



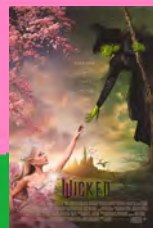
PROGRAM GUIDE

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 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 or call (518) 427-4300

WICKED WONDERS

CELEBRATING A CULTURAL SENSATION



"Wicked" has been a fan favorite ever since Albany native Gregory Maguire saw his first novel about the Witches of Oz published in 1995. In the last 30 years, we've been treated to three more novels, book adaptations for kids, a smash-hit musical, an Oscar-winning movie, and now a sequel film releasing this fall.

Immerse yourself in the fantastical stories, captivating songs, and wonderful spectacle of "Wicked" during these programs at APL!

1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES: "WICKED" FUN

Nov. 1 (Sat) | 10:30 am | Washington
Family-friendly witchy stories and crafts. | Ages 0-10.

"WICKED" SCAVENGER HUNT

Nov. 2-30 | During Open Hours | Bach
Find characters in the library and get a prize. | Ages 5-17.

"WICKED" FAMILY TRIVIA

Nov. 11 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Delaware
Trivia for kids and their families. | Ages 5-11.

SING ALONG TO "WICKED"

Nov. 12 (Wed) | 5-7:45 pm | Howe
Watch the 2024 film and sing along. | Ages 6+.

"WICKED" FUN: SINGALONG OZSTRAVAGANZA

Nov. 17 (Mon) | 6-7:45 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy a movie singalong plus crafts and games. | Ages 6+.

CINEMANIA: "DARK SIDE OF THE RAINBOW"

Nov. 17 (Mon) | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
Watch the classic "Wizard of Oz" film with the soundtrack replaced by Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon." | Ages 18+.

"WICKED" FOR TRIVIA

Dec. 11 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Madison Theatre | 1036 Madison Ave.
It's a "Wicked" trivia night at the Madison Theatre with our friends from Discover Albany. | Ages 18+.

You can also visit a branch, or check online, to borrow "Wicked"—and "Wizard of Oz"—books, movies, and more!



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 | QR code above



ALL AGES

NON-FICTION SCAVENGER HUNT

Nov. 1-30 | During Open Hours | Delaware
Search the library for non-fiction books, answer questions, and earn a prize! Pick up a youth or adult scavenger hunt sheet from the reference desk. | All ages. | Drop in.

MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- Mini Makers | Every Monday | 4-5:30 pm | Ages 6-14
- Open Lab | Every Tuesday | 3-6 pm | Ages 6+
- Open Lab | Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 4:30-7:30 pm | Ages 6+

Washington

Open Lab sessions include use of 3D printers, sewing machines, art implements, hand tools, more. During Mini Makers sessions, kids and teens can also make Shrinky Dinks, Perler beads, and buttons. | All ages. | Drop in.

NORTH ALBANY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 (Wed) | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Enjoy a family-friendly movie together. | All ages. | No registration.

GRATITUDE TREE: A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Nov. 11-26 | During Open Hours | Pine Hills
Add a "leaf" to the Pine Hills "gratitude tree" for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Write about, or draw a picture of, the people and things for which you're grateful, and hang them on the tree. | All ages. | Drop in.

THE GAME ZONE

Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 (Thu) | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany
Play an assortment of board games with your family. | All ages. | Drop in.

LEGO CLUB

Nov. 24 & Dec. 29 (Mon) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany
Enjoy LEGO free play with friends and family. | All ages. | No registration.

ART AT APL EXHIBITION:

"COUNTENANCE: THE CONTEMPORARY PORTRAIT"

- Dec. 5 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm | Opening Reception
- Dec. 6-May 9 | During Open Hours | View Exhibition

The exhibit features artists who investigate portrait, specifically facial expression, through photography, painting, drawing, or found materials. "Countenance: The Contemporary Portrait" is curated by Opalka Gallery. The opening reception includes music by the Albany High School Band and light refreshments. | *Funded by Friends & Foundation of APL with additional support from Arts Thrive & Grow grant through Arts Center of the Capital Region and funded by NYS.* | All ages. | Drop in.

WINTER CLASSICS WITH STRINGWYNDE

Dec. 20 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills

Settle in with coffee, tea, or a good book and enjoy a seasonal music concert on flute and harp. Stringwynde is a perennial Pine Hills favorite! | *Arranged in partnership with Local 14 Albany Musicians Association.* | All ages. | No registration.

MOVIE & CRAFT MASHUP

Dec. 29 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Watch "Paddington in Peru" (PG, 2024) and do a themed craft. | All ages. | No registration.



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ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

- Every Monday | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware
 - Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 2-2:30 pm & 3-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
 - Nov. 19 & Dec. 10 (Wed) | 12:30-1 pm | Bach
- Bring your device for one-on-one assistance. Bach sessions hosted by NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

GENTLE MOVEMENT GROUP

Every Monday | 12:15-1:15 pm | Howe & Zoom
Join us at the branch—or at home on Zoom—for light exercises. Wear comfy clothes! | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CITIZENSHIP & NATURALIZATION PREP 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.

ALBANY CITY HISTORIAN

Every Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Visit Albany City Historian Tony Opalka in the 2nd floor Local History Room for research assistance. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

- Every Tuesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills
 - Every Tuesday | 1-2:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Classes hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer Co. | Ages 18+. | Register at (518) 244-4650 or lvorc.org.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

- Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | North Albany
 - Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
 - Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Delaware
- Get help writing resumes and cover letters. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH FOR NEWCOMER ADULTS

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

THE ART CORNER

- Nov. 3 | 3D Abstract Art
 - Dec. 8 | Mosaic Glass Coaster
- Mondays | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Create art in a relaxing workshop. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 (Mon) | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
Check our online calendar for each month's book. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

GUIDED TOUR:

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Nov. 4 (Tue) | 12-1 pm | 125 Washington Ave.
Enjoy a guided tour—just for APL—of the Albany Institute and its current exhibitions from a museum docent. For future museum visits, be sure to borrow a free museum pass from the library. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NON-FICTION BOOK TASTING

Nov. 4 (Tue) | 4:30-5:45 pm | Howe
Get a taste of some new-to-you non-fiction titles. Skim each one for two minutes then discuss what you learned. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- Nov. 4 | Author Talk | Peter Ballint on his memoir *The Shoe in the Danube: The Immigrant Experience of a Holocaust Survivor*.
- Nov. 11 | Author Talk | Ryane McAuliffe Straus reads from her book *Divided by Choice: How Charter Schools Diminish Democracy*.
- Nov. 18 | Book Review | *On Tyranny: 20 Lessons from the 20th Century* reviewed by Mark Lowery, retired from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation.
- Nov. 25 | Book Review | *Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection* reviewed by Roger Green, retired business librarian.
- Dec. 2 | Book Review | *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom* reviewed by Ezra Scott, Jr., public servant.
- Dec. 9 | Author Talk | Roselee Blooston reads from her engaging book of essays *Including the Periphery*.
- Dec. 16 | Holiday Concert | 12:30 pm | Featuring Albany High School Choir directed by Brendan Hoffman. | Note early start time.
- Dec. 23 | Book Review | *The Treeline: The Last Forest and the Future of Life on*

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Earth reviewed by Jonathan Skinner, retired statistician.

- Dec. 30 | Book Review | *Coney Island: The People's Playground* reviewed by Donald "The Soul Man" Hyman, teacher/performer.

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington

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

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

Nov. 4, 25 & Dec. 9, 23 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington

Free and discreet testing provided by In Our Own Voices. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

- Nov. 5, 19 & Dec. 3, 17 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
- Nov. 11, 25 & Dec. 9, 23 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware

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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Nov. 5, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Bring a project to work on among fellow stitchers. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- BACH AREA | Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Wed) | 3-5 pm | Bach | Meet Lisa Rodriguez.
- DELAWARE AREA | Nov. 12, 26 & Dec. 10 (Wed) | 2-4:30 pm | Delaware | Meet Shneecka Alexander.
- PINE HILLS AREA | Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Pine Hills | Meet Ken Louzier.
- SOUTH END AREA | Nov. 10, 24 & Dec. 8, 22 (Mon) | 2-4:30 pm | Howe | Meet Shneecka Alexander.
- WEST HILL AREA | Every Tuesday | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez.

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

SEWING GROUP

- Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
 - Nov. 11 & Dec. 2 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
- Get advice and assistance from experienced stitchers and embroiderers. Newly arrived immigrants can also learn to sew and practice their English skills. 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.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION IN New York State
Nov. 6 (Thu) | 5:30-7 pm | Washington

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York teaches us about employee rights, antidiscrimination and human rights laws, plus how to file a claim. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

Nov. 6, 13 & Dec. 11, 18 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Susan Riback, NNORC community health nurse educator, does blood pressure checks, medication reviews, more. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

VOLUNTEER

at your local library!

- help facilitate art programs and workshops
- assist in the Albany Made Creative Lab
- help staff prepare program materials
- provide support at library events
- and more!

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STITCH ANGELS

Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19 (Fri) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Delaware

Work on your fiber art project with fellow enthusiasts. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

ONCE-A-MONTH MOVIE

- **Nov. 7 | "Smoke Signals"** | PG-13, 1998
- **Dec. 5 | "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** | PG-13, 1989

Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe

View a fun movie. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

CRAFTING YOUR DREAM BUSINESS

Nov. 8 (Sat) | 12:30-2:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn the essential steps of entrepreneurship so you can turn your crafting passion into a successful business. Taught by Leah LaFera of Sweet Spring natural skincare and soap company. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

PEN IN HAND

Nov. 10, 24 & Dec. 8 (Mon) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe

Practice writing and discuss your work with fellow writers. Facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NOT JUST NANOWRIMO

- Nov. 10 | Short Story
- Nov. 17 | Poetry

Mondays | 6-7 pm | Howe

November is more than just National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). We're exploring short story and poetry writing in these workshops. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ART AFTER DARK

- Nov. 10 | Mandalas
- Dec. 8 | Abstract Art

Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Express yourself in these engaging art workshops. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

YARN OVER & YAP

- Nov. 11 & Dec. 2 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
- Nov. 12 & Dec. 17 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
- Nov. 24 & Dec. 29 (Mon) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Howe

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

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington & YouTube

Provide public comment at the meeting, leave a voicemail at (518) 290-6905, or email publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

LET'S TALK ALBANY: BETHLEHEM TOWN HISTORIAN

Nov. 12 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Bill Ketzer shares a brief history of the town of Bethlehem and how parts of it were annexed by the city of Albany. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 (Wed) | 5-6:30 pm | Madison Theatre | 1036 Madison Ave.

Bring a book to the Madison Theatre, purchase a drink if you want, and enjoy the peace of reading alongside fellow book lovers. Read from 5-6:30 pm, then chat from 6:30-7 pm. Then you can keep reading, or buy a ticket to a movie playing after the meetup. | For future Madison Theatre visits, borrow a free museum and adventure pass from the library (some restrictions apply). | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CROCHET WORKSHOPS

- Nov. 12 | Crochet 101 | Basic Stitches and Granny Squares
 - Dec. 10 | Crochet 102 | Holiday Craft
- Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 pm | North Albany
Taught by fiber artist Kaila Kurtz. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

WATERCOLOR WELLNESS

Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 18 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

Make seasonal greeting cards using watercolor paints in these wellness workshops. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ASK THE SEWING SISTERS

- Nov. 13 | Adding a Pocket
 - Dec. 11 | Fixing a Zipper
- Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Celia and Jennifer, aka The Sewing Sisters,

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teach sewing basics and answer your questions.
| Ages 14+. | Registration required.

COMMUNITY ART

Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
Paint in a group setting. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

EXPERIENCE A SOUND BATH

Nov. 15 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Listen to soothing sounds from gongs, chimes, and tubular bells with Charles Adinolfi of Inner Bliss. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Nov. 15 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Live out your game show dreams. You won't win a car or vacation, but you'll have lots of fun! | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SCRAP BOOKING MATERIAL ART SWAP

Nov. 16 (Sun) | 1-3 pm | Bach
Bring your extra scrapbooking, art, collage, and sewing materials to swap with others. Items must be clean and in good condition; no hazardous materials. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CINEMANIA

- **Nov. 17 | "Dark Side of the Rainbow"** | Watch "Wizard of Oz" (G, 1939) with the soundtrack replaced by Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" (1973).
- **Dec. 15 | "The Last Unicorn"** | Enjoy this animated movie by Rankin and Bass (G, 1982).
Mondays | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
Watch a cult classic movie with us. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

TALES OF ALBANY: LOCAL HISTORY BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 18 | **Billy Phelan's Greatest Game** by W. Kennedy
- Dec. 16 | *Rebuilding: A Celebration of a Fixed-Up House and Life* by W. Marech
Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Discuss books that are about, or inspired by, Albany history. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CRAFTING FOR SENIORS: POM-POM COASTERS

Nov. 19 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Make and decorate a set of coasters. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE

Nov. 19 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Learn about cosmic rays, gravitational waves, and neutrinos in "New Windows on the Universe" with Dr. Vivek Jain, associate professor of physics at the University at Albany. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

OSCARS CLUB

Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 (Wed) | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Put on your best red carpet 'fit (or your comfiest sweats) for screenings of Oscar-winning movies. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

NOVELS AFTER NOON BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 20 | *The Lincoln Highway* by A. Towles
- Dec. 18 | *James* by P. Everett
Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach
Discuss these engaging novels with us. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

JUST KEEP WRITING

Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Hone your craft in this fiction writing group. | Ages 14+. | Registration required.



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LET ME BE PERFECTLY QUEER: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 21 (Fri) | 6-7 pm | Zoom
- Dec. 19 (Fri) | 5-5:45 pm | North Albany OR Zoom

Discuss books that center on queer stories & experiences. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CRAFT-A-THON: 'TIS THE SEASON

Nov. 22 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe

Bring your current project and work on it with fellow crafters. Sewing machine available. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

TABLETOP ROLE PLAYING GAME: FORBIDDEN LANDS

Nov. 24 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Choose your characters and uncover a story in an hour. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FELTING A MUSHROOM:

A WHIMSICAL FIBER ART WORKSHOP

Nov. 29 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Howe

Learn the magical art of needle felting and create a charming mushroom. For all skill levels. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

UNDERSTANDING THE VIETNAM WAR

- Dec. 1 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm
- Dec. 3 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm
- Dec. 6 (Sat) | 2-3:30 pm

Pine Hills

Michael Rivest, adjunct professor at Hudson Valley Community College, discusses how America slid into one of the most traumatic periods in its history. Attend any or all sessions. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

"DO YOU KNOW ALBANY?" LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT

Dec. 4 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Put your Albany knowledge to the test. The biggest history buffs will win gift certificates to the Spectrum Theater. Sign up as an individual or team. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

READ AND RELAX

Dec. 7 (Sun) | 12:30-1:30 pm | Bach

Listen to a short story or soothing music and do a crossword puzzle or coloring sheet. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

MAKE A SIMPLE EVERGREEN WREATH

Dec. 11 (Thu) & Dec. 16 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Delaware

We'll give you directions and supplies to make an evergreen wreath. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

"WICKED" FOR TRIVIA

Dec. 11 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Madison Theatre | 1036 Madison Ave.

Defy your knowledge and bring your Team Elphaba energy, and your friends, to Madison Theatre in celebration of "Wicked for Good." Presented in partnership with Discover Albany and Madison Theatre. | Ages 18+. | Registration strongly suggested.

SOUND AND COLOR:

A HEALING ART WORKSHOP

Dec. 13 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Howe

Immerse yourself in a unique sensory experience that blends sound healing and creative expression. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CARD MAKING & GIFT WRAPPING

Dec. 15 (Mon) | 5-7:45 pm | Howe

Make gift cards and wrap presents while listening to holiday music in a relaxing environment. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

BEGINNING CROCHET: TREE GARLANDS

Dec. 15, 22 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West Hill
Crochet artist and teacher "Genie of All Trades" shows us the basics of crochet and leads us in creating a holiday tree garland in a two-part series. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

POP-UP PET FOOD PANTRY

Dec. 17 (Wed) | 1-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society provides free pet food and supplies. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

MARTIAL ARTS MOVIE NIGHT

Dec. 17 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Martial arts films. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE DAY

Dec. 21 (Sun) | During Open Hours | Delaware
Try a new puzzle. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

YOUTH

ARTISTS UNITE

Every Monday | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
After-school art. | Ages 13-17. | No registration.

CRAFTER SCHOOL PARTY

Every Tuesday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Arts & crafts fun. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

READING WITH ROCKET THE THERAPY DOG

Every Tuesday | 4-4:30 pm | Delaware
Rocket is a great listener. Come read to him! | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

NIGHTTIME YOGA

Every Tuesday | 5:15-6 pm | Howe
Learn and practice calming poses and breathing. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

AFTER SCHOOL GAMING

Every Tuesday | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
Hang out at the library while playing board and video games with your friends. | Ages 9-17. | No registration.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Play Super Smash Bros. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe
Play video games on Nintendo Switch, Xbox, or PS4. | Ages 9-17. | Drop in.

PICTURE BOOK BINGO

Nov. 1-30 | During Open Hours | Washington
Play picture book BINGO and get a prize. | Ages 3-11. | Drop in.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE

Nov. 2 (Sun) | 2-3:45 pm | Bach
Watch "Paddington in Peru" (PG, 2024) with dimmed lights, flexible seating, fidget toys, closed captioning, and lower volume. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

"WICKED" SCAVENGER HUNT

Nov. 2-30 | During Open Hours | Bach
Find your favorite "Wicked" characters in the library and get a small prize. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE

Nov. 3 (Mon) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Browse our collection of children's books and share your favorites with your family — adults and kids! | Ages 0-11. | Drop in.

LEGO BUILD NIGHT

Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 (Tue) | 4:30-6 pm | Washington
Build something fantastic. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

FUN AT 4

- Nov. 5 | Pinecone Owl
 - **Nov. 12 | "All About Dinosaurs" with Barbara Lukas from WMHT**
 - Dec. 3 | Puzzle Piece Snowflake
 - Dec. 10 | Decorate a Bookmark
 - Dec. 17 | Paper Plate Snake
- Wednesdays | 4-5 pm | Bach
After-school activities. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

GAMERS UNITE

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Wed) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Play board or video games. Note, we'll end 30 minutes early on Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve. | Ages 10-17. | Drop in.



Mini Makers

ALBANY MADE
Creative Lab
AT ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAKERSPACE, JUST FOR KIDS

Mini Makers can use the Albany Made Creative Lab equipment, and also make their own crayons, shrinky dinks, buttons, perlers, and more!

MONDAYS, 4-5:30PM
WASHINGTON AVE BRANCH
AGES 6-14

YOUTH

WRITING RETREAT

Nov. 6 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Write and illustrate your own picture book. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

BOOK BUDDIES

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Together we'll read picture books and do an activity. | Ages 4-8. | No registration.

CRAFTERNOONS

Nov. 6, 20 & Dec. 4, 18 (Thu) | 4:15-5 pm | Delaware
After-school crafts. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Build a Minecraft world. | Ages 6-14. | Drop in.

FIDGET FIRST FRIDAY

Nov. 7 & Dec. 5 (Fri) | 4:15-5:15 pm | Delaware
Try fidget toys and sensory items. | Ages 6+. | Drop in.

MAKE SLIME

Nov. 8 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Make slime to take home. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

KEYCHAINS & CHARMS

Nov. 9 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Make keychains and jewelry charms with Flower Spirit. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

TEXTURE RUBBING ART

Nov. 11 (Tue) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Make art by rubbing crayons and pencils over different textures on paper. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

"WICKED" FAMILY TRIVIA

Nov. 11 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Delaware
Gear up for the new "Wicked" movie by answering trivia questions from the first movie with your family team. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

GAME ON

Nov. 11, 25 & Dec. 2, 16, 30 (Tue) | 3-4 pm |

Bach

Play video, card games. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Play board games with friends. | Ages 10-17. | No registration.

SING ALONG TO "WICKED"

Nov. 12 (Wed) | 5-7:45 pm | Howe
Follow the yellow brick road to Howe for a "Wicked" singalong. | Ages 6+. | No registration.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Nov. 12, 19 & Dec. 3, 10 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn how to make your D&D worlds come alive. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

OFF BOOK: APL DRAMA CLUB

Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Lights, camera, action! Work together to put on a show. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

DEAL ME A STORY

Nov. 17 (Mon) | 5:45-6:15 pm | Zoom
Try a quick writing session via Zoom. | Ages 7+. | Registration required.

"WICKED" FUN: SINGALONG OZSTRAVAGANZA

Nov. 17 (Mon) | 6-7:45 pm | Arbor/West Hill
Sing along to "Wicked" movie (PG, 2024). Enjoy Oz-themed crafts and games, too. | Ages 6+. | Registration required.

WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING?

Nov. 18 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington
Share your favorite games, trailers, and reviews. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

FIDGET CHALLENGE

Nov. 18 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Compete at different stations to see if you can get the fastest times. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

Nov. 19 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Read the 1st chapter of *Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend* together and then do an activity. Take the book home to keep. | Ages 7-12. | Registration required.

YOUTH

TEEN ZINES

Nov. 20 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Make a zine. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

THEY LIVED ALONG THE MOHAWK

Dec. 3 (Wed) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Learn how Indigenous people lived and harnessed natural resources to provide for their families. Presented by The Children's Museum at Saratoga. | Ages 5-8. | Registration required.

ORIGAMI WREATHS

Dec. 3 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make a holiday wreath out of folded paper. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

DECK THE HALL-BANY HOLIDAY MARKET & FESTIVAL

Dec. 6 (Sat) | 11 am-4 pm | Clinton Market Collective & Quackenbush Square
Visit the APL booth at the city's Holiday Market & Festival—at Clinton Ave. between Broadway and North Pearl St. We're hosting a sensory-friendly activity, craft, and book giveaway. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

NO-BAKE COOKIES

Dec. 6 (Sat) | 2:30-4 pm | Howe
Learn to make a recipe for tasty no-bake cookies. | Ages 13+. | Registration required.

SCIENCE OF HOT CHOCOLATE

Dec. 9 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Cozy up with a cup of hot chocolate and discover the science of colloids. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

LET'S GET ORNAMENTAL

Dec. 10 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Decorate blank ornaments using your unique holiday style and flair. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

WINTER & HOLIDAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Dec. 12 (Fri) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Explore the branch and find winter/holiday items on the scavenger hunt list. Win a prize, too. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

BUILD A FOAM DINOSAUR

Dec. 12 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Build with foam dino bones and make a dino egg. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

DOG DAYS OF DECEMBER DANCE PARTY

Dec. 15 (Mon) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany
Surf's up! Let loose and have some summer fun with The Beach Boys tunes and beach balls. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

WINTER CANDLES

Dec. 16 (Tue) | 4-4:45 pm | Delaware
Create a winter-themed candle. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

GUITAR HERO

Dec. 19 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Play with friends. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

Dec. 19 (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 on their own. The session includes reading together and a craft. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

TINY ORNAMENT SAND ART

Dec. 20 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Make sand art in little bottles, then turn them into ornaments. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

CRAFT-A-THON FOR KIDS: 'TIS THE SEASON

Dec. 20 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Make crafts that you can give as presents. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE TOURNAMENT

Dec. 22 (Mon) | 6-7:45 pm | Howe
We'll have a variety of puzzles available for all skill levels. | Ages 6+. | Registration required.

WINTERTAINMENT

- Dec. 26 (Fri) | Cut and Paste Polar Bear
- Dec. 27 (Sat) | Handprint Penguin
- Dec. 29 (Mon) | Winter Mittens
- Dec. 30 (Tue) | Snow People Wreath
- Dec. 31 (Wed) | Winter BINGO

2-3 pm | Washington
Winter break activities. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	BRANCH
1st Saturday for Families	Nov. 1: "Wicked" Fun Dec. 6: Cookies and Crafts	0-10	Saturdays: Nov. 1 & Dec. 6	10:30 am	Washington
Baby Bounce Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	0-2	Wed. (Not 11/26, 12/24)	10:30 am	Bach
			Thurs. (Not 11/27, 12/25)	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Every Monday	10:30 am	Washington
Growing Readers Stories & Play	Storytime and playtime. Sign up for Growing Readers to get reading tips and free books.	0-5	Every Saturday	11:30 am	Howe
			Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Every Sat. (Not 11/1, 12/6)	10:30 am	Washington
Gruff & Friends Storytime	Stories with friendly monster Gruff.	1-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Let's Glow Storytime & Dance Party	Stories and dancing, with glowsticks.	0-4	Fridays: Nov. 21 & Dec. 19	10:30 am	North Albany
Music Fun with Matt	Songs and dance.	0-5	Friday: Dec. 19	10:30 am	Washington
Native American Legends Storytime	Perry Ground, Haudenosaunee Confederacy, shares legends.	0-5	Saturday: Nov. 15	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Pajama Storytime	Wear your jammies and enjoy stories, songs, more.	2-7	Tuesdays (Not 11/4)	6:30 pm	Bach
Playdough Playtime	Learn letters, numbers, shapes, and more using playdough.	0-5	Fridays: Nov. 7 & Dec. 5	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
Sunbeam Storytime	Stories, rhymes, songs.	0-5	Every Wednesday	12:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Toddler & Preschool Storytime & Play	Songs, movement, play.	0-6	Mondays (Not 11/3)	10:30 am	Bach
		0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
		1-4	Fridays (Not 11/28, 12/26)	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, dance, craft, play.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe



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- **Visit or call any branch to join Growing Readers!**
- Receive the **quarterly Growing Readers Bleecker Bulletin** email newsletter with info about Growing Readers programs.
- Growing Readers helps **get your child ready to read** before kindergarten -- all at your own pace.
- **Meet other families at storytimes and playgroups** and enjoy special Growing Readers programs at the library.
- Receive **tips on how to read with your baby, toddler, or preschooler** and advice on books they'll love.
- Get a welcome bag and a **free book every two months** to build your home library.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

CLOSED ALL DAY

Nov. 27-28 (Thu-Fri)
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 24-25 (Wed-Thu)
Christmas Holiday

EARLY CLOSURE AT 5:30 PM

Nov. 26 (Wed)
Thanksgiving Eve

Dec. 31 (Wed)
New Year's Eve



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An ART AT APL Exhibition

COUNTENANCE: THE CONTEMPORARY PORTRAIT

DEC. 5 AT 6 PM
OPENING RECEPTION

DEC. 6, 2025-MAY 9, 2026
VIEW DURING OPEN HOURS





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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
- **Washington Ave. Branch** | 161 Washington Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x1

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