



PROGRAM GUIDE

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2024

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ENJOY VIRTUAL TALKS BY BESTSELLING AUTHORS

Now you can watch talks by bestselling authors on a variety of topics from the comfort of home! Our new partnership with Library Speakers Consortium brings two or three author talks each month to APL patrons.

- ▶ Watch live author talks and recorded discussions. | You can view the talks from any internet-enabled device. No special app needed.
- ▶ Perfect for solo viewing or book groups. | Watch talks from the comfort of your own home, or with friends as part of your regular book group.
- ▶ Lots of authors and topics to select. | Past speakers include Bonnie Garmus (*Lessons in Chemistry*), Christopher Paolini (*Eragon*), Victoria Aveyard (*Red Queen* series), Joy Harjo (US poet laureate), Jenard A. Wells (*Southern Inspired* cookbook), John Irving (*The Cider House Rules*), and Tananarive Due (*Tales of Wakanda*), plus many more.
- ▶ Registration is quick and easy. | All you need to input is your name and email address. No special username or password to remember.
- ▶ The talks provide close captioning. | You can select from dozens of languages.
- ▶ If you miss the live talk, you can watch the recording later. | All talks are recorded and posted on the site so you can watch any past discussion whenever your schedule allows.

PAST TALKS YOU CAN WATCH ANYTIME

LIANE MORIARTY | "A Deep Dive in Character Development" | The author of *Big Little Lies* and *Apples Never Fall* shares her thoughts on creating rich characters and narratives.

TIFFANY JEWELL | "Unpacking a History of Systemic Racism in American Education" | The author of *This Book is Anti-Racist* and *Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School* discusses her work.

Scan the QR code or visit libraryc.org/albanypubliclibrary to register for upcoming author talks and watch past programs



UPCOMING AUTHOR TALKS

STANLEY MILFORD JR.

"A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained"

Nov. 7 (Thu) | 7-8 pm | Livestream

Author of *The Paranormal Ranger*, and star of Netflix's "The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch," talks about his memoir detailing his time as a Navajo Ranger investigating bizarre cases of paranormal happenings and unexplained incidents.

JAVIER ZAMORA

"On Childhood Migration from Central America"

Nov. 14 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Livestream

The author discusses his memoir *Solito* about leaving his family and traveling amidst strangers on a 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador through Guatemala and Mexico and finally across the U.S. border.

MONA SUSAN POWER

"Native Rights and Culture in Fiction"

Nov. 20 (Wed) | 7-8 pm | Livestream

The PEN/Hemingway Prize winner discusses her new novel *A Council of Dolls* and explores her work on Native American rights and culture as an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

DR. JEFFREY POST

"Unearthed: Exploring the Smithsonian National Gem Collection"

Dec. 4 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Livestream

Learn about the scandals, mysteries, and human stories behind the world's greatest gems housed in the Smithsonian Institute collection.

LAURA DAVE

"On Pulse-Pounding, Family-Driven Mysteries"

Dec. 11 (Wed) | 2-3 pm | Livestream

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me* talks about her latest novel, *The Night We Lost Him*, which focuses on estranged siblings who discover a possibly fatal 50-year-old secret about their father.

ALL AGES

“UNTITLED: ART FROM BEHIND BARS”

Nov. 1–Dec. 19 | Select Hours | Washington
View this special art exhibit, presented in partnership with Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York, featuring works created by individuals incarcerated in NYS 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. | Please visit our online events calendar online for a schedule of viewing hours. | All ages. | Drop in.

DIWALI BANNER & MANDALA COASTERS

Nov. 1 (Fri) | 2:30-6 pm | Delaware
Stop by and contribute to our banner, or decorate a mandala coaster, in honor of the Hindu festival of lights. Supplies limited. | All ages. | Drop in.

EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: THE DAY OF THE DEAD

Nov. 1 (Fri) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Celebrate the rich Mexican holiday and honor the lives of our dearly departed with food, crafts, music, and more. | All ages. | Registration required.

BREATH TO BRUSH: THE ART OF CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Nov. 2 (Sat) | 11:30 am-3:30 pm | Washington
Join Richard Wang, master calligrapher, for an afternoon of the meditative and expressive art of Chinese calligraphy. Learn to make the beautiful brush strokes of Shufa in this hands-on workshop. | This program is generously funded by the Arts Center of the Capital Region. | All ages | No registration.

THE GREAT STICKER EXCHANGE & MAKE EVENT

Nov. 2 (Sat) | 2:30-3:30 pm | Howe
Make and trade stickers in this fun event. Bring your sticker collection to exchange with fellow sticker enthusiasts. **And use the library’s supplies to make your own brand new stickers.** | All ages. | Registration required.

MAKERS AT THE ALBANY MADE CREATIVE LAB

➤ Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17 (Tue) | 3-6 pm
➤ Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thu) | 4:30-7:30 pm
Washington
Use 3D printers, sewing machines, art implements, and more. | Made possible in part by a generous donation to the Friends & Foundation of APL from the Bender Family Foundation. | All ages. | No registration.

MAKING SCIENCE FUN FOR KIDS

Nov. 6 (Wed) | 4:30-6 pm | Pine Hills
Learn all about science with Theanne Griffith, a neuroscientist and author of “The Magnificent Makers” STEM book series. Griffith blends storytelling and science in this lively presentation for the whole family. | Major support and funding provided by the Carl E. Touhey Foundation. Presented by New York State Writers Institute and Albany Public Library. Cosponsored by Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region, Girl Scouts of Northeast-

ern New York, the UAlbany College of Nanotechnology, Science, and Engineering, and the Department of Biological Sciences. | All ages. | Registration required.

SEWING WORKSHOP: BUCKET HATS

Nov. 7 (Thu) | 4:30-6:30 pm | Washington
Local couture designer and master seamstress Va’Ceia Taylor teaches us to make fashionable bucket hats. All ages and skill levels welcome. | The workshop is made possible in part by a generous donation to the Friends and Foundation of APL by the Bender Family Foundation. | All ages. | Registration required.

BEVERAGES & BOARD GAMES

Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 (Fri) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Sit and sip while you play board games, card games, and puzzles. | All ages. | Registration required.

WATERCOLOR HOLIDAY CARDS

Nov. 11 (Mon) | 2:30-4 pm | Pine Hills
Use watercolor paints to craft unique holiday cards to keep, share with friends, or gift to a military veteran. | All ages. | Registration required.

SENSORY STATIONS

Nov. 12, 26 & Dec. 10 (Tue) | 3:30-5 pm | Delaware
Explore our sensory stations with kinetic sand, Orbeez, discovery bins, fidget toys, stress balls, and more. | All ages. | Drop in.

INCLUSIBLE GAMES

Nov. 16 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Inclusible is dedicated to building community through play for people of all ages, cultures, orientations, and abilities. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of inclusive play. | All ages. | Registration required.

Albany Made Creative Lab

Washington Ave. Branch



new,
extended
hours!

All ages

TUESDAYS 3-6PM

THURSDAYS 4:30-7:30PM

Ages 6-14

MONDAYS 4-5:30PM

- art supplies
- graphics + video editing
- digital cameras
- color printer
- keyboard, guitars, + music editing equipment
- sewing machines
- fiber arts materials
- hand & power tools
- 3D printers
- bike repair kit



ALL AGES

GALAXY BOTTLES & STRESS BALLS

Nov. 19 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Make a galaxy sensory bottle using glitter, cotton, and paint, then make a stress ball using a kit. Supplies limited. | All ages. | Registration required.

NORTH ALBANY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

➤ **Nov. 20** | **"IF"** | 2024, PG

➤ **Dec. 18** | **"Arctic Dogs"** | 2019, PG

Wednesdays | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany

Enter the raffle from St. Catherine's Center for Children while you're here. Snacks and drinks, too. | All ages. | Registration suggested.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS OF SCIENCE:

"QUANTUM COMPUTING: REVOLUTION OR HYPE?"

Nov. 20 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Engage in a thought-provoking discussion lead by University at Albany Associate Professor of Physics Daniel Robbins. | All ages. | Registration required.

RETHINKING THANKSGIVING: A NATIVE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE ON AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY

Nov. 21 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

Learn accurate and culturally appropriate info about the English settlers and the Wampanoag Native people. Presented by Perry Ground, a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. | All ages. | Registration required.

ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

➤ **Nov. 25** | **"Despicable Me 4"** | 2024, PG

➤ **Dec. 23** | **"IF"** | 2024, PG

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

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

HOLIDAY BOOK SHOP EXPERIENCE

➤ Dec. 2 (Mon) | 4-8 pm

➤ Dec. 3 (Tue) | 10 am -2 pm

➤ Dec. 4 (Wed) | 4-8 pm

Pine Hills

Visit our festive Holiday Book Shop (the first floor meeting room) showcasing hundreds of adult and children's books. Explore books on holiday cooking and decorating, cozy winter vibes, stories for the season, and more. Borrow any books that catch your eye! We'll have warm beverages and sweet treats to fuel your search. | All ages. | Drop in.

ART AT APL EXHIBITION:

"REPEAT PLAY: THE ART OF PATTERN"

➤ Opening Reception | Dec. 6 (Fri) | 6-7:30 pm

➤ Regular Viewing | Dec. 7-May 20 | During Open Hours Pine Hills

"Repeat Play: The Art of Pattern" brings together 10 artists who use repetitive shapes, marks, and colors to create systems and interrelationships that dazzle the eyes. The exhibition is curated our partner Opalka Gallery. | Art at APL is generously funded in part by the Friends and Foundation of Albany Public Library. | All ages. | Drop in.

WEAVE IT TO ME: LOOM WORKSHOP

Dec. 14 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Washington

Learn to weave with Lori Kochanski from Albany Barn. We'll practice weaving on a loom and work together to create a piece to be displayed at the branch. | The workshop is made possible in part by a generous donation to the Friends and Foundation of APL from the Bender Family Foundation. | All ages. | Registration required.

WOODEN MAGNET CRAFT

Dec. 17 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Paint and color adorable wooden magnets of all shapes and sizes. Supplies limited. | All ages. | No registration.

CONCERT: WINTER CLASSICS WITH STRINGWYNDE

Dec. 21 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills

Enjoy a lovely performance by flute and harp duo Stringwynde. Coffee and tea served, too. | Arranged in partnership with Local 14 Albany Musicians Association. | All ages. | No registration.

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.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER & TECH HELP

➤ Every Monday | 12-12:30 pm | Delaware

➤ Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thu) | 2-2:30 pm, 3-3:30 pm | Pine Hills

➤ Nov. 7 & Dec. 12 (Thu) | 12-1 pm | Bach

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

COFFEE & A MOVIE

Every Wednesday | 1-3 pm | Washington

Enjoy a movie and coffee. Talk to community service providers about housing, mental health and other services. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

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.

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CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST OFFICE HOURS

- Arbor Hill Area | Every Thursday | 3-4 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski.
- Delaware Area | Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Wed) | 12-1:30 pm | Delaware Branch | Meet Tabora Marcus.
- North Albany Area | Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Tue) | 3-5 pm | North Albany Branch | Meet Lori Kochanski.
- Pine Hills Area | Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thu) | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | Pine Hills Branch | Meet Alex Word.
- West Hill Area | Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Tue) | 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+. | No registration.

BRUNCH & A MOVIE

- **Nov. 1** | **"The Terminal"** | 2004, PG-13
 - **Dec. 6** | **"The Polar Express"** | 2004, G
- Fridays | 1-3 pm | Howe
Enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts while watching the movie of the month. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

JUST KEEP WRITING

Nov. 1, 8, 15 & Dec. 13 (Fri) | 4-5:45 pm | Washington
Our fiction writers group will give you the motivation and camaraderie you need to just keep writing! | Ages 15+. | Registration required.

WITH PEN IN HAND

Nov. 4, 18 & Dec. 2, 16 (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

- Nov. 4 | 3D Pumpkin Paper Craft
 - Dec. 9 | Paint Holiday Cards
- Mondays | 6-7:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Make an art piece in a relaxing atmosphere while enjoying refreshments. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TUESDAY BOOK TALKS

- Nov. 5 | Author Talk | David Pietrusza reads from his book *1960: LBJ vs. JFK vs. Nixon: The Epic Campaign that Forged Three Presidencies*.
- Nov. 12 | Book Review | *Killers of the Flower Moon* reviewed by Carl Strock, author and journalist.
- Nov. 19 | Author Talk | Patricia Fennell, president/CEO of Albany Health Management Associates, reads from her book *The Chronic Illness Workbook: Strategies and Solutions for Taking Back Your Life*.

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- Nov. 26 | Book Review | *Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI* is reviewed by Frank S. Robinson, philosopher and author.
- Dec. 3 | Author Talk | Musician and storyteller Reggie Harris reads from his memoir *Searching for Solid Ground*.
- Dec. 10 | Book Review | *Timefulness and Turning to Stone* reviewed by Jonathan Skinner, retired statistician and amateur classicist.
- Dec. 17 | Holiday Concert | Start Time at 12:30 pm | The Albany High School Choir, directed by Brendan Hoffman, performs holiday classics. (Please note the earlier starting time for this program.)
- Dec. 31 | Book Review | *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII* reviewed by Tom Ellis, educator and activist.

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

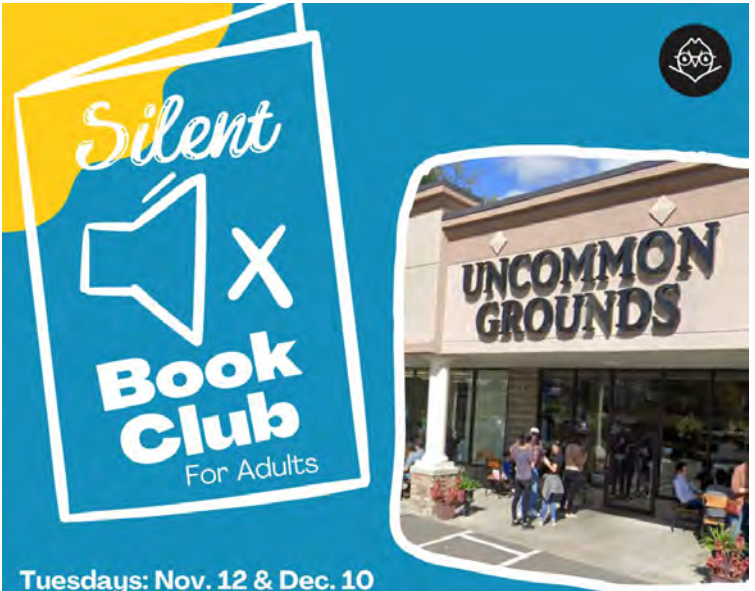
ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE CLASS

- Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Tue) | 10:30 am-12 pm | Pine Hills
- Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 (Tue) | 1:30-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
- Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19 (Thu) | 1:30-3 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

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

SEWING GROUP

Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Newly arrived immigrants learn to sew while practicing their English language skills. Hosted by Stitching Ex-



Silent X Book Club For Adults

Tuesdays: Nov. 12 & Dec. 10
5-6:30 pm
Uncommon Grounds at University Plaza
1225 Western Ave.

The image features a blue and yellow graphic design. On the left, a white speech bubble with a large 'X' inside is set against a blue background. The text 'Silent X Book Club For Adults' is written in white and blue. On the right, a photograph shows the exterior of a building with a sign that reads 'UNCOMMON GROUNDS'. People are visible walking outside the building. A small circular logo with 'OTC' is in the top right corner of the graphic.

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change, an artist-led project that uses sewing as a common language. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

- ▶ Nov. 4 | *Trust* by H. Diaz
 - ▶ Dec. 2 | *A Cold and Lonely Place* by S. Henry's Mondays | 6:30-7:45 pm | Zoom
- Read at home and join us on Zoom for a spirited discussion. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ALL ABILITIES SOCIAL GROUP

- ▶ Nov. 6, 20 & Dec. 4, 18 (Wed) | 12-2 pm | Pine Hills
 - ▶ Nov. 12, 26 & Dec. 10 (Tue) | 12-2 pm | Delaware
- Caregivers can stop in with their groups for various activities for all abilities. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

- Nov. 6, 20 & Dec. 4, 18 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
- Welcome to all you knitters, crocheters, quilters, and needleworkers! Bring your current project and work on it among other fabric artists. All skill levels welcome. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

DRONES: TECHNOLOGY, THE LAW & THE FUTURE

- Nov. 6 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | Delaware
- Even as drones open opportunities for creativity, research, development, connectivity, and production, they also raise privacy and safety concerns. Join Frank Peris and others from the University at Albany Drone Lab to find out more. There will be a Q&A, plus demonstration of robots and drones. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NNORC COMMUNITY NURSE

- Nov. 7 & Dec. 5, 19 (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.

IT'S PUZZLE TIME

- Nov. 11 (Mon) | 6-7:30 pm | Howe
- Take a break and work on a puzzle. We'll have relaxing music, plus solo and group puzzle builds for you. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TURNTABLE TAKEOVER

- Nov. 12 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
- Learn how to use a turntable, "scratch," and make beats from JD Ultraslick of the Boys & Girls Club of Albany and Lyricism 101. | Ages 5+. | Registration required.

FREE HIV & HEP C TESTING

- Nov. 12, 26 & Dec. 10 (Tue) | 2-5 pm | Washington
- Free and discreet testing provided by In Our Own Voices. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 (Tue) | 5-6:30 pm | Uncommon Grounds at University Plaza
- Bring a book and enjoy the peace of reading with fellow book lovers. Meet us at Uncommon Grounds (1225 Western Ave.). Settle in and read whatever you want among other book lovers. | Ages 18+. | Drop in.

BOOK CLUB BEFORE DINNER

- ▶ Nov. 12 | *Night of the Living Rez* by M. Talty
 - ▶ Dec. 10 | *Murder on the Orient Express* by A. Christie
- Tuesdays | 5-6 pm | North Albany
- Join us for an engaging discussion. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

NOVEL NIGHT BOOK CLUB

- ▶ Nov. 12 | *Kindred* by O. Butler
 - ▶ Dec. 10 | *Everything I Never Told You* by C. Ng
- Tuesdays | 6-7 pm | Washington
- Read at home and join us for a lively discussion. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

APL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

- Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 (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.

LET'S TALK ALBANY: CRAILO, 100 YEARS STRONG

- Nov. 13 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
- The Crailo State Historic Site across the river in Rensselaer is an important architectural landmark and the Dutch Colonial heritage location. Learn about the site and van Rensselaer family from Crailo Historic Interpreter Loretta Tucker. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CINEMANIA: NOW WITH AROMA-VISION

- ▶ **Nov. 13** | **"Fantasia 2000"** | 1999, G
 - ▶ **Dec. 11** | **"Edward Scissorhands"** | 1990, PG-13
- Wednesdays | 6-7:45 pm | Pine Hills
- Dive into the world of cool and classic cult films, enhanced by aroma-vision (aka scratch-and-sniff cards). | Ages 18+. | No registration.

'90s MUSIC TRIVIA

- Nov. 14 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington
- You oughta know, it's time for '90s music trivia with local cover band Another Cover! They'll play

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 albanypubliclibrary.org or via the QR code



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some of the best alternative tunes from the '90s and your team will answer music trivia from that decade. Teams can be up to four people; only one person needs to register for the whole group. Prizes are on the line, so bring your best teen spirit! | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

TAI CHI

Nov. 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12 (Thu) | 2-3 pm | Pine Hills
Learn simple, gentle Tai Chi movements to improve coordination and balance. Taught by certified Tai Chi instructor Sabine Seiler. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MEET THE APPS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 (Thu) | 5-5:30 pm | Delaware
Learn how to access digital books, movies, more on your phone, tablet. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

COMMUNITY ART

Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Bach
Using a still life for inspiration, we'll be painting in a group setting. Supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MOON SPACE: BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 (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.

LET ME BE PERFECTLY QUEER: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 (Fri) | 6-7 pm | ZOOM
Let us be perfectly queer, this is an all-inclusive LGBTQ+ book club. We meet on Zoom to discuss fiction and non-fiction books that center on queer ideas, stories, and experiences. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CROCHET A COFFEE CUP COZY

Nov. 16 (Sat) | 1-3 pm | Howe
Ditch the cardboard coffee sleeve and crochet a reusable coffee cup cozy! Perfect for gift giving, or keeping for yourself. Supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

CHAIR YOGA

Nov. 20 & Dec. 11 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Keep moving through the chilly weather with this warm and gentle chair yoga program with Nikki B. Rogers. Exercises can be done anywhere you can take a seat. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 (Wed) | 6-7 pm | Howe
Watch and draw anime in this group for adults. | Ages 18+. | No registration.

6 PERSONAL GROWTH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Nov. 20 (Wed) | 6:30-7:30 pm | Pine Hills

Explore personal development and cultivate a sense of community. We'll discuss Pema Chodron's *The Places that Scare You*. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

NOVELS AFTER NOON

► Nov. 21 | *H is for Hawk* by H. MacDonald
► Dec. 19 | *Killers of the Flower Moon* by D. Grann
Thursdays | 2-3 pm | Bach
Read the selections and join us for a discussion. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: C.M. WAGGONER

Nov. 23 (Sat) | 2-3:30 pm | Pine Hills
C.M. Waggoner joins us to talk about her latest novel, *The Village Library Demon-Hunting Society*. She described this work as what happens when "someone who watched Buffy the Vampire Slayer as a teen went down a Murder She Wrote-shaped wormhole." Waggoner grew up in rural upstate New York and now lives in Albany. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

ZINE WORKSHOP

Nov. 23 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Flex your artistic collage skills and spread your special message by making a zine. All supplies provided. | Ages 12+. | Registration required.

MAKE HOLIDAY CARDS

Nov. 25 (Mon) | 6:15-7:15 pm | Howe
Kick off the holiday season by making greeting cards for your loved ones. | Ages 13+. | Registration required.

WINTER LANDSCAPE FELT ORNAMENTS

Nov. 26 (Tue) | 6-7:45 pm | Delaware
Embroidery teacher Chloe Whittaker teaches us to sew

JUST KEEP

WRITING!

FOR ADULTS AND TEENS (AGES 15+)

FRIDAYS, 4-5:45PM
November 1, 8, 15, 22
& December 13

Ages 15+

WASHINGTON AVE BRANCH
161 WASHINGTON AVE

FICTION WRITING GROUP

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ADULTS

felt into fun ornaments and decorations. Materials supplied; no sewing experience necessary. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

FEEL GOOD MOVIE

Dec. 4 (Wed) | 5-7:30 pm | North Albany
Escape the cold by joining us for a heartwarming movie — **“*Hunt for the Wilderpeople*”** (2016, PG-13). | Ages 18+. | No registration.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Dec. 6 (Fri) | 11:30 am-3:30 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.

PAPER HEARTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dec. 8 (Sun) | 2-3 pm | Delaware
Learn to make woven paper hearts for a fun holiday decoration. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MELTED CRAYON ORNAMENTS

Dec. 9 (Mon) | 6-7 pm | Howe
Crayons aren't just for kids! We'll be melting old crayon shavings and mixing colors to decorate glass ornaments. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

MAKE A SUNCATCHER

Dec. 11 (Wed) | 1-2 pm | Bach
Use a mason jar lid and other supplies to make a sun-catcher. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

SEASONAL WREATH CRAFT

- ▶ Dec. 12 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm
- ▶ Dec. 15 (Sun) | 2-3:30 pm

Delaware

Make a simple evergreen wreath to spruce up your seasonal décor. No experience needed; supplies provided. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

HOT COCOA JAR CRAFT

Dec. 16 (Mon) | 5:30-7:30 pm | Howe
Assemble a decorative and giftable jar full of yummy hot cocoa ingredients. | Ages 18+. | Registration required.

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 10-17. | 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.

GAMING ZONE

Every Friday | 4:30-5:45 pm | Howe
Play Xbox, Switch, or PS4. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

PLAYDOUGH PLAYTIME

Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Learn letters, shapes, and numbers by playing with playdough. | Ages 0-5 | No registration.

ORIGAMI CRAFT

- ▶ Hearts & Stars | Nov. 4
- ▶ Fish & Boxes | Dec. 2

Mondays | 4-5 pm | Delaware

Learn the art of folding paper into shapes. Supplies are limited. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

MULTIPLAYER

Nov. 5, 19 & Dec. 3, 17 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Play Super Smash Bros., Rocket League, and more fun games together. | Ages 11-17. | Drop in.

BOOK BUDDIES

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17 (Tue) | 3:30-5:30 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.

THE MAGIC OF ELECTRICITY

Nov. 6 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach

MiSci teaches us about electricity and where it comes from. See how different types of electricity are generated in this **“shocking”** program. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

CAT CASTLES

Nov. 6 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | North Albany
Build a castle for your cat using cardboard, glue, and more. | Ages 5-14. | Registration required.

YOUTH

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18 (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 & BOUNCY BALL CHALLENGE

➤ LEGO Club: Bouncy Ball Obstacle Course Build | 4-5 pm

➤ Bouncy Ball Challenge | 5-5:45 pm

Nov. 7 (Thu) | Delaware

First we'll do a special build to create a LEGO obstacle course for bouncy balls. Then we'll make bouncy balls and run them through our LEGO obstacle course and other challenges. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

AFTER SCHOOL GAMING

Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thu) | 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

Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Thu) | 6-7:30 pm | Washington

Build your Minecraft world and characters in a weekly competition. | Ages 6-14. | Drop in.

COSPLAY 101

Nov. 9 & Dec. 7 (Sat) | 12:30-1:30 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.

SPECIAL WMHT STORYTIME AND CRAFT

➤ *HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY GOODNIGHT* | Nov. 10 (Sun) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Delaware

➤ *ALL ABOUT DINOSAURS* | Nov. 11 (Mon) | 4-5:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill

➤ *10 FOR DINNER* | Dec. 9 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Bach

➤ *DEEP IN THE SWAMP* | Dec. 12 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | North Albany

Barbara Lukas from WMHT brings us special themed storytimes and crafts. Get a copy of the book and activities to keep at home. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH STORYTIME

Nov. 12 (Tue) | 10:30-11:30 am | Howe

Enjoy Native American Heritage-themed stories. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

"THANKFUL FOR THANKSGIVING SONGS" SHOW

Nov. 12 (Tue) | 10:30-11 am | ZOOM, Howe, Pine Hills

Turtle Dance Music presents this inclusive show featuring music, comedy, and stories about family, friendship, turkeys, and pumpkin pies. The program will be livestreamed, so you can watch from home on Zoom, or watch with us at Howe or Pine Hills. | Ages 2-8. | Registration required.

MAKE YOUR OWN RUBBER STAMPS

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

Leave your mark on the world with your very own stamps. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

TURNTABLE TAKEOVER

Nov. 12 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington

Learn how to use a turntable, "scratch," and make beats from JD Ultraslick from the Boys & Girls Club of Albany and Lyricism 101. | Ages 5+. | Registration required.

MESSY ART

Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 (Tue) | 1-2 pm | Bach

Use paint, scissors, and natural objects for sensory art that engages fine motor skills. | Ages 3-6. | No registration.

3 SISTERS ECO JOURNEY

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

Indigenous People taught European settlers about three important vegetables—corn, beans, and squash, aka the 3 Sisters—when they arrived in North America. Learn about these food sources, start some seeds, and snack on corn muffins. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

BUBBLE TEA

Nov. 14 (Thu) | 6-7 pm | Delaware

Folks from the Short and Stout Tea Lounge teach us about bubble tea and how to make milk tea and fresh tea. Enjoy a tasting, too. | Ages 12-17. | Registration required.

ANIME NIGHT

Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 (Thu) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington

Watch anime while enjoying snacks together. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

PAGE TURNERS

TWO TRIBES
EMILY BOWEN COHEN
Nov. 21
6:30 pm

Odder
KATHERINE APPLLEGATE
Dec. 19
6:30 pm

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB
ages 10-14

YOUTH

BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

Nov. 16 (Sat) | 1-4 pm | Washington
Opal Hexen, an artist and printmaker from Troy, teaches us how to make stamps and use them to create art pieces. For all skill levels. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Nov. 18 (Mon) | 3:30-5 pm | North Albany
Find pumpkins hidden in classic children's and young adult books. Each pumpkin can be redeemed for a prize. | Ages 5-15. | No registration.

DEAL ME A STORY

Nov. 18 (Mon) | 5:30-6:15 pm | Howe
In this quick writing session, you'll get started with characters and a story that you can complete later. | Ages 7-17. | Registration required.

PARACHUTE POP-UP

Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 (Tue) | 1-1:45 pm | Bach
Pop into Bach for group parachute games to get the wiggles out. | Ages 2-6. | Registration required.

MY FIRST BOOK CLUB

Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 (Tue) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Pine Hills
Nov. 22 & Dec. 27 (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. Each session includes reading and a craft. | Ages 4-8. | Registration required.

HOUSE OF CARDS

Nov. 20 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Play cards games with your friends. We have Avocado Smash, Uno, and more. Plus chess sets. | Ages 5-12. | Registration required.

CRAFTERNOON

Nov. 21 & Dec. 19 (Thu) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
We'll do a different craft project each session. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

PAGE TURNERS

Nov. 21 | *Two Tribes* by E. Bowen Cohen | In honor of Native American Heritage Month
Dec. 19 | *Odder* by K. Applegate
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
Read the month's book at home and join us on Zoom for a fun discussion. | Ages 10-14. | Registration required.

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Nov. 22 (Fri) | 10:30-11 am | North Albany
Learn about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a free program that inspires the love of reading by gifting books to children from birth to age 5. The United Way of the Capital Region administers the program in our area. Learn about the program and register your little one to receive free books. | Ages 0-5. | Drop in.

LET'S GLOW BABY DANCE PARTY

Nov. 22 & Dec. 27 (Fri) | 10:30-11 am | North Albany
Dec. 29 (Sun) | 1:30-2:30 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
It's a sensory bonanza for your baby with dancing, bubbles, and glow sticks. | Ages 0-5. | Drop in.

ZINE WORKSHOP

Nov. 23 (Sat) | 2-3 pm | Washington
Flex your artistic collage skills and spread your special message by making a zine. All supplies provided. | Ages 12+. | Registration required.

GAME ON SATURDAY

Nov. 23 & Dec. 21 (Sat) | 2-4 pm | Howe
Bring your friends and your "A-game" to play video games together. | Ages 11-17. | No registration.

MAKE HOLIDAY CARDS

For ages 3-12 | 2:15-3:15 pm
For ages 13+ | 6:15-7:15 pm
Nov. 25 (Mon) | Howe
Kick off the holiday season by making greeting cards for your loved ones. | Registration required.

HEMP BRACELET CRAFT

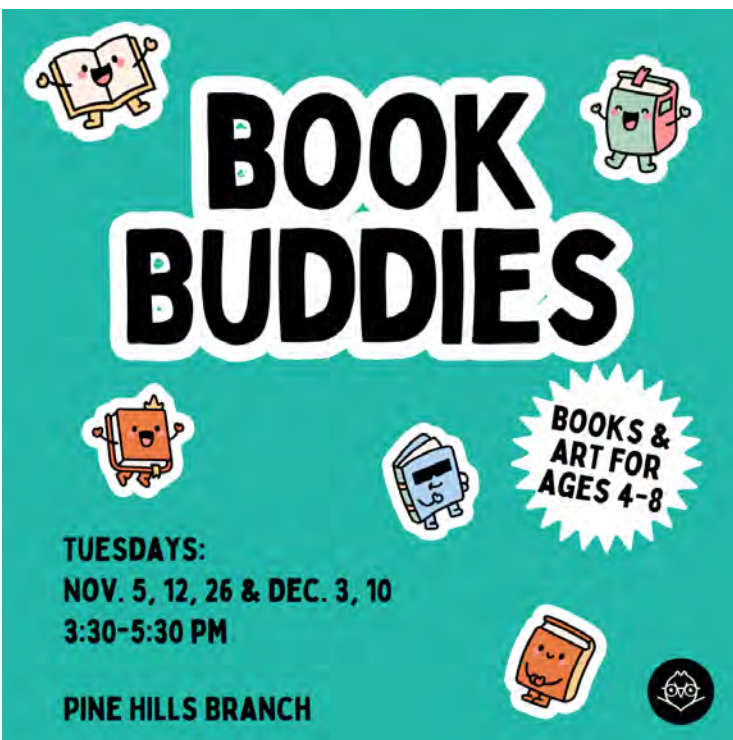
Nov. 26 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Make old-school hemp bracelets for you and your friends. | Ages 11-7. | Registration required.

DIY SQUISHY TOY

Nov. 30 (Sat) | 3-4 pm | Howe
Make a watermelon squishy toy using our supplies. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

TIE-DYE DRAWSTRING BAGS

Dec. 3 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Design your own tie-dye pattern and use it to dec-



BOOK BUDDIES

BOOKS & ART FOR AGES 4-8

TUESDAYS:
NOV. 5, 12, 26 & DEC. 3, 10
3:30-5:30 PM

PINE HILLS BRANCH

The poster features several cartoon book characters with faces and limbs. A starburst graphic contains the text 'BOOKS & ART FOR AGES 4-8'. The event details are listed in bold black text at the bottom left. A small circular logo with 'Pine Hills' is in the bottom right corner.

YOUTH

orate a drawstring backpack. Or, you can bring an item from home to tie-dye. Supplies limited. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

MAKEDO MAKE YOU

Dec. 3 (Tue) | 6-7 pm | Washington
Invent a cardboard version of YOU with our Makedo crafting kits with special tools for cutting and building. | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

BOOKMARK BUNCH

Dec. 4 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
We'll read a few chapters of *I Survived the Children's Blizzard of 1888* together, do some activities, and enjoy a snack. You get to take the book home to keep. | Ages 7-12. | Registration required.

NO-SEW HANDKERCHIEF DOLLS

Dec. 4 (Wed) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Learn to make a no-sew doll that you can give to a friend or keep for yourself. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

LEGO CLUB

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

BOARD GAMES

Dec. 5 (Thu) | 4-5:30 pm | Washington
Bring your own board games or try some of ours. | Ages 5-17. | No registration.

REAL GEOLOGY OF MINECRAFT

Dec. 9 (Mon) | 4-5 pm | Arbor Hill/West Hill
Cate Larsen, the Groovy Geologist, talks to us about the real geology of Minecraft. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

COOKIES & COCOA

Dec. 10 (Tue) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Decorate cookies and enjoy hot cocoa with us as we prepare for winter. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

STYROFOAM SNOWPEOPLE

Dec. 11 (Wed) | 3-4 pm | North Albany
Build and decorate snowfolk using Styrofoam balls, beads, and buttons. | Ages 5-15. | Registration required.

AUTHOR TALK: MARCELA T. GARCÉS

Dec. 11. (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Local author Marcela T. Garcés discusses her new graphic novel, *Me Llamo Marcela: My Story as a Heritage Speaker*. We'll learn about what it was like growing up using a language at home without a formal knowledge of it, and turning that experience into a book illustrated by her brother. We'll have snacks, too. | Ages 11-17. | Registration required.

GINGERBREAD ORNAMENT DECORATIONS

Dec. 11 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Delaware
Decorate a gingerbread ornament to take home. Supplies limited. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS

Dec. 12 (Thu) | 10:30-11:30 am | Howe
Make and paint holiday ornaments using salt dough. | Ages 0-5. | Registration required.

ANIMAL SOCK PUPPETS

Dec. 12 (Thu) | 4:30-5:30 pm | Howe
Make a cute animal sock puppet to keep or give to a friend. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

MUSIC FUN WITH MATT

Dec. 13 (Fri) | 10:30-11:15 am | Washington
Enjoy singing and dancing with music by Matt Yaeger. | Ages 0-5. | No registration.

WINTER SOLSTICE STEM

Dec. 18 (Wed) | 4-5 pm | Bach
Learn about the traditions and technology of the Winter Solstice. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

DECORATE GIFT BAGS

Dec. 19 (Thu) | 3:30-4:30 pm | Howe
Decorate holiday gift bags using our materials. | Ages 5-11. | Registration required.

COZY CRAFTING

- ▶ Melting Snowperson | Dec. 23 (Mon)
 - ▶ Pop-Up Penguin | Dec. 26 (Thu)
 - ▶ Polar Bear Puppet | Dec. 27 (Fri)
- 2-3 pm | Washington
Fun programs! | Ages 5-11. | No registration.

Stories, Activities, and Crafts with WMHT & BARBARA LUKAS AGES 4-8

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 1:30 PM
Delaware Branch

All About Dinosaurs
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 4 PM
Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

10 for Dinner
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 4 PM
Bach Branch

Deep in the Swamp
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 4 PM
Delaware Branch

GROWING READERS STORYTIMES AND PLAYGROUPS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATES	TIME	BRANCH
1st Saturday for Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Nov. 2 Music with Sean Madden ▶ Dec. 7 Cookies & Crafts 	0-8	Sat: Nov. 2 & Dec. 7	10:30 am	Washington
All Together Tales Storytime	Sensory friendly, interactive stories, songs, dance, play.	3-7	Every Monday	6-7 pm	Arbor Hill/ West Hill
Baby Storytime + Play & Grow	Stories, songs, and rhymes. Followed by unstructured playtime.	0-2	Wed: Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11, 18	10:30 am	Bach
			Thu: Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26	10:30 am	Pine Hills
			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
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Sign-Up	Learn about and register for this program that provides free books.	0-5	Friday: Nov. 22	10:30 am	North Albany
Family Storytime & Play	Stories, songs, rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	0-5	Wed: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 11, 18	10:30 am	Washington
Growing Readers Stories & Play	Storytime and playtime at three branches. Sign up for the APL 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
			Sat: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Dec. 14, 21, 28	10:30 am	Washington
Gruff & Friends Storytime	Stories, singing, and dancing with friendly monster Gruff..	1-4	Tue: Nov. 5, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17	10:30 am	Pine Hills
Pajama Storytime	Join us in your jammies for books, songs, and cozy fun.	2-7	Fri: Nov. 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10, 17	7 pm	Bach
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 Monday	10:30 am	N. Albany
Toddler & Preschool Storytime + Playtime	Stories, songs, rhymes, then unstructured playtime.	1-4	Every Monday	10:30 am	Bach
			Fri: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & Dec. 6, 20, 27	10:30 am	Washington
Tuesday Storytime + Playgroup	Stories, songs, dancing, playing, crafts.	2-5	Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Howe



GROWING READERS
Albany Public Library

- **Get your child ready to read** before kindergarten.
- Receive **tips and free books**.
- Attend **special Growing Readers programs** at the library.
- **Visit or call any branch** to get started!

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An Art Exhibition for Prisoners' Legal Services 13th Annual Celebration of National Pro Bono Week



October 17 - December 19

Washington Ave. Branch Albany Public Library

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

- Watch live talks and recorded discussions with **bestselling authors**
- Perfect for **solo viewing or book groups**
- **Lots of authors and topics** to select
- Registration is **quick and easy**
- All for **free from APL**



ART AT APL

REPEAT PLAY: THE ART OF PATTERN

Exhibit on Display Starting Dec. 6
PINE HILLS BRANCH

ALL BRANCHES

CLOSE EARLY at 5:30 pm
NOV. 27 (WED) | THANKSGIVING EVE
DEC. 31 (TUE) | NEW YEAR'S EVE

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NOV. 28-29 (THU-FRI) | THANKSGIVING
DEC. 24-25 (TUE-WED) | CHRISTMAS



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