

March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Pine Hills

Instructor Sabine Seiler teaches gentle movements to improve coordination and balance. All abilities and skill levels welcome. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

March 7, 21 & April 4, 18 (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.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

➤ March 7 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

➤ April 10 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | North Albany

Get prepared to respond to a disaster. Learn how to develop family emergency plans and stock up on supplies. Guidance and advice provided by the NY Citizen Preparedness Corps. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## WOMEN IN THE ARTS

March 7, 21 & April 4, 18 (Thu) | 1-3 pm | Howe

We discuss women's issues and how writers and artists deal with societal challenges for women. Participants are encouraged to share art they've created to deal with the stresses of today. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

March 9, 23, 30 & April 20 (Sat) | 2:30-4:30 pm | Howe

Explore a new quest in the same world each session. No experience necessary; we'll teach you the rules while we play. | Ages 18+. Registration encouraged.



The library is hosting **FREE in-person tax preparation assistance** through our partners, the NYS Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP) and IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

### TAP: Mondays

Through April 9  
Appointment required

### VITA: Thursdays

Through April 11  
Appointment required

### Need tax forms?

All seven APL branches stock basic Federal and New York State tax forms for individual filers. Call for availability: (518) 427-4300.

### Get more information:

[albanypubliclibrary.org/programs/tax-assistance/](http://albanypubliclibrary.org/programs/tax-assistance/)

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## CREPE PAPER FAIRIES

March 12 (Tue) | 6:30-8 pm | Washington

Learn new craft techniques and relax while you make these spring decorations. Materials provided. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## SILENT BOOK CLUB

March 12 & April 9 (Tue) | 5-6:30 pm | Motor Oil Coffee on Madison Ave.

Meet us at Motor Oil Coffee, 1034 Madison Ave. Bring a book, settle into their cozy chairs, and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. No assigned readings or pressured discussions. | Ages 18+. Drop in.

## BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

► March 12 | *Anxious People* by F. Backman

► April 9 | *Fault Lines* by I. Bannister

Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany

Read at home and join us for a wonderful conversation. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 12 & April 9 (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](mailto:publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org). | Ages 18+. Drop in.

## THE SERIOUS SIDE OF FOOD: A VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP

March 12 & April 9 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Zoom

We're reading and discussing *The Serious Side of Food*, which examines the themes of corruption in the food industry, concerns about diet and health, and more. Prof. Ramón Borges-Méndez of Clark University leads the discussion. This Zoom series is brought to you by APL and The League of Women Voters of Albany County. | Ages 18+ Registration required.

## LEARN ABOUT ALBANY'S NNORC: NEIGHBORHOOD

### NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

March 13, 27 & April 10 (Wed) | 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.

## CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

► **March 13 | "The Land"**

► **April 10 | "On a Wing and a Prayer"**

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

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

## INDIE LENS POP-UP SERIES: DOCUMENTARY FILMS & DISCUSSIONS

► **March 13 | "Matter of Mind: My Parkinson's"**

► **April 24 | "The Tuba Thieves"**

Wednesdays | 6-7:30 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.

## HOWE-DUNNITS

March 14, 28 & April 11 (Thu) | 1-3 pm | Howe

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

## FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

► March 14 & April 11 (Thu) | 3-5 pm | Arbor/West

► March 12, 26 & April 9, 23 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Wash.

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

## MEET THE APPS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

March 14, 28 & April 11 (Thu) | 5-6 pm | Delaware

Learn more about the Libby and Hoopla apps for reading eBooks, listening to eAudiobooks, streaming movies and tv shows, and more. Bring your own device. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## NYSWI CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHORS:

### ALICE GREEN AND AMY GODINE

March 14 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Join us for a conversation about the Black history of the Adirondack Mountains with activist authors Alice Green and Amy Godine. Green's latest book is a memoir about her childhood, *Outsider: Stories of Growing Up Black in the Adirondacks*. She is an author, civil rights activist, and executive director of the Center for Law and Justice. Godine's most recent book is *The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier*. She is an author, lecturer, and independent scholar. This special conversation is presented by APL and the New York State Writers Institute. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## BEVERAGES AND BOARD GAMES

March 15 (Fri) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Howe

Sit, sip, and play board games, card games, and puzzles. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN BOOK:

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISCUSSION

March 18 (Mon) | 5-6 pm | Howe

Read any book by or about a woman and

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discuss it with us. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## COOK THE BOOK: PIONEER WOMAN EDITION

March 20 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Choose a recipe from one of Ree Drummond's cookbooks, make the item at home, and join us to share your cooking story. Co-sponsored by NNORC. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## SPRING WREATHS

March 20 (Wed) | 5:30-7 pm | North Albany

Use our supplies to make a spring wreath. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## CLASSIC KUNG FU MOVIE NIGHT

March 20 & April 17 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West  
Enjoy kung fu films. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## LIVE MUSIC: ELIZABETH SILVER & ERICA PICKHARDT

March 21 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach

Violinist Silver and cellist Pickhardt from the Albany Symphony Orchestra play an array of classic music selections in celebration of Women's History Month. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## PAINTING INSPIRED BY NATURE

March 21 (Thu) | 6-8 pm | Delaware

Artists from Albany Barn will teach us how to paint an item from nature (pinecone, rock, leaf, flower). | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## NOVELS AFTER NOON

► March 21 | *The Shadow of the Wind* by C. Zafon

► April 18 | *Rogue Justice* by S. Abrams

Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach

Join us to discuss the month's book. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## INVESTING FOR RETIREMENT 101

March 23 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

Thinking about retirement and looking for suggestions about developing a financial plan? Join us for this workshop with Alliance Global Partners. | Ages 18+. No registration.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

March 23 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Washington

Explore your path to energy efficient, sustainable home ownership in this interactive program. Learn about resources to enhance weatherization, energy costs, and more. This new series of community conversations continues in June and is brought to you from APL and our partners: A

Village, Radix Center, Capital Region Urban League, Bridge Tha Gap, Albany Riverfront Collaborative, Arbor Hill Community Development, Capital Region Clean Energy Hub. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

March 27 & April 24 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

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

## PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK CLUB

► March 27 | *How Proust Can Change Your Life* by A. de Botton

► April 24 | *Learned Optimism: How to Change Your Mind and Your Life* by M. Seligman

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

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

## WATERCOLOR RESIST ART

March 28 (Thu) | 1-2 pm OR 6-7 pm | Bach

Make a beautiful watercolor painting using a rubber cement resist technique. Co-sponsored by NNORC. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

## CINEMANIA

► **March 28 | "The Incredible Shrinking Woman"**

► **April 18 | "Napoleon Dynamite"**

Thursdays | 6:30-8 pm | Delaware

We revisit some of the coolest cult movies ever produced. | Ages 18+. No registration.





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### BUY NOTHING COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY

April 3 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Members of the Buy Nothing Albany community are bringing in items that you can have, no strings attached. Experience the meaning of a hyper-local gift economy. | Ages 18+. Drop in.

### DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: "VICTIM/SUSPECT"

April 3 (Wed) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Howe

This documentary shares true stories of women who were not believed after being sexually assaulted, and were also charged with filing false reports. Presented in partnership with Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center for "Start By Believing Day." | Ages 18+. No registration.

### LUXE SKIN LAB: CRAFTING HAND & BODY SCRUBS

April 3 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Dive into the world of indulgent skincare and learn to make hand and body scrubs. You'll leave with two completed jars of scrubs. Leah LaFera of Sweet Sprig teaches us. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

### IT'S YOUR MONEY, GET IT BACK

April 8 (Mon) | 4-5:15 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

New York has billions of dollars in lost money. Learn how to find out if any of this money is yours, and how claim the cash. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### MAKE YOUR OWN STRESS BALL

April 8 (Mon) | 5-6 pm | Delaware

Make a stress ball for Stress Awareness Month. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### ORGANIC SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

April 9 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Learn about enriching soil health, fostering vibrant ecosystems, and ensuring your garden is sustainable and environmentally conscious. This workshop is for seasoned gardeners and newbies. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD REVISITED

April 11 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Paul and Mary Liz Stewart of The Underground Railroad Education Center share the complex stories of the people and history of The Underground Railroad. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### CROCHET A BOOKMARK

April 11 (Thu) | 3-4:30 pm | Howe

Celebrate National Library Week by crocheting a bookmark. All supplies provided. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

### LIVE MUSIC: MAGGIE MACDOUGALL TRIO

April 11 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach

We'll hear the "languages of jazz" in this performance of jazz standards plus songs in French, Spanish, and Portuguese. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### FOLDED BOOK ART

April 16 (Tue) | 6:30-8 pm | Washington

Make an adorable hedgehog from an old, recycled book using folding techniques. All materials provided. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

### ACQUIRING A WEALTHY MINDSET

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

Get insight into personal finance, building wealth, and financial literacy for empowerment. Instructors are from YouInc Wealth Education Services. | Ages 18+. Registration encouraged.

### LEARN TO WEAVE

April 24 (Wed) | 5:30-7 pm | North Albany

Learn the basics of weaving and make a woven fabric to cover a mini blank journal. | Ages 18+. Registration required.

### HOMEBUYER FAIR

April 27 (Sat) | 10 am-1 pm | Washington

Potential homebuyers and current homeowners get information about purchasing and caring for a home. Talk with lenders, realtors, home inspectors, attorneys, and more. You can get pre-qualified for financing too. Brought to you by the Affordable Housing Partnership. | Ages 18+. No registration.

### BOOK & AUTHOR TALK: **THE SEWING GIRL'S TALE**

April 30 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

Author John Wood Sweet Zooms into our in-person discussion for a Q&A about his Revolutionary War-era book that follows the first published rape trial in American history. Presented in partnership with Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. | Ages 18+. Registration required.



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## MINI MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Every Monday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Join us in the makerspace for shrinky dinks, buttons, perler beads, 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.

## 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

Anime activities and snacks. | Ages 11-17. Drop in.

## SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

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

Bring your friends and play. | Ages 13-17. Drop in.

## GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Howe

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

## DR. SEUSS SCAVENGER HUNT

March 1-31 | During Open Hours | Delaware

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by doing a scavenger hunt in the library. | Ages 5-11. Drop in.

## BRAINY BOARD GAMES

March 4, 18 & April 1, 15, 29 (Mon) | 3-4 pm | Bach

Bring a partner to play chess and Scrabble with our game boards. | Ages 8+. Drop in.

## MULTIPLAYER

March 5, 19 & April 9, 16, 30 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Play Super Smash, Minecraft, Rocket League, and more with friends. | Ages 11-17. No registration.

## CODERGARTEN

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March 5, 12, 19 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington

Learn basic coding concepts without using

electronics. | Ages 3-5. Registration required.

## BOOKMARK BUNCH

March 6 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Read the first chapter of *Spooky Sleuths #1: The Ghost Tree* together and do activities. The book is yours to keep. | Ages 6-11. Registration required.

## LEGO CLUB

March 7 & April 4 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Fun LEGO free builds. | Ages 4-11. Drop in.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

March 7, 14, 21 & April 11, 18 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills

Activities including cooking, arts, science, and more. | Ages 7-14. No registration.

## TURTLE DANCE MUSIC SHOWS

➤ **March 11 | "Sing with Dr. Seuss Show"**

➤ **April 8 | "Autism Awareness Month Show"**

Mondays | 10:30-11 am | Zoom

High energy music and comedy shows for all kids. | Ages 2-11. Registration required.

## REVERSE COLORING BOOK

March 11 (Mon) | 4-5:30 pm | Howe

Add lines to vibrant watercolor blobs for a reverse coloring book. | Ages 11-17. Registration required.

## TINY CANVAS PAINT & SIP

March 12 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Paint on a tiny canvas and enjoy some beverages. | Ages 11-17. Registration required.

## MESSY ART FOR PRESCHOOLERS

March 12 & April 16 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Use paint, scissors, and natural objects to make some messy art. | Ages 3-6. No registration.

## SENSORY STATIONS

March 13 (Wed) | 2-5:30 pm | Delaware

Sensory fun and engagement. | Ages 0-9. Drop in.

## FUN @ 4

➤ March 13, 20 | Food Science

➤ March 27 | Sew a Felt Bunny

➤ April 10 | Recycled Art for Earth Day

➤ April 17, 24 | Animal Science

Wednesdays | 4-5 pm | Bach

Do a cultural, science, art, or food program each session. | Ages 5-11. No registration.



# YOUTH

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

March 13 & April 10 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor/West  
Learn to play D&D. | Ages 11-17. No registration.

## CRAFTING FOR A "GRAND" TIME

March 14 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany  
Bring your grandparents and make a coaster craft together. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## PAINT & SIP

March 14 (Thu) & April 16 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware  
Create a spring scene and enjoy beverages while you paint. | Ages 12+. Registration required.

## PLAY FOR PEACE

March 14 & April 18 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Washington  
Cross-cultural, inclusive playdate including storytime and craft. | Ages 0-8. No registration.

## FINGER GYM: POPSICLE CRAFTS

March 19 (Tue) | 12:30-1:30 pm | Delaware  
Help your child develop fine motor skills while making popsicle stick crafts. | Ages 2-7. No registration.

## EMOJI PAPER PLATES

March 19 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Design an emoji face and draw it on a paper plate. | Ages 5-11. Drop in.

## MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

March 19 & April 16 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills  
Get young readers excited about books and reading. | Ages 4-8. Registration required.

## ERIC CARLE STORYTIME

March 20 (Wed) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
A *Very Hungry Caterpillar* storytime, snacks, and art. | Ages 0-11. Registration required.

## CRAFTERNOON

March 21 & April 18 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware  
Make a fun craft. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## PAGE TURNERS

➤ March 21 | *Spirit Week* by I. Marcks  
➤ April 18 | *Front Desk* by K. Yang  
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom  
Join us for a monthly book discussion via Zoom. | Ages 10-14. Registration required.

## FLOWER PHOTO FRAME PAINTING

March 22 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Paint a wooden flower photo frame. Supplies provided. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## HOLI STORYTIME

March 25 (Mon) | 3-4 pm | Howe  
Celebrate Holi, the festival of colors, with storytime, coloring, and confetti. | Ages 0-5. No registration.

## SNACKS: NO-BAKE ENERGY BALLS

March 26 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach  
We'll make delicious and wholesome no-bake energy balls. | Ages 11-17. Registration required.

## BINARY CODE JEWELRY

March 26 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington  
Celebrate women in STEAM by making a necklace using beads and binary code, a basic form of computer coding that uses 0s and 1s. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

## PARACHUTE POPUP

March 26 & April 30 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach  
Play with a parachute, crawl through popup tunnels, more. | Ages 2-6. | No registration.

## KIDS FILM CLUB

March 27 & April 10 (Wed) | 4-5:45 pm | Pine Hills  
Watch a kid-friendly film and enjoy snacks. | Ages 5-11. Drop in.

## TEEN ANIMANGA CLUB

March 27 & April 24 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor/West  
Share your love of anime and manga with other teens. Pocky, too! | Ages 11-17. No registration.

## SILENT WINGS RAPTORS

March 29 (Fri) | 2-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Meet owls, hawks, eagles, and falcons from our friends at Silent Wings. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

## ELEMENTARY SCIENCE: LEVERS

March 29 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware  
Learn how simple machines work and do experiments with levers. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.



# YOUTH



## NOT SLIME, NOT SILLY PUTTY...IT'S OOBLECK

April 1 (Mon) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Howe

Make oobleck, a substance that can act like a solid or a liquid. | Ages 6-17. Registration required.

## GIANT TWISTER

April 2 (Tue) | 1-2:30 pm | Pine Hills

Play GIANT Twister with your friends and enjoy some snacks. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

## BOOKSHAKES

April 2 (Tue) | 3-4 pm | Bach

Make a milkshake and browse our selection of new books. We'll have coloring, too. | Ages 10-17. No registration.

## BUDGETING FOR A PET

April 2 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Learn how to build a budget and convince your parents that you can afford a pet and are ready to care for one. Topics include building a conscious spending plan, living below your means, and cost comparisons. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## BRUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

April 3 (Wed) | 12:30-2 pm | Pine Hills

We're having breakfast foods at lunchtime and watching a movie while we eat. Wear your comfiest clothes for brunch. | Ages 3-17. No registration.

## SPRING LEGO CHALLENGE

April 3 (Wed) | 3-4:30 pm | Bach

Participate in the challenge or do a free build. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

## MAGIC SHOW

April 4 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Bach

Magician Jim Snack presents "The Magic of Reading." | Ages 4-17. No registration.

## NOT A BOX CRAFT

April 4 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills

Hear the story *Not a Box*, then transform an

ordinary box into something that is definitely not a box. | Ages 3-7. No registration.

## FLOWER POT PAINTING

April 5 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware

Paint a ceramic butterfly flower pot. Supplies provided. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## 3D PAPER BUGS

April 11 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany

Craft a bug with amazing colors and a 3D effect. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

## MUSIC FUN WITH MATT

April 12 (Fri) | 10:30-11:15 am | Washington

Sing, dance, and have fun in this interactive program. | Ages 3-5. No registration.

## SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIES

April 13 (Fri) | 1-3 pm | Washington

Watch Disney's "Wish" in a setting with low-level lighting and sound, relaxed rules, intermission, and captions. | Ages 5-17. No registration.

## EARTH DAY PLANTER

April 22 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Color a sheet that you can store forever in a plastic planter that can hold a plant. | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

## LEARN TO BRAID WITH A PROFESSIONAL HAIRSTYLIST

April 22 (Mon) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

This intro to braiding class is taught by a professional hair stylist. Get a foundation in parting, box braids, and cornrows. | Ages 12-17. Registration required.

## RECYCLED PENCIL JAR

April 22 (Mon) | 5-7 pm | Howe

Using recycled materials, make a pencil jar from tin cans, rolled newspapers, and mod podge. | Ages 11-17. Registration required.

## MICRO WATERCOLORS

April 23 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Make a watercolor painting on a 2-inch square canvas. | Ages 11-17. Registration required.

## DOG MAN PARTY

April 26 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Celebrate the release of the new *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shredder* book. Games, art activities, snacks, and prizes | Ages 5-11. Registration required.

# GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
<b>1st Saturday for Families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ March 2   Family Sing Along   No registration.</li> <li>➤ April 6   Storytime with the Constellations   Registration required.</li> </ul>	0-8	Saturdays: March 2 & April 6	10:30 am	Washington
<b>Baby Bounce Storytime + Playtime</b>	Fun songs and short books, then playtime.	0-2	Wednesdays (Not Mar. 13)	10:30 am	Bach
<b>Baby Bounce Storytime + Play &amp; Grow</b>	Stories, songs, and rhymes for the first half hour. Followed by unstructured play time.	0-18 mos.	Every Monday	10:30 am	Washington
<b>Open Play</b>	Unstructured playtime for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers.	0-5	Saturdays: March 2, 30 April 27	10:30 am	Howe
<b>Pajama Storytime</b>	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Tuesdays (Not Mar. 12, Apr. 2)	7 pm	Bach
<b>Preschool Storytime + Play &amp; Grow</b>	Stories and fun, then unstructured playtime.	2-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
<b>Saturday Family Storytime</b>	Stories, songs, rhymes, folktales, movement activities.	2-5	Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
<b>Saturday Storytime</b>	Stories, songs, dancing, playing.	2-5	Saturdays (Not Mar. 2, Apr. 27)	10:30 am	Howe
<b>Saturday Storytime + Play &amp; Grow</b>	Shake the sillies out while learning rhymes, songs, stories. Stay for unstructured play time.	0-5	Saturdays (Not Mar. 2, Apr. 6)	10:30 am	Washington
<b>Sensory Friendly Storytime</b>	Sensory friendly, interactive stories, songs, dance, play.	3-7	Mondays (Not Apr. 1)	6 pm	Pine Hills
<b>Storytime</b>	Stories, songs, rhymes.	0-5	Every Friday	10:30 am	North Albany
<b>Sunset Storytime</b>	Stories, songs, rhymes for daycare providers and families.	2-5	Every Thursday	4-4:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
<b>Toddler &amp; Preschool Storytime + Play Group</b>	Interactive storytime with movement and fun. Stay after to play.	0-6	Every Monday	10:30 am	Bach
<b>Toddler Storytime</b>	Stories, singing, dancing, socializing.	2-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
<b>Toddler Storytime + Play &amp; Grow</b>	Stories, songs, and rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	1-4	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington
<b>Tuesday Storytime</b>	Stories, songs, dancing, playing, crafts.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe

## 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](http://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
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