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Spring into Reading at APL!

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ASSISTANCE**

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REAR VIEW: LIFE EXAMINED

Exhibition

"Rear View: Life Examined" is the current exhibition in the Art at APL program at the Pine Hills Branch. The show features the work of several regional artists inspired by memory, personal history, and places that have shaped their lives. The exhibition is curated by the Opalka Gallery and underwritten by the APL Foundation and an Upstate Coalition for a Fairgame grant. For all ages.

**Through May 2 during regular hours
Pine Hills Branch**

Featured Artist Presentation

Paul Miyamoto will share the inspiration for his artwork on the internment of Japanese Americans in the 1940s. Miyamoto's father, mother, two sisters, a brother, and both grandparents were sent to the Poston Camp in Arizona. Carolyn Callner, a Nisei and internee at the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming, will join Miyamoto to share her experiences. For adults.

**April 20 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch**



Art Credit: Paul Miyamoto,
Camp 2 (Ground Work #24), 2018

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Census 2020: A Message from the Library Director

Many of you may have heard the implications of the upcoming 2020 Census and what it means to our city, schools, and libraries. An accurate count—one that puts Albany above 100,000 residents—could have major implications for our community. Many people, myself included, believe that participation in the census is as important as voting.



Because of this, the Albany Public Library has been a participating member of Albany Counts since 2018. Albany Counts is the city's complete count committee comprised of current and former elected officials, city officials, community organizations, and educational institutions that are committed to communicating the importance of the census to residents and alleviating concerns surrounding the process.

Many of our library locations are in what are considered "hard to count" areas of our city. We also recognize that a digital census has created new barriers and that the library, the leading agency bridging the digital divide, is at the forefront of eliminating those barriers.

To that end, APL has been working hard to prepare our facilities and staff to help members of the community as they complete the census process this spring. Our goal is to educate the public and provide assistance and resources for completing the census.

So please spread the word. Make sure your friends and neighbors participate in this year's census. If they need a helping hand, the library is here for them.

Scott C. Jarzombek, Executive Director

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Do you have questions about what the census is, why it's important, how to fill it out, and where to get help? Then join us for one of these community conversations. Census and library representatives will share information and answer your questions. For adults.

- 🕒 **March 3 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**
- 🕒 **March 5 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:30 pm | Bach Branch**
- 🕒 **March 5 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:00 pm | Delaware Branch**
- 🕒 **March 9 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Washington Ave. Branch**
- 🕒 **March 16 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**
- 🕒 **March 30 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Howe Branch**

CENSUS LABS

This year, most people will fill out the census form online. All of our branches will have census labs where you can get on a library computer, or connect to the WiFi using your own device, to complete the form online. We'll also have phones for those of you who choose to do the call-in census form. And, most importantly, the labs will have library staff and volunteers who can help you!

Check our website www.albanypubliclibrary.org and social media @AlbanyNYLibrary for specific dates, hours, and locations for the APL census labs.

**March 23-April 30 during select days and hours
All APL Branches**



Meet with the Director

Scott Jarzombek, APL executive director, holds office hours at APL branches and invites patrons to discuss their thoughts about the library with him. Appointments are required and can be made by emailing jarzombeks@albanypubliclibrary.org or calling (518) 427-4379.

- 🕒 March 5 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Washington Ave. Branch
- 🕒 March 12 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Pine Hills Branch
- 🕒 March 19 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Howe Branch
- 🕒 March 28 (Sat) | 12-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch
- 🕒 April 2 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Bach Branch
- 🕒 April 9 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Delaware Branch
- 🕒 April 23 (Thurs) | 12-5 pm | Washington Ave. Branch



SCHEDULE NOTES

April 12 (Sun) | CLOSED | Easter

April 16 (Thurs) | CLOSED | Staff Development Day

APL PROGRAM GUIDE

This program guide highlights many of the events and activities taking place at all Albany Public Library locations around the city. All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Programs are subject to change. If you want more information about a specific event, please call the host library or check our online calendar at www.albanypubliclibrary.org

ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Albany Made Creative Lab

This space for makers is full of equipment and technology, including:

- 🕒 3D printer and scanner
- 🕒 video and music editing equipment
- 🕒 sewing machine and fiber arts materials
- 🕒 hand tools and bike repair kit
- 🕒 graphics software and computer
- 🕒 color printer and digital camera

Stop by one of our open labs and make something! For more information, please call (518) 427-4303 or email albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org. For adults.

- 🕒 Every Tuesday at 4:00-7:00 pm
- 🕒 Every Thursday at 2:00-5:00 pm
- 🕒 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 1:00-4:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch

Button Making Workshop

Make your own buttons to express your truth. Bring pictures and words you want to use, or print phrases or images from our computers, and go home with badges to show people what's on your mind. For adults.

March 2 (Mon) at 5:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Creative Lab



3D Printing Class

Curious about 3D printing technology? Looking for a place to make your designs into reality? Come to the Albany Made Creative Lab for a 3D printing tutorial and learn about free 3D design programs available at the library and online. Please register at (518) 427-4303. For all ages.

March 3 (Tues) at 3:00-4:00 pm

April 9 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Creative Lab

Crochet Walk-In Workshop

Join our resident crochet expert to start your new hobby or hone your skills. All supplies provided. For beginners and practiced crocheters alike. For adults.

March 11, 25 (Wed) at 3:00-5:00 pm

April 8, 22 (Wed) at 3:00-5:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Learning Lab

Beaded Jewelry Workshop

Learn how to make beautiful beaded jewelry from our resident artist Danielle. Class size is limited, so please register via our online events calendar or by calling (518) 427-4303. For adults.

April 6 (Mon) at 5:30-7:30 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Creative Lab

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Programs Online!**

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ART & EXPRESSION

With Pen in Hand

Learn how to express yourself clearly and imaginatively, share your work, and respond to the stories of others. Paul Lamar, South End writer and retired college professor, leads this popular series. Please register online or by calling (518) 472-9485. For adults.

Every Monday (Mon) at 1:30-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

The New Scene

Learn about journalism and be part of creating news articles for the community newspaper The New Scene. The newspaper is a partnership of the library, NAACP, and the Center for Law & Justice, and is sponsored by a Spectrum grant. Register online or call (518) 472-9485. For all ages.

Every Tuesday at 3:30-5:30 pm

Howe Branch

Stitch Angels

Are you a fiber crafter? Do you have a passion and skill for making hand knitted or crocheted garments? Then the Delaware Ave. Stitch Angels need you! For adults.

Every Friday at 12:30-2:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Scintillating Stitches

This group is dedicated to needle arts that use embroidery floss. Bring your own project and work companionably with fellow stitchers. Some materials and instruction will be provided for beginners to get started. For adults.

March 3, 17, 31 (Tues) at 5:30-7:45 pm

April 14, 28 (Tues) at 5:30-7:45 pm

Delaware Branch

Resident Artist Series

Our in-house artist will teach different techniques. All supplies provided. Register for each session by calling (518) 427-4303. For adults.

- ☉ **March 4 | Ink Paintings** | Use alcohol inks and acrylic paint on canvas.
- ☉ **March 11 | Wreaths** | Design and create a lovely spring-themed grapevine wreath using hot glue, silk flowers, and ribbons.
- ☉ **March 18 | Greeting Cards** | Learn paper cutting techniques and design handmade greeting cards using a variety of embellishments.
- ☉ **March 25 | Crepe Paper Flower Bouquets** | We'll craft three easy and beautiful flowers using crepe paper.

Every Wednesday in March

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor

Market Bags

Go green and learn to sew market bags with Up-Stitch. Sewing machine experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Register online or call (518) 482-2154. For ages 16 and older.

March 5 (Thurs) at 6:00-8:00 pm

Bach Branch

Springtime Pottery

Artist Sarah Haze leads this four-week workshop series where you'll create pottery that celebrates nature while also exploring clay's potential for texture and translucency. Supplies and guidance will be provided. Register for all four sessions by calling (518) 694-0596. For adults.

March 5, 12, 26 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 2 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

March Madness, Irish Style

Join us for a different kind of March Madness—an afternoon of Irish culture! We'll enjoy live music from Ceiliuradh and dancers from An Clar School of Irish Dance. Try some Irish soda bread, too. For all ages.

March 7 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm

Bach Branch

Saturday Art Group

This volunteer-led art group continues with an expanded selection of traditional drawing and painting supplies. Artists of all skill levels are welcome to meet and create art independently (without instruction) in a cooperative studio environment. Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own as well. Register via the online events or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 7, 14 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm

April 4, 11 (Sat) at 2:00-4:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Sew! What?

Visit our sewing lab to complete small projects, repair clothing, or make something old new again. Bring your sewing machine or use one of ours. Instructors are available to help guide you through your project. Please register by calling (518) 472-9485 or via our online library events calendar. For adults.

March 11, 25 (Wed) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Howe Branch

Arts & Crafts Social Hour

We'll do a variety of arts and crafts activities, play board games, and chat with new friends in this spectrum-friendly social hour. For adults.

March 12, 26 (Thurs) at 2:00-3:00 pm

April 9, 23 (Thurs) at 2:00-3:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Painting Miniatures for Tabletop Gaming

Learn the basics of painting miniatures for tabletop gaming. Two minis will be provided, as well as painting supplies. Register online or call (518) 463-0254 x2. For teens and adults.

March 14 (Sat) at 12:00-1:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Poetry Slam

Bring your poetry to share, or just come to listen in this open-mic poetry slam hosted by the Friends of APL. For adults.

March 17 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 21 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Adult Crafternoons

Crafty adults are invited to participate in our monthly crafternoons. All supplies are provided; just bring your creativity! Register at (518) 463-0254 x2 or online. For adults.

☉ **March 21 | Soap Making for Beginners**

☉ **April 11 | Upcycle a Book into a Succulent Planter**

Select Saturdays at 12:00-1:30 pm

Delaware Branch

Woke Words

Join us for this poetry workshop during which Sam Truitt, and some noted poet friends, will discuss, demonstrate, and inspire you to create lyrical, personal poems. For adults.

March 25 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm

North Albany Branch

Knit Nights

Enjoy a relaxing night of knitting at the library and create something beautiful to take home. All supplies provided. Register online or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 30 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

April 6, 13 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Senior Art Exhibit

View the art created by the Senior Group at the Chapman Center. The artists will be present to speak about their work. We'll have light refreshments, too. For adults.

March 31 (Tues) at 3:00-4:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Spring Wreaths

Celebrate the season by making a welcoming spring wreath. All supplies provided in this program presented by the library and NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). Please register by calling NNORC at (518) 514-2023. For adults.

April 6 (Mon) at 2:00-3:30 pm

Bach Branch

Upcycled Scented String Diffusers

Celebrate Earth Day and learn how to upcycle everyday items into a scented string diffuser to take home. All supplies provided. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

April 27 (Mon) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Meet the Author

We're hosting two interesting authors who will discuss their careers and creations. For adults.

🕒 **April 1 | Comic Book Writer Annie Nocenti |** Nocenti was a key writer and editor at Marvel Comics who worked on "X-Men" and helped create "Typhoid Mary," "Blackheart," "Longshot," "Mojo," and "Spiral." She has also worked for other comic book publishers, as well as in TV and film.

🕒 **April 15 | Music Writer Holly George-Warren |** George-Warren has chronicled the lives of musicians and their work in such books as "Janis: Her Life and Music," "Public Cowboy No. 1: The Life and Times of Gene Autry," and "It's Not Only Rock 'n' Roll: Iconic Musicians Reveal the Source of Their Creativity." She has published 16 books and written for numerous publications.

Select Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 pm

North Albany Branch

**Bach Fiction Book Discussion Group**

Pick up your copy of the month's fiction title at the Bach reference desk. For adults.

March 3 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

April 7 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

Howe-Dunnits Mystery Writing Group

Meet with fellow mystery writers and share your latest short story or chapter of your mystery book to get feedback. For adults.

March 13, 27 (Fri) at 1:00-3:00 pm

April 10, 24 (Fri) at 1:00-3:00 pm

Howe Branch

Forever (Young) Adult Book Club

We'll discuss a different young adult book title every month. Register at (518) 482-7911 x230. For adults.

🕒 **March 16 | "The Downstairs Girl" by Stacey Lee**

🕒 **April 20 | "Six of Crows" by Leigh Bardugo**

Select Mondays at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Books & Bagels

Love to read, but don't love being told what to read? Join us as we talk about the books we love or are reading right now. We'll also share suggestions on what to read next. Light brunch refreshments, too. For adults.

March 18 (Wed) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm

April 15 (Wed) at 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Bach Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Pick up your copy of the month's nonfiction title at the Bach reference desk. For adults.

March 19 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

April 16 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:00 pm

Bach Branch

National Library Week Distinguished Author

Acclaimed journalist and author Jeff Sharlet joins us for a special National Library Week lecture hosted by the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library. His 2020 book, "This Brilliant Darkness: A Book of Strangers," is a collection of images and reflections framed by the two years between his father's heart attack and his own. Sharlet wrote, "It's a very upstate book. Three chapters take place in Schenectady...there are a few other bits of the Capital District, too...but there's a Schenectady sensibility throughout." Sharlet's 2008 book, "The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power," was the basis for a recent Netflix documentary.

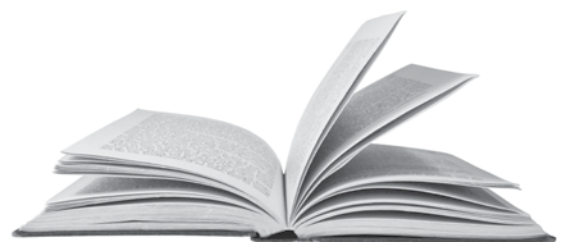
🕒 **Reception & Dinner | 5:00-6:30 pm | University Club |**

Ticket purchase is required for the reception and dinner. | <https://albany-nlw.brownpapertickets.com/>

🕒 **Free Lecture & Book Signing | 6:30-8:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch |** The author will deliver a free lecture and sign books at this free program that is open to the public.

April 22 (Wed)

Select Locations



CAREERS & FINANCE

Resume Assistance

Looking for a job, but unsure of how to apply on the computer? Want help creating your resume? We can do that! Call (518) 463-0254 x223 to schedule an appointment. For adults.

Every Thursday at 12:30-2:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Homebuyer 101 Workshop

Get started on the path to buying a home with this overview of the home buying process, down payment programs, and what it takes to credit qualify for a mortgage. Presented by the Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP) of the Greater Capital Region. Please register for a session by calling AHP at (518) 434-1730. For adults.

March 3 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
April 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor

Free Legal Consultation

Get a free legal consultation on bankruptcy, housing, and other areas of civil law. Appointments are required. Call the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association at (518) 435-1770 to make an appointment. For adults.

March 3 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
April 7 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
Washington Ave. Branch



Financial Planning Consultation

Get professional financial guidance without a product pitch, for beginner and experienced investors alike. These free consultations are provided by Roderick Sipe, a financial advisor at Edward Jones. Appointments are required. Call (518) 427-4303 to schedule a 30-minute appointment. For adults.

March 19 (Thurs) at 5:30-7:30 pm | Appointment required
Washington Ave. Branch

Credit Report & Review

Drop in and get a free credit report and review from an Affordable Housing Partnership counselor. Appointments are not required, but you may call (518) 427-4303 for more information. For adults.

March 27 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
April 24 (Fri) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Study Room

Capital Region Homebuyer Fair

Explore everything you need to know about buying a home at this annual, free event sponsored by Affordable Housing Partnership. Obtain a free credit report (bring your photo ID), talk one-on-one with lenders, realtors, home inspectors, non-profits, attorneys, and more. Meet with a certified housing advisor to find out what you can afford and how to build your credit. There will be on-site, pre-qualifications for financing along with seminars for homebuyers. Also learn about home energy efficiency and repair programs. For adults.

April 18 (Sat) at 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch

TECHNOLOGY

Get Help with eBooks, Devices & More

Bring your mobile device, tablet, laptop, or eReader and get help downloading eBooks and eMagazines from the library. We can also help you download our free mobile app. You'll need an email address and valid library card to download books and magazines.

Appointments are required.

Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00-8:00 pm | Call (518) 427-4303 for appointment
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Creative Lab

One-on-One Computer Help

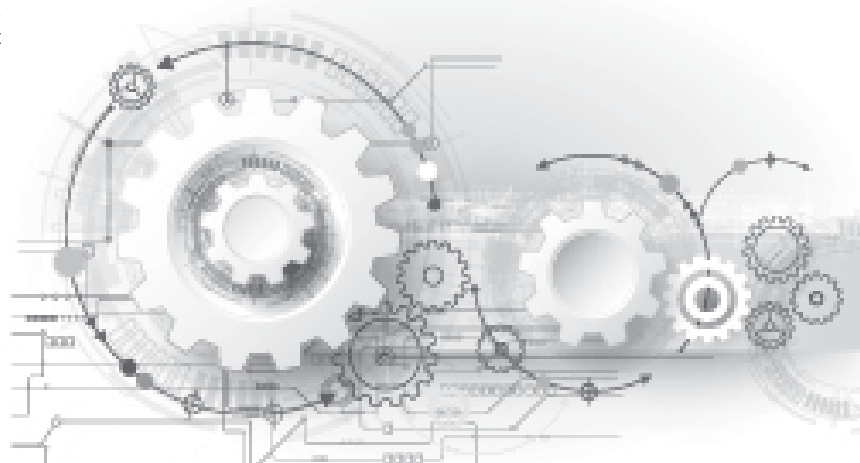
Learn the basics of computers or ask questions in a one-on-one setting. Get assistance with resumes, internet skills, mobile devices, Microsoft Office programs, Google Drive, and more. Call the appropriate branch to schedule a 30-minute one-on-one session. For adults.

- ☛ **March 6, 13, 27 & April 3 (Fri) at 1:00-3:00 pm | Delaware Branch** | Call (518) 463-0254 x223 for appointment
- ☛ **Every Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 pm | North Albany Branch** | Call (518) 463-1581 for appointment
- ☛ **Every Wednesday at 12:00-2:00 pm | Pine Hills Branch** | Call (518) 482-7911 x2 for appointment
- ☛ **Every Wednesday at 1:00-3:00 pm | Howe Branch** | Call (518) 472-9485 for appointment
- ☛ **Every Wednesday at 1:00-3:00 pm | Washington Ave. Branch** | Call (518) 427-4303 for appointment

Computer Club: Learning & Sharing

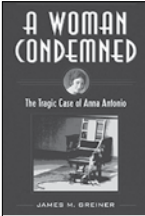
Senior citizens help each other learn to use tablets, phones, and laptops. For older adults.

March 9, 23 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm
April 13, 27 (Mon) at 12:00-1:00 pm
Bach Branch



FRIENDS OF APL BOOK TALKS

The Friends of Albany Public Library host regular book reviews, author talks, and special presentations every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Washington Ave. Branch.



March 3 | Author Talk

James Greiner on "A Woman Condemned"

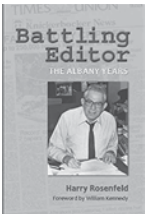
James Greiner, Herkimer County historian, discusses his book "A Woman Condemned: The Tragic Case of Anna Antonio." The book shares the real-life story of a 1932 Albany murder that sent three people to the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining.



March 10 | Book Review

"Just Mercy"

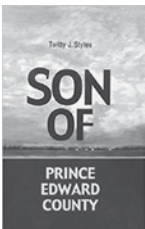
Bryan Stevenson's "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" recounts one of his first legal cases in the Equal Justice Initiative. The reviewers are Brenda Twiggs, former library director at Hudson Valley Community College, and Dona Bulluck, a retired attorney from SUNY.



March 17 | Author Interview

Harry Rosenfeld on "Battling Editor"

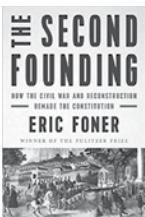
Harry Rosenfeld, former editor of both the Washington Post and the Times Union, discusses his life, career, and book, "Battling Editor: The Albany Years," in an interview conducted by Gene Damm, former newspaperman and Friends of APL president.



March 24 | Author Talk

Twitty J. Styles on "Son of Prince Edward County"

Twitty J. Styles, Union College professor emeritus of biology, discusses his autobiography "Son of Prince Edward County." The book is a story for everyone and about overcoming boundaries.



March 31 | Book Review

"The Second Founding"

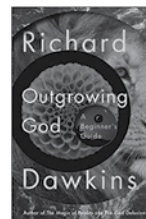
Noted historian Eric Foner's "The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution" traces how three constitutional amendments establishing the principle of equality marked a second founding of the United States. Gene Damm, president of the Friends of APL, reviews the book.



April 7 | Book Review

"American Overdose"

Kirkus Reviews calls "American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts" by Chris McGreal "authoritative in tone and vernacular style" and a "powerful narrative" about this country's devastating opioid epidemic. The reviewer is Rev. Antonio Booth, co-pastor of Riverview Baptist Church.



April 14 | Book Review

"Outgrowing God"

Richard Dawkins's "Outgrowing God: A Beginner's Guide" provides an introduction to modern atheism that "vividly demonstrates the spirit of scientific discovery...[and] renders the basics of natural selection newly astonishing," according to The Guardian. Carl Strock, former columnist for the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, reviews the book.



April 21 | Book Review

"Njal's Saga"

The book, written in the 13th century by an anonymous author, tells the story of a 50-year blood feud that includes failed marriages, divided loyalties, and human passions. Jonathan Skinner, longtime admirer of Icelandic family sagas, reviews this book.



April 28 | Book Review

"The War Before the War"

Andrew Delbanco's "The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War" is "essential background reading for anyone seeking to understand the history of the early republic and the Civil War," according to Kirkus Reviews. The book is reviewed by Paula Rollins, retired from the NYS Department of Education.



Friends of
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Nurse Is In

Stop in and get a free blood pressure check at this program co-sponsored by NNORC (Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). For adults.

Every Monday at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Healthy Bones for Life

Trained peers lead exercise classes twice weekly. The professionally designed curriculum is geared to older adults and uses stretching, balance exercises, and non-impact weight training. Please call (518) 482-2154 or visit the online events calendar to register.

For older adults.

Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30-11:45 am
Bach Branch

Just Say Yes to Fruits & Vegetables

Learn how to add fruits and vegetables to your diet, stretch your food dollars further, and plan quick, healthy, easy meals. Gain new skills and take away some healthy goodies. Denise Schultz, a nutrition educator for the Regional Food Bank, presents the program from NYS SNAP-Ed. For adults.

March 3 & April 7 (Tues) at 5:30-6:30 pm
March 19 & April 23 (Thurs) at 5:30-6:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Tai Chi for Beginners

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise that can help improve flexibility, balance, and muscle strength; ease pain and stiffness; and improve sleep and overall wellness. The exercises can be done seated or standing. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
April 1, 8, 15, 22 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Mental Wellness Meetup

Learn different topics aimed at mental health awareness and coping strategies. You'll also have opportunities to network with other participants and gain other educational information. The program is sponsored by Noteworthy Resources of Albany and presented by Tatiana Gjergji. For adults.

March 4 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
April 1 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Community Room

Cook the Book: Recipe Swap

Choose a recipe from the cookbook of the month, which you can view at the Bach information desk. We'll copy the recipe for you, then you can make it at home. Return to the library on the program dates below and share your cooking story with us. Samples of your dish to share are always welcome! Please register via the online events calendar or call (518) 482-2154. For adults.

March 19 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
April 23 (Thurs) at 12:30-1:30 pm
Bach Branch

Make Your Own Smudge Stick

Learn about smudging and craft your own smudge stick. We'll discover how different colored strings, herbs, and flowers correlate to our chakras and healing properties. Tatiana Gjergji of Noteworthy Resources teaches the class and provides fresh flowers and herbs from her garden. Register online or call (518) 427-4303. For adults.

April 23 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Community Room

TUTORING & EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Homework Help for Kids & Teens

Tutors from the Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences Family Literacy Program and students from the Albany Medical College are available after school to tutor youngsters. Appointments are required for these 30-minute sessions. Please call your favorite branch for details and availability. For school-age children and teens.

Ongoing during school year
Various APL Branches

Adult Basic Education Class

This free class is for people who need to develop the skills needed to advance into the High School Equivalency Test Prep Class. Registration is required by calling BOCES at (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Morning
Washington Ave. Branch

ESOL Intermediate Class

This free intermediate-level English for Speakers of Other Languages class focuses on developing students' competency in the basic skills areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Vocabulary and grammar will focus on practical language designed to help students effectively navigate everyday situations. Registration required by calling BOCES at (518) 862-4707. For adults.

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

English Spoken Here

Practice your English with other English-language learners in a relaxed, fun setting. This drop-in session is led by trained literacy volunteers. For adults.

- 📍 **Every Tuesday at 1:00-2:30 pm | Delaware Branch**
- 📍 **April 1, 15, 29 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch**



MOVIES & MUSIC

Coffee & a Movie

Join us for a free movie screening with coffee and snacks, and the chance to talk to community services providers. Housing services, mental health organizations, and others will be available to answer questions and provide information. For adults.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Auditorium

West African Drumming & Dance

Master drummer Zorkie Nelson and dance instructor Augustina Nelson explore African culture in this high energy dance class accompanied by live drumming. We'll have some drums and instruments, but feel free to bring your own. This program is sponsored by CDPHP. Register online or call (518) 472-9485. For all ages.

Every Wednesday at 6:00-7:00 pm
Howe Branch

Midday Matinee

Stop by on Friday afternoons to enjoy a free movie and popcorn. For adults.

Every Friday at 12:30-2:30 pm
Howe Branch

Social Justice Film Series

This series is a partnership with WMHT, the Center for Law & Justice, Youth FX, and other community organizations. Each month we watch a documentary and then discuss it. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For adults.

- ☉ **March 2 | "Seeing Allred"** | This documentary provides a candid look at Gloria Allred, one of the country's most public crusaders against the war on women.
- ☉ **April 6 | "Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook"** | This film chronicles how our right to vote is being undercut by partisan use of gerrymandering and voter purges.

Select Mondays at 6:00-8:00 pm
Howe Branch

First Friday Films

Enjoy a matinee film on the first Friday of every month. For adults.

- ☉ **March 6 | "Downton Abbey"** | "Downton Abbey" (PG, 2019) is the continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century. We'll serve baked goods and tea, too.
- ☉ **April 3 | "Yesterday"** | "Yesterday" (PG-13, 2019) tells the story of a struggling musician who realizes he's the only person on earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. We'll serve popcorn and light refreshments, too.

First Friday of Each Month at 1:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Classically Speaking

Join us for this ongoing series of lively explorations of classical music through performance, media, and literature. For all ages.

- ☉ **April 22 (Wed) | Marc Hecker** | Enjoy a classical guitar performance by Marc Hecker.

Select Days at 6:30-7:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Vanguard/Albany Symphony Orchestra Prevue

The ASO treats us to a special prevue of each month's performance. For adults.

- ☉ **March 13 | "Beethoven Eighth"**
- ☉ **April 17 | "Symphonie Fantastique"**

Select Fridays at 12:00-1:30 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Auditorium

Cinematography: The Art of the Moving Image

We'll explore artistic creation of the moving image with an in-depth study of how to tell a story with light and motion. Lectures will cover some technical aspects of the craft and history of their development, but will concentrate on the artistic elements and decision making involved in the creation of the frame and telling a story with the moving image. Please register online or at (518) 472-9485. For ages 16+.

April 1, 8, 15, 22 (Wed) at 6:00-8:00 pm
Howe Branch

Bach Live

Enjoy a concert by neighborhood group The Livio Fasullo Jazz Quartet. For all ages.

April 9 (Thurs) at 6:30-7:30 pm
Bach Branch

Earth Day Movie Screening

Celebrate Earth Day by watching a special screening of the 2007 documentary "Earth" (rated G). For all ages.

April 22 (Wed) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Chess Club

Exercise your brain and play chess at the library. All ages and skill levels welcome. For all ages.

Every Wednesday at 4:00-5:30 pm

Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Astronomy Talk

Astronomer Valerie Rapson from the Dudley Observatory explores the brilliance of the sky, stars, and universe with us. For adults.

☛ **March 6 | Mysterious Dark Matter & Dark Energy** | Ninety six percent of our universe is made of dark matter and dark energy—mysterious, elusive “stuff” that has puzzled astronomers for decades. What evidence do we have that this material actually exists and how are we trying to find it? Learn all about dark matter and dark energy.

☛ **April 3 | Wonders of the Spring Night Sky** | The spring night sky brings the constellation of Leo the Lion roaring into the southern sky. The Big Dipper is overhead in the north, pointing down to the Polaris on the end of the Little Dipper's handle. Learn how to find the North Star and explore the science and history behind objects in the night sky.



Select Fridays at 2:00-3:00 pm

Bach Branch

3rd Annual Pie Tasting

Delaware staff members bake their best pies for your tasting delight. Kristine, our 2019 winner, returns to defend her title of “best staff pie.”

Tasting servings will be available until all of the pies are eaten.

For all ages.

March 10 (Tues) 12:30-2:00 pm

Delaware Branch

APL Board of Trustees Meeting

The library's elected board meets monthly to discuss library business. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, and there are opportunities to speak in front of the board at the start and end of every meeting. Agendas and minutes can be found on our website in the “About APL” section under “Leadership.” For adults.

☛ **March 10 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Howe Branch**

☛ **April 14 (Tues) at 6:00-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch**

Scrabble Evening

Join us for a friendly game of Scrabble. We have Scrabble boards, plus the latest dictionaries and cheat sheets. Enjoy tea, coffee, and cookies while you play. For adults.

March 12 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

April 9 (Thurs) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Bach Branch

Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons has been around for decades and is a true “build your own adventure” game. We'll use the fifth edition rule-set and journey through a short adventure before branching out into other campaigns. All interest levels are welcome. Register by calling the appropriate branch. For teens and adults.

☛ **March 7, 21 and April 4, 18 (Sat) at 1:45-4:45 pm | Delaware Branch** | Register at (518) 463-0254 x223

☛ **Every Saturday at 1:00-4:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch** | Register at (518) 482-7911 x230

Wednesday Wonders of Science

Learn about a fascinating aspect of science and the world around us in each session. Our presenters will discuss a different topic each month. Register at (518) 482-7011 x2. For adults.

March 18 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

April 15 (Wed) at 6:30-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Organize, Downsize & Make Money!

Planning to organize and downsize your home? Make sure you don't throw out treasure with the trash! An antiques and estate sale professional offers advice on valuing your possessions. Register online or at (518) 482-7911 x2. For adults.

March 23 (Mon) at 6:00-7:30 pm

Pine Hills Branch

Let's Talk About...Albany

Join us for a great conversation about Albany. We'll pick a new topic each month. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. The series is sponsored by APL and NNORC. For adults.

March 26 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm

April 30 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm

Bach Branch

You & Your Pet

We'll learn about different aspects of pet care and ownership in this workshop series. Please register by calling (518) 482-7911 x2. Each program is for all ages.



☛ **March 28 | 1:00-4:30 pm | Bunny Education** | If you have a bunny rabbit, or are thinking of getting one as a pet, join us for this informative and engaging class. You'll learn all about rabbit care, including housing, feeding, litter training, bunny proofing, and health. You'll see live demonstrations on safe handling, nail trimming, grooming, medicating, and more. The workshop is presented by Meg Brown of The Bunny Branch Rabbit Rescue, and Bonnie Selke and Erica Winnie of the House Rabbit Society/T.H.E. Rabbit Rescue.

☛ **April 25 | 2:00-4:00 pm | Happy, Healthy Cat** | Local veterinarian Tara Estra, a graduate of Cornell University's School of Veterinary Medicine, shares information about how you can help your feline companion be healthy and happy for a lifetime.

Select Saturdays

Pine Hills Branch

Climate Change: Myth & Reality

An expanding body of scientific research is sounding an ominous alarm about the likelihood of an increase in disastrous impacts to changes in the world's climate and where we go from here. Presenter Bill Saxon will take a hard look at this timely issue. For adults.

April 4 (Sat) at 1:00-3:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Auditorium

Poetry Book Sale

Celebrate National Poetry Month and select some gently used poetry books at bargain prices at this sale hosted by the Friends and Foundation of APL (FFAPL). All proceeds will benefit the Friends Fund of the FFAPL, which helps improve the Washington Ave. Branch auditorium. For all ages.

April 5 (Sun) at 1:00-5:00 pm

Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Auditorium

National Scrabble Day

Drop in today and challenge a friend to a game of Scrabble. Game boards will be available all day. For all ages.

April 13 (Mon) at 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Bach Branch

National Library Week Guessing Contest

Guess how many books are in the branch and win fun APL swag. Stop by during library hours to submit your guess. The winner will be announced April 27. For all ages.

April 20-24 (Mon-Fri) during regular hours
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



Vertical Gardening Workshop

Learn ways to create wall and window gardens from rain gutters, packing crates, tin cans, soda bottles, shoe organizers, bookshelves, and more found items. You'll leave with plenty of ideas and seeds to craft your own vertical garden at

home. Register at (518) 463-1581. For adults.

April 22 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Weather Talk

Dan Thompson, an NOAA meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Albany, tells us about the NWS, what it does, what goes into making a forecast, weather safety, and resources for weather forecasts and warnings. For adults.

April 30 (Thurs) at 1:00-2:00 pm
Bach Branch

Child Seat Installations

The Albany Police Department regularly conducts free child seat installations at our Washington Ave. Branch. Appointments are required and can be made by emailing carseats@albany-ny.org or calling (518) 427-4355. For adults.

Select Days | Appointment Required
Washington Ave. Branch



STORY TIMES FOR KIDS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Baby Bounce Storytime Songs, stories, play group.	0-2	Wednesdays at 10:30-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup
Daycare Storytime For daycare students & providers	2-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week
Family Storytime Songs, nursery rhymes, stories	0-5	Wednesdays at 10:30-12:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup
		Thursdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup
Pajama Storytime Wear jammies for stories & lullabies.	1-5	Tuesdays at 7:00-7:30 pm	Bach Branch	March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14, 21
Pre-School Storytime	0-5	Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 am	Howe Branch	Every Week
Toddler Storytime	1-3	Mondays at 10:30-12:00 pm	Bach Branch	Every Week - Followed by playgroup
		Tuesdays at 10:30-11:30 am	Pine Hills Branch	March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14, 21
		Fridays at 10:30-11:30 am	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week - Immediately followed by playgroup

FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS & TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DAY, TIME	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
Afternoon Craft	6-12	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Crafts & snacks
Afternoon Society	11-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 24 Board & video games, crafts
AfterSchool Snack Hacks	11-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 23, 30 - Make & eat healthy snacks
Anime Club	11-17	Mondays at 4:45-5:45 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every Week
Bytesize Gaming	11-17	Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	March 10, 17, 24 & April 7, 21, 28 Xbox One & Nintendo Switch
Chess Club	All ages	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	Every Week
Craftastic Monday	11-17	Mondays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 20, 27
Family Movies	All ages	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Popcorn & movies (some rated PG-13)
Friday Fun Time	11-17	Fridays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch	March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 24 Super Smash Bros Ultimate
Gaming Zone	5-16	Wednesdays at 5:30-7:45 pm	Howe Branch	Every week Play Switch, WiiU, Xbox 360, Xbox One
Just Play	8-12	Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 11, 25 & April 8, 22 Ping pong, board games, toys, more
Kids Club	8-12	Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 11, 25 & April 8, 22 Ping pong, board games, toys, more
LEGO Club	4-17	Thursdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	March 12 & April 9
Level Up	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Super Smash Bros, NBA2k19 on the Switch
Maker Club	5-11	Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	March 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8, 22, 29 - Art, craft, invention
Mic Drop	9-17	Mondays at 3:30-4:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every week Jam session
Mid-Week Movie	8-12	Wednesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 4, 18 & April 1, 29 Movie & popcorn
Minecraft Mayhem	6-13	Mondays at 6:00-7:00 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week
Multiplayer	11-17	Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm	Bach Branch	March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 21 - Play Nintendo Switch
The New Scene	All ages	Tuesdays at 3:30-5:30 pm	Howe Branch	Every week Contribute to neighborhood newspaper. Register: (518) 472-9485
Test Kitchen	9-17	Fridays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Howe Branch	Every Friday Register: (518) 472-9485
Tween Unplugged	12-17	Mondays at 3:30-5:00 pm	Delaware Branch	Every week Music, board games, homework, free play
Yo-Chi	3-7	Thursdays at 3:00-3:30 pm	Pine Hills Branch	March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 23, 30 - Yoga, Tai Chi & dance
United Geeks of Gaming	11-17	Fridays at 2:30-5:30 pm	Washington Ave. Branch	Every week Electronic & board games

KIDS & TEENS



Cat in the Hat Party

In honor of Read Across America Day, we'll host a Cat in the Hat Party.

Make a Dr. Seuss-themed craft and watch "Cat in the Hat" (2003, PG) while enjoying a snack. Register at (518) 472-9485. For ages 0-10.

March 2 (Mon) at 4:00-5:30 pm
Howe Branch

Tween Craft

Join us to make a fun craft after school. For ages 9-17.

- ☉ **March 3 | Trail Mix**
- ☉ **March 24 | Perler Beads**
- ☉ **April 7 | DIY Glass Gems**
- ☉ **April 21 | Perler Beads**

Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

World Wildlife Day

Meet bird ambassadors from Silent Wings and learn all about the unique behaviors and conservation issues that impact birds of prey. For ages 6-10.



March 3 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Afternoon Slime Lab

Roll up your sleeves and experiment making slime in our lab. Register at (518) 472-9485. For ages 6-17.

March 3 (Tues) at 5:00-5:45 pm
April 7 (Tues) at 5:00-5:45 pm
Howe Branch

Osmo Tech Time

Let learning and fun expand beyond the screen and into your hands in our Osmo Tech Time workshops. In each three-week session, you'll experiment with hands-on learning tools and an educational gaming system for iPads. Space is limited, so register online or call (518) 427-4310. For ages 6-9.

- ☉ **March 3, 10, 17 | Tangram, Words & Numbers** | Experiment with shapes, letters, and numbers.
- ☉ **March 24, 31 & April 7 | Detective Agency** | Put on your detective hat and get ready to solve the case. Virtually travel to six cities, inspect clues with a magnifying glass, and learn about geography and landmarks around the world.
- ☉ **April 21, 28 & May 5 | Coding Awbie** | Code with Awbie, a playful monster who loves to eat strawberries, and learn logic and problem solving skills.

Select Dates at 6:00-7:00 pm
Washington

Dav Pilkey's Birthday Celebration

Celebrate the birthday of author Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants and Dog Man! Register at (518) 482-2154.

For ages 5-12.
March 4 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Celebrate Theodore Geisel's birthday with games, snacks, and a fun scavenger hunt. For ages 5-12.

March 5 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

National Oreo Cookie Day

Taste a variety of the classic sandwich cookies on National Oreo Cookie Day. Vote on your favorite. First come, first served. For aged 9-17.

March 6 (Fri) at 3:30-4:00 pm
Delaware Branch

1st Saturdays for Families

Join us for family fun on the first Saturday of each month. For ages 0-7.

- ☉ **March 7 | Indoor Gym Day** | It's time to get the winter wiggles out and stretch those muscles. Our friends from The Little Gym of Colonie join us for this energetic, fun-filled morning.
- ☉ **April 4 | Happy Earth Day** | We're having an Earth Day celebration. We'll enjoy a short storytime and do some activities to help us think about protecting Mother Earth. Children will go home with a planted seed.

First Saturday of each month at 10:30-11:30 am
Washington Ave. Branch

Creative Life Skills in Photography

The Arts Center of the Capital Region brings creativity to you with a focus on developing life skills through the art of photography. This program is generously funded in part by Tri-City Rentals and the M&T Charitable Foundation. Register at (518) 694-0596. For ages 11-17.

March 7, 21, 28 (Sat) at 12:30-2:00 pm
April 4, 11, 25 (Sat) at 12:30-2:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Pi Day Pie Tasting

Try samples of different pies and see which one reigns supreme. First come, first served for pie samples. For ages 9-17.

March 10 (Tues) at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch



Together Time

Youngsters listen to a readaloud of the chosen book and then enjoy a playtime inspired by the book. Together Time is brought to us by our friends from Brightside Up. Space is limited, so please register online or by calling (518) 463-0254. For ages 1-5.

- ☉ **March 10 | "Breathe Like a Bear"** | Listen to "Breathe Like a Bear" by Kira Wiley and learn fun techniques that can help you feel calm and focused.
- ☉ **April 14 | "A Pair of Socks"** | Listen to "A Pair of Socks" by Stuart Murphy and enjoy matching and repetition games.

Select Tuesdays at 10:30-11:30 am
Delaware Branch

One Book at a Time Reading Workshop

Do you have a reluctant reader? Are you looking for support to help your child with their daily assigned reading? This monthly workshop is for you and your child. Library staff will provide literacy tips to the youngsters and show you how to provide reading support. For ages 6-10.

March 10 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
April 7 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Codergarten

This three-week workshop teaches basic coding concepts without the use of electronic devices. The classes are for children and their caregivers. Register at (518) 482-7911. For ages 4-5.

March 11, 18, 25 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Paws for Reading

Kids love reading to Winston, a certified therapy dog that's soft, cuddly, and a good listener. Therapy animals are trained to provide a relaxing and fun environment for children to practice reading aloud. Kids can also make a new, furry friend while boosting their confidence in reading. Bring a book of your own or ask the librarian for recommendations. For ages 5-11.

March 12 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
April 9 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Shakes & Bakes Tween Cooking Club

Honest Weight Food Co-op teaches us how to make a different food each month. Register by calling (518) 482-2154. For ages 10-17.

- ☉ **March 16 | Ramen**
- ☉ **April 20 | Veggie Sushi**

Select Mondays at 4:00-5:00 pm
Bach Branch

Teen Tech

Visit after school to create some awesome tech-related projects. For ages 9-17.

- 🕒 **March 17 | St. Patrick's Day Slime |**
Create some luck of the Irish by mixing up your own St. Patrick's Day slime. Register online or at (518) 463-0254.
- 🕒 **April 14 | Duct Tape Crafts |** Make something cool out of duct tape. Drop-in program.

Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Music & Movement

Bring your little one to stretch, sing, dance, and explore music with rhythm instruments. This program helps develop gross motor, listening, and social skills, while introducing new vocabulary. For ages 0-5.

March 17 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
April 21 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Let's Make Cascarones

Learn how to make cascarones, painted egg shells filled with confetti. Cascarones are a Mexican tradition for Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and other celebrations where the eggs are cracked over someone's head to shower them with confetti and good fortune. For ages 5-17.



March 19 (Thurs) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

Teen Aspie Gaming Group (TAGG)

Meet others with similar interests and have fun in a safe and accepting environment in this gaming group for teens and young adults on the autism spectrum. Siblings are invited, too. Register online or at (518) 427-4310. For ages 16+.

March 21 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
April 18 (Sat) at 2:00-4:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Youth Services



Meet the Author & Illustrator of "Women Artists A to Z"

Melanie LaBarge, author, and Caroline Corrigan, illustrator, of "Women Artists A to Z" join us for a talk about their new children's picture book. LaBarge and Corrigan celebrate female artists, including Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keeffe, Yayoi Kusama, Dorothea Lange, Maya Lin, and Louise Bourgeois. This event will also include a children's craft activity, and you'll have a chance to purchase the book and have it signed. For all ages.

March 21 (Sat) at 2:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

"Frozen II" Party

Before we greet spring, let's have some frosty fun with the Snow Sisters! Get your picture taken with Anna and Elsa, sing songs from the movie, make "Frozen II" crafts, and enjoy snacks. We'll also watch "Frozen II." Children are welcome to attend the party in costume. Register online or call (518) 463-0254. For ages 5+.

March 28 (Sat) at 9:30-11:30 am
Delaware Branch



Teen Chef

Make something yummy with us. All cooking supplies and instructions are provided. Space is limited, so register at (518) 463-0254. For ages 9-17.



- 🕒 **March 31 | Leprechaun Candy Bark |**
Make some leprechaun-inspired candy bark for Irish-American Heritage Month.

Select Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm
Delaware Branch

National Crayon Day

Create a unique suncatcher using colorful crayons for National Crayon Day. For ages 6-10.

March 31 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch



School Break Gaming

Spend some of your school vacation playing video and board games with friends at the library. For ages 11-17.

April 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 (Fri, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) at 1:30-3:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

National Scrabble Day

Make a cool craft using Scrabble letters. Register online or call (518) 482-2154. For ages 5-11.

April 13 (Mon) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Birdhouse Craft

Create your own birdhouse and paint it to please your backyard birds. Register at (518) 463-1581. For ages 6-17.

April 13 (Mon) at 2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch



Berry, Berry Good

Read "Blueberries for Sal" with us and then make a berry recipe with our friends from Honest Weight Food Co-op. Register at (518) 482-7911. For ages 5-12.

April 13 (Mon) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch

Kite Making

Design and build a kite to take home and fly in your neighborhood. Supplies are limited, so the workshop is first come, first served. For ages 6-13.

April 13 (Mon) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Youth Services



Pinecone Succulents

Transform some pinecones into succulent plants. Register at (518) 463-1581. For ages 6-17.

April 14 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Springtime Perler Beads

Welcome the season by making spring-themed perler keychains and magnets. For ages 6-13.

April 14 (Tues) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Youth Services

Sewing School

Learn how to sew from an Up-Stitch teacher. Practice hand sewing techniques and make your own stuffed animal. This two-day class takes place during spring break. Register at (518) 482-2154. For ages 8-16.

April 14-15 (Tues-Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Bach Branch

Paint 'n' Sip

Sip on soda while creating a custom floral painting to bring home. Register online or call (518) 482-7911 x2. For ages 11-17.

April 15 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch



Taste & Take-Home Herb Garden

Visit us to make a take-home herb garden. We'll taste some fresh herbs, too. For ages 6-13.

April 15 (Wed) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 2nd Floor Youth Services

Recycling Craft Party

We're cleaning out our craft cabinets, so you've got a wide range of supplies and kits to choose from to make your own craft. For ages 6-17.

April 17 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Homemade Ice Cream

We'll make our own ice cream together. Register at (518) 482-7911 x2. For ages 5-12.

April 17 (Fri) at 2:00-3:00 pm
Pine Hills Branch



Blackout Poetry

Create your own poems by crossing out words from previously written texts. You'll have an opportunity to read your new creations out loud. For ages 5-17.

April 21 (Tues) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Howe Branch

Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with a new plant in your life. Repot one of our succulents and bring a little green to your home. For ages 6-10.

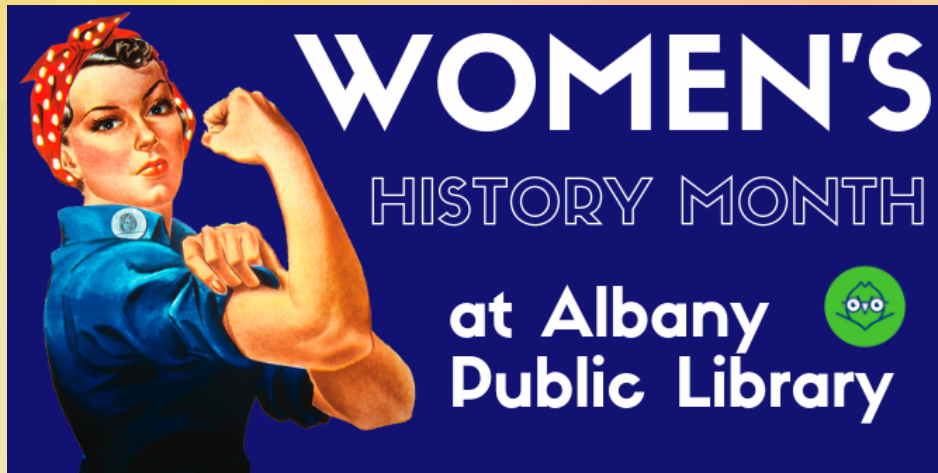
April 22 (Wed) at 4:00-5:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Growing Readers Baby Shower

We're celebrating our littlest readers—and readers-to-be—with this annual event. Bring your preschoolers for games, a special storytime, crafts, snacks, and raffles. Each child gets a gift bag and free book to take home.

For expectant parents and families with children ages 5 and under.
April 26 (Sun) at 1:00-3:00 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch





Make a Women's History & Empowerment Button

Stop by the Information Desk any time to make a button that shows your pride in women's empowerment or celebrates women's history. We'll have an assortment of designs and a button maker. For all ages.

March 1-31 during open hours
Bach Branch

Women's History in the Movies

Celebrate Women's History Month with weekly matinee viewings of films featuring historical women and their accomplishments. We'll have light refreshments, too. Please call the branch at (518) 463-0254 for the film lineup.

For adults.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Mon) at 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Delaware Branch

Free Book Exchange: The Black Women's Library

Enjoy a free book exchange that celebrates and focuses on the writing of black women. We'll have books for all ages and of all genres. Pick up a few books for yourself or to pass along to someone else. Feel free to bring books written by your favorite writers to share, donate, or exchange. Snacks will be provided. For all ages.

March 7 (Sat) at 1:00-4:00 pm
Howe Branch

"Object Lessons" Photo Exhibition

The photo exhibition, created by Nina Berman, explores the nature of the prosecution of sex trafficking crimes. The exhibition depicts the evidence used to try and convict sex traffickers, including victims' clothing and the weapons used to coerce victims into submission. "Object Lessons" is brought to you by APL, Albany Center Gallery, and the Capital District Women's Bar Association. For adults.

March 7-April 18 during regular hours
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor

Film Screening: "Harriet"

Commemorate the extraordinary life of Harriet Tubman with a screening of "Harriet," starring Cynthia Ervo and directed by Kasi Lemons. This exceptional tale documents how Harriet escaped from slavery and went on to help hundreds more like herself gain freedom.

For adults.

March 10 (Tues) at 5:30-7:30 pm
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

Making Sense of the ERA a Half Century Later

We'll discuss the Equal Rights Amendment as it finds new life, and opposition, in the #MeToo age. Representatives from the NYS League of Women Voters will join others who led the charge for the ERA in the early 1970s.

For adults.

March 11 (Wed) at 6:00-7:00 pm
North Albany Branch

Women & Resilience Documentaries

Local musician and filmmaker Taina Asili will screen two of her recent short-form documentaries on women and resilience: "Resiliencia" and "Plant the Seed." A discussion will follow the screenings. Register online or at (518) 427-4303. For adults

March 18 (Wed) at 6:30-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor Auditorium

Meet the Creators of "Women Artists A to Z"

Melanie LaBarge, author, and Caroline Corrigan, illustrator, of "Women Artists A to Z" join us for a talk about their new children's picture book. LaBarge and Corrigan celebrate female artists, including Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keeffe, Yayoi Kusama, Dorothea Lange, Maya Lin, and Louise Bourgeois. This event will also include a children's craft activity, and you'll have a chance to purchase the book and have it signed. For all ages.

March 21 (Sat) at 2:30-4:30 pm
Pine Hills Branch

"OBJECT LESSONS"

We're partnering with Albany Center Gallery and the Capital District Women's Bar Association to present a special photo exhibition, "Object Lessons," that explores the nature of the prosecution of sex trafficking crimes. The exhibition was created by Nina Berman, an award-winning documentary photographer, filmmaker, author, and educator from New York City, to inform the public about sex trafficking prosecutions through the physical evidence presented in cases. Berman said this approach does not place a harmful, intrusive gaze on those who have been victims of trafficking, but rather communicates the "mechanism of control and the underlying motivations of profit and power that drive perpetrators and imprison victims."

Opening Reception

"Object Lessons" opens to the public with a reception that includes light refreshments. The exhibition will inform the public about the nature of sex trafficking prosecutions and the brave victims who choose to tell their stories. For adults.

March 6 (Fri) at 6:30-8:00 pm
Washington Ave. Branch | 1st Floor



Credit: Nina Berman, Newark, Photograph

Exhibition

Berman's photographs are on display during the branch's regular hours. For adults.






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Free Income Tax Assistance

- The library hosts free federal income tax preparation services at several branches in March and April.
- Details are available on our website www.albanypubliclibrary.org
- Please call the United Way 2-1-1 hotline to make an appointment.
- All branches have federal and NYS tax forms available to the public. Visit or call the branch to see what is in stock.

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Arbor Hill/ West Hill Branch	148 Henry Johnson Blvd., 12210 694-0596
Bach Branch	455 New Scotland Avenue, 12208 482-2154
Delaware Branch	331 Delaware Avenue, 12209 463-0254
Mon. & Wed.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tues. & Thurs.	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday <i>BACH BRANCH ONLY</i>	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM <i>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</i>
Howe Branch	105 Schuyler Street, 12202 472-9485
Pine Hills Branch	517 Western Avenue, 12203 482-7911
Mon. & Wed.	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tues. & Thurs.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Library	Address
North Albany Branch	616 North Pearl Street, 12204 463-1581
Mon. & Tues.	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thurs. & Fri.	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Washington Avenue Branch	161 Washington Avenue, 12210 427-4300
Mon., Tues, Wed., Thurs.	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM <i>CLOSED SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST</i>
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