

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023 | PROGRAM GUIDE

◆ APL programs are free of charge and open to the public ◆ Programs subject to change ◆

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Library hours changing... effective Nov. 6



APL will adjust operating hours across the seven-branch district starting on Monday, Nov. 6. The decision to modify service hours was approved by the APL Board of Trustees at its September meeting.

“The library’s strategic plan calls on us to reach new audiences and increase our presence in the community, especially on weekends, and we had to figure out a way to make that happen within our budget,” said APL Executive Director Andrea Nicolay. “Outreach and programming bring new people in and connect people with library services.”

Weekend hours will see the biggest changes:

- ▶ Saturday hours will be expanded at the three largest locations, with Howe, Pine Hills, and Washington Ave. opening 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.
- ▶ Arbor Hill/West Hill, Bach, and Delaware branches will be closed on Saturdays so that staff can support services and programs at Howe, Pine Hills, and Washington Ave.
- ▶ Sunday hours, 1 to 5 pm, will be offered at three locations: Arbor Hill/West Hill, Bach, and Delaware.

“In terms of our weekend services district-wide, we’re focused on quality over quantity. With the new hours at Howe, Pine Hills, and Washington Ave., we’ll be able to have regular Saturday programs for youth and adults, and do more weekend outreach in the community,” Nicolay said.

The new service hours also include changes to Washington Ave. on weekdays:

- ▶ Washington Ave.’s weekday hours will look more like weekday hours at the other branches.
- ▶ During the week, Washington Ave. will be open 10 am to 6 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 12 to 8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 am to 6 pm on Friday.

“As a board, we are always looking to expand library hours, but our resources don’t support that right now,” said Brigitte Pryor, president of the APL Board of Trustees. “We hope that these changes will provide a positive impact for our community, and we will be evaluating the new hours to assess their effectiveness and ensure that they best serve the needs of our patrons.”

The library board and administration will continue to examine the budget, staffing, and usage in an effort to determine ways to expand hours for patrons.

The new library hours for every branch are listed on the back page > > > > > > >

ALL AGES

MAKER TIME AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm
- Every Thursday | 5-7 pm

Washington

Use 3D printers, video and music editing tools, sewing machines, fiber arts materials, more. Adult supervision required for children. All ages. No registration.

ONE-ON-ONE PIANO LESSONS

- Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30
- Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursdays | 3:30-6 pm | Howe

Sign up for a weekly piano lesson with Ms. Francesca. All ages. Registration required.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

Nov. 7 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Learn how to prepare for various types of emergencies and natural disasters from the NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps. All ages. Registration required.

YOUNG AUTHORS NIGHT

Nov. 7 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington

Join us as we recognize some of Albany's young authors and illustrators from Henry Johnson Charter School. Refreshments, too. All ages. No registration.

SUSTAINABLE SCOOPS

Nov. 8 (Wed) | 6-7:45 pm | North Albany

Listen to an expert on climate change in Albany and how the city is responding to it. Learn how planting trees can reduce the "heat island effect" to make our community more livable for everyone. For a sweet ending, enjoy a zero waste ice cream sundae. Co-sponsored by the City of Albany Sustainability Advisory Committee and APL. All ages. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE:

"RIPPLES IN SPACE-TIME"

Nov. 15 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

University at Albany Prof. Matthew Szydagis explains what gravitational waves are and why they are so important. All ages. Registration required.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- **Nov. 20** | "The Super Mario Bros. Movie"
- **Dec. 18** | "Elemental"

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

Enjoy a family-friendly movie. All ages. Drop in.

PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

Dec. 2 (Sat) | 1-2:30 pm | Howe

Make an eco-friendly bird feeder out of pinecones, sun butter, and bird seed. All ages. Registration required.

ROBOTIC DOG DEMONSTRATION

Dec. 2 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Pine Hills

Watch a demonstration of a robotic dog by students from the University at Albany's branch of the Institute of Electrical Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Be sure to catch the robot dog's one and only backflip at 1:30 pm. All ages. No registration.

LIVE JAZZ: MICHAEL BENEDICT JAZZ VIBES DUO

- Dec. 6 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Dec. 7 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

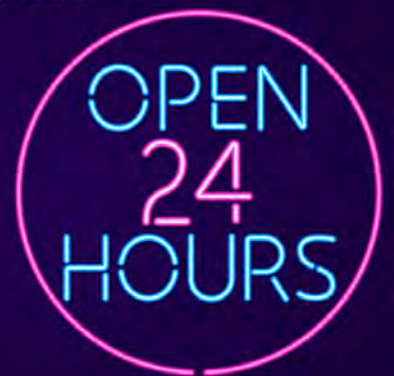
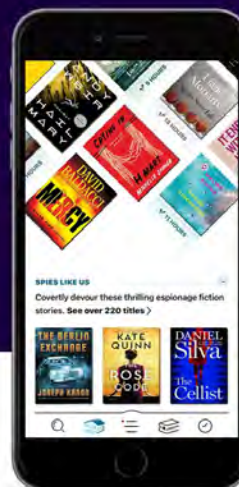
Michael Benedict and Mike Novakowski perform a variety of jazz standards and original tunes. The concert was arranged by the Albany Musicians Association, Local 14 AFM. All ages. No registration.

LIVE MUSIC: WINTER CLASSICS WITH STRINGWYNDE

Dec. 9 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills

Stringwynde is a flute and harp duo who will perform winter classics. Enjoy coffee and tea, also. The concert was arranged in partnership with Albany Musicians Association, Local 14 AFM. All ages. No registration.

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ADULTS

WITH PEN IN HAND

Every Monday | 2-3:30 pm | Howe

A weekly group with fellow writers in a session facilitated by Misty Yarnall. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

- Every Monday | 2-3 pm | North Albany
- Every Tuesday | 1-2 pm | North Albany
- Every Wednesday | 2-3 pm | North Albany
- Every Wednesday | 3-4 pm | Pine Hills
- Nov. 9 & Dec. 7 (Thu) | 12:30-1 pm | Bach

Bring your device, or use a library computer. NNORC partners with APL for the Bach sessions. Ages 18+. Registration required.

COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 1-3 pm | Washington

Enjoy a movie, coffee, and snacks. Community organizations that provide housing, mental health, and other services also share information about getting assistance. Ages 18+. Drop in.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Nov. 1 & Dec. 6 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Bring a book, settle into our cozy chairs, and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. No assigned readings or pressured discussions. Ages 18+. Drop in.

LEARN HOW TO USE A SERGER SEWING MACHINE

Nov. 1 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Learn to use the serger sewing machine in our makerspace. Lynn DeMaria teaches us how to use the serger and will do some demo seams. You'll be ready to use the serger on your own. The good folks at Up-Stitch helped us offer this class. Ages 18+. Registration required.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Create a new resume or update your current one. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- Arbor Hill Area | Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill | Meet Lori Kochanski, who represents Arbor Hill, Sheridan Hollow, Ten Broeck, Downtown, Warehouse, North Albany, Bishop's Gate, Shaker Park, and Empire State Plaza.
- Delaware Area | Every Monday | 1-5 pm | Meet Tabora Marcus, the city's neighborhood specialist for Delaware, Second Ave., South End, Mount Hope, Port of Albany, Lincoln Park, Mansion, and Pastures.
- Pine Hills Area | Every Thursday | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | Pine Hills | Meet Alex Word, the city's neighborhood specialist for Pine Hills, Campus, Eagle Hill, Buckingham Lake, Upper Washington, and The Dunes.
- Sound End Area | Every Friday | 1-3 pm | Meet Tabora Marcus, the city's neighborhood specialist for South End, Mount Hope, Second Ave., Lincoln Park, Port of Albany, Lincoln Park, Mansion, Pastures, and Delaware.
- West Hill Area | Nov. 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tue) | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez, who represents West Hill, West End, Beverwyck, Central Ave., and Washington Square.

Meet with the city's neighborhood reps to ask questions, share concerns. Ages 18+. Drop in.

MINDFULNESS: REIKI & SOUND HEALING

Nov. 2 (Thu) & Dec. 5 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

Entertain mindfulness and reiki energy healing and sound. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ONCE-A-MONTH BRUNCH & MOVIE CLUB

Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 (Fri) | 1-3 pm | Howe

Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching a movie. Ages 18+. No registration.

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ADULTS

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Nov. 4 (Sat) | 2-4:45 pm | Washington

Join us to learn about the science and practice behind traditional forms of composting, plus vermicomposting, which uses worms. There are methods for composting in every home, even the smallest apartment. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ADULT ART PROGRAM: COLLAGE

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

Use images from magazines, newspapers, and old photography books to create a collage. All supplies provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- ▶ Nov. 7 | Book Review | *My Song* reviewed by teacher/actor Donald "The Soul Man" Hyman
- ▶ Nov. 14 | Book Review | *Kingdom Quarterback: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin' Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback* reviewed by John Rowen, former Friends president
- ▶ Nov. 21 | Author Talk | Curtis L. Witters, artist and entrepreneur, on *Fatherhood at 19...No Tutorial Books: A Memoir About Fatherhood*
- ▶ Nov. 28 | Book Review | *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human* reviewed by Sherrie Lyons, science historian
- ▶ Dec. 5 | Book Review | *Dream Town: Shaker Heights and the Quest for Racial Equity* reviewed by Tom Ellis, educator and activist
- ▶ Dec. 12 | Book Review | *Saving Time: Discovering Life Beyond the Clock* reviewed by Silvia Mejia, College of St. Rose professor
- ▶ Dec. 19 | Holiday Concert | Albany High School Choir directed by Brendan Hoffman
- ▶ Dec. 26 | Author Talk | Mike Campeta, who writes as Michael Sinclair, on his latest mystery, *Rumrunners Dilemma*

Tuesdays | 12 pm | Washington Ave.

Hosted by the Friends & Foundation of APL. Ages 18+. No registration.

SEWING GROUP

Nov. 7 & Dec. 5 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe

Learn to sew while assisting newly arrived immigrants practice speaking English with help from Stitching Exchange. Ages 18+. Registration required.

RESUME & JOB SEARCH COACHING

Nov. 8 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Zoom

Coach Marsha Lazarus provides one-on-one assistance and advice for your job search and resume. Ages 18+. Registration required.

VOTING RIGHTS: HARD TO COME BY & EASY TO LOSE

Nov. 8 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe

Voting is recognized by most people to be the foundation of a democracy. But much more is required before and after casting a vote to be sure **the government hears us**. We'll discuss what's at stake to maintain our multicultural, multiracial, multi-ethnic democracy. Regina Tillman, a career public servant and voting rights champion, leads the discussion. The program is sponsored by the Friends & Foundation of APL. Ages 18+. Registration required.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Nov. 8, 29 & Dec. 20 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. Ages 18+. No registration.

CONTEMPLATIVE FILM NIGHT

▶ **Nov. 8 | "10 Questions for the Dalai Lama"**

▶ **Dec. 13 | "The Fablemans"**

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Enjoy a film, tea, and popcorn. Ages 18+. Registration required.

TAI CHI

Nov. 9, 16 OR Dec. 7, 14 | 10:30-11:30 am | Pine H.

Sabine Seller leads us through gentle movements to improve coordination and balance. All abilities and skill levels welcome. Ages 18+. Select one two-week session and register.

HOWE-DUNNITS

Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, 28 (Thu) | 1:30-3:30 pm | Howe

Share your mystery writing and get feedback. Ages 18+. Registration required.

50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN HIP HOP

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

2023 marks the 50th anniversary of hip hop and we're hosting University at Albany Prof. Janell Hobson to share her work on the important contributions of women in this popular music genre. She recently wrote and edited a series of articles about hip hop focusing on feminist scholars, professors, playwrights, DJs, and music executives. She'll also share a reading list, and playlist. Ages 18+. No registration.

CROCHET A NECK WARMER

Nov. 9, 16 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Learn crocheting basics and make a neck warmer in this two-part class. The good folks at Up-Stitch provided yarn and materials. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ADULTS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Nov. 11, 25 & Dec. 9, 23 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Bring your own character sheets, or use one of the pre-made ones provided. We'll use the fifth edition rule set and level three adventurers. First timers and repeat players welcome. Ages 18+. Registration encouraged.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

Nov. 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 12, 19 (Tue) | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills
Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County teaches this weekly class for intermediate-level adult learners. Attendees will improve their ability to speak, read, write and understand English. Ages 18+. Register with Literacy Volunteers at (518) 244-4650 or lvorc.org.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

Nov. 14, 28 & Dec. 12, 26 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
In Our Own Voices, Inc., provides free and discreet HIV and Hepatitis C testing. Ages 18+. No appointment required.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

► Nov. 14 | *Girls Burn Brighter* by Shobha Rao
► Dec. 12 | *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* by M. James
Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany
Read at home and join us for a wonderful conversation. Ages 18+. Registration required.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Attend in person, or watch livestream/recording on YouTube. Provide comments to board in person, or submit to (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. Ages 18+. Drop in.

ADULT CRAFT HOUR: PAINTING

Nov. 15 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
All supplies and instructions provided. Co-sponsored by NNORC. Ages 18+. Registration required.

MAKE A "PIE" GARLAND

Nov. 15 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | North Albany
Make a personalized pie garland for your home. Ages 18+. Registration required.

DRAGON SNOW GLOBE

Nov. 15 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe
Make a dragon snow globe that even Smaug would love. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CLASSIC KUNG FU MOVIE NIGHT

Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor/West
Watch a classic kung fu movie with us. Ages 18+. No registration.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

► Nov. 16 | *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
► Dec. 21 | *Baggage* by Alan Cumming
Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach
Read the book at home and join us for a lively discussion. Ages 18+. Registration required.

MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP: TAPPING INTO SELF LOVE

Nov. 16 (Thu) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Learn how to improve your relationship with yourself using EFT tapping, meditation, and journaling. Hosted by Root3d. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CONFUSED ABOUT MEDICARE? GET ANSWERS

Nov. 17 (Fri) | 1-2:30 pm | Pine Hills
Candy Marrero of Capital Region Medicare Specialists explains Medicare and provides suggestions on how to find the best plan for you. Ages 18+. No registration.

BEVERAGES & BOARD GAMES

Nov. 18 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Sip and play board games, card games, and puzzles. Ages 18+. No registration.

MAKE A TEDDY BEAR

Nov. 22 (Wed) | 1-3 pm | North Albany
We'll pick out fabric, sew the pattern, and stuff the bears. All supplies provided; you can also bring your own fabric. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CENTENNIAL FILM SERIES

► **Nov. 25 | "The Thin Man" (1934)**
► **Dec. 23 | "Three Godfathers" (1948)**
Saturdays | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills
We're showing a movie for each decade APL has been around. Ages 18+. No registration.



ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

Nov. 27 (Mon) & Dec. 27 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe
Watch and draw anime in this group for adults. Ages 18+. No registration.

MAKE AN EVERGREEN WREATH

Nov. 28 (Tue) | 5-7:45 pm | Delaware
Create a wreath using tree trimmings, wire, and add-on decorations. All materials provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

ADULTS

FRAUDS & SCAMS: HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Nov. 29 (Wed) | 1-1:45 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about current scams and get practical tips for protecting yourself from scams, frauds, and identity theft. Presented by a financial wellness educator from Broadview FCU. Ages 18+. No registration.

ADULT SPELLING BEE

Nov. 29 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Howe

Show off your spelling skills! Bring your "A" game to the spelling "B" and we'll "C" you there! Ages 18+. Registration required.

PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 29 | **Man's Search for Meaning** by V. Frankl
- Dec. 27 | *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by H. Kushner

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

We discuss books that foster personal growth and well-being. Ages 18+. Registration required.

LET'S TALK ALBANY: HISTORIC ALBANY

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

Cara Macri of the Historic Albany Foundation shares the story of one of Albany's oldest buildings — the Van Ostrande-Radliff House built in 1728. You'll also hear about the plans the foundation has for the building's future. Co-sponsored by NNORC. Ages 18+. Registration required.

MAKE FRUIT LEATHER

Dec. 2 (Sat) | 10 am-12 pm | Howe

Make leather from foraged fruits. Ages 18+. Registration required.

COCOA IN A JAR

Dec. 5 (Tue) | 4-5:45 pm | Howe

Make hot cocoa jars that you can give out as gifts. Ages 18+. Registration required.

WINTER TREE WREATH

Dec. 6, 13 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | North Albany

We'll have supplies for you to create a colorful wreath. Ages 18+. Select one date and register.

COOK THE BOOK: "SMITEN KITCHEN"

Dec. 13 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Choose a recipe from one of Deb Perelman's cookbooks. Share your cooking story, and samples if you like, with us. Co-sponsored by NNORC. Ages 18+. No registration.

CINEMANIA: IT'S LIKE A BOOK, BUT FASTER!

Dec. 14, 21 (Thu) | 6:30-8 pm | Delaware

We revisit some of the coolest cult movies every produced. Enjoy the weird, strange, and (sometimes) poorly made films that fascinate us. Ages 18+. No registration.

MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP: INNER CHILD HEALING

Dec. 13 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe

This creative writing class focuses on helping you heal your inner child. Hosted by Root3d. Ages 18+. Registration required.

CROCHET GRANNY SQUARES

Dec. 27 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | North Albany

Learn how to crochet granny squares using tutorials on Creativebug. We'll learn together and leave with enough skill to crochet a blanket at home. Ages 18+. Registration required.

SPELLING BEE

at the Howe Branch

ADULTS

Nov. 29 (Wed)

6:30-7:30 pm

TEENS

Dec. 1 (Fri)

4:30-5:30 pm

GROWING READERS STORYTIMES & PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Baby Bounce Storytime	Fun songs and short books to introduce your baby to storytime. Stay after storytime to play.	0-2	Wednesdays: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 Dec. 6, 13, 27	10:30 am	Bach
Baby Bounce Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes for the first half hour. Then its unstructured play time.	0-18 mos.	Every Monday	10:30 am	Washington
Bilingual Family Storytime	Hear stories, sing songs in English and Spanish. For Spanish speakers AND Spanish learners.	0-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Washington
Daycare Storytime with Gruff	Music, stories, and dance with Gruff the storytime monster for daycare providers, families.	2-5	Thursdays: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 am	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Family Evening Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-5	Mondays: Nov. 13, 20, 27 Dec. 4, 11, 18	6:30 pm	Pine Hills
Family Afternoon Storytime	Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-5	Tuesdays: Nov. 14, 21, 28 Dec. 5, 12, 19	4:30 pm	Pine Hills
Pajama Storytime	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Tuesdays: Nov. 14, 21, 28 Dec. 5, 12, 26	7 pm	Bach
Pre-K Café	Simple science experiments, games, arts & crafts, more.	3-5	Tuesdays: Nov. 21 & Dec. 12	11 am	Pine Hills
Saturday Family Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, folktales, and movement activities.	2-5	Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Saturday Storytime + Play & Grow	Shake the sillies out while learning rhymes, songs, stories. Stay for unstructured play time.	0-5	Saturdays: Nov. 11, 18, 25 Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30	10:30 am	Washington
Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories and fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Stay after for unstructured play time.	0-5	Wednesdays: Nov. 1, 8, 5, 22, 29 Dec. 6, 13, 20	10:30 am	Delaware
Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.	0-4	Every Monday	10:30 am	North Albany
Preschool Storytime & Play	Interactive storytime with movement and fun. Stay after to play.	2-6	Mondays: Nov. 13, 20, 27 Dec. 4, 11, 18	10:30 am	Bach
Toddler Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	1-3	Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Morning Storytime	Stories, songs, rhymes, and more.	0-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe

KIDS & TEENS

MINI MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Every Monday | 3-5 pm | Washington
Join us in the Albany Made Creative Lab makerspace to make shrinky dinks, buttons, perler beads, and more. Ages 6-14. No registration.

PAWS FOR READING

Every Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Read to Rocket, a certified therapy dog and great listener. Ages 5-17. Drop in.

TREATS & TOYS TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Refresh with a tasty treat after school and play with our toys, games, and activities. Ages 5-11. No registration.

GAMERS UNITE

Every Wednesday | 3:30-5 pm | Washington
Play board or video games. Ages 11-17. Drop in.

ANIME CLUB

► Every Friday | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany
Do anime-related activities and have snacks with other anime enthusiasts. Ages 11-17. No registration.
► Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 (Wed) | 4-4:45 pm | Pine Hills
Watch anime, socialize, and eat snacks. Ages 7-11. Registration required.

GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Howe
Play Xbox, Switch, or PS4. Ages 9-17. Drop in.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

Nov. 1 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll read the first chapter of *Alvin Ho is Allergic to Birthday Parties, Science Projects and Other Man-Made Catastrophes* together, do activities, and have a birthday cupcake. Ages 6-10. Registration required.

LEGO CLUB

► Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thu) | 3:30-5:30 pm | Washington
► Nov. 2 & Dec. 7 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Play with our LEGO sets and create something special. No registration. Ages 5-17.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 14, 21 (Thu) | 4-4:45 pm | Pine Hills

Each week try a new activity, including arts and crafts, cooking, and science experiments.

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Ages 7-11. No registration.

MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Build your Minecraft world and characters in a weekly competition. Ages 6-14. Drop in.

SEW A SHOPPING BAG

Nov. 2, 9 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Bach
Make a cloth shopping bag in this two-week program from our partners at Stitch Exchange. Ages 16+. Register for both classes.

READY, SET, POP!

Nov. 3 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Washington
Pop over and join us to make beaded ears of corn while we snack on fresh popcorn and classic candy corn. Bring your CORNy jokes, too. Ages 5-13. No registration.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

Nov. 3, 10, 17 & Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Fri) | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Bring your friends and play Super Smash. Ages 13-17. No registration.

SNACKTERNOON

Nov. 3, 17 & Dec. 1, 15 (Fri) | 4-4:30 pm | Howe
Visit after school and enjoy a tasty snack. Ages 5-11. No registration.

THANKFUL PLACEMATS

Nov. 4 (Sat) | 1-4:45 pm | Howe
Make a "thankful" placemat that you can use all year round. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

1st SATURDAY FOR FAMILIES

► Nov. 4 | Family Drum Circle | Drumming with John and Heidi Kowalchuk
► Dec. 2 | Cookies & Crafts | Make a craft and snack on cookies
Saturday | 10:30-11:30 am | Washington
Ages 0-8 and families. No registration.

SNAP CIRCUIT SATURDAYS

Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Learn basic engineering, electronics, and circuitry concepts. Experiment and explore together. Ages 8-14. No registration.

BRAINY BOARD GAMES

Nov. 6, 13 & Dec. 4, 11 (Mon) | 3-5 pm | Bach
Bring a partner and play chess and Scrabble with our game boards. Ages 10-17. Drop in.

KIDS & TEENS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor H./West H.
Want to play D&D but don't know where to start?
Learn all about how to make your characters and worlds come alive. Ages 11-17. No registration.

FUN @ 4

- Nov. 8 | Construction Zone | No registration
 - Nov. 15 | Weave a Native American-Style Basket | Registration required
 - Nov. 29 | Make Your Own Picture | No registration
 - Dec. 6 | Edible Magic Wands | Registration required
 - Dec. 20 | House of Cards | No registration
- Wednesdays | 4-5 pm | Bach
Do a cultural, science, art, or food program each session. Ages 5-11.

KIDS COOKING CLUB

Nov. 9 & Dec. 14 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Learn to prepare health meals, and take recipes home, with Miss Kim from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ages 5-14. No registration.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIES

- **Nov. 10 | "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse"**
- **Dec. 8 | "Elemental"**
- **Dec. 22 | "Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken"**

Fridays | 3:30-5:30 pm | Washington
These movie showings are designed for families with children on the autism spectrum. Accommodations include low-level lighting and sound, access to fidgets, relaxed rules, intermission, and captions. Ages 5-17. No registration.

SCIENCE TIME

Nov. 11 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Washington
Mr. Bill teaches us about robotics, mechanical engineering, and the laws of thermodynamics with fun experiments and easy to understand examples. Ages 7-17. No registration.

WORLD OF WORM COMPOSTING

Nov. 13 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Learn how worms can be used for composting. **We'll hear about native vs invasive worms, dig into composting bins, and create a worm composting system.** The Albany County 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension teaches us everything we need to know. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

CORN HUSK DOLL STORYTIME & CRAFT

Nov. 13 (Mon) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Howe
Hear a story and make a corn husk doll. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC SHOWS

- Nov. 13 | Thankful for Thanksgiving
 - Dec. 11 | The Winter Wonderland Mondays | 10:30-11 am | Zoom
- Join us for these high energy music and comedy shows for all kids, including those on the autism spectrum. Ages 2-9. Registration required.

MESSY ART FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Nov. 14 & Dec. 5 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use paint, scissors, and other natural objects to make some messy art. Ages 3-6. No registration.

TINY CANVAS PAINT & SIP

Nov. 14 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Paint a nature scene, abstract design, or whatever you want on a tiny canvas while sipping drinks. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

KIDS CRAFTS

Nov. 16 & Dec. 21 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Fun afterschool craft each session, with instructor Megan. Ages 5-17. No registration.

PAGE TURNERS

- Nov. 16 | *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick
 - Dec. 21 | *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
Join us for a monthly book discussion via Zoom. Ages 10-14. Registration required.

GAME TIME

Nov. 17 & Dec. 22 (Fri) | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware
Play Xbox One, board, and card games. Ages 8-17. Drop in.

ARTIST COLLAGE WORKSHOP: ELIZABETH ZUNON

Nov. 18 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Elizabeth Zunon, one of our favorite local picture book authors and illustrators, shows us how she creates the collages for her books. **And we'll make our own collages.** Ages 4-10. Registration required.

MULTIPLAYER

Nov. 21 & Dec. 5, 19 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Bring friends and play Super Smash, Minecraft, Rocket League, and more. Ages 11-17. No registration.

KIDS & TEENS

PANCAKES

Nov. 28 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Enjoy breakfast for dinner with yummy pancakes. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

TEEN ANIMANGA CLUB

Nov. 29 & Dec. 27 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/W. Hill
Share your love of anime and manga with other teens. Pocky, too! Ages 11-17. No registration.

ART OF CUT & PASTE GRAPHIC DESIGN

Nov. 30 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Delaware

Local graphic artist Brendan Halayko talks about the punk rock art movement that helped drive today's graphic design world. Learn how to cut, paste, and rip your own custom art. All supplies provided and no experience needed. Ages 15+. Registration required.

TEEN SPELLING BEE

Dec. 1 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe

Prove to our friends and family that you can spell better than Google and compete for the crown! Ages 11-17. Registration required.

PERIOD PARTY

Dec. 5 (Tue) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

We're hosting a gender-inclusive celebration of menstruation with Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood and Capital Region Mental Health. The interactive and informational presentation will break down some of the myths about menstruation. **Snack on some "period craving" favorites like pizza, chips, and chocolate. Decorate a period "go bag" filled with menstrual products provided by our partners.** Ages 8-17 and their families. Registration recommended.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB: ART AT APL EDITION

Dec. 7 (Thu) | 4-4:45 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about **Gee's Bend**, a small African American community in rural Alabama that has become famous for stunning and unique quilts made by women there. Make collage note cards inspired by these bold and colorful quilts. **Victoria van der Laan, Art at APL's featured artist, teaches the class.** Ages 7-11. Registration required.

The workshop is sponsored by a NYS Council on the Arts grant in partnership with Opalka Gallery. Art at APL is generously sponsored by the Friends & Foundation of APL.

UNDERCOVER GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

Dec. 7 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany

Run, run as fast as you can...to North Albany and make a disguise for your gingerbread

person. We provide all supplies. Ages 6-14. Registration required.

MUSIC FUN WITH MATT

Dec. 8 (Fri) | 10:30-11:15 am | Washington

Matt Yaeger leads us in songs, dances, and lots of fun. Ages 0-5. No registration.

COOKIES & COCOA

Dec. 12 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Decorate cookies and made-from-scratch cocoa. Ages 11-17. Registration required.

THE SNOWY DAY STORYTIME & ACTIVITY

Dec. 13 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

Listen to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and then make your own snow. Take home a copy of the book to keep, and a bag of fun activities. Our friend Barbara Lukas from WMHT leads the program. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

DECORATE HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

Dec. 19 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Howe

Use our stickers, markers, and ribbon to decorate holiday gift bags. Ages 5-11. Registration required.

FROZEN FESTIVITIES

- ▶ Dec. 26 (Tue) | Paint a Bookmark
- ▶ Dec. 27 (Wed) | Snowflake Craft & Cocoa
- ▶ Dec. 28 (Thu) | Sticker-by-Numbers
- ▶ Dec. 29 (Fri) | Felt Cookie Craft

2-3 pm | Washington

Visit us to do crafts and activities during school vacation. Ages 5-11. No registration.

MAPLE SUGARING

Dec. 27 (Wed) | 3-3:45 pm | Pine Hills

Learn about maple trees, how syrup works, and why sugar is important for the trees and people. We'll also taste maple syrup. Author and educator Anita Sanchez leads the program. Ages 4-10. Registration required.

WINTER SOUP

Dec. 28 (Thu) | 1-1:45 pm | Pine Hills

Honest Weight Food Co-op shows us how to make a delicious winter soup using a variety of fresh vegetables. Take home recipes to share with your family. Ages 7-11. Registration required.

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT SNOW: SLIME

Dec. 30 (Sat) } 1-3:30 pm | Howe

Make snow slime or glitter slime to take home. Ages 5-12. Registration required.



WINTER EXHIBITION: "EXTRA/ORDINARY" | PINE HILLS

EXHIBITION | Dec. 2 through Early Spring | During Open Hours

This new exhibition, curated by Opalka Gallery, showcases the work of contemporary artists whose work straddles craft and fine art in the form of braiding, quilting, embroidery, felting, tufting, and needlepoint. Sponsored by the Friends & Foundation of APL. All ages. Drop in.

OPENING RECEPTION | Dec. 1 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm

View the new art show and enjoy music by the Albany High School Jazz Ensemble. All ages. Drop in.

FEATURED ARTIST PRESENTATION | Dec. 6 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm

Artist Victoria van der Laan, whose work is featured in the skylight above the branch's central staircase, shares the inspiration behind the installation. Her heritage is quilt making, and she carries this knowledge forward in her sewn paintings. All ages. Registration required.

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NOV. 23-24 (THU-FRI) | THANKSGIVING
DEC. 24-25 (SUN-MON) | CHRISTMAS



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- Programs are subject to change. The online calendar has the most up-to-date information.
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