



# PROGRAMGUIDE

## SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2025

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](http://albanypubliclibrary.org) or call (518) 427-4300



We're celebrating Hispanic art, music, books, and games for National Hispanic Heritage Month with some amazing programs. Please join us!

- Snacks & A Movie: "Coco" on Sept. 5 | "The Book of Life" on Oct. 3 | 1 pm | Howe | Ages 18+.
- Hojalata: Mexican Tin Art | Sept. 9 | 3:30 pm | Howe | Ages 5-11.
- Lil Loteria Game Night | Sept. 16 | 5 pm | Washington | Ages 5-17.
- Page Turners: *Speak Up, Santiago* | Sept. 18 | 6:30 pm | Zoom | Ages 7-12.
- Bookmark Bunch: *Juana & Lucas* | Sept. 24 | 4 pm | Bach | Ages 7-12.
- Loteria Game Night | Sept. 25 | 5 pm | Delaware | Ages 18+.
- Inspiración del Arte: Hispanic Artists Influencing Local Artmaking | Oct. 4 | 2 pm | Pine Hills | All ages.
- Music Bingo: Hispanic Artists Edition | Oct. 9 | 6 pm | Washington | Ages 18+.
- Spanish-English Storytime | Oct. 13 | 4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill | Ages 0-8.

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

OCT. 5-11, 2025



APL always supports the freedom to read. But we put extra emphasis on this foundational belief during Banned Books Week with programs and displays designed to draw attention to the dangers of censorship and encourage our community to stand up for the right to read.

- FFAPL Book Review of *Free Speech: A History from Socrates to Social Media* | Sept. 30 | 2 pm | Washington | The book by Jacob Mchangama traces the legal, political, and cultural history of free speech and demonstrates how much the world would lose without it. | Ages 18+.
- "I'm with the Banned" Book Display | Oct. 1-31 | During Open Hours | Washington | Check out a challenged book from our display and get a Stewart's ice cream coupon. | Ages 0-18.
- Read for Your Rights: A Banned Books Readout | Oct. 7 | 6 pm | Washington | In our keynote event, local artists, musicians, actors, and authors read selections from banned and challenged books that highlight the democratic freedoms of speech and expression. | Ages 18+.
- Make a Banned Book Bookmark | Oct. 8 | 6 pm | Pine Hills | Create a bookmark inspired by your favorite banned or challenged book. | Ages 18+.

Please see the online events calendar for full program descriptions and to register.

# ALL AGES

## ART AT APL EXHIBITION: "SIGHT SPECIFIC"

Through Nov. 8 | During Open Hours | Pine Hills  
View works that depict observations of the everyday world. Curated by Opalka Gallery. | *Funded by Friends & Foundation of APL with additional support from the Arts Thrive & Grow grant through The Arts Center of the Capital Region.* | All ages. | Drop in.

## MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- Every Monday | 4-5:30 pm | Ages 6-14
- Every Tuesday | 3-6 pm | All ages
- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) | 4:30-7:30 pm | All ages

Washington

3D printers, sewing machines, art implements, more.  
| All ages. | Drop in.

## DELAWARE COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday | 4-7 pm | Delaware  
Purchase farm-fresh produce and other goods. WIC and EBT accepted. | All ages. | Drop in.

## SUMMER MEMORY BOARDS

Sept. 2 (Tue) | 3-4 pm | Delaware  
Bring in mementos from your summer and decorate a memory board. | All ages. | Registration required.

## ROAMING READERS

Sept. 2 & Oct. 7 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Albany County  
Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail  
Listen to an audiobook or chat about books as we walk the trail together. Meet at the trail parking lot at 722 S. Pearl St. | All ages. | Registration required.

## CLOG DANCING

Sept. 10 (Wed) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Enjoy a performance by folk dance troupe Hill Country Cloggers, learn about this art form, and try out the dances yourself. | All ages. | No registration.

## BUILD A CAT CASTLE

Sept. 10 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany  
Use cardboard, markers, and colorful duct tape to make a castle for your cat (or other pet). | All ages. | Registration required.

## MELODIES OF INDIA

Sept. 16 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Enjoy an Indian music performance by Veena and Devesh Chandra. | *Program generously supported by the Arts Thrive and Grow grant through The Arts Center of the Capital Region.* | All ages. | No registration.

## PINE HILLS AREA ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

- Sept. 17 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Guided tour with Historic Albany Foundation (HAF)
- Oct. 18 (Sat) | 1-2:30 pm | Guided tour with HAF
- Anytime | Self-guided tours

Pine Hills

APL partnered with Historic Albany Foundation to create two family-friendly architectural walking tours of the Pine Hills neighborhood. You'll see homes and buildings with noteworthy and historic architectural details. Tour designer Cara Macri of HAF leads the two guided tours, which require registration. If you would like to tour on your own, pick up a copy of the printed tour guide at the branch. | All ages.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

- **Sept 24 | "A Minecraft Movie"** | PG, 2025
- **Oct. 29 | "Harold & the Purple Crayon"** | PG, 2024

Wednesdays | 4-5:45 pm | Delaware

Lights and volume are low. Fidget toys and sensory objects are available. Children interact with the movie as they are comfortable. | All ages. | Drop in.

## PATRONS UNITE: A PINE HILLS OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 29 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills  
In honor of Library Card Sign-Up Month, learn how libraries protect your freedom to read and support literacy for all ages. Get a library card. Hear about our programs, services, and other library experiences, Refreshments, too. | All ages. | Drop in.

## NORTH ALBANY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Sept. 24 & Oct. 29 (Wed) | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany  
G or PG family movies. Snacks and drinks, too. | All ages. | Registration required.

## LEGO Club

Sept. 29 & Oct. 27 (Mon) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Alb.  
Enjoy LEGO free play. | All ages. | No registration.

## MOVIE & CRAFT MASHUP

- **Sept. 29 | "A Minecraft Movie"** | PG, 2025
- **Oct. 27 | "Smurfs"** | PG, 2025

Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Watch a family film and do a movie-themed craft. | All ages. | No registration.

## INSPIRACIÓN DEL ARTE:

### HISPANIC ARTISTS INFLUENCING LOCAL ARTMAKING

Oct. 4 (Sat) | 2-3:30 pm | Pine Hills

For Hispanic Heritage Month, discover how four Hispanic artists respond to individual art pieces. Watch video presentations from Roxanna Melendez, Alexis

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Mendoza, Melissa Thompson, and Eliezer Parilla. Then participate in a drawing session guided by Laudelina Martinez of Troy's Martinez Gallery. | All ages. | No registration.

### TRADING PUZZLES

Oct. 8 (Wed) | 5:30-7:30 pm | North Albany  
Revamp your puzzle collection by swapping gently used puzzles. | All ages. | No registration.

### CREEPY AUTUMN CRAFT

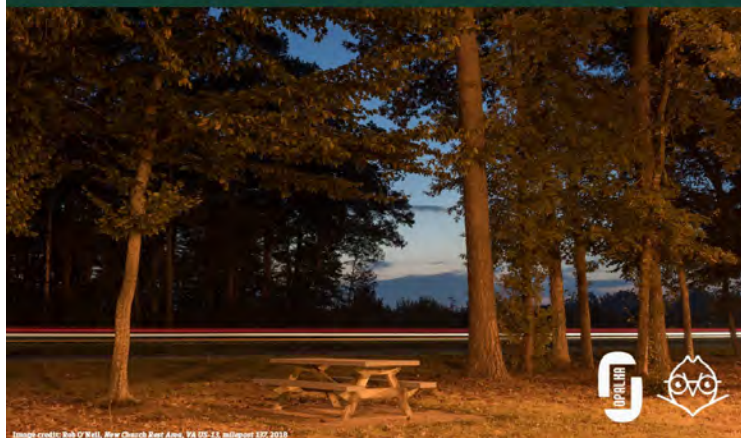
Oct. 22 (Wed) | 3:30-5 pm | Pine Hills  
Celebrate the scary season and make a creepy autumn craft to decorate your home. | All ages. | Registration required.

## Sight Specific

Art at APL Exhibit Open Through Nov. 8  
**Pine Hills Branch**

### Artists:

Michael Bach | Seth Butler | Matt Chinian | Sean Hemmerle | Susan Hoffer  
Maeve McCool | Rob O'Neil | Andrew Pellettieri | Laura Von Rosk



## ADULTS

### GENTLE MOVEMENT GROUP

Every Monday | 12:15-1:15 pm | Howe & Zoom  
Join us at the branch or at home on Zoom for light movement exercises. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### CITIZENSHIP & NATURALIZATION PREPARATION CLASS

Every Monday | 2:30-4 pm | Howe  
For immigrants and newcomers preparing for the USCIS citizenship and naturalization process. Presented by RISSE. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Tuesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills  
Classes hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer Co. | Ages 18+. | Register at (518) 244-4650 or [lvorc.org](http://lvorc.org).

### ALBANY CITY HISTORIAN IN LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Every Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington  
Visit Albany City Historian Tony Opalka in the Local History Room for research assistance. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

### EVERYDAY ENGLISH FOR NEWCOMER ADULTS

Every Friday | 12:30-2 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Newcomers work on basic English skills. Presented in partnership with RISSE. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### RESUME ASSISTANCE

- Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
  - Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Delaware
- One-on-one. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- BACH AREA | Every Wednesday | 3-5 pm | Bach Branch | Meet Lisa Rodriguez.
- DELAWARE AREA | Sept. 3, 17 & Oct. 1, 15, 29 (Wed) | 2-4:30 pm | Delaware Branch | Meet Shneecka Alexander.
- PINE HILLS AREA | Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Meet Ken Louzier.
- SOUTH END AREA | Sept. 15, 29 & Oct. 13, 27 (Mon) | 2-4:30 pm | Howe Branch | Meet Shneecka Alexander.
- WEST HILL AREA | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez.

Meet the city's neighborhood representatives. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

### TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- Sept. 2 | Book Review | *Crumb: A Cartoonist's Life* reviewed by David Brickman, photographer and FFAPL treasurer.



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- Sept. 9 | Book Review | *Frostbite: How Refrigeration Changed Our Food, Our Planet, and Ourselves* reviewed by Nancy Dover, retired from NYS Dept. of Health.
  - Sept. 16 | Book Review | *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* reviewed by history enthusiast John Vanacore.
  - Sept. 23 | Book Review | *The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780* reviewed by retired attorney Richard King.
  - Sept. 30 | Book Review | *Free Speech: A History from Socrates to Social Media* reviewed by philosopher Frank Robinson.
  - Oct. 7 | Special Program | "Sustainable Forest Management for Water Quality" by Alex Ashby and Amy Walsh of the Albany Water Dept.
  - Oct. 14 | Book Review | *The Connection Cure: The Prescriptive Power of Movement, Art, Service, and Belonging* reviewed by Melanie Metzger, APL assistant director.
  - Oct. 21 | Book Review | *Germinal* reviewed by journalist and author Carl Strock.
  - Oct. 28 | Special Presentation | "APL & Current Events" by APL Executive Director Andrea Nicolay.
- Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington  
Weekly book talks hosted by Friends & Foundation of APL. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## PHOTO COLLAGE & DECOUPAGE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 (Tue) | 1-2:30 pm | Bach  
In this series, create collages using blocks, boxes, containers, and canvas. All materials provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## SEWING GROUP

- Sept. 2 & Oct. 7 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
  - Sept. 3 & Oct. 1 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
- Get advice and assistance from experienced stitchers and embroiderers. Newly arrived immigrants can learn to sew and practice English. Hosted by Stitching Exchange, a RISSE partner that offers informal sewing opportunities to build community, practice English, and encourage creative expression. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Sept. 3, 17 & Oct. 8, 22 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach  
Bring a project. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

- Sept. 3, 17 & Oct. 1, 15 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

- Sept. 9, 23 & Oct. 14, 28 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware

Caregivers, stop in with your groups for various activities for all abilities. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

Sept. 4, 25 & Oct. 9, 23 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach  
Susan Riback, NNORC community health nurse educator, does blood pressure checks, medication reviews, and discusses health concerns. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) | 2-2:30 pm & 3-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
- Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Mon) | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware
- Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 (Thu) | 12:30-1 pm | Bach | Hosted by NNORC.

Bring your device and get assistance. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## STITCH ANGELS

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31 (Fri) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Delaware  
Work on your fiber art. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## SNACKS & A MOVIE

- **Sept. 5 | "Coco"** | PG, 2017
  - **Oct. 3 | "The Book of Life"** | PG, 2014
- Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe  
Enjoy a movie plus coffee, tea, donuts. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY

Sept. 6 (Sat) | 1:30-4 pm | Washington  
Make a miniature bookcase complete with tiny books. No experience necessary; supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## YARN OVER & YAP

- Sept. 2 & Oct. 7 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
- Sept. 29 & Oct. 27 (Mon) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Howe
- Sept. 10 & Oct. 22 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Bring your own craft to work on while we chat. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## PEN IN HAND

Sept. 8, 22 & Oct. 6, 20 (Mon) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe  
Practice writing and share your work with others. Facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

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## THE ART CORNER

- Sept. 8 | Earrings & Keychains with 3D Printing Pens
- Oct. 6 | Acrylic Painting on Stretched Canvas Mondays | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Create in our relaxing art workshop. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Sept. 8 & Oct. 6 (Mon) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom  
Check our online calendar for each month's book.  
| Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

Sept. 9, 23 & Oct. 14, 28 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington  
Free and discreet testing provided by In Our Own Voices. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington & YouTube  
Provide public comment three ways: in person at the meeting, leave a voicemail at (518) 290-6905, or email [publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org](mailto:publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org).  
| Ages 18+. | Drop in.

## INTRO TO CHATGPT

Sept. 10 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills  
Explore how to use ChatGPT for everyday tasks like writing, learning, and brainstorming. No experience needed. Presented in partnership with Can Code Communities. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## TAI CHI

Sept. 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills  
Sabine Seiler teaches tai chi for balance, relaxation, and energy. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## MEET THE APPS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 (Thu) | 5-5:30 pm | Delaware  
Learn how to access digital books, movies, more on your smartphone, tablet. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## COMMUNITY ART

Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach  
Paint in a group setting. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## ASK THE SEWING SISTERS

Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington  
Celia and Jennifer, aka The Sewing Sisters, can teach you how to hem pants, sew a button, and answer your sewing questions. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## THE ART OF EMOTION: PLAYDOUGH & STRESS RELIEF

Sept. 15 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Let your imagination flow and unwind in a peaceful space while shaping your feelings into colorful sculptures out of playdough. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## CHATGPT FOR JOBSEEKERS

Sept. 15 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills  
Boost your job search with AI and learn to use ChatGPT to write strong resumes and cover letters. Presented in partnership with Can Code Communities. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## TASTING HISTORY:

EXPLORING HISTORICAL AMERICAN FOODWAYS  
Sept. 16 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington  
NYS Senior Librarian Elizabeth A. Jakubowski takes us on a historical journey exploring distinctly American recipes from the 1700s through the 1950s. Get a copy of some historical recipes to try at home. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

Sept. 17 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | Howe  
Sample moon cakes and learn about China and that country's traditional Moon Festival. | Ages 16+. | Registration required.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

<b>GENTLE MOVEMENT GROUP</b>  Every Monday 12:15-1:15 pm HOWE & ZOOM	<b>ROAMING READERS: WALKING BOOK GROUP</b>  Sept. 2 & Oct. 7 4-5 pm ALBANY COUNTY HELDERBERG-HUDSON RAIL TRAIL	<b>TAI CHI</b>  Sept. 11, 18, 25 Oct. 9, 16, 23 1-2 pm PINE HILLS
<b>NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE</b>  Sept. 4 & 25 Oct. 9 & 23 1-2 pm BACH	<b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b>  Sept. 29 11:30 am-3:30 pm WASHINGTON	<b>AGING IN PLACE</b>  Oct. 1   10:30 am WASHINGTON Oct. 6   10:30 am DELAWARE Oct. 14   1 pm BACH

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### MARTIAL ARTS MOVIE NIGHT

Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Enjoy martial arts films. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### SILENT BOOK CLUB

► Sept. 17 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Albany Institute of History & Art (AIHA) | 125 Washington Ave.

► Oct. 14 (Tue) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Bach

Enjoy the peace of reading alongside fellow book lovers. No assigned readings or pressured discussions.

September date is at AIHA's final Music on the Lawn Summer Series featuring The Reep-MacLeod/Caplan Duo. October session is at the Bach Branch. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE

► **Sept. 17 | "String Theory and the Dream of a Theory of Everything"** | Learn about string theory from Prof. Daniel Robbins.

► **Oct. 15 | "The Scientific Study of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)"** | Learn about UAP (formerly known as UFOs) with Prof. Matthew Szydagis.

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

Accomplished faculty from the University at Albany's Physics Department share their knowledge about fascinating science topics with us. | Ages 13+. | Registration required.

### LET ME BE PERFECTLY QUEER: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

► Sept. 19 | *Blackouts* by J. Torres

► Oct. 17 | *We Are Okay* by N. LaCour

Fridays | 6-7 pm | Zoom

Discuss books that center queer ideas, stories, and experiences. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### MUSIC BINGO

Sept. 20 (Sat) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe

Can you name that song? Put your music knowledge to the test and identify popular hits through the decades. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### NATIVE PERENNIAL & GROUNDCOVER PLANTS

Sept. 22 (Mon) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about easy-to-grow native perennials and groundcovers that support pollinators. The program is taught by master gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### TALES OF ALBANY: LOCAL HISTORY BOOK CLUB

► Sept. 23 | *An Albany Girlhood* H. P. Hamlin

► Oct. 14 | *Wicked Albany* by F. Bailey

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Discuss books that are about, or inspired by, Albany history. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Sept. 24 & Oct. 29 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Explore different watercolor methods. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### LOTERIA GAME NIGHT

Sept. 25 (Thu) | 5-5:45 pm | Delaware

Come play Loteria ("lottery" in Spanish), a traditional Mexican board game of chance that is similar to bingo but played with a deck of cards. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA

Sept. 25 (Thu) | 5-7 pm | Common Roots Brewery | 19 Quackenbush Sq.

We're teaming up with Discover Albany to host a fun local history trivia night at Common Roots Brewery! Brush up on topics including early Dutch settlers, the Tulip Festival, and funny Albany animal facts to prep for trivia. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### JUST KEEP WRITING

Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Hone your craft in this fiction writing group. | Ages 14+. | Registration required.

### "MUSEUM BOOK SHOP"

Sept. 26-Oct. 11 | During Open Hours | Pine Hills

Visit our re-creation of a Museum Book Shop to view library books that are inspired by the more than two dozen museums you can visit for free, or at a reduced price, with our Museum and Adventure Passes. For example, find books showcasing art at The Clark and titles produced by the Albany Institute of History and Art. Borrow the books in our "museum shop" and get inspired to visit a museum with the library pass. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sept. 29 (Mon) | 11:30 am-3:30 pm | Washington

Donate blood at the library. Walk-ins are welcome. You can also make an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org). | Ages 18+. | No registration.

### LET'S TALK ALBANY: ALBANY FIRE DEPT. HISTORY

Sept. 30 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Tony Opalka, director of the Albany Firefighters Mu-



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seum and author of *The Firehouses of Albany*, shares some history of firefighting in Albany. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## EERIE ALBANY: A GHOST WALK

Sept. 30 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Discover Albany Visitors Center | 25 Quackenbush Sq.

Join us at Discover Albany (25 Quackenbush Sq.) for a guided ghost tour to unearth our city's storied past. Who is the ghostly figure that lingers past closing time at the historic Olde English Pub? What mysteries lie within the beautiful homes lining Ten Broeck Triangle? What is up with the shadowy figures that roam the Capitol halls at night? Uncover these stories, if you dare! | Ages 10+. | Registration required.

## CRAFTING FOR SENIORS: FALL LEAF PAINTING

Oct. 1 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

We'll paint fall leaves to make colorful prints. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## AGING IN PLACE WORKSHOP

➤ Oct. 1 (Wed) | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington

➤ Oct. 6 (Mon) | 10:30-11:30 am | Delaware

➤ Oct. 14 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Lifepath gives practical information and advice for older adults and their caregivers to understand services and options that support safe and independent living. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## FALL LEAF GARLAND

Oct. 4 (Sat) | 2-4:30 pm | Washington

Make a fall leaf garland out of vintage book pages. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## READ FOR YOUR RIGHTS: A BANNED BOOKS READOUT

Oct. 7 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Celebrate your freedom to read at our Banned Books Week readout. Local artists, actors, poets, writers, and musicians read passages from banned or

challenged books that highlight our key democratic principles of free speech, intellectual freedom, right to privacy, freedom of expression, and the dangers of censorship. Presented in partnership with the New York Civil Liberties Union, Albany County League of Women Voters, Delta Sigma Theta, and Planned Parenthood. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## MAKE A "BANNED BOOK" BOOKMARK

Oct. 8 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Pine Hills

Celebrate your freedom to read by crafting a bookmark inspired by your favorite banned book. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## MUSIC BINGO: HISPANIC ARTISTS EDITION

Oct. 9 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Washington

Bring friends to listen to songs by some of your favorite Hispanic artists like Bad Bunny, Café Tacvba, Vilma Palma e Vampiros, and Selena. And fill in your bingo squares! | Registration required. | Ages 18+.

## HOMEBUYER 101

Oct. 10 (Fri) | 1-2 pm | Washington

Prospective homebuyers get information from Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region. | Ages 18+. | Register: (518) 434-1730.

## WRITING AN EPIDEMIC: THE NARRATIVES OF HIV/AIDS

Oct. 11 (Sat) | 1:30-3:30 pm | Howe

In this interactive lecture, we'll explore literary narratives written during the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic by LGBTQ+ authors who channeled their experiences into a vital literary movement rooted in queer resistance, love, activism, and community care. Participants will also do a creative exercise to make meaning from the literature and ongoing history of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## ART AFTER DARK: CARICATURE CLASS

Oct. 13 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn to draw caricatures using reference photos to exaggerate expressions of favorite characters, celebrities, friends, and family. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

## ALBANY GAY MEN'S CHORUS PERFORMANCE

Oct. 18 (Sat) | 2:30-3:30 pm | Washington

Enjoy a performance by the talented Albany Gay Men's Chorus in honor of LGBTQIA+ History Month. | Ages 18+. | No registration.



## REMINDERS ABOUT APL PROGRAMS

- Programs are free to attend.
- Many programs require registration and have attendance limits.
- Programs are subject to change.
- The online calendar has the most current information.
- Register: Phone (518) 427-4300 | Online events calendar [albanypubliclibrary.org](http://albanypubliclibrary.org) | QR code



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### SLOW & STEADY BOOK CLUB

Oct. 24 (Fri) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Zoom

**There's no pressure to finish** *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman before the club meets to discuss it. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

### GHOST HUNTING

Oct. 26 (Sun) | 2-3:30 pm | Delaware

Full Moon Paranormal, an all-female paranormal investigators group from the Hudson Valley, visits the

Delaware Branch to conduct a paranormal investigation of this building that used to house a funeral home. Will they find any ghosts?! | Ages 11+. | Registration required.

### LET'S TALK ALBANY: FINDING UTOPIA

Oct. 30 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Learn about the local Watervliet Shaker community from the late 1700s into the mid 1800s, including author Ann Sayers. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

## YOUTH

### CRAFTER SCHOOL PARTY

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

Arts and crafts fun. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

### AFTER SCHOOL GAMING

Every Tuesday | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills

Hang out at the library and play board games and video games with your friends. | Ages 9-17. | No registration.

### GAMERS UNITE

Every Wednesday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Play board or video games. | Ages 10-17. | Drop in.

### TEEN FRIDAYS

Every Friday | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany

Stop by to play video games, watch anime, and make crafts. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

### SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

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

Bring your friends to play Super Smash Bros. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

### GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4:30-5:45 pm | Howe

Play video games on Nintendo Switch, Xbox, or PS4. | Ages 9-17. | Drop in.

### LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

Sept. 2-30 | During Open Hours | Pine Hills

Some of our favorite book characters are hiding in the children's area. Find them all and win a small prize. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Sept. 3, 10 & Oct. 1, 8 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Learn how to make your D&D characters and worlds come alive. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

### FUN AT 4

➤ Sept. 3 | House of Cards

➤ Sept. 10 | Book Golf

➤ Sept. 17 | Origami Butterflies

➤ Oct. 15 | Leaf Art

➤ Oct. 22 | Construction Zone

➤ Oct. 29 | Pompom Monsters

Wednesdays | 4-5 pm | Bach

Stop by after school for fun activities. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

### LEGO CLUB

Sept. 4 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Build using LEGO. | Ages 4-12. | No registration.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills

Together we'll read librarian-selected picture books and do an activity. | Ages 4-8. | No registration.

### LIBRARY SCIENTISTS

➤ Sept. 4 | Sun Prints | Bach

➤ Sept. 18 | The Birds | Bach

➤ **Oct. 16 | Let's Get Moving | Arbor Hill/West Hill**

➤ Oct. 30 | Cryptids | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Thursdays | 4-5 pm

Fun science-based programs. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

### MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Build your Minecraft world. | Ages 6-14. | Drop in.



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## HOJALATA: MEXICAN TIN ART

Sept. 9 (Tue) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe

Hojalata is a traditional Mexican art form that involves "engraving" tin pieces and adding vibrant colors. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

## ANIME NIGHT

Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Watch anime, enjoy snacks. | Ages 10-17. | Drop in.

## OFF BOOK: APL DRAMA CLUB

Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Lights, camera, action! We'll work together to put on a show designed by you. Build confidence, creative thinking, public speaking, performance, and other skills. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

## GAME ON SATURDAY

Sept. 13 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Howe

Play your favorite video games with friends. | Ages 9-17. | No registration.

## PLAY-DOH PLAYTIME

Sept. 16 (Tue) | 4:15-5 pm | Delaware

It's National Play-Doh Day and we're hosting a fun playtime with the colorful, malleable dough. | Ages 2-11. | No registration.

## LIL LOTERIA GAME NIGHT

Sept. 16 (Tue) | 5-6 pm | Washington

Join us on Mexican Independence Day for a game

of Loteria. This bingo-like game combines memory and matching skills with vocabulary words in Spanish and English. Prizes for our Loteria winners, too. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

## MULTIPLAYER

Sept. 16, 30 & Oct. 14, 28 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Play Super Smash Bros., Mario Kart, and more fun games together. | Ages 8-17. | Drop in.

## CRAFTERNOONS

Sept. 18 & Oct. 16 (Thu) | 4-4:45 pm | Delaware

Projects and crafts after school. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

## PAGE TURNERS

► Sept. 18 | *Speak Up, Santiago!* by J. Anta & G. Mendez | For National Hispanic Heritage Month

► Oct. 16 | *Bumps in the Night* by A. Howard | For Halloween

Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom

Discuss these titles with us online. | Ages 9-14. | Registration required.

## BATS: LITTLE WINGS, BIG ADVENTURES

Sept. 22 (Mon) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Our friends from Dyken Pond teach us about how bats live, their behavior, and why they're important. Play bat games and make a bat mask, too. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

## MICRO ART: CANVAS & MAGNETS

Sept. 23 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Make your own work of art on a micro canvas or magnet. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

## AUTUMN CANDLE CRAFTING

Sept. 23 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Make a candle that captures the colors and scents of fall. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

## TABLETOP RPG TIME

Sept. 23 & Oct. 21 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Learn roleplaying game basics with the simple "Forged in the Dark" system and try your hand at playing a space scoundrel, steampunk rogue, or mecha pilot. | Ages 10-17. | No registration.

## BOOKMARK BUNCH

Sept. 24 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

We'll read the first chapter of *Juana and Lucas* by Juana Medina together and then do an activity. The book is yours to take home to finish and keep. | Ages 7-12. | Registration required.

**LIBRARY SCIENTISTS!**  
AGES 5-11

Join us to explore the world through STEM and become a library scientist!

**SUN PRINTS**  
Sept. 4 (Thu) at 4-5 pm  
Bach Branch

**THE BIRDS**  
Sept. 18 (Thu) at 4-5 pm  
Bach Branch

**LET'S GET MOVING**  
Oct. 16 (Thu) at 4-5 pm  
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

**CRYPTIDS: BIGFOOT**  
Oct. 30 (Thu) at 4-5 pm  
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

# YOUTH

## THE ARBORNAUTS SPACE CLUB

Sept. 24 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Explore the cosmos with crafts, experiments, and more. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

## LEGO BUILD NIGHT

Sept. 30 & Oct. 28 (Tue) | 4:30-6 pm | Washington  
**We'll have bricks and building challenges for every level of LEGO builder.** | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

## I'M WITH THE BANNED

Oct. 1-31 | During Open Hours | Washington  
Celebrate your freedom to read! Check out a title from the challenged books on display in our Youth Services room and get a free Stewart's ice cream coupon. | Ages 0-18. | Drop in.

## CRYPTIDS: BIGFOOT, MOTHMAN & CHAMPIE, OH MY!

Oct. 1 (Wed) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills  
The Children's Museum at Saratoga teaches us about cryptids like Bigfoot and the Lake George Monster. Use your knowledge to investigate a new cryptid. | Ages 7-11. | Registration required.

## SOLVE A MYSTERY IN THE LIBRARY

Oct. 7 (Tue) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Howe  
Solve a mystery in the library using puzzles and trivia. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

## PAPER PLATE SCARECROW CRAFT

Oct. 10 (Fri) | 2:30-3:30 pm | Delaware  
Decorate paper plates to look like scarecrow faces. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

## CONSENT & BOUNDARIES FOR TWEENS

Oct. 15 (Wed) | 3:30-5 pm | Pine Hills  
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood facilitates this gender-inclusive discussion about consent, body autonomy, and boundaries. | *Made possible in part by the UHLS "Sex, Accurate Information for Youth, and Libraries" (SAIYL) Grant.* | Ages 11-13. | Registration suggested.

## TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS

Oct. 15 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Delaware  
Tie-dye one of our shirts or bring one of your own. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

## ADVENTURES IN THE PINE BUSH: TURKEY TALKS

Oct. 20 (Mon) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
Learn about the wild turkeys of the Pine Bush, including their calls, flight, and habitat. We'll talk about turkeys, read a story, and do a craft. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

## MAPPED

Oct. 21 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach  
Play cartographer and make a map. Use beans to lay the groundwork for your own fantasy world or treasure map. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

## MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

Oct. 24 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill  
This club is for kids who have graduated from storytime and are starting to read more on their own. The session includes reading together and a craft. And parents learn how to engage their kids in reading. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

## CREEPY PAINTING

Oct. 25 (Sat) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe  
Make creepy paintings and listen to fun, eerie songs as we count down to Halloween. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

## ANIME CLUB FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Oct. 29 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe  
Watch anime, draw, and read manga with others. | Ages 12+. | No registration.

## HOWE-O-WEEN BASH

Oct. 31 (Fri) | 4:30-6 pm | Howe  
Have a Howe-ling good time as we celebrate Halloween with fun games and treats. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

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# GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	BRANCH
1st Saturday for Families	Sept. 6: Family Yoga Oct. 4: Meet a Fire Truck	0-10	Sat.: Sept. 6 & Oct. 4	10:30 am	Washington
Baby Bounce Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	0-2	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Bach
			Every Thur. (Not 10/2)	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Every Mon. (Not 9/1)	10:30 am	Washington
Duck, Duck, Bubbles Storytime	Bath time stories, duck-themed activities, and bubbles.	0-5	Oct. 5 (Sun)	2 pm	Delaware
Growing Readers Stories & Play	Storytime and playtime. Also sign up for APL's Growing Readers club for reading tips and free books.	0-5	Every Saturday	11:30 am	Howe
			Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Every Sat. (Not 9/6, 10/4)	10:30 am	Washington
Gruff & Friends Storytime	Stories with friendly monster Gruff.	1-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
<b>Let's Glow Storytime &amp; Dance Party</b>	Stories and dancing, with glowsticks.	0-4	Fri.: Sept. 26 & Oct. 31	10:30 am	North Albany
Music Fun with Matt	Songs and dancing.	0-5	Sept. 5 (Fri)	10:30 am	Washington
Pajama Storytime	Wear your jammies and enjoy stories, songs, more.	0-5	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Bach
PJ Library Storytime	Special storytime for the Jewish holidays with PJ Library & Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY.	0-5	Sept. 17 (Wed)	10:30 am	Bach
Play-Doh Day	Play-Doh Art	0-5	Sept. 16 (Tue)	11:30 am	Howe
	Make Play-Doh	0-5	Sept. 16 (Tue)	5 pm	Howe
Playdough Playtime	Learn letters, numbers, shapes, and more using playdough.	0-5	Fri.: Sept. 5 & Oct. 10	4:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Sensory Friendly Storytime & Play	Dimmer lights, fidget toys, and fun songs followed by playtime.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Washington
Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime	Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this special storytime.	0-8	Oct. 13 (Mon)	4 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Sunbeam Storytime	Stories, rhymes, songs.	0-5	Every Wednesday	12 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Toddler & Preschool Storytime & Play	Songs, movement, play.	0-6	Every Mon. (Not 9/1)	10:30 am	Bach
		0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
		1-4	Every Friday (Not 9/5)	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, dance, craft, play.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe



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- **North Albany Branch** | 616 North Pearl St. | (518) 427-4300 x6
- **Pine Hills Branch** | 517 Western Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x7
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