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PRESS RELEASE

Albany Public Library Hosts Live Virtual Programs on Banned Books & Voting Rights

ALBANY, NY—Albany Public Library (APL) has planned an ambitious slate of live virtual programs that patrons can participate in from home. The library is celebrating the freedom to read with the Banned Books Week Read Out Loud on Sept. 30 and shining a light on Music and Voting Rights Movements with Taína Asili on Oct. 2.

Both programs are free and require registration through the [APL online events calendar](#). The event link is emailed to participants after they register.

[Banned Books Week Read Out Loud | Sept. 30 \(Wed\) | 6:30-8:00 pm | Online](#)

This annual event—which supports the freedom to read, seek, and express ideas, even if they are considered unorthodox or unpopular—is being held virtually for the first time. Joanna Palladino Resnick from the New York Civil Liberties Union hosts the event that features 10 community members reading aloud from books that have been targeted for removal or restriction in libraries and schools. [Register for Read Out Loud via the APL events calendar](#).

[Music and Voting Rights Movements with Taína Asili | Oct. 2 \(Fri\) | 7:00-8:30 pm | Online](#)

In this workshop, renowned local musician and activist Taína Asili shares a history of the role music has played in the various movements for voting rights in the United States. The discussion covers current voter suppression challenges and ways to organize to protect the right to vote. [Register for Music and Voting Rights Movements through the library's events calendar](#).

The library has many virtual programs planned for the coming months for all ages and interests, everything from family storytimes to job search workshops and book discussion groups to crafting sessions. [All programs are listed on the APL online events calendar](#).

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Albany Public Library (APL) educates, entertains, and empowers our community. APL operates seven award-winning branches serving the residents of Albany. Each month, about 71,000 people visit the branches to borrow materials, attend programs, access computers, and research information. More than 49,000 books, DVDs, and other materials are circulated each month. The library also provides 17,000 WiFi and public computer sessions each month. APL hosts 450 programs and provides 800 meeting and study rooms monthly. Visit APL online at www.albanypubliclibrary.org. Use the free "UHLS Mobile" app on Apple and Android devices. Listen to the library's "Albany Made" podcast on iTunes, Pocket Casts, and Sound Cloud. And, follow @AlbanyNYLibrary on social media.