



Albany Public Library

Albany Public Library (APL):

- Is committed to connecting the people of Albany to the information they need to empower their lives
- Operates six locations across Albany (Main Library, Pine Hills Branch, John A. Howe Branch, Delaware Branch, North Albany Branch, Bookmobile)
- Serves the 95,000 residents of the city of Albany
- Provides services a total of 73 hours per week
- Provides access to a variety of materials—including books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and music CDs
- Offers e-books and digital audio books, as well as online renewals, via an interactive website
- Delivers dozens of programs each week—including story times for toddlers, noontime lectures for seniors, game nights for teens, reading clubs and movie screenings for children and adults, and special events for the community
- Provides building-wide WiFi connections at all locations, as well as public access computers and computer training classes
- Hosts literacy programs and tax preparation services for Albany residents
- Houses the Pruyn Collection of Albany History, which includes many historical books, pamphlets, clippings, newspapers, photographs, city directories, and census records

Each Month at APL, More Than:

- 90,000 books, magazines, DVDs, audio books, and electronic materials are loaned out
- 55,000 people use the libraries
- 11,000 people use library computers for research and entertainment
- 6,000 people use the reference librarians for research assistance
- 400 new library cards are issued

Coming Up at APL:

- Three branches (Pine Hills, Howe, Delaware) are being fully renovated, with projected openings in late 2009
- Two new branches (John J. Bach on New Scotland Avenue, Arbor Hill/West Hill on Henry Johnson Boulevard) are planned, with construction starting in Spring 2009 and openings targeted for mid 2010
- The APL Board of Trustees is poised to approve a new strategic plan that will chart the library's direction for the next three years and focuses on building the organizational infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the library