



PROGRAM GUIDE

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2024

APL programs are free of charge and open to the public | Programs subject to change
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CELEBRATE FREEDOM TO READ

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2024

APL participates in Banned Books Week to highlight the power of communities uniting to resist censorship.

Banned Books Week was created by the American Library Association (ALA) to draw attention to the harms of censorship. According to ALA, "Readers, particularly students, are losing access to critical information, and librarians and teachers are under attack for doing their jobs."

Exercise your right to read by checking out a book that has been challenged or banned somewhere in the U.S., and by attending our annual readout.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK READOUT

"WOMEN: FREED BETWEEN THE LINES"

Sept. 24 (Tue) | 6-8 pm | Washington

We are drawing attention to how books impact our freedom and the need to support the access of diverse voices related to the experience of women in our country. We'll hear local actors, poets, and musicians perform excerpts from banned and challenged books written by women, with a strong focus on works by marginalized authors. We'll also hear about the challenges related to intellectual freedom and the status of banned and challenges books, plus an update on the work related to the Equal Rights Amendment that would give women constitutional affirmation of their rights in America. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

This program is presented in partnership with NYCLU Capital Region Office and the League of Women Voters of Albany County, Planned Parenthood, and Albany (NY) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The program was also made possible by the Freedom to Read Foundation Judith F. Krug Banned Books Week grant.

THIS BANNED BOOKS WEEK...

READ A BANNED BOOK

ALA.ORG/BBBOOKS | ALAAmericanLibraryAssociation

TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2023

The American Library Association documented 1,247 attempts to censor materials and services at libraries, schools, and universities in 2023. Of the 4,240 unique titles that were challenged or banned in 2023, here are the top 10 most frequently challenged.



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GENDER QUEER
by Mia Kobabe
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit | 2

ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE
by George M. Johnson
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit | 3

THIS BOOK IS GAY
by Juno Dawson
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, sex education, claimed to be sexually explicit | 4

THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER
by Stephen Chbosky
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content, rape, drugs, profanity | 5

FLAMER
by Mike Costello
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit |
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THE BLUEST EYE
by Toni Morrison
REASONS: rape, incest, claimed to be sexually explicit, EDI content | 7/8

ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL
by Jesse Andrews
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity | | 9

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
by Erika Moon and Matthew Nolan
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, sex education, LGBTQIA+ content | 10

SOLD
by Patricia McCormick
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, rape |



ALL AGES

DELAWARE COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday | 4-7 pm | Delaware
Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, more.
EBT accepted. | All ages. | Drop in.

TINY ART SHOW

Sept. 1-30 | During Open Hours | Delaware
Pick up a mini canvas and make an art piece at home.
Bring your tiny art back so we can put it on display. | All ages. | First come, first served.

MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK

Sept. 1-30 | During Open Hours | North Albany
Pick up blank comic book pages that you can use to create your own story. | All ages. | No registration.

MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

- ▶ Sept. 3 (Tue) | 3-5 pm
- ▶ Every Tuesday Starting Sept. 10 | 3-6 pm
- ▶ Sept. 5 (Thu) | 5-7pm
- ▶ Every Thursday Starting Sept. 12 | 4:30-7:30 pm

Washington

Use 3D printers, video/music editing tools, sewing machines, more. Expanded hours in part by a generous donation to the Friends & Foundation of APL from the Bender Family Foundation. | All ages. | No registration.

BEVERAGES & BOARD GAMES

Sept. 13 & Oct. 18 (Fri) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Sit and sip while you play board games, card games, and puzzles. | All ages. | Registration required.

BIKE THE BRANCHES

Sept. 14 (Sat) | 11:15 am-1:30 pm | Pine Hills
We're biking to six of our branches and stopping for a poetry reading at each location. The 9-mile, 2-hour ride begins and ends at Pine Hills. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Hosted by Friends and Foundation of APL, Albany Bicycle Coalition, and APL. | Ages 12+. | Registration required.

CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL MOONCAKES

Sept. 17 (Tue) | 5-6 pm | Howe
Try some mooncakes for the Chinese Moon Festival. | All ages. | Registration required.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE

- ▶ **Sept. 18** | **"Limitless (Fusion) Energy: Reality of Pipe Dream?"** | Presented by Prof. Vivek Jain
- ▶ **Oct. 16** | **"Artificial Intelligence: What's All the Hoop-la?"** | Presented by Prof. Matthew Szydagis

Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Thought provoking discussions lead by University at Albany associate professors of physics. | All ages. | Registration required.

- ▶ **Oct. 23** | **"Hocus Pocus 2"** | 2022, PG
Mondays | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Enter the raffle from St. Catherine's Center for Children while you're here. | All ages. | Registration suggested.

SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

Sept. 25 & Oct. 30 (Wed) | 4-5:45 pm | Delaware
Enjoy a family movie in an atmosphere with low lights and volume, plus snacks. | All ages. | No registration.

POP-TART PARTY

Sept. 26 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Pop-Tarts are turning 60 this year. Learn their history and try fun flavors. | All ages. | Registration required.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: ARTIST WORKSHOP

Sept. 29 (Sun) | 2-4 pm | Delaware
Bring a piece of art in the theme of Hispanic heritage or the style of an Hispanic artist. Martinez Gallery owner Laudelina Martinez, Argentine-born artist Melissa Thompson, and Mexican-American visual artist Edwin Flores will respond to your work with constructive feedback. | All ages. | Registration required.

ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- ▶ **Sept. 30** | **"The Garfield Movie"** | 2024, PG
- ▶ **Oct. 28** | **"Inside Out 2"** | 2024, PG

Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Enjoy a family-friendly movie. | All ages. | Drop in.

FAMILY MOVE & GROOVE: LATIN BEATS

Oct. 5 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Pine Hills
Dance instructor Latisia J of Move 2B Moved studio teaches a special Hispanic Heritage Month class. | All ages. | No registration.

Delaware Community

FARMER'S MARKET

EVERY TUESDAY
4-7pm

DELAWARE BRANCH
331 Delaware Ave

Fresh picked veggies, fruit,
herbs, flowers, honey & more!

WIC coupons and food stamp (EBT) cards accepted

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NORTH ALBANY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- ▶ **Sept. 25** | **"TMNT: Mutant Mayhem"** | 2023, PG

ALL AGES

LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

Oct. 9 (Wed) | 5-6 pm | Howe

Learn how to protect your family from home fires. | All ages. | Registration required.

STORIES FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE LONGHOUSE

Oct. 19 (Sat) | 1-2 pm | Washington

Learn about Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) legends that have been told for centuries from Perry Ground, a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. | All ages. | Registration required.

GLOW IN THE DARK FAMILY BINGO

Oct. 24 (Thu) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Bach

Fun family glow-in-the-dark BINGO with prizes and snacks. | All ages. | Registration required.

HALLOWEEN SCRATCH MASKS & TREATS

Oct. 31 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Enjoy Halloween-themed scratch pad masks and other fun shapes, plus treats. | All ages. | Drop in.

HOWE-O-WEEEN PARTY

Oct. 31 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Howe

Celebrate Halloween with games and treats. | All ages. | Registration required.



ADULTS

GENTLE MOVEMENT GROUP

Every Monday | 12:15-1:15 pm | Howe

Do some light movement exercises to start the week. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SYMPHONY OF COLOR

Every Monday | 2:30-4 pm | Washington

Enjoy a quiet afternoon of coloring, tea, and classical music. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

- ▶ Every Monday | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware
- ▶ Every Thursday | 2-2:30 pm, 3-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
- ▶ Sept. 12, 19 & Oct. 10, 17 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach

Bring your device and questions, and get help with computer basics, email, more. NNORC leads the Bach sessions. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

Every Tuesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County teaches this class. | Ages 18+. | Register with Literacy Volunteers at (518) 244-4650 or lvorc.org.

RESUME ASSISTANCE

Every Thursday | 1-2 pm | Delaware

Get help writing or updating a resume. We can assist with your cover letters, too, in this one-on-one session. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- ▶ Arbor Hill Area | Every Thursday | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski.
- ▶ Delaware Area | Every Monday | 3-5 pm | Delaware Branch | Meet Tabora Marcus.
- ▶ North Albany Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | North Albany Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski.
- ▶ Pine Hills Area | Every Thursday | 11 am-1 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Meet Alex Word.
- ▶ West Hill Area | Every Tuesday | 3-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Maribel Ramos Rodriguez.

The city's neighborhood reps answer your questions and hear concerns. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

STITCH ANGELS

Every Friday | 12:30-2:30 pm | Delaware

Work on your knitting or crocheting projects with fellow fiber artists. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- ▶ Sept. 3 | Author Talk | Union College Assoc. Prof. Bunkong Tuon reads from his novel *Koan Khmer*.

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- Sept. 10 | Author Talk | Michael J. Burgess reads from his book *Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in Albany: Governing New York*.
- Sept. 17 | Special Program | Author Joshilyn Jackson discusses "Where Do Characters Come From?" | Also available to watch live on Zoom.
- Sept. 24 | Book Review | *The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions* reviewed by David Rudinger, retired from NYS Department of Transportation.
- Oct. 1 | Book Review | *The Nightingales of Troy: Stories of One Family's Century* reviewed by Therese L. Broderick, founder of free Local Poets Library.
- Oct. 8 | Book Review | *The Eye of the Master: A Social History of Artificial Intelligence* reviewed by Alexis Bhagat, NY Small Business Development Center librarian.
- Oct. 15 | Book Review | *On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Health* reviewed by retired attorney Richard King.
- Oct. 22 | Author Talk | Stephen Leon, writer and former editor of *Metroland*, reads from his book *Farmington River: A Boarding School Mystery*.
- Oct. 29 | Book Review | *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* reviewed by Rev. Antonio Booth of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Tuesdays | 2-3 pm | Washington

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

SEWING GROUP

Sept. 3 & Oct. 1 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe

Newly arrived immigrants learn to sew while practicing their English language skills. Hosted by Stitching Exchange, an artist-led project that uses sewing as a common language. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CELEBRATE THE PARALYMPICS

Sept. 4 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

Watch the amazing athletes competing in the Paris Paralympics while enjoying French cheese courtesy of The Cheese Traveler. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SLEEP IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR

Sept. 4 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learn holistic practices to improve sleep from Charles Adinolfi of Inner Bliss. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

- Sept. 4, 18 & Oct. 2, 16 (Wed) | 12-2 pm | Pine Hills
 - Sept. 10, 24 & Oct. 8, 22 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware
- Caregivers can stop in with their groups for various activities for all abilities. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

KNITTING GROUP

Sept. 4, 18 & Oct. 2, 16 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

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Work on your project among friends, with NNORC. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

COMMUNITY ART

Sept. 5 & Oct. 10 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach

Draw and paint using a still life for inspiration. Canvas, paints provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BRUNCH & A MOVIE

➤ **Sept. 6** | "School of Rock" | 2003, PG-13

➤ **Oct. 4** | "Halloween Kills" | 2021, R

Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe

Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching the movie of the month. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

WITH PEN IN HAND

Sept. 9, 23 & Oct. 7, 21 (Mon) | 2-3:30 pm | Howe

Learn to express yourself and share your work. Facilitated by Misty Yarnall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

PAINT 'N' SIP PLUS

➤ Sept. 9 | Vase Painting

➤ Oct. 7 | Acrylic Painting

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

Make an art piece in a relaxing atmosphere while enjoying refreshments. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

➤ Sept. 9 | *The Bangalore Detectives Club* by H. Nagendra

➤ Oct. 7 | *The Manor House* by G. Macmillan

Mondays | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom

Read at home and join us on Zoom for a spirited discussion. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.



FFAPL
FRIENDS & FOUNDATION
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FFAPL TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

Join the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library every week for author talks, book reviews, and more!

Every Tuesday
2-3pm

Washington Ave Branch

The poster features a green background with a white banner at the top containing the FFAPL logo. Below the banner, the text "FFAPL TUESDAY BOOK TALKS" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, a smaller line of text reads "Join the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library every week for author talks, book reviews, and more!". At the bottom, a red arrow-shaped banner points to the right, containing the text "Every Tuesday 2-3pm" and "Washington Ave Branch". The background of the poster shows a stack of books with one book open on top.

ADULTS

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

Sept. 10, 24 & Oct. 8, 22 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
Free and discreet testing provided by In Our Own Voices. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

► Sept. 10 | *The Berry Pickers* by A. Peters
► Oct. 8 | *Holler, Child* by L. Watkins
Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany
Join us for an engaging discussion. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 (Tue) | 5-6:30 pm | Location TBA
Bring a book and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. Check online calendar for the meeting location. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Attend in person, or watch on YouTube. Public comment in person, or: (518) 290-6905 or publiccomment@albanypubliclibrary.org. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

NOVEL NIGHT BOOK CLUB

► Sept. 10 | *The Shadow of the Wind* by C. Ruiz Zafón
► Oct. 8 | *Before the Fall* by N. Hawley
Tuesdays | 6-7 pm | Washington
Read and home and join us for a lively discussion. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

CINEMANIA: "LEGEND"

Sept. 11 (Wed) | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
We're revisiting this cool cult classic from 1985 directed by Ridley Scott. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: KATIE FARRELL

Sept. 12 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
Local author and former APL librarian Katie Farrell discusses *The Dahlia Farm*. She'll also share flowers from her garden. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

REMINDERS ABOUT APL PROGRAMS

- Many programs require registration and have attendance limits.
- Programs are free to attend.
- Programs are subject to change.
- The online calendar has the most current information.
- Register by phone (518) 427-4300 or the online events calendar at albanypubliclibrary.org



NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

Sept. 12, 19 & Oct. 10, 31 (Thu) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Susan Riback, NNORC community health nurse educator, does blood pressure checks, medication reviews, and discusses health concerns. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

MEET THE APPS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

Sept. 12 & Oct. 10 (Thu) | 5-5:30 pm | Delaware
Learn how to access digital books, movies, more on your phone, tablet. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALBANY UNBOUND

Sept. 14 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Pine Hills
Andre Goodbee discusses his journey from studying to be an electrician to founding his own electrical contracting company. Hosted by Friends and Foundation of APL. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

PAPER CRAFTS

► Sept. 18 | September Flowers
► Oct. 16 | October Pumpkins
Wednesdays | 5-7 pm North Albany
Learn paper curling techniques from Stacey Kennedy for the monthly craft. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sept. 19 (Thu) | 1-5 pm | Washington
Walk-ins welcome. Or you can make an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visiting redcrossblood.org. | Ages 18+. | Registration optional.

LEARN TO MEDITATE

Sept. 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 10 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Pine H.
Explore the benefits of meditation from Elissa Kane, volunteer instructor from Shambhala Meditation Center. For all levels. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

► Sept. 19 | *Killers of the Flower Moon* by D. Grann
► Oct. 18 | *H is for Hawk* by H. MacDonald
Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach
Read the selections and join us for a discussion. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH BRENDA FISHER & FRIENDS

Sept. 21 (Sat) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Pine Hills
Enjoy live music by this trio. Arranged in partnership with the Albany Musicians Association and made possible in part by support from the Music Performance Trust Fund. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK READOUT

"WOMEN: FREED BETWEEN THE LINES"

Sept. 24 (Tue) | 6-8 pm | Washington
Local actors, poets, and musicians perform excerpts from banned and challenged books written by women. See the cover page for details. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ADULTS

PAINT MASON JAR VASES

Sept. 25 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

We'll apply acrylic pour painting techniques to craft mason jar vases. All supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

Sept. 25 & Oct. 30 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

Watch and draw anime in this group for adults. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

- ▶ Sept. 25 | *Wherever You Go, There You Are: Mindfulness Meditation in Everyday Life* by J. Kabat-Zinn
- ▶ Oct. 30 | *Mindfulness in Plain English* by B. Gunaratana

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

Explore personal development and cultivate a sense of community. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

GHOSTLY WALK

Sept. 26 (Thu) | 5:30-7 pm | Discover Albany

Meet us at Discover Albany (25 Quackenbush Sq.). We'll hear about the ghostly figure that lingers past closing time at the Olde English Pub, mysteries that lie within the beautiful homes lining the Ten Broeck Triangle, and the shadowy figures that roam the Capitol halls at night. | Ages 10+. | Registration required.

MOON SPACE: BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

Sept. 26 & Oct. 24 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Community and conversation about chest/breastfeeding for those who are pregnant or currently nursing. Learn about resources from a community lactation educator. Bring your infant. Light snacks and tea provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MUSICAL BINGO

Sept. 28 (Sat) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe

Can you name that song? Music lovers, put your knowledge to the test and identify popular hits through the decades in our BINGO game. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

BEGINNING COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Oct. 2 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Learning how to cross stitch is as easy as making an "X"! Get started at the library and bring home the supplies you need to finish. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CAPITAL REGION REPAIR CAFE

Oct. 6 (Sun) | 10 am-1 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Join us for a Repair Cafe run by Historic Albany Foundation's Tool Lending Library. Get household items repaired so you can continue using them. Repairers will be on hand to sharpen knives and scissors, mend clothing and textiles, jewelry, electronics, wooden items, toys, and more. | Ages 18+. | Registration suggested.

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PHOTOGRAPHY: WHY WE LOVE TAKING PICTURES

Oct. 9 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Whether you just got your first camera or are an accomplished photographer, we'll discuss techniques and our love for the art form. Learn tips for your film, digital DSLR, Polaroid, or smart phone cameras and practice taking pictures. | Ages 11+. | Registration required.

ASIAN TEA CEREMONIES

Oct. 10 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

The Short and Stout Tea Lounge leads us in exploring the brewing techniques of Gong Fu Cha (Chinese) and Chadō (Japanese) tea ceremonies. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FABULOUS FALL PAPER COLLAGE

Oct. 15 (Tue) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Learn different techniques from Virginia M. to create a unique collage. No experience needed. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CLASSIC KUNG FU MOVIE NIGHT

Oct. 16 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor/West Hill

Enjoy a kung fu film. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

MISINFORMATION & MANIPULATION OF THE VOTING PUBLIC

Oct. 16 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe

Discuss how to strengthen voting rights for all. Vera Ecarius-Kelly, Siena College professor of political science, leads the discussion about the insidious nature of propaganda and misinformation related to voting. Presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Albany County. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

**all abilities
adult
social group**

DELAWARE BRANCH
SEPT. 10 & 24
OCT. 8 & 22
AT 12-2 PM

PINE HILLS BRANCH
SEPT. 4 & 18
OCT. 2 & 16
AT 12-2 PM

AGES 18+

ADULTS

LEAF PRINT CARDS

Oct. 17 (Thu) | 5-5:45 pm | Howe

Using fall leaves as our ink stamps, we'll make greeting cards. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

"UNTITLED: ART FROM BEHIND BARS"

Oct. 17 (Thu) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Washington

Join us for the opening reception of this special art exhibit featuring works exclusively created by individuals incarcerated in New York State prisons. The pieces speak to the creativity of the artists and provide testimony to the humanity of people who will someday return home and become productive members of society. | The art will remain on display through the fall. Please visit our events calendar online for a schedule of viewing hours. | Presented in partnership with Prisoner's Legal Services of New York. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

HOMEBUYER 101

Oct. 18 (Fri) | 1-2:30 pm | Washington

Get started on the path to home ownership with lessons about down payment programs, mortgage qualification, and more. Presented by the Affordable Housing Partnership of the Capital Region Inc. | Ages 18+. | Register by calling AHP at (518) 434-1730.

ALBANY GAY MEN'S CHORUS

Oct. 19 (Sat) | 2:30-3:30 pm | Pine Hills

The superb Albany Gay Men's Chorus performs in honor of LGBTQIA+ History Month. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

LITERARY LEGENDS EVENT

Oct. 19 (Sat) | 6-9 pm | Café Madison

The Friends and Foundation of APL host this annual fundraiser to benefit APL special programs and services. Local author Karin Lin-Greenberg will be named Literary Legend, and The RED Bookshelf will be named Community Partner. The event ticket price includes music, drinks, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$100 per person. Visit ffapl.org for details and to purchase tickets.

CROCHET A SIMPLE COIN PURSE

Oct. 21 (Mon) | 5-7 pm | Howe

Use single and double stitches to crochet a simple coin purse. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FALL PREVENTION: ON YOUR FEET & INDEPENDENT

Oct. 22 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Preventing falls is one factor to maintaining health in older adults. Learn about fall risk factors, how to mitigate them, and what to do after a fall. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SILENT FILM SPECTACULAR

Oct. 22 (Tue) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Washington

The Silent Film Spectacular returns for one night only! Enjoy talented local musicians perform live, original scores to classic silent film shorts. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

LET'S TALK ALBANY: SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY

Oct. 23 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Explore the history of the Shakers of America, with a focus on their arrival in Albany in 1776. With Halloween in sight, we'll dabble in some of the more mysterious aspects of their story. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MAGIC SHOW FOR ADULTS

Oct. 23 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

Celebrate National Magic Day early with a visit from two magicians who put on a special performance just for grown ups. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & SOCIETY

Oct. 23 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Pine Hills

Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies have the potential to impact how we understand the world and raise questions about democracy, justice, and society. We'll discuss how AI is already impacting our lives, and what we can do about it with University at Albany Asst. Prof. of Philosophy Alessandra Buccella. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

HOLISTIC DETOXIFICATION

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

Learn holistic detoxification techniques for physical, mental, and spiritual homeostasis from Charles Adinolfi from Inner Bliss. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.



Book Clubs

Mystery Book Club
The Bangalore Detectives Club
SEPT 9, 6:30PM
on Zoom

Book Club Before Dinner
The Berry Pickers
SEPT 10, 5PM
North Albany Branch

Novel Night Book Club
Homegoing
SEPT 10, 6PM
Washington Ave Branch

Novels After Noon Book Club
Killers of the Flower Moon
SEPT 19, 2PM
Bach Branch

Book Clubs



YOUTH

MINI MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

Every Monday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Join us in the makerspace for shrinky dinks, buttons, perler beads, more. | Ages 6-14. | No registration.

READING WITH ROCKET

Every Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Delaware
Read to Rocket, a certified therapy dog and great listener. Bring your own book, or ask the librarian for a recommendation. | Ages 5-17. | Drop in.

CRAFTER SCHOOL PARTY

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

GAMERS UNITE

Every Wednesday | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Play board or video games. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

AFTER SCHOOL GAMING

Every Thursday | 4-5 pm | Pine Hills
Hang out at the library and play board and video games with your friends. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

MINECRAFT MAYHEM

Every Thursday | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
Build your Minecraft world and characters in a weekly competition. | Ages 6-14. | Drop in.

TEEN TIME

Every Friday | 3:30-5:30 pm | North Albany
Play video games, watch anime, and do some crafts. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

SUPER SMASH FRIDAYS

Every Friday | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Bring your friends every week and play Super Smash Bros. The University at Albany eSports team visits on July 12. | Ages 13-17. | Drop in.

GAMING ZONE

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

TINY CANVAS PAINT & SIP

Sept. 3 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Unleash your inner artist and create a tiny work of art. For all skill levels. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

BOOK BUDDIES

Sept. 3, 10, 24 & Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills

Together we'll read librarian-selected picture books by award-winning authors. We'll end with a craft or activity based on that week's author or illustrator. | Ages 4-8. | No registration.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 (Wed) | 4-6 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn how to make your characters and worlds come alive. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

LEGO CLUB

Sept. 5 & Oct. 3 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Build whatever you can imagine using our LEGO bricks. | Ages 4-11. | No registration.

COSPLAY 101

Sept. 7 & Oct. 5 (Sat) | 11 am-12 pm | Howe
Want to know the ins and outs of cosplay? Get tips and tricks to help you start your own cosplay journey. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

PLAYDOUGH PLAYTIME

Sept. 9 & Oct. 7 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn letters, shapes, and numbers by playing with playdough. | Ages 0-5 | No registration.

OP ART

Sept. 10 (Tue) | 5-6 pm | Washington
Have you seen an optical illusion before? We'll use shapes, colors, and patterns to make optical art (OP) that comes alive. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

PARACHUTE POP-UP

Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 (Tue) | 1-1:45 pm | Bach
Pop into Bach for group parachute games to get the wiggles out. | Ages 2-6. | Registration required.

READ TO ROCKET!



Ages 5-17

Tuesdays
3:30-4:30pm

Delaware Branch



YOUTH

MULTIPLAYER

Sept. 10, 24 & Oct. 8, 22 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Play Super Smash, Minecraft, Rocket League, and more with friends. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

EXPLORING VOLCANOS

Sept. 10, 11 (Tue, Wed) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
In this 2-day program, build and paint a model volcano and then use baking soda and vinegar to make the volcano "explode." | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

SLIME-IFY YOUR FAVORITE BOOK

Sept. 11 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Make slime based on the cover or your favorite book. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

FUN@4

- ▶ Sept. 11 | Back to School Collage Magnets
- ▶ Sept. 18 | Dynasty Wrestler
- ▶ Sept. 25 | Grilled Cheese Throwdown
- ▶ Oct. 2 | Mexican Alebrijes
- ▶ Oct. 16 | Firefighter Visit
- ▶ Oct. 23 | LEGO
- ▶ Oct. 30 | Light Up Monster Bracelets

Wednesdays | 4-5 pm | Bach

Enjoy a new activity every week after school. | Ages 5-10. | Registration required.

ANIME NIGHT

Sept. 12 & Oct. 10 (Thu) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Who's stronger...Goku, Naruto, or Sailor Moon? Argue your points and watch anime while enjoying snacks together. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

PLAY-DOH PLAYTIME

Sept. 16 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Celebrate National Play-Doh Day at our Play-Doh playtime. | Ages 2-11. | No registration.

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Sept. 17 (Tue) | 4-6 pm | Washington
Put your racing skills to the test. All participants get a prize, and the top three racers win more. | Ages 10-17. | Registration required.

MESSY ART

Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use paint, scissors, and natural objects for sensory art that engages fine motor skills. | Ages 3-6. | No registration.

MY VERY FIRST BOOK CLUB

- ▶ Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
 - ▶ Sept. 27 & Oct. 25 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor/West
- A special book club just for kids who have graduated from storytime and are starting to read more on their own. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

RAPTORS

Sept. 18 (Wed) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Silent Wings bird rescue brings a selection of owls, hawks, eagles, and falcons to teach us about raptors. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

AHOY! PIRATE CRAFTS

Sept. 19 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe
It's Talk Like a Pirate Day and we're turning rubber ducks into parrots, paper towel tubes into spyglasses, and coloring pirate hats. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

PAGE TURNERS

- ▶ Sept. 19 | *Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir* by Pedro Martin | In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month
- ▶ Oct. 17 | *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman | For Halloween

Read the month's book at home and join us on Zoom for a fun discussion. | Ages 4-10. | Registration required.

GAME ON SATURDAY

Sept. 21 & Oct. 26 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Howe
Bring your friends and your "A-game" to play video games together. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

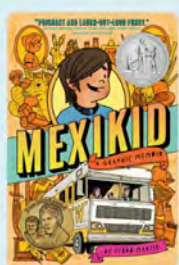
CIDER PRESSING

Sept. 23 (Mon) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Radix Center
It's apple season and we're visiting the Radix Center (153 Grand St.) to celebrate autumn's abundance and learn how to press apples into cider. We'll pick apples from street trees and then help crush and squeeze them into fresh cider. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

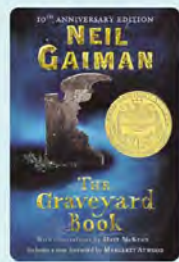
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VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB
ages 10-14



9/19 @6:30pm



10/17 @6:30pm



YOUTH

PINECONE OWLS

Sept. 25 (Wed) | 4-4:30 pm | Howe
Make an owl using items from the great outdoors, like pinecones and acorn caps, that you can keep inside. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

TEEN ANIMANGA CLUB

Sept. 25 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Share your love of anime and manga with other teens. Pocky, too! | Ages 12-18. | No registration.

YOUNG CREATIVES

Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 (Wed) | 4-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Explore art, literature, and performance and flex your writing, drawing, and photography muscles. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

SPECIAL WMHT STORYTIME AND CRAFT

- ▶ Oct. 1 (Tue) | *Gregory the Terrible Eater* | 4-5:30 pm | Bach
- ▶ Oct. 5 (Sat) | *Gregory the Terrible Eater* | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills
- ▶ Oct. 7 (Mon) | *Goodnight Moon* | 4-5:30 pm | Delaware

Barbara Lukas from WMHT brings us special themed storytimes & crafts. Get a copy of the book and activities to keep at home. | Ages 3-7. | Registration required.

I WANT TO BE A FIREFIGHTER

Oct. 7 (Mon) | 5-6 pm | Howe
We'll learn fire safety awareness while making fire hats and enjoying firefighter-themed games and storytime. | Ages 0-5. | Registration required.

FALL WIND CHIMES

Oct. 8 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Celebrate fall by creating a set of wind chimes. | Ages 5-17. | Registration required.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

Oct. 9 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll read a few chapters of *Ballpark Mysteries: Black Cat Change-Up* together, do some activities, and enjoy a snack. You get to take the book home to keep. | Ages 6-10. | Registration required.

PHOTOGRAPHY: WHY WE LOVE TAKING PICTURES

Oct. 9 (Wed) | 6-7:30 pm | Pine Hills
Whether you just got your first camera or are an accomplished photographer, we'll discuss techniques and our love for the artform. Learn tips for your film, digital DSLR, Polaroid, or smart phone cameras and practice taking pictures. | Ages 11+. | Registration required.

FALL RAINBOW ORNAMENTS

Oct. 15 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Make fall leaf ornaments on scratchpads. | Ages 5-11. No registration.

IT'S SLIME TIME

Oct. 15 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Make slime with us. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

GROWING READERS HARVEST FEST

Oct. 27 (Sun) | 1-3 pm | Delaware
We're expanding our Growing Readers early literacy program for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers to include fun family-friendly programs! The Harvest Fest includes pony rides, petting zoo, cider donuts, activities, games, storytime, and more. Be sure to sign up for Growing Readers while you're at Harvest Fest. This event is generously funded by the Friends and Foundation of APL. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

HALLOWEEN SKULLS

Oct. 29 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Get in the mood for Halloween by sculpting skulls out of clay. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

METAL TOOLING MASKS

Oct. 29 (Tue) | 5-6 pm | Washington
Just in time for Halloween, make a mask out of metal using tooling and embossing techniques. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Oct. 30 (Wed) | 5-7 pm | North Albany
Wear your Halloween costume and join us for snacks, crafts, and a prize raffle. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.



GROWING READERS
Albany Public Library

BECOME A MEMBER!

- Growing Readers helps **get your child ready to read** before kindergarten -- all at your own pace.
- It's for **babies, toddlers, and preschoolers**.
- We give you **tips on how to read with your child** and advice on books they'll love.
- Get a welcome bag and a **free book every two months** to build your home library.
- **Read regularly with your child** at home.
- Meet other families at storytimes and playgroups and enjoy **special Growing Readers programs** at the library.
- **Visit or call any branch** to get started!

GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	BRANCH
1st Saturday for Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sept. 7 Slimy Saturday ▶ Oct. 5 Not-So-Scary Saturday 	0-8	Saturdays: Sept. 7 & Oct. 5	10:30 am	Washington
All Together Tales Storytime	Sensory friendly, interactive stories, songs, dance, play.	3-7	Every Monday	4 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Baby Bounce Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	0-2	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Bach
			Every Monday	10:30 am	Washington
Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime	Enjoy a bilingual storytime with Mr. John and his Spanish-speaking monster sidekick Gruff.	0-5	Every Monday	6:30 pm	Pine Hills
Growing Readers Stories & Play	Storytime and playtime at three branches. Sign up for Growing Readers club—for reading tips and free books—while you're there.	0-5	Every Saturday	11:30 am	Howe
			Every Saturday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			Saturdays: Sept. 14, 21, 28 Oct. 19, 26	10:30 am	Washington
Gruff & Friends Storytime	Stories, singing, and dancing with friendly monster Gruff and his librarian sidekick.	1-4	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Pajama Storytime	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Every Tuesday	7 pm	Bach
Playdough Playtime	Learn colors, letters, shapes using playdough.	0-5	Mondays: Sept. 9 & Oct. 7	4 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Preschool Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories and fun, then unstructured playtime.	2-5	Every Wednesday	10:30 am	Delaware
Storytime	Stories, songs, and rhymes.	0-5	Every Friday	10:30 am	North Albany
Toddler & Preschool Storytime + Playtime	Stories, songs, rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	0-6	Mondays: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 am	Bach
			Every Friday	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime + Playgroup	Stories, songs, dancing, playing, crafts.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe



Tell us how we're doing!

Community Survey

Anonymous 2-minute survey open through Sept. 13



Scan the QR code to complete online

Or fill out a paper copy at a branch



CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR SUMMER READERS!



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 11-15 - 1:30, PINE HILLS BRANCH

BIKE THE BRANCHES






CLOSED

Aug. 31-Sept. 2
Saturday-Monday
Labor Day Weekend

Oct. 11-12
Friday-Saturday
Yom Kippur Holiday



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- Howe Branch | 105 Schuyler St. | (518) 427-4300 x5
- North Albany Branch | 616 North Pearl St. | (518) 427-4300 x6
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