

MAY & JUNE PROGRAM GUIDE

2026

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



Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election is May 19



LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAMS

- ▶ Local History Room with City Historian | Every Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington | For adults
- ▶ Local History Trivia Night with Discover Albany | May 1 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm | Common Roots | For adults
- ▶ Pine Hills Architectural Guided Walking Tour | May 6 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Pine Hills | For all ages
- ▶ Tales of Albany Book Club: *The Island at the Center of the World* | May 19 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington | For adults
- ▶ Gilded Age Evening Stroll with Discover Albany | June 9 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Cathedral of All Saints | For adults
- ▶ Tales of Albany Book Club: "History of the Underground Railroad and Albany's Role in the Movement for Freedom" | June 16 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington | For adults
- ▶ Let's Talk Albany: "Reimagining Downtown Albany by Introducing a Waterway and Uncovering Historic Lock One" | June 18 (Thu) | 1-2:30 pm | Bach | For adults
- ▶ Gathering Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Capital Region | June 23 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington | For adults
- ▶ The Curious Mind: "The African Burial Ground at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery" | June 27 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Washington | For adults

◀ Visit the online events calendar for full program descriptions and to register. ▶



MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- Mini Makers | May 4, 11, 18 & June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) | 4-5:30 pm | Ages 6-14
- Open Lab | Every Tuesday | 3-6 pm | Ages 6+
- Open Lab | Every Thursday | 4:30-7:30 pm | Ages 6+ Washington

Use 3D printers, sewing machines, art implements, hand tools, Perler beads, more. Mini Makers sessions include buttons, make-your-own crayons, and more special youth activities. | All ages. | Drop in.

“MESSAGES FROM SURVIVORS: A TRAVELING EXHIBIT”

May 1-30 | During Open Hours | Howe
 “Messages from Survivors” features the story, strength, and resilience of a Jewish family that survived the Holocaust. The exhibit tells their story in the United States from 1962 to 2016. | All ages. | Drop in.

PINE HILLS ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

May 6 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Pine Hills
 Historic Albany Foundation’s Cari Macri leads a family-friendly (and pretty short!) walking tour highlighting architectural features you’ll find on Pine Hills residential buildings. If you can’t attend this tour, pick up a self-guided tour map at the Pine Hills Branch to do the walk whenever you like. | All ages. | Registration required.

MOVIE/CRAFT MASHUP

- **May 18** | **“The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants”** (PG, 2025)
 - **June 29** | **“Goat”** (PG, 2026)
- Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
 Dive into a family movie and bring the story to life with a themed craft. | All ages. | No registration.

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH MUSIC BINGO

May 27 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
 Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with a Bingo game featuring music from notable AAPI artists. | All ages. | Registration required.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

- **May 27** | **“Sonic the Hedgehog 3”** (PG, 2024)
 - **June 25** | **“Dog Man”** (PG, 2025)
- Wednesdays | 4-5:45 pm | Delaware
 Lights and volume are low. Fidget toys and sensory objects are available. | All ages. | No registration.

PUZZLE SWAP

May 28 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany
 Bring a puzzle to swap with a fellow puzzler or select one from our puzzle closet. | All ages. | No registration.

ART AT APL EXHIBITION: “SUPER-NATURAL”

- Opening Reception | June 5 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm | View the art, enjoy light snacks, and hear live music by The Dave Gleason/Mike Lawrence Duo.
- Exhibition Viewing | June 6-Nov. 7 | Open Hours Pine Hills

“Super-Natural” brings together a group of artists who capture and transform our natural world into the mystical—pulsing with light and energy. The exhibition is curated by Opalka Gallery of the Sage College of Albany. Art at APL is funded by the Friends and Foundation of APL, with additional support from the Arts Thrive and Grow grant administered through The Arts Center of the Capital Region and funded by New York State.

SECRET MESSAGE RAINBOW BRACELETS

June 9 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Delaware
 Use Morse Code to place your initials on a rainbow-colored beaded bracelet to wear at the Albany Pride parade on June 14. | All ages | Registration required.

WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

June 16 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
 Local musician Jordan Taylor Hill brings everyone together with the power of West African drumming, dance, and storytelling as we get ready to celebrate Juneteenth. | All ages. | Registration recommended.

BACH LIVE: SLINGSHOT

June 18 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach
 Slingshot is a high energy funk/soul band. | All ages. | No registration.

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

June 27 (Sat) | 11 am-2 pm | Pine Hills
 Join us for a party kicking off Summer Reading with music, activities, and summer treats. Be sure to sign up for Summer Reading, too. | All ages. | Drop in.

COMMUNITY DANCE

June 30 (Tue) at 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
 Homespun Occasions leads this community dance. Learn the steps from the caller and dance together with live music. | All ages. | Registration recommended.



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 current information.
- Register: Phone (518) 427-4300 | Online events calendar at albanypubliclibrary.org | QR code



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 exercises. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALBANY CITY HISTORIAN IN LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Every Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Assistance from Tony Opalka. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

► Every Tuesday | 10:30 am-12 pm
► Every Wednesday | 2-3:30 pm
Pine Hills
Classes hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Capital Region. | Ages 18+. | Register at (518) 244-4650.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

► Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | North Albany
► Every Tuesday | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
► Every Thursday | 1-2 pm | Delaware
► May 14 & June 11 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Get help writing resumes and cover letters. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH FOR NEWCOMER ADULTS

► Every Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
► Every Friday | 12:30-2 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Newcomers work on basic English skills. Presented by RISSE (Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus). | Ages 18+. | No registration.

POKEMON GO! LUNCHTIME LURE

Every Wednesday | 12-1 pm | Delaware
Get the Pokémon GO lure on the Delaware Ave. Trolley Tree statue behind the building. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Every Wednesday | 1-2 pm | Bach
Bring your own project. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

► ARBOR HILL NEIGHBORHOOD | Every Thursday | 3-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
► DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD | May 13, 27 & June 10, 24 (Wed) | 2-4:30 pm | Delaware
► NORTH ALBANY NEIGHBORHOOD | Every Tuesday | 2-4 pm | North Albany
► PINE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD | May 11 & June 8, 22 (Mon) at 2:30-4:30 pm | May 7, 21, 28 & June 4, 18 (Thu) at 12:30-2:30 pm | Pine Hills
► WEST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

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

STITCH ANGELS

Every Friday | 12:30-2:30 pm | Delaware
Work on your fiber art project. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT

May 1 (Fri) | 6-7 pm | Common Roots
Join us at Common Roots (19 Quackenbush Sq.) for a team trivia night focusing on local history and hosted by Discover Albany. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ONCE-A-MONTH MOVIE

► **May 1 | "Game of Death"** (R, 1978) | Bruce Lee movie for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
► **June 5 | "Go Fish"** (R, 1994) | A lesbian-centered romance film for Pride Month
Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe
Stop by and enjoy a movie. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

INDIE LENS POP-UP FILM SERIES

May 2 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills
Documentary screening of "The Grocery List Show" followed by a moderated community conversation organized by WMHT. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SCRAPBOOKING MATERIAL ART SWAP

May 3 (Sun) | 1-3 pm | Bach
Swap craft materials, scrapbooking items, sewing materials, and art supplies. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

SPRING INTO A QUILLING CRAFT

May 3 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Create a two-toned flower and pot by curling, twisting, and looping paper. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

► May 4, 11, 18 & June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware
► Every Thursday | 2-2:30 pm & 3-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
► May 14 & June 11 (Thu) | 12:30-1 pm | Bach
Bring your device for 1-on-1 help. Bach sessions hosted by NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

THE ART CORNER

► May 4 | Mosaic Coaster
► June 1 | Watercolor Painting
Mondays | 2-3 pm OR 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Create art while listening to smooth music in a relaxing workshop. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

WITH PEN IN HAND

May 4, 18 & June 1, 15, 29 (Mon) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe
Writing workshop facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SCREEN REPAIR WORKSHOP

► May 4 (Mon) | 5:30-7 pm | Howe
► May 13 (Wed) | 5:30-7 pm | Pine Hills
► June 1 (Mon) | 5:30-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Love Your Block teaches how to repair damaged window screens. Tools provided; bring your screen. | Ages 18+. | Registration recommended.

ADULTS

TABLETOP ROLE PLAYING GAME: FORBIDDEN LANDS

May 4 & June 1 (Mon) | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
Join us for the next chapter in the Forbidden Lands story.
| Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

- May 4 | *An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good* by H. Tursten
 - June 1 | *The Verifiers* by J. Pek
- Mondays | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
Read first then join us for a discussion online. | Ages 18+.
| Registration required.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE CANDIDATES FORUM

May 5 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Hear from the candidates who are running for three seats on the APL Board of Trustees. Also included: a brief budget presentation from APL Executive Director Andrea Nicolay. The budget vote and trustee election is May 19. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

ABSTRACT COLLAGE

May 5, 12 (Tue) | 1-2:30 pm | Bach
Use recycled materials to make dynamic and colorful abstract collages. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- May 5 | Author Talk | Albany native Jessica Treadway reads from *I Felt My Life with Both My Hands*.
- May 12 | Book Review | *The World's Strongest Librarian* reviewed by John Edvalson, APL librarian.
- May 19 | Book Review | *The Chip War* reviewed by Charles Hailer of the NYS Urban Development Corp.
- May 26 | Book Review | *The Fear and the Fury* reviewed by James Collins, University at Albany professor emeritus.
- June 2 | Book Review | *The Island at the Center of the World* reviewed by city resident John Hammer.
- June 9 | Illustrator Talk | Marcus Kwame Anderson, of the Underground Railroad Education Center, discusses his graphic novel *Big Jim and the White Boy*.
- June 16 | Book Review | *The Gift of Fear* reviewed by David Guistina, WAMC producer/anchor and UAlbany adjunct professor.
- June 23 | Book Review | *Money, Lies, and God* and *The Shadow Gospel* reviewed by Frank Robinson, author/philosopher.
- June 30 | Author Talk | Molly Dunn reads from her psychological thriller *The Circuitry We Share*.

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington
Weekly book talks hosted by Friends & Foundation of APL. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SEWING GROUP

May 5 & June 2 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Advice from experienced stitchers; new immigrants practice English skills. Hosted by Stitch Exchange, a RISSE partner. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

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YARN OVER & YAP

- May 5 & June 2 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
 - May 11 & June 8 (Mon) | 10:30-11:30 am | North Alb.
 - May 11 & June 8, 22 (Mon) | 2-3 pm | Washington
 - June 29 (Mon) | 5-6 pm | Howe
- Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework project and work on it while we chat. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

COMEDY SHOW FOR SENIORS

May 6 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Delaware
Laugh along with comedian Judi Clements as she shares her life as a teacher, mother and stand-up comedian. | Ages 18+. | Registration recommended.

TURNTABLE TAKEOVER 3: RISE OF THE DEEJAY

May 6 (Wed) | 6-8 pm | Howe
Learn about the rise of deejays in the 1970s and how a cultural phenomenon resulted in a new genre of music. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

- May 6, 20 & June 3, 17 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
 - May 12, 26 & June 9, 23 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware
- Caregivers, stop in with your groups for activities for all abilities. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SHORT STORY READ-ALLOUD

May 6 & June 3 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Listen to a librarian read a short story and then discuss it. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

STAR WARS TRIVIA

May 7 (Thu) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Delaware
May the 4th be with you for a Star Wars trivia contest (live-action films). | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

Listen while you ride the bus.



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The library reading app

ADULTS

NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

May 7, 21 & June 4, 25 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Susan Riback, NNORC community health nurse educator, does blood pressure checks, medication reviews, more. Sponsored by the NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

► May 7 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | North Albany
► June 11 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware
Learn how to prepare for and respond to disasters. Presented by the New York Citizen Preparedness Training Program. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TAI CHI FOR DAILY LIFE

May 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills
Learn Tai Chi for improved balance, posture, flexibility, and breathing. Taught by certified Tai Chi instructor Sabine Seiler. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

HOMEBUYER 101

May 8 (Fri) | 1-2 pm | Washington
Learn about down payment programs, credit qualification, and more. Presented by Affordable Housing Partnership. | Ages 18+. | Register: (518) 434-1730.

MONEY MATTERS WORKSHOP SERIES

► May 8 | Back to Budget Basics
► June 12 | Credit Awareness
Fridays | 11 am-12 pm | Washington
Learn practical tips and advice for improving your budget and credit score. The series continues in July and August. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

May 8 & June 12 (Fri) | 12-1:30 pm | Albany Center Gallery
Immerse yourself in the artwork at Albany Center Gallery (48 N. Pearl St.) and read whatever you want. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

VINYASA FLOW YOGA

► May 10 | Vinyasa Flow
► June 21 | Summer Solstice Flow
Sundays | 3-4 pm | Delaware
Practice yoga with the Pink Yogi Spot. All levels welcome. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ART AFTER DARK

► May 11 | Figure Drawing
► June 8 | Linocut
Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Express yourself. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

JEWISH STORIES EVERY PERSON SHOULD KNOW

May 12 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month with "A Rabbi, a Prophet, and a King Walk into a Bar & Other Jewish Stories Every Person Should Know" presented by local historian and professional storyteller Sandy Schuman. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

May 12, 26 & June 9, 23 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
Free and discreet testing provided by In Our Own Voices. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 12 & June 9 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington & YouTube
Share comments at meetings, via voicemail (518) 290-6905, or email publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

JOURNALING JOURNEY: MINDFULNESS JOURNALING

May 13 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | North Albany
We're finding strength in our own stories for Mental Health Awareness Month. Bring a journal; we'll supply pens, markers. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CHAIR YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

May 13 & June 17 (Wed) | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington
This chair yoga class is designed for older individuals with mobility impairment to help improve balance and flexibility. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

May 15 & June 26 (Fri) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Zoom
Discuss books that center on queer stories and experiences. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY:

A PERSONAL JOURNEY

May 16 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Aaron Mair, founder of Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation and former president of the national Sierra Club, shares his experience researching his African American family ancestry. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP: POETRY & SHORT STORY

May 18 & June 15 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe
Get prompts for writing poetry and short stories, plus discuss your work. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CINEMANIA

► **May 18 | "Metropolis"** (PG-13, 2001) | From Japan and director Rintarō for AAPI Month
► **June 15 | "Troll 2"** (PG-13, 1990) | B-horror movie from director Claudio Fregrasso
Mondays | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
Watch a cult classic film. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

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LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION
May 19 (Tue) | 7 am-9 pm | School District
Polling Places
Voters cast ballots on the library's 2026-27
budget and select three members for the
Board of Trustees. More info: [albanypubliclibrary.org/
about/budget](http://albanypubliclibrary.org/about/budget). | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

FINANCIAL SCAM PREVENTION TIPS

May 19 (Tue) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Delaware
Learn how to keep personal financial information safe
and what to do if you become a victim. Presented by
NNORC and Broadview Federal Credit Union. | Ages
18+. | Registration required.

TALES OF ALBANY: LOCAL HISTORY BOOK CLUB

- ▶ May 19 | *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America* by R. Shorto
 - ▶ **June 16 | "History of the Underground Railroad and Albany's Role in the Movement for Freedom"** with the Underground Railroad Education Center and *Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America* by F. Bordewich
- Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Discuss books that are about, or inspired by, Albany history. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CRAFTING FOR ADULTS

May 20 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Make a summer fruit drink coaster. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NATIVE PLANTS IN THE HOME LANDSCAPE

May 20 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Learn from Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany Co.
master gardeners. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

OSCARS CLUB

- ▶ **May 20 | "The Sting"** (PG, 1973)
 - ▶ **June 17 | "Milk"** (R, 2008) | For Pride Month
- Wednesdays | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Oscar-winning films. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CANVAS & CALM

May 21 & June 18 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware
We provide art supplies and quiet setting so you can
paint. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CURIOUS ABOUT AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE?

May 26 (Tue) | 3-4:30 pm | Howe
Capital Region Language Center's Kayani Ilse discusses
deaf and hard of hearing terminology and culture,
American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet, and basic
signs. For hearing, hard of hearing, and deaf individuals.
| Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ASIAN TEA CEREMONIES

May 26 (Tue) | 5:30-6:30 pm | Washington
Explore brewing techniques of Gong Fu Cha (Chinese)
and Chadō (Japanese) tea ceremonies Short and
Stout Tea Lounge. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

- ▶ May 27 | *Foundation* by I. Asimov
 - ▶ June 24 | *A Memory Called Empire* by A. Martine
- Wednesdays | 6-7 pm | North Albany
Explore new and classic sci-fi titles and discuss together.
| Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BOOKED FOR ROMANCE

- ▶ May 27 (Wed) | *The Kiss Quotient* by H. Hoang | For AAPI Month
 - ▶ June 22 (Mon) | *Heated Rivalry* by R. Reid | For Pride Month
- 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Read at home and join us for a discussion. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

STAR TREK TRIVIA & CHAT

- ▶ **May 28 | "Deep Space 9" & More**
 - ▶ **June 25 | "Starfleet Academy," "Strange New Worlds" & More**
- Thursdays | 6:45-7:45 pm | Delaware
Test your Star Trek knowledge, plus discuss favorite characters, episodes. Small Star Trek-themed prize for the quickest person to answer the most questions. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FREE SEEDS YEAR 2 even more seeds at the North Albany Branch



with Love Your Block

ADULTS

ON YOUR FEET & INDEPENDENT:

A FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

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

Learn about the physical and environmental risk factors that contribute to adult falls, and how to mitigate them.

Presented by Albany Medical Center's Tom Moran and NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

June 2 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Artist Opal Hexen teaches you to make a stamp that can be used to print on a tote bag or paper. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

THE SHELTERING SKY:

THE MUSIC & WORDS OF PAUL BOWLES

June 3 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

The Arch Stanton Quartet draws upon the music and writings of Paul Bowles, including *The Sheltering Sky*. | *This performance is supported by a grant from the Albany County Arts & Culture Program in coordination with Advance Albany County Alliance provided to the Arch Stanton Quartet.* | Ages 18+. | No registration.

EXPERIENCE A SOUND BATH

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

Charles Adinolfi, from Inner Bliss, shares a full body listening experience. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LEAF A PLANT, TAKE A PLANT: PLANT SWAP

June 4 (Thu) | 5-7 pm | Washington

Bring healthy, pest-free cuttings, and extra plants to swap. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

FLORAL CROSS STITCH BOOKMARK

June 6 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills

Learn to cross stitch a floral-themed bookmark. All supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

GILDED AGE EVENING STROLL

June 9 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Cathedral of All Saints

Discover Albany's Maeve McEneny-Johnson takes us on a Gilded Age walking tour through Center Square starting at the Cathedral of All Saints (62 S. Swan St.). | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FAUX STAINED GLASS ART

June 10 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Use everyday materials to craft a faux stained glass wall art piece. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LEVEL UP YOUR JOB SEARCH

June 12 (Fri) | 2-3:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn job interviewing skills. Presented by Rockefeller College Center for Women in Government & Civil Society fellows. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MARTIAL ARTS MOVIE NIGHT

June 17 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor/West Hill

Watch a martial arts film. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

LEARN HOW TO ACCESS NEWSPAPERS AT HOME FOR FREE

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

Your APL library card provides with free digital access to current and past issues of newspapers including Times Union and New York Times. Bring your library card number and device. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

LET'S TALK ALBANY:

"REIMAGINING DOWNTOWN ALBANY BY INTRODUCING A WATERWAY AND UNCOVERING HISTORIC LOCK 1"

June 18 (Wed) | 1-2:30 pm | Bach

The Albany Waterway's BJ Costello explains the concept that reenvisions Albany by reestablishing social and economic connections to the Hudson River and Erie Canal. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

GATHERING STORIES:

LESBIAN EXPERIENCES IN THE CAPITAL REGION

June 23 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Uncover stories of lesbians in the Capital Region using Upper Hudson Library System historical records and present-day archives. Attendees can also record their own submissions. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CROCHET A DRAWSTRING POUCH

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

Get step-by-step instructions to crochet a colorful drawstring pouch. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BUILDING HEALTHY BRAIN HABITS

June 25 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Learn habits to protect your memory and reduce risk of cognitive decline. Presented by Alzheimer's Association and with NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

EMBRACING ME: A BOOK CLUB

June 25 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Zoom

Discuss books that encourage accepting yourself, no matter what. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

June 25 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe

Learn the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia, plus disease stages and risk factors. Presented by Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

THE CURIOUS MIND:

AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND AT ST. AGNES CEMETERY

June 27 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Washington

Learn the story of how an African Burial Ground was uncovered on the site of St. Agnes Cemetery in Mennands. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

YOUTH

CRAFTER SCHOOL PARTY

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

AFTER SCHOOL GAMING

Every Tuesday | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
Board and video games. | Ages 9-17. | No registration.

GAMERS UNITE

Every Wednesday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Play Nintendo Switch together. | Ages 10-17. | Drop in.

BOOK BUDDIES

Every Thursday (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
Picture books and activities. Special Pride-themed flag activity on June 11. | Ages 4-8. | No registration.

MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Every Thursday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Build a Minecraft world. | Ages 6-14. | Drop in.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

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

TEEN FRIDAYS

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 12, 26 (Fri) | 3-4:30 pm | North Albany
Video games, crafts, more. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

GAMING ZONE

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 12, 26 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe
Play video games with friends. | Ages 9-17. | Drop in.

FIDGET 1ST FRIDAY

May 1 & June 5 (Fri) | 4:15-5 pm | Delaware
Try fidget toys and sensory items. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY BOOKMARKS

May 2 (Sat) | 1-5 pm | Howe
Make a bookmark and check out our collection of graphic novels and manga. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

COMICS CLUB

May 4 (Mon) | 3-4:30 pm | North Albany
Create your own comic book and share it with friends. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

CURIOUS ABOUT AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE?

KIDS EDITION

May 4 (Mon) | 3:30-4:45 pm | Howe
Capital Region Language Center's Josh Barmen teaches you to fingerspell your first name and count to 10. Class for hearing, hard of hearing, and deaf individuals. | Ages 8-17. | Registration required.

MAKE YOUR OWN LIGHTSABER

May 4 (Mon) | 4-4:45 pm | Delaware
It's May the 4th! Visit us to make your very own lightsaber. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

"MAY THE 4TH" CRAFT WITH YOU

May 4 (Mon) | 5-7:45 pm | Howe
Craft a lightsaber and test if you're one with the Force. | Ages 5-11. | Drop in.

ARTISTS UNITE

May 4, 11, 18 & June 1, 8, 15 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
After-school art. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

TULIPS IN SPRING WATERCOLOR PAINTING

May 5 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Celebrate spring tulips by making resistance watercolor paintings. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

MAKE A MINI BEADED PLANT

May 5 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington
Get inspired by the Albany Tulip Festival and make a beaded plant. | Ages 11+. | Registration required.

BIG FEELS: A MENTAL HEALTH BOOK TALK

May 5 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
Discuss "big feels" in a safe space. Caregivers welcome. Presented by Noteworthy Resources for Mental Health Awareness Month. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

LEGO BUILD NIGHT

May 5 & June 2 (Tue) | 4:30-6 pm | Washington
Join us for free-building and LEGO play. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT AN ANIME CLUB

May 6, 20 & June 3, 17 (Wed) | 3-5 pm | Howe
Join our manga club for drawing, discussion, games, cosplay, and more. | Ages 10-17. | No registration.

FUN AT 4

May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 3, 10, 24 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Join us after school for fun activities. And, be sure to visit as our caterpillars turn into butterflies May 18 through June 5. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

May 6, 20 & June 3, 10 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor/West Hill
Learn how to make your D&D worlds come alive. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

FLOWER HAMMERING PAPER ART

May 7 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Gently hammer flower petals to make fun patterns on watercolor paper. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS

May 7, 21 & June 4, 18 (Thu) | 4:15-5 pm | Delaware |

YOUTH

Crafting fun after school. Supplies are first come, first served. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

BUSY BUILDERS

May 8, 22 & June 12, 26 (Fri) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Build something great. Ages 5-11. | No registration.

LEARN POLYNESIAN DANCES

May 11 (Mon) | 5:30-7 pm | Howe
Learn some basic hula and Tahitian moves with instructional videos. | Ages 15+. | Registration required.

CONSENT & BOUNDARIES FOR KIDS

- May 11 (Mon) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill | Ages 8-11
 - May 19 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | North Albany | Ages 11-13
- Learn about consent, bodily autonomy, and boundaries in this gender-inclusive discussion. | *Made possible by Upper Hudson Library System Sex Accurate Information for Youth and Libraries Grant.* | Registration required.

DUKE THE THERAPY DOG

May 12 & June 9 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Washington
Play games and read books to Duke the therapy dog. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

GET TO KNOW RAPTORS

May 13 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Meet owls, hawks, falcons, and eagles from Silent Wings raptor rescue. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

OPERATION: GAME NIGHT

May 14 & June 11 (Thu) | 3-5 pm | North Albany
Pick a board game from our extensive collection and play with friends. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

PAGE TURNERS

- May 14 | **Maizy Chen's Last Chance** for AAPI Month | Zoom
- June 18 | *Lunar Boy* for Pride Month | Washington
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm
Fun book group. | Ages 9-14. | Registration required.

LEARN ORIGAMI TOGETHER

May 16 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Learn the basics of origami together. | Ages 6-17. | Registration required.

DEAL ME A STORY

May 18 (Mon) | 5:45-6:15 pm | Zoom
This quick session helps spark inspiration to write a short story. | Ages 5+. | Registration required.

STAMPED

May 19 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Leave your mark on the world by creating a custom stamp. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

BUBBLE TEA

May 19 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Prepare milk tea and bubble tea with the Short and Stout Tea Lounge. | Ages 12-17. | Registration required.

STORYTIME WITH ROCKET THE DOG

- May 19 | For AAPI Month
 - June 16 | For Juneteenth
- Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Delaware
Stories, songs, dimmer lights, and fidget toys, plus you can pet Rocket! | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

CHICKENS!

- May 19 (Tue) | Meet a Hen and a Rooster | 4-5 pm
 - May 26 (Tue) | Egg Candling | 4-5 pm
 - May 19-June 18 | Eggs & Chicks | Open Hours
- Washington
George Steele introduces us to hens, roosters, growing eggs, and baby chicks. | Ages 4-17. | No registration.

MANGA CAFÉ

May 19 & June 16 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Read and talk about your favorite manga. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

K-POP PHOTOCARD DECORATING

May 21 (Thu) | 4:30-6 pm | Washington
Honor your fave K-Pop band with this class inspired by Japanese decoden. | Ages 11+. | Registration required.

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

May 28 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Read together and do a fun craft activity. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

JUST KEEP WRITING

May 28 & June 25 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Hone your craft, share ideas, and get feedback in this fiction writing group. | Ages 14+. | Registration required.

TIE-DYE TEDDY BEARS

- May 29 (Fri) | 4:15-5 pm
 - June 30 (Tue) | 2:15-3 pm
- Delaware
Tie-dye a teddy bear and then decorate it using mess-free dye. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required

JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM

June 3 (Wed) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Pine Hills
The Children's Museum of Saratoga leads us in experiments and activities about the solar system. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

PRIDE FLAG FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

June 4 (Thu) | 3-4:30 pm | North Albany
Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month with rainbow friendship bracelets. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

YOUTH

DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

June 6 (Sat) | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington
Dress-up is real! Enjoy stories, songs, and a craft with Noelle Diamond. | Ages 0-10. | No registration.

“MACRAMADE” BRACELETS

June 9 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Learn how to make macrame hemp bracelets. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

SKATEBOARDING 101 — 2.0

June 9 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
Learn about skateboarding history, culture, and local resources. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

CHARACTERS WELCOME

June 10 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Howe
It's a character development bootcamp for comic books & manga. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

CHICKEN FLINGING CHALLENGE

► June 10 (Wed) | 4:30-5 pm
► June 26 (Fri) | 5-5:30 pm
Delaware
Test your skills with rubber chicken finger slingshots. Highest score wins. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

TELLING STORIES WITH BOOKS & DANCE

June 11 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Delaware
Kids and caregivers use dance, voice, and acting to create stories. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

PIN IT PROUD

June 15-26 | 4-5:30 pm | Delaware
Visit the reference desk and make a Pride-themed button you can wear. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

BUBBLE DAY

June 17 (Wed)
► 11:30am-12:30 pm | Ages 0-5
► 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 5-11
Delaware
We'll be outside for an amazing bubble party. | Registration required.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

June 17 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Read the 1st chapter of *I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863* together and do an activity. Take the book home to keep. | Ages 7-12. | Registration required.

DE-STRESS SLIME

June 18 (Thu) | 3-4:30 pm | North Albany
Mix up a batch of stress relieving slime. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

JUNETEENTH CRAFT

June 18 (Thu) | 4-5:45 pm | Howe
Make a Juneteenth flag that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States in 1865. | Ages 0-10. | Registration required.

POKÉMON TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

June 20 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Washington
Create a tiny Pokémon world inside a mini terrarium. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

“TOTES(ALLY)” CUSTOM

June 23 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Customize a repurposed tote bag to hold your Summer Reading books! | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

SCHOOL'S OUT: SUMMER READING SIGNUPS

June 26 (Fri) | 1-5 pm | All Branches
Celebrate the end of school and start of Summer Reading with cookies and crafts. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

EXTREME UNO

June 27 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Play some Uno games with friends, but in the extreme! | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

June 30 (Tue) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Play board games. | Ages 10-17. | No registration.

ARCHAEOLOGY 101

June 30 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
Excavate mysterious sand pits like a real archaeologist. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.



The poster features a blue and green color scheme with a trail of birds on the right side. At the top left, it says "UNEARTH A STORY" with a blue dinosaur reading a book. To the right is the "ALBANY READS" logo. The main title is "SUMMER READING AT APL". Below this, two events are listed:

 JUNE 26 FRI 1-5 PM AGES 5-17	SCHOOL'S OUT: SUMMER READING SIGNUP! COOKIES & CRAFTS ALL BRANCHES
JUNE 27 SAT 11AM-2 PM ALL AGES	SUMMER READING FAMILY CELEBRATION! MUSIC & ACTIVITIES & TREATS PINE HILLS BRANCH

At the bottom right, there is a green dinosaur icon.

... GROWING READERS STORYTIMES & PLAYGROUPS ...

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	BRANCH
1st Saturday for Families	May 2: Parachute Play June 6: Drag Queen Storytime	0-10	Saturdays: May 2 & June 6	10:30 am	Washington
Baby Bounce Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	0-2	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Bach
			Thursdays	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Mondays (Not 5/25)	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	Saturdays (Not 5/23)	11:30 am	Howe
			Saturdays (Not 5/23, 6/27)	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Saturdays (Not 5/23)	10:30 am	Washington
Gruff & Friends Storytime	Stories with friendly monster Gruff.	1-4	Tuesdays (Not 6/23)	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Pajama Storytime	Wear your jammies and enjoy bedtime stories and songs.	2-7	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Bach
Playdough Playtime	Learn letters, numbers, shapes, and more using playdough.	0-5	Fridays: May 1 & June 5	4:30 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Sensory Friendly Storytime & Play	Dim lights, fidget toys, and fun songs followed by playtime.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Washington
Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime & Play	Stories in English & Spanish for all. <i>¡Únase a nosotros para la hora de cuentos bilingüe y juego!</i>	0-5	Fridays: May 1 & June 5	10:30 am	North Albany
Sunbeam Storytime	Stories, rhymes, songs.	0-5	Mondays (Not 5/25)	12:30 pm	Arbor/West Hill
Toddler & Preschool Storytime & Play	Songs, movement, play.	0-6	Mondays (Not 5/25)	10:30 am	Bach
		0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
		1-4	Fridays (Not 6/19)	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, dance, craft, play.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe

GROWING READERS GRADUATION

JUNE 27
Saturday at 10:30-11 am
Pine Hills Branch

- ★ Celebrate our oldest Growing Readers
- ★ Presentation of diplomas by Bleeker the Library Owl
- ★ Plus, a craft and stories for all

GROWING READERS
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- ◀ **Visit or call any branch to join Growing Readers!**
- ◀ Receive the **quarterly Growing Readers Bleeker 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.



Library Budget & Trustee Election Tuesday, May 19!

Polls Open 7 am-9 pm

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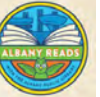
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- **Delaware Branch** | 331 Delaware Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x4
- **Howe Branch** | 105 Schuyler St. | (518) 427-4300 x5
- **North Albany Branch** | 616 North Pearl St. | (518) 427-4300 x6
- **Pine Hills Branch** | 517 Western Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x7
- **Washington Ave. Branch** | 161 Washington Ave. | (518) 427-4300 x1