



PROGRAM GUIDE

MAY JUNE 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

ALL AGES

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION | PINE HILLS
June 29 | 1-3 pm
Enjoy music, activities, treats! | Drop in.

SATURDAY STORYTIME + PLAY & GROW | WASHINGTON
May 11, 18 & June 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:30-11:30 am
Stories, songs, rhymes. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

ADULTS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS | HOWE
➤ May 4 | 2:30-4:30 pm
➤ June 8, 15 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm
A new quest each session. | Registration encouraged.

SPECIAL STORYTIME WITH SUJI KWON | PINE HILLS
May 18 | 10:30-11 am
South Korean singer-songwriter Suji Kwon joins us for a special Asian American Pacific Islander Month storytime. | Ages 2-8 pm. | No registration.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY | WASHINGTON
May 11 | 2-4 pm
Richard Wang demonstrates beautiful Chinese calligraphy. | Registration required.

REVOLUTIONARY ART: TEEN DRAMA CLASS | HOWE
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 1 | 2-4 pm
We Are Revolutionary teaches teens about storytelling, acting so they create their own play. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.

ALBANY UNBOUND | PINE HILLS
May 11 & June 8 | 2-4 pm
Friends & Foundation of APL host discussions with authors and entrepreneurs. May speaker: Trent Griffin-Braaf. June speaker: Tyrell Hughes. | Registration required.

REVIEW CITY OF ALBANY ASSESSMENT RECORDS | HOWE
May 11, 18 | 11 am-2 pm
City Assessor's Office staff will discuss your property assessment. | Appointment required: (518) 434-5155.

MINDFUL COLORING | PINE HILLS
June 1 | 3-4:30 pm
Relax and unwind. | Registration required.

YOUTH

SATURDAY STORYTIME & PLAYGROUP | HOWE
Every Saturday | 10:30-11 am
Stories, songs, and play. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME | PINE HILLS
Every Saturday | 10:30-11 am
Stories, songs, nursery rhymes. | Ages 2-8. | Drop in.

1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES | WASHINGTON
May 4 | 10:30-11:30 am
Fun with parachutes. | Ages 0-8. | No registration.



COMICS GIVEAWAYS | HOWE, PINE HILLS, WASHINGTON
During Open Hours
Free comic books! | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

STAR WARS & COMICS ACTIVITIES | HOWE
11 am-1 pm | Comic books and activities for Star Wars and comic book fans. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

ARTIST IRA MARCKS | PINE HILLS
➤ Telling Stories with Comics | 2-3 pm | Marks talks about his career and new books, *Shark Summer* and *Spirit Week*. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.
➤ Book Signing | 3-3:30 pm | Marcks signs his books, other items. New books available for purchase; free items also on hand. | All ages. | Drop in.
➤ Drawing Faces | 3:30-4:30 pm | Marcks gives a hands-on lesson on designing believable characters. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.

ALL AGES

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. | All ages. | No registration.

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR CINCO DE MAYO

► Make Maracas | 1-5 pm
► Live Music by Bronte Roman Quartet | 3-4 pm
May 5 (Sun) | Delaware
Join us for musical fun! | All ages. | No registration.

“APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS” PINS

May 7 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Howe
Make a cool flower button pin. | All ages. | Registration required.

LEGO FLOWERS

May 7 (Tue) | 5-7 pm | Washington
In celebration of Mother's Day, build a LEGO Botanical Collect kit. | All ages. | Registration required.

SPRING FLOWER POTS

May 8 (Wed) | 5:30-6:30 pm | North Albany
Paint a flower pot and bring home a mini plant. Supplies limited. | All ages. | Registration required.

A BOUQUET FOR MOM

May 12 (Sun) | 1-5 pm | Arbor/West & Bach & Delaware
Stop by and make a bouquet of paper flowers for a mom, grandma, aunt, or other special woman in your life. | All ages. | Drop in.

CHESS IN THE GARDEN

May 13 & June 10 (Mon) | 3-4 pm | Bach
Sip a cold drink while you strategize your next chess move. | All ages | Registration required.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

► **May 13 | “Wish”**
► **June 24 | “Migration”**
Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy a family-friendly movie. | All ages. | Drop in.

ASIAN AMERICAN TRIVIA NIGHT

May 22 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe
Test your knowledge of Asian American pop culture, history, and art for AAPI Month. | All ages. | Registration required.

SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

May 29 & June 26 (Wed) | 4-5:45 pm | Delaware
Enjoy a family movie in an atmosphere with low lights and volume, plus snacks. | All ages. | No registration.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

2 ► **May 29 | “Turning Red”**
► **June 26 | “Migration”**

Wednesdays | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Please arrive by 5 pm to enter the raffle from St. Catherine's Center for Children. The movie starts at 5:20 pm. The raffle prize is announced at the end of the show. | All ages. | Registration required.

RESTORATION FAIRE AND REPAIR CAFÉ

June 2 (Sun) | 10 am-2 pm | Delaware
Historic Albany Foundation is hosting a Restoration Faire and Repair Café at APL. Learn about buying and restoring historic homes in Albany. You can also get assistance in repairing household items. Check out the Tool Library mobile lending truck. Food and activities for kids, too. | All ages. | No registration.

SEASHELL PAINTING

June 7 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Paint a seashell to decorate your home. Supplies are limited. | All ages. | No registration.

PRIDE ROCKS

June 13 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Show your pride or support for the LGBTQ community by painting rocks in rainbow hues. | All ages. | Registration required.

JUNETEENTH JAZZ WITH LUCIA AND LEVI


June 17 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
This Juneteenth-inspired live music event features duo Lucia and Levi with a selection of jazz and blues inspired by Black artists. | All ages. | No registration.

WALKING CLUB

June 28 (Fri) | 12-1 pm | Albany Riverfront
Meet us at the Corning Preserve entrance on Quay Street for a walk along the Albany Riverfront. Walks are every Friday, June 28-Aug. 16. Children must be accompanied by an adult. | All ages. | Registration required.

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

June 29 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Pine Hills
Celebrate the start of summer with music, activities, and summer treats. Sign up for Summer Reading while you're at the party. | All ages. | Drop in.



Summer Reading
with ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 26 to August 24 at All Branches

- Fun for all ages
- Sign up at any Albany Public Library branch
- Read or listen to whatever books you choose - ask us for suggestions
- Earn a prize just for reading this summer
- Questions? Call (518) 427-4300 or email albanyreads@albanypubliclibrary.org

ADULTS

SYMPHONY OF COLOR

Every Monday | 2-4 pm | Washington

Enjoy a quiet afternoon of coloring, tea, and classical music. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

- ▶ Every Monday | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware
 - ▶ Every Wednesday | 3-3:30 pm, 4-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
 - ▶ May 23 & June 6 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach
- Bring your device and questions, and get help with computer basics, email, more. NNORC leads the Bach sessions. | 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.

GAME DAY

Every Wednesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | Washington
Stop by and work on a puzzle with relaxing classical music in the background. We have crosswords, word searches, chess sets, sudoku, and more kinds of puzzles. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 2-4 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 or Zoom
Practice interview skills. Get tips, improve communication skills. Sessions can be in person at Washington or virtually via Zoom. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TAI CHI

Every Thursday | 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.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

Every Thursday | 1-2 pm | Delaware
Get help writing or updating a resume. We can assist with your cover letters, too, in this one-on-one session. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SPEAK WITH HOUSING SERVICES ADVOCATE

- ▶ Every Thursday | 3-5 pm | Howe
 - ▶ June 6, 13, 20, 27 (Thu) | 1-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Meet with Albany housing services advocate Ashley Hilaire for information and assistance on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

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.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

May 1-31 | During Open Hours | North Albany
Participate in National Photography Month by taking a photo and submitting it to our contest (in person or by email). We'll display the submitted photos in the branch, so please make sure they're appropriate for all ages. The winner will get a \$25 gift card. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

May 2, 16 & June 6, 20 (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.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

May 2, 16 & June 6, 20 (Thu) | 1-3 pm | Howe
We discuss women's issues and how writers and artists deal with societal challenges facing women. Participants are encouraged to share art they've created to deal with the stresses of today. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.



ADULTS

REVIEW CITY OF ALBANY ASSESSMENT RECORDS

- May 2, 9, 16, 23 (Thu) | 4-7 pm | Bach
 - May 11, 18 (Sat) | 11 am-2 pm | Howe
- Meet with a city representative to discuss your property assessment and file a complaint. Appointments are required and can be made by emailing assessmentprotest@albanyny.gov or calling (518) 434-5155. | Ages 18+. | Appointment required.

RIP IT UP: CUT & PASTE GRAPHIC DESIGN

- May 2 (Thu) | 6-8 pm | Delaware
- Local graphic artist Brendan Halayko teaches a fun lesson on cut and paste design and a brief history of the punk rock art movement that helped drive the graphic design aesthetic of today. Practice cutting, ripping, tearing, and pasting your own custom design. | Ages 15+. | Registration required.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

- May 3 (Fri) | 12:30-4:30 pm | Washington
- Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or simply walk in. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

PERLER BEAD CRAFTING

- May 3 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
- Create a design and transform it into pixelated coasters, magnets, and more using Perler beads. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BRUNCH & A MOVIE

- **May 3 | "Crazy Rich Asians"**
 - **June 7 | "Till"**
- Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe
- Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching the movie of the month. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

- May 4 | 2:30-4:30 pm
 - June 8, 15 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Saturdays | Howe
- Explore a new quest each session. Learn the rules while you play. | Ages 13+. | Registration encouraged.

GARDENING 101

- May 6 (Mon) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Howe
 - June 12 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- The Radix Center provides a hands-on workshop covering all the basics you need to know to start gardening. Get step-by-step instructions plus some veggie starts to begin your garden. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

WITH PEN IN HAND

- May 6, 13, 20 (Mon) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe
- Learn how to express yourself in writing. Facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

4 PAINT 'N' SIP PLUS

- May 6 | Bubble Painting

- June 3 | Clay Bowl
- Mondays | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Make an art piece in a relaxing atmosphere while enjoying refreshments. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LIBRARY BUDGET & TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FORUM

- May 7 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
- Learn about the 2024-25 APL budget and meet the candidates vying for three seats on the board ahead of the May 21 vote. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- May 7 | Book Review | *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America* reviewed by retired attorney Bill Shapiro.
- May 14 | Book Review | *Freeing Charles: The Struggle to Free a Slave on the Eve of the Civil War* reviewed by Mara Drogan from WMHT Public Media.
- May 21 | Book Review | *Dust Tracks on a Road* reviewed by performer Donald "The Soul Man" Hyman.
- May 28 | Author Talk | Susan Oringel discusses *Carnevale*, poems exploring the lives and deaths of her parents and partner.
- June 4 | Author Talk | Emily Sherman Marynczak, a childbirth educator and coach, discusses *Emily's Birth Book: Your Guide to Conscientious Birth*.
- June 11 | Book Review | *A Tale for the Time Being* reviewed by Alexis Bhagat, former FFAPL director.
- June 18 | Book Review | *Blight: Fungi and the Coming Pandemic* reviewed by P. Bryon Backenson, director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at NYS Dept. of Health.
- June 25 | Book Review | *Our Moon: How Earth's Celestial Companion Transformed the Planet, Guided Evolution, and Made Us Who We Are* reviewed by Sherrie Lyons, science historian and author.

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington

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



ADULTS

SPRING PLANT & SEED SWAP

May 8 (Wed) | 1-2:30 pm | Pine Hills
Swap plants and exchange seeds. Plants must be healthy and pest free. Please bring bags or containers to carry your new plants. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

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

May 8, 22 & June 5, 19 (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.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

May 8, 22 & June 5, 26 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

► **May 8 | "Hachi: A Dog's Tale"**

► **June 12 | "A Dog's Purpose"**

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Enjoy a film, tea, and popcorn. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

HOWE-DUNNITS

May 9, 23 & June 13, 27 (Thu) | 1:30-3:30 pm | Howe
Share your mystery writing and get feedback. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MEET THE APPS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

May 9 & June 13 (Thu) | 5-5:30 pm | Delaware
Learn how to use the Libby and Hoopla apps to enjoy digital books, audiobooks, magazines, and movies on your phone or tablet. Make an appointment for a one-on-one session. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

HOMEBUYER 101

May 10 (Fri) | 1-2:30 pm | Washington
Get started on the path to home ownership with lessons about down payment programs, mortgage qualification, and more. Presented by the Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region Inc. | Ages 18+. | Register by calling AHP at (518) 434-1730.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

May 11 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Washington
Enjoy a demonstration of Chinese calligraphy by Richard Wang. He'll write attendees' names in calligraphy, too, if time permits. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALBANY UNBOUND

► May 11 | Trent Griffin-Braaf | Founder and president of Tech Valley Shuttle
► June 8 | Tyrell Hughes | *Author of Just a Kid from Arbor Hill: A Story of Beating the Odds*
Saturdays | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills
Join local authors and entrepreneurs for a discussion of

breaking boundaries with words. Hosted by Friends and Foundation of APL. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BREAST HEALTH WORKSHOP

May 13 (Mon) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Professional staff from To Life! will discuss risk factors for breast cancer and how lifestyle can impact breast health. Learn about cancer screenings and insurance coverage. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

MENOPAUSE 101

May 13 (Mon) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
Discuss menopause myths and expectations, hormonal and physical changes, coping tips, and medical options. Ask questions, too. Presented in partnership with Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood and Upper Hudson Library System. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SCREEN REPAIR WORKSHOP

► May 13 (Mon) | 5-7 pm | Howe
► June 5 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | North Albany
Staff from the city's Love Your Block program teach how to repair window screens. Pop out your damaged screen and bring it to the repair workshop. Tools, equipment provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration suggested.

ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

May 14, 28 & June 11, 25 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware
Caregivers can stop in with their groups for various activities, like crafts, karaoke, LEGOs, coloring, and movies for all abilities. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

► May 14, 28 & June 11, 25 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
► May 30 & June 27 (Thu) | 3-5 pm | Arbor/West Hill
In Our Own Voices, Inc., provides free and discreet HIV and Hepatitis C testing. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

► May 14 | *The Stationary Shop* by M. Kamali
► June 11 | *Plain Bad Heroines* by E. Danforth
Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany



ADULTS

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

SILENT BOOK CLUB

May 14 & June 11 (Tue) | 5-6:30 pm | Motor Oil Coffee
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.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 14 & June 11 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Attend in person, or watch on YouTube. Public comment in person, or: (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. | Ages 18+ | Drop in.

BASKET OF TULIPS PAPER CRAFT

May 15 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | North Albany
Artist Stacey Kennedy teaches us how to use the paper curling technique to make miniature baskets of paper tulips. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

CLASSIC KUNG FU MOVIE NIGHT

May 15 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West Hill
Enjoy kung fu films. | Ages 18+ | No registration.

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MEDITATION

May 15 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Learn techniques from Inner Bliss to enhance your balance and wellness. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

May 16 (Thu) | 2-3 pm | Bach
Read *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin and join us for a discussion. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

BEVERAGES AND BOARD GAMES

May 17 (Fri) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Sit, sip, and play board games, card games, and puzzles. | Ages 18+ | No registration.

CROCHET A COASTER

May 20 (Mon) | 4-6 pm | Howe
Use cotton yarn to crochet a coaster. perfect for a cold or hot drink. For crafters with intermediate crochet skills. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

HOME MUSHROOM FARMING

May 20 (Mon) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Collar City Mushrooms teaches us about growing edible and medicinal mushrooms at home for health and wellness. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

LIBRARY BUDGET & TRUSTEE VOTE DAY

May 21 (Tue) | 7 am-9 pm | School District Polling Places
Registered voters cast ballots on the APL budget and select three trustees. | Ages 18+ | Drop in.

COFFEE FILTER PEONIES

May 23 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use new coffee filters to craft peonies to make a bouquet of faux flowers. Co-sponsored by NNORC. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

ZEN DOODLING

May 24 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Learn a new skill and practice mindfulness with Zen doodling. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

May 29 & June 26 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe
Watch and draw anime in this group for adults. | Ages 18+ | No registration.

PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK CLUB

► May 29 | ***The Soul's Code*** by J. Hillman
► June 26 | *House Made of Dawn* by N. Momaday
Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Read the selected books, then join us for a thoughtful discussion. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

COOK THE BOOK: HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING SERIES

March 30 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Choose a recipe from one of Mark Bittman's cookbooks, make the item at home, and join us to share your cooking story. Co-sponsored by NNORC. | Ages 18+ | No registration.

PAINT & SIP: WATERCOLORS

June 5 (Wed) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Howe
Make a beautiful watercolor piece while sipping on coffee and tea. | Ages 18+ | Registration required.

Albany Public Library and Opalka Gallery Present
In Residence: The Barn at APL

Opening Reception | June 7 (Fri) 6-7:30 pm
Exhibition Viewing | June 8 thru November | During Open Hours
PINE HILLS BRANCH

Featuring work by artists in residence at
Albany Barn, Electric City Barn, and Artistry Studios

ADULTS

HERBS & SUPPLEMENTS FOR SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

June 5 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Inner Bliss teaches us how herbs and supplements can aid holistic health. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LET'S TALK ABOUT ALBANY:

THE WOMEN OF SCHUYLER MANSION

June 5, 26 (Wed) | 12-1 pm | Bach
"Hamilton" made three of the Schuyler sisters household names. We'll learn about all five Schuyler sisters and their mother, Catherine van Rensselaer Schuyler. Also explore new research into the lives and identities of women of African ancestry enslaved by the Schuyler family. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN BOOK: LGBTQ ROMANCE

June 6 (Thu) | 5-5:45 pm | Zoom
Read any LGBTQ romance book and discuss your thoughts. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ART AT APL: "IN RESIDENCE: THE BARN AT APL"

- Opening Reception | June 7 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm
- Regular Viewing | June 8-November | Open Hours Pine Hills

The newest Art at APL exhibition features work by a select group of artists-in-residence at Albany Barn in Albany, Electric City Barn in Schenectady, and Artistry Studios in Schenectady. We're celebrating the opening of "In Residence: The Barn at APL" on June 7 with a live jazz performance by the Michael Lamkin Trio, co-sponsored by the Albany Musician's Association. The exhibition will be viewable by all during regular hours starting on June 8. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

The Art at APL program is curated by Opalka Gallery of Sage College of Albany, and is generously funded by the Friends and Foundation of APL with additional support from the John D. Picotte Family Foundation.

BACH LIVE: GIRL LOVE

June 27 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Bach
Enjoy a performance by Girl Love for Pride Month. This Albany band describes its sound as "folk music affirming queer holiness." | Ages 18+. | No registration.

YOUTH

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.

TEEN FRIDAYS

Every Friday | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany
Play video games, watch anime, and do some crafts. | 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.

BEAN SPROUTS: FROM SEED TO SPROUT

May 1 (Wed) | 4:15-5:15 pm | Howe
Do an experiment to see bean seeds grow into sprouts. Check on your experiment during the month, and take home your newly sprouted bean plant when it's ready. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

FUN @ 4

- May 1 | Spring Watercolor Tulip Art
- May 22 | LEGO Construction Zone
- May 29 | Why Not Try Improv?
- June 5 | Pride Rainbow Pinch Pots
- June 12 | Butterfly Release Day

WEDNESDAYS | 4-5 pm | Bach

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

STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT

May 1-8 | During Open Hours | Bach
Your favorite Star Wars heroes and villains are scattered around the branch. Try to find them all and get a lightsaber. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

YOUTH

WEST AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE

May 1, 8 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Immerse yourself in authentic West African drumming and dancing with Jordan Taylor Hill. Experience a refreshing workout that energizes both body and soul. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
Enjoy different activities each week. | Ages 7-14. | Registration required.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY GIVEAWAYS

May 4 (Sat) | During Open Hours | Howe, Pine Hills, Washington
Stop by one of these branches today to pick up a selection of comic books for free. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

MAY THE 4TH & FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

May 4 (Sat) | 11 am-1 pm | Howe
May the 4th be with you and free comic books, too! APL and The Red Bookshelf are providing comic books and activities for Star Wars and comic fans. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

LOCAL ARTIST & AUTHOR IRA MARCKS

May 4 (Sat) | Pine Hills
We're celebrating local comic book artist and author Ira Marcks on Free Comic Book Day with a series of special programs.

- ▶ Telling Stories with Comics | 2-3 pm
He will discuss his life as a graphic novelist, how he creates, and his latest books, *Shark Summer* and *Spirit Week*. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.
- ▶ Book Signing | 3-3:30 pm
Marcks will sign paperback copies of his newest books, which will be on sale for \$12 each and come with a limited edition bookmark. Free items will also be available for him to sign. First come, first served as time allows. | All ages. | Drop in.
- ▶ Drawing Faces | 3:30-4:30 pm
Marcks gives a hands-on lesson on designing believable characters by sharing his step-by-step process for drawing cartoon faces. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.

REVENGE OF THE SIXTH

May 6 (Mon) | 3:30-7:30 pm | Howe
"May the Sith be with you" as we celebrate "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" today. Make lightsabers with us and listen to the movie soundtrack. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

COMIC BOOK COLLAGE

May 7 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Cut up old comic books and create an art collage. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

TULIP FLOWER PERLER BEADS

May 8 (Wed) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe
Celebrate Albany's Tulip Fest by making tulip flowers using Perler beads. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

May 8 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Read the first chapter of *Fenway and the Great Escape* together, then enjoy activities and treats. The book is yours to keep. | Ages 6-11. Registration required.

FIREWORK SALT PAINTING

May 8 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Create a unique piece of art using salt and paint. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

May 9 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Howe
Make a cute card for an important mother figure in your life. | Ages 0-5. | Registration required.

WATER & SWIMMING SAFETY CLASS

- ▶ May 10 (Fri) | 4-4:30 pm | Delaware
 - ▶ May 17 (Fri) | 4-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
 - ▶ May 20 (Mon) | 3:30-4 pm | Bach
- The Goldfish Swim School of Colonie introduces the concept of water safety to kids with Bubbles the mascot. Kids will learn about water dangers, water safety rules, and what to do when there's trouble in and around the water. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC SHOWS

- ▶ **May 13 | "Songs that Count: Add to the World"**
 - ▶ **June 10 | "Space! The Cosmos for Kids"**
- Mondays | 10:30-11 am | Zoom
Kids of all abilities enjoy these high energy music and comedy shows in the comfort of their own homes. | Ages 2-11. | Registration required.



YOUTH

STICKER ART

May 14 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington
Use our sticker collection and craft supplies to create a new art piece. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

MY VERY FIRST BOOK CLUB

May 14 & June 11 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Get young readers excited about books and reading. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

MESSY ART FOR PRESCHOOLERS

May 14 & June 11 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use paint, scissors, and natural objects to make some messy art. | Ages 3-6. | No registration.

MULTIPLAYER

May 14, 21, 28 & June 11, 25 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Play Super Smash, Minecraft, Rocket League, and more with friends. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

PAPER CATERPILLAR CRAFT

May 15 (Wed) | 3:15-4:15 pm | Howe
Make a cute caterpillar using recycled materials. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

FARM DESIGN WORKSHOP

May 15 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll design a biodiverse collage garden and meet pet rabbit Spots while learning about biodiversity from Sunray Sustainabilities. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

CRAFTERNOON

May 16 & June 20 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make a fun craft using our supplies. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME WITH SUJI KWON

May 18 (Sat) | 10:30-11 am | Pine Hills
South Korean singer-songwriter Suji Kwon joins us for a special Asian American Pacific Islander Month storytime. She'll perform songs that highlight the beauty of Asian and Western music. | Ages 2-8 pm. | No registration.

PARACHUTE POP UP

May 21 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Play with a parachute, crawl through pop-up tunnels, and do other activities to get the wiggles out. | Ages 2-6. | No registration.

DIY SENSORY BOTTLES

May 21 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Design your own sensory bottle using our supplies. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

CHERRY BLOSSOM PAINTING

May 22 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Use cotton swabs to paint cherry blossom trees. | Ages 0-5. | Registration required.

TEEN ANIMANGA CLUB

May 22 & June 26 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Share your love of anime and manga with other teens. Pocky, too! | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

PAGE TURNERS

May 23 & June 20 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
May's book is *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. June features a Stonewall Honor book for Pride Month, *Beetle & the Hollowbones* by Aliza Layne. | Ages 10-14. | Registration required.

CREATING THE MAN OF THE FUTURE: HEALTHY MASCULINITY WORKGROUP

May 29 & June 5 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Arbor/West Hill
For Men's Mental Health Awareness Month we're working with young men to raise quality leaders. Mentors from Violence Prevention and LiveRespect provide interactive and thought provoking workshops. Refreshments provided. Presented in partnership with Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

DUCT TAPE PENCIL CASE

May 31 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Use colorful duct tape to craft a pencil case. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.

REVOLUTIONARY ART: TEEN DRAMA CLASS

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Howe
Local theater group We Are Revolutionary leads this six-week class (ends July 6) where teens/tweens make their own theatrical production. Participants will learn storytelling, develop acting skills, and collaborate on production while working on emotional regulation and social issues. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.



YOUTH

PIXEL PERLERS

June 4 (Tue) | 3:30-5 pm | Bach
Make your favorite video game character using Perler beads. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

June 4 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
What do drag queens and children have in common? They love dressing up and all things sparkly. For Pride Month, talented performers Noelle Diamond and Portabella join us for a fun—and sparkly—hour of stories, songs, and craft. | Ages 0-10. | No registration.

WORLD OF LIZARDS

June 10 (Mon) | 5-6:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn about reptile species from four different continents and what makes each of the lizards unique. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLIES

June 11 (Tue) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Use coffee filters, pipe cleaners & markers to craft a beautiful butterfly. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

COLOR BY NUMBER

June 11 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington
Come practice your ABCs and 123s through coloring! Have fun matching colors to numbers to create a picture. | Ages 3-11. | No registration.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

June 13 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Howe
Make a cute card for an important father figure in your life. | Ages 0-5. | Registration required.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD STORYTIME

► June 13 (Thu) | 4-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
► June 18 (Tue) | 10:30-11:30 am | Howe
We're hosting two special storytimes for Juneteenth. Amelia from the Underground Railroad Education Center joins us at Arbor Hill/West Hill. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

WINDSOCKS

June 13 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Craft a colorful windsock using paper and ribbons. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

CLAY KEYCHAINS & CHARMS

June 18 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Show your creative side with backpack charms or keychains that you craft. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

GARDENING

June 20 (Thu) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Delaware
The Radix Center experts teach us how to start a garden. Learn about soil, plants, and design. Get

some veggie starts, too. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE: DANCING POPCORN

June 21 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Use science to make popcorn kernels dance! | Ages 5-11. | No registration.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTIES

June 26 (Wed) | Afternoon | All Branches
We're celebrating the end of school and the start of summer today! Visit your neighborhood branch this afternoon to sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy frozen treats. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

BUBBLE TIME

June 28 (Fri) | 2:15-3:15 pm | Howe
Learn about science while crafting bubbles and bubble wands, then let's see how many bubbles we can make. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

June 29 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Pine Hills
We're celebrating Summer Reading today with our annual summer party! Enjoy music, activities, summer treats, and more. Kids, bring your whole family, and be sure to sign up for Summer Reading, too. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.



GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
1st Saturday for Families	Parachute Play with music and songs.	0-8	May 4 (Sat)	10:30 am	Washington
Baby Bounce Storytime + Playtime	Fun songs and short books, then playtime.	0-2	Wednesdays (Not June 19)	10:30 am	Bach
Baby Bounce Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes for the first half hour. Followed by unstructured play time.	0-18 mos.	Mondays (Not May 27)	10:30 am	Washington
Family Playtime	Free play with our toys and play sets.	0-5	Wednesdays (Not June 19)	10:30 am	Washington
Pajama Storytime	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Tuesdays (Not June 4, 25)	7 pm	Bach
Play for Peace	Cross-cultural, inclusive playdate with storytime and crafts.	0-8	May 23 (Thu)	4-5 pm	Washington
Preschool Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories and fun, then unstructured playtime.	2-5	Wednesdays (Not June 19)	10:30 am	Delaware
Saturday Family Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, folktales, movement activities.	2-5	Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Saturday Storytime + Playgroup	Stories, songs, dancing, playing.	2-5	Every Saturday	10:30 am	Howe
Saturday Storytime + Play & Grow	Shake the sillies out while learning rhymes, songs, stories. Stay for unstructured play time.	0-5	Saturdays (Not May 4, 25 & Jun 1)	10:30 am	Washington
Sensory Friendly Storytime	Sensory friendly, interactive stories, songs, dance, play.	3-7	Mondays (Not May 6, 27)	6 pm	Pine Hills
Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes.	0-5	Every Friday	10:30 am	North Albany
Sunset Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes for families and day-care providers.	2-5	Every Thursday	4-4:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Toddler & Preschool Storytime + Play Group	Interactive storytime with movement and fun. Stay after to play.	0-6	Mondays (Not May 27)	10:30 am	Bach
Toddler Storytime	Stories, singing, dancing, socializing.	2-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Toddler Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	1-4	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington

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 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION & MEET THE CANDIDATE FORUM
May 7 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Hear a budget presentation from APL Executive Director Andrea Nicolay. Then meet the candidates vying for three seats on the APL Board of Trustees.

VOTE DAY
May 21 (Tue) | 7 am-9 pm | School District Polling Locations
Registered voters can visit their school district polling places to cast ballots on the 2024-25 APL budget and choose three trustees. The library vote is held in conjunction with the school district.

→ Library budget info: Albanypubliclibrary.org/about/budget

→ Polling places, early voting & absentee ballots: Albanyschools.org/business/budget/voting-information

Mark your calendar!

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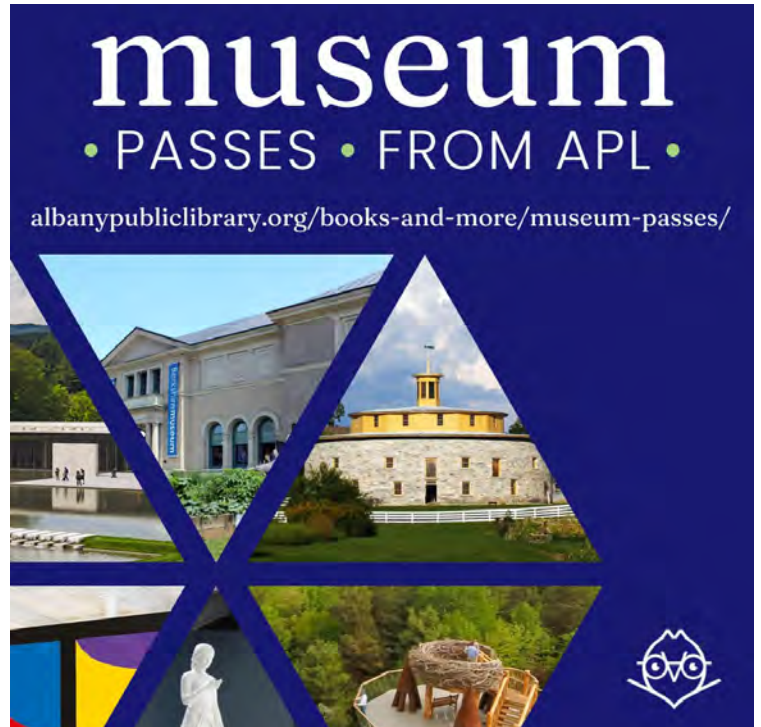
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