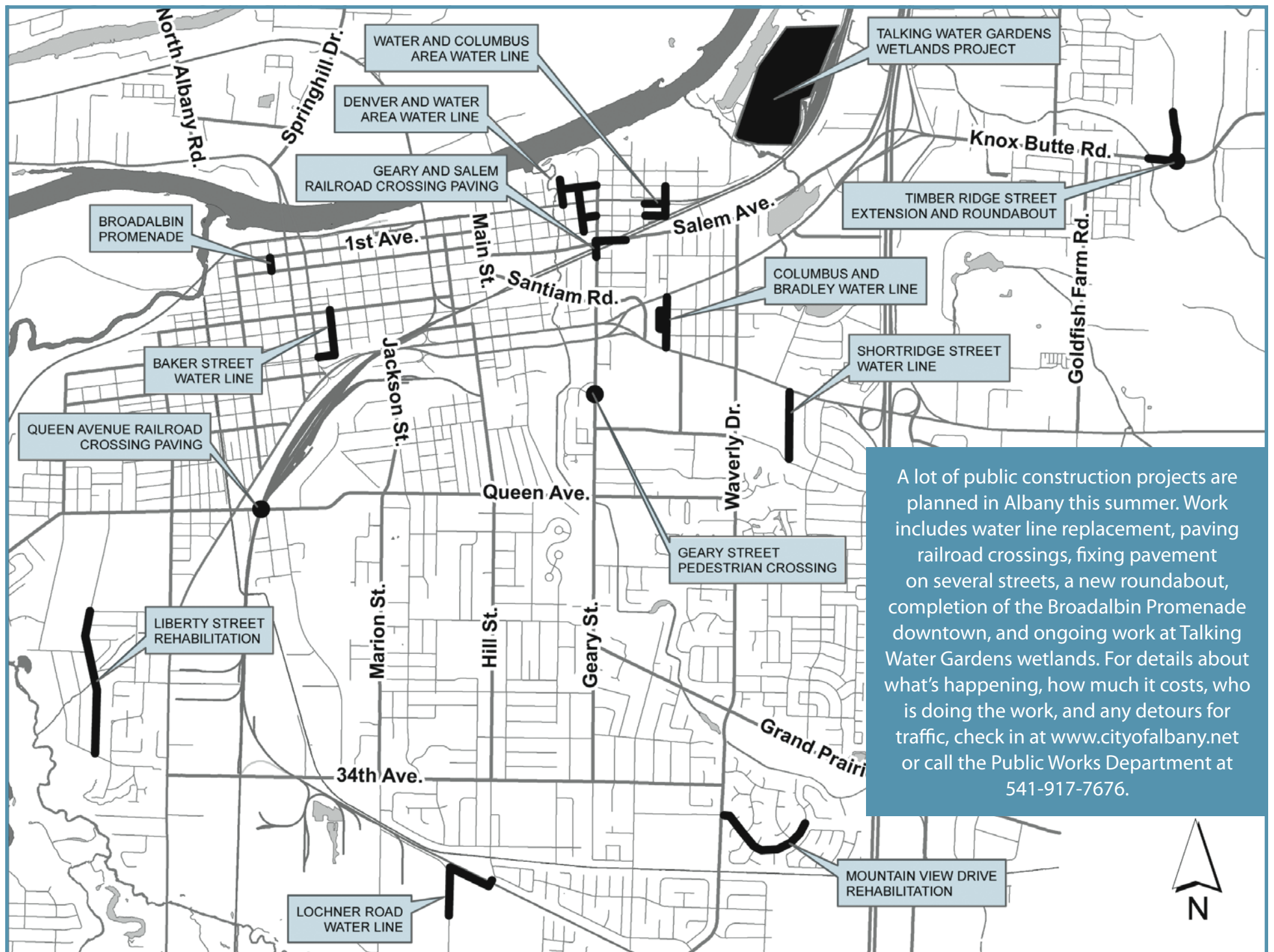


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Summer construction in Albany



A lot of public construction projects are planned in Albany this summer. Work includes water line replacement, paving railroad crossings, fixing pavement on several streets, a new roundabout, completion of the Broadalbin Promenade downtown, and ongoing work at Talking Water Gardens wetlands. For details about what's happening, how much it costs, who is doing the work, and any detours for traffic, check in at www.cityofalbany.net or call the Public Works Department at 541-917-7676.

Dispose of unwanted meds safely at APD

On March 13, 2010, the Albany Police Department, Linn County Sheriff's Office, Linn Together Coalition and Albany Public Works Environmental Services collected more than 300 pounds of unwanted or outdated medications from Albany residents in a prescription drug turn-in event at Albany City Hall. Police Officers and law enforcement staff were on hand to collect and sort a total of 68 pounds of prescription medications, 106 pounds of over-the-counter medications, and over 200 pounds of liquids, patches and salves.

Prescription and over-the-counter drug turn-in events are intended to end the growing problem of prescription drug abuse, especially among youth. Prescription drugs are readily accessible in many homes where teenagers, even children and adults, take advantage of their availability.

The events also help keep drugs out of rivers and streams, potentially endangering fish and other wildlife, and contaminating public drinking water supplies.

In May, Albany Police installed a permanent dropbox in the department lobby, 1117 Jackson Street SE. Citizens may drop off any unwanted or expired over-the-counter or prescription medications (including pet medications) for safe disposal. Police personnel will collect and destroy the medications in a safe and legal manner by incinerating them at a nearby facility. Medications may be dropped off 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The drop box was donated by the United States Postal Service and refurbished by Oregon Powder Coating, Albany Lock and Key Service, and Xtreme Graf.

For more information, contact Carmen Westfall, Community Education Specialist, Albany Police Department, 541-917-3206.



Community picnics

Albany Parks & Recreation Department will host two community picnics in June to kick off National Recreation and Parks Month:

- Tuesday, June 22, 2010 – Kinder Park, 1326 Oak Street SE.
- Tuesday, June 29, 2010 – Deerfield Park, 2627 Del Rio Avenue SE.

The Kinder Park event will include formal dedication of the new park.

Each picnic is scheduled from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free sausage dogs and drinks will be provided. Neighbors are invited to bring lawn chairs.

Picnic visitors can take an interactive survey, visit information booths and displays, and take part in children's crafts and games. Members of the Albany City Council, Parks & Recreation Commission and *Albany Democrat-Herald* staff will be on hand to listen to neighborhood concerns, ideas and needs.

The picnics are cosponsored with the *Albany Democrat-Herald* and Oh Boy! Oberto. For more information, contact Albany Parks & Recreation at City Hall, 333 Broadalbin Street SW, or phone 541-917-7777.



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Fill the Canoe with school supplies

Each year, hundreds of children in the Albany area need basic school supplies, and the need is greater during a slow economy. This summer, Red Canoe Credit Union and the City of Albany hope to change that by launching the first "Fill the Canoe" school supply drive.

Red Canoe will place eight-foot canoes in the lobbies of Albany City Hall and the credit union for three weeks in August and is asking the public to help fill them with needed school supplies. All donations made at Red Canoe or alternate collection sites like City Hall will be matched pound-for-pound by the credit union, making all community donations go even further.

"The Albany Parks & Recreation Department, as well as the City of Albany, are essential partners for our credit union's school supply drive," says Tina Halsey, branch manager for Red Canoe. "When we

learned of the need our community has for additional donations, we knew we needed to step up to the plate and help bridge the gap; and we couldn't be happier to have partnered with Albany Parks & Recreation to help us spread the word. We invite everyone to help us fill our canoe!"

Some of the supplies needed include new: backpacks, crayons, pencils, erasers, folders, 3-ring binders, rulers, calculators, note paper and boxes of tissue. Donations can be made August 2-20, 2010, at either canoe or in collection barrels at the Albany Senior Center, 489 Water Avenue NW, and Albany Public Library, 2450 14th Avenue SE.

F.A.C.T. (Families and Community Together), a division of the Greater Albany Public Schools, and Rotary will distribute the donated supplies to local children in need. For more information about FACT or to register a child, call 541-924-3720.



Fill the Canoe locations include:

Red Canoe Credit Union
810 BURKHART STREET SE

City Hall
333 BROADALBIN STREET SW

Albany Senior Center
489 WATER AVENUE NW

Albany Public Library
2450 14TH AVENUE SE

Apply now to attend Police Citizens Academy

The Albany Police Department is accepting applications for the 2010 Citizens Academy September 7-November 16, 2010. Sessions will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m., with two Saturday classes as well.

The Academy is offered free to Albany citizens age 18 or older who pass a criminal background check. The Citizens Academy is designed to promote awareness and understanding of the Albany Police Department's role in the community, the criminal justice system, and to educate citizens about the Department's daily functions and operations.

Participants will be selected to attend 39 hours of interactive classroom and "hands-on" instruction. Topics include police officer selection, training, and duties; investigation skills; tactical operations; use of force and defensive tactics; canine procedures; firearms use; narcotics investigations; crime scene processing; and crime prevention. Students will be actively involved in a variety of interesting, educational activities.

Space is limited. Applications are available at the Albany Police Department, 1117 Jackson Street SE, or as a download from the Police page on the City website, www.cityofalbany.net/police. Applications must be returned to the Department no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 20, 2010. Two credit hours plus tuition costs are available through Linn-Benton Community College upon successful completion of the Academy. For further information, contact the Albany Police Department at 917-7680.



Time to check your emergency kits

Summer is here, and you made it through another winter. Did you use your home or travel emergency plan? We hope not; but if you did, weren't you glad you had one? Whether you used your emergency kits or not, now is the time to check them. Both home and travel emergency kits start here:

- Check the food supply for expiration dates. Is it time to add more food, replace some expired food, or just rearrange it?
- Check your batteries. Remember not to store them in flashlights. Replace expired batteries. Put a date on the new batteries and check flashlights to make sure they still work.
- Check water for freshness. Bottles should be dated; if they are still sealed and less than four years old, they're OK. If you are using your own water and the bottles are not sealed, you should replenish the water every six months.
- Check the weather radio. Does it still work? Do you have a windup or battery-operated radio? Don't store batteries in the radio.
- Check your blankets. Do they need to be cleaned or aired out?

- Does your extra clothing still fit? Does it need to be cleaned or aired?
- What additional supplies might you need? What about a shovel or tow rope for your travel kit? Do you have plenty of fuel for your cook stove? Check the bottles for expirations.
- Have you added a new member to your family since the last check? Do you need to modify your home and travel kit?

Now is a good time to review your family emergency plan. If you don't have one, visit the City website at www.cityofalbany.net/fire or call 541-917-7700 and ask to speak to someone about emergency kits.

If you used your emergency plan this winter, how did it work? Do you need to make changes? If you didn't use the plan, now is a good time to get it out and begin talking about it with your family. Talk with your family about the plan at least once a year; make sure the information is kept up-to-date. Phone numbers, for example, can change. After you have updated your plan, talk to your family about each of their responsibilities during an emergency.

Spend a little time to prepare. It can help you get through difficult times at home or on the road.

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National Night Out August 3

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, neighborhoods throughout Albany are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 27th annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. The Albany Police Department invites neighborhoods to join us in giving crime and drugs a going away party.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community

partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.

From 6:00-9:00 p.m. August 3, residents in neighborhoods throughout Albany are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will host special events such as block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime rallies. It's a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity.

If you would like to organize a Neighborhood Watch group or simply support local crime prevention efforts and participate in National Night Out, this is an excellent opportunity to organize your

neighborhood to reduce crime, get to know your neighbors, and host a neighborhood celebration. If you live within the Albany city limits and want more information regarding National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, or to register your neighborhood event, contact Community Education Specialist Lynn Hinrichs at 541-917-3208. Registered neighborhoods are eligible for prizes and visits from the Police and Fire Departments. Please register prior to Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and cosponsored locally by the Albany Police Department and Target. More than 35 million people from all 50 states are expected to participate this year.



Canal planting guide online

Albany Public Works staff has put together a list of suggested vegetation for planting along the top of the Santiam-Albany Canal to help residents who own property along the historic waterway. Plants native to Oregon are recommended.

The City has a permanent easement along both sides of the canal, an 18-mile open channel that brings water from the South Santiam River above Lebanon to the Vine Street Water Treatment Plant in Downtown Albany. The easement is needed for workers to walk or access the canal to inspect the channel and make repairs. Some types of vegetation can stabilize the canal banks while also allowing inspection and repair.

Three planting lists are posted on the City's website. They are a list of urban plants, species that look good and perform well in a home landscape; naturalized area plants, for those who want to use only native plants; and farm plants, a short list of plants that are appropriate to plant near an agricultural area.

For the full lists and more information, visit <http://www.cityofalbany.net/publicworks/water/canal/canal-planting.php>

Bike Rodeo set for June 19

The 2010 Bicycle Safety Rodeo, sponsored by the Albany Police Department, Kiwanis Club of Albany, and Target, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 19, 2010, in the Target parking lot, 2255 14th Avenue SE.

The purpose of the Bicycle Safety Rodeo is to increase bicycle safety through educating children about safety rules, bicycle skills, and helmet use. Law enforcement personnel, including bicycle officers, will be present from the Albany Police Department and other local agencies.

Children may participate at any time during the event. Activities will include bicycle skills testing, bicycle safety inspections, and bicycle identification engraving. Helmets are required for all participants.

A drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. for bicycles, helmets, and bicycle-related items. Rodeo participants must be present to win.

For more information, contact Carmen Westfall, Community Education Specialist, at the Albany Police Department, 541-917-3206.



Sign up for FireMed

The Albany Fire Department and its ambulance service are important partners with the local medical community in providing quality emergency care. A FireMed membership plan offers protection from additional out-of-pocket expense for needed ambulance service while assisting the Fire Department in maintaining state-of-the-art service.

A \$50 annual FireMed membership provides emergency pre-hospital medical care and transportation to the immediate family regularly living in the household of the member.

For more information or an application, call 541-917-7710.



Please send me a **FREE FireMed membership information packet.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Mail to:
Albany Fire Department
P.O. Box 490
Albany, OR 97321



Family camping close to home? Try S'mores and Snores

Can you imagine not being able to take your children camping because you're afraid to do it alone as a single parent? Do you have all the gear you need to go camping? Albany Parks & Recreation can help you answer those questions and provide families a safe and well-planned camping experience, and we'll do most of the work.

Parks & Recreation staff understands times are tough; we want to give local families something to enjoy together this summer. Join us for art projects, games, and singing around the campfire. We'll provide dinner and breakfast along with a hike under the stars, all while staying close to home in beautiful Timber-Linn Memorial Park.

Two campouts are offered this summer; space is limited, so save your spots now!

June 18-19

\$20 per family of 4

\$7 per each additional family member

Details on September S'mores and Snores is coming soon, check our website at www.albanyparksandrecreation.org



Takena Landing trail renovation

From the bridges on the north side of the Willamette River, Takena Landing Trail runs 1.7 miles along the river (3.4 miles round trip). As you progress down the trail, the sounds of the city start to go away and the sounds of the river and nature fill your senses.

Through a project funded by the Oregon Youth Employment Initiative and in cooperation with Community Services Consortium, the City of Albany has had the good fortune to employ a crew of seven

young people to refurbish and update the trail. Improvements include clearing built-up fire-hazard brush, removing invasive plants, building places along the trail to sit and enjoy the river, adding wood chips to muddy surfaces and many other improvements. At the same time, the young people learned planning, project management and work skills.

Take some time this summer to walk, run, bike or otherwise enjoy the fruit of their work. You will be glad you did.

Have GPS? Go geocaching

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world and right here in Albany by adventure seekers equipped with global positioning system (GPS) devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors, then share your experiences online. Caches come in several varieties and can be educational or most often just fun.

Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. It is a particularly good way for parents to get outdoors and connect with their children.

More than one million active geocaches have been placed all over the world; undoubtedly some are close to your home

and are often at campgrounds and other vacation destinations. While writing this article, the author found directions for four caches within three blocks of Albany City Hall and dozens more in the Albany area. Caches are very likely to be in parks and are in any number of public locations.

If you would like to learn in a group setting, Albany Parks & Recreation offers a class on Wednesday and Friday afternoons this summer or you can simply log on to www.geocaching.com and set out on your own. Once on www.geocaching.com, follow the instructions to register for a free basic membership. Find a cache that looks interesting, grab a GPS device and go treasure hunting.



Summer programs at Albany Public Library

The Albany Public Library offers a wide variety of free programs throughout the summer. Programs are free of charge and all materials are furnished.

The Main Library is located at 2450 14th Avenue SE near Heritage Mall; the Carnegie Library is located at 302 Ferry Street SW in Downtown Albany.

For preschoolers:

Special guests bring music and movement, Main Library, June 17, July 1, July 29, and August 12, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

For kindergarten and older:

Magicians, music, artists, and dogs, plus pioneer living historians and more will visit the Carnegie Library on Tuesdays, and the Main Library on Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m. June through August. Pick up calendars at either Library in May with complete program details.

For all ages:

Summer Reading Program

Kids age 0-18 may count the hours they read throughout the summer to win prizes. Pick up a reading log at either library beginning June 1.

Puppet Show: "Little Red Riding Hood"

- Main Library, Monday, August 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Afternoon Art

- Main Library, Monday afternoons, July 12 – August 9, 2010, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Parking Lot Sale

- Main Library, north parking lot, July 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Talent Show

- Carnegie Library, August 17, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
- Main Library, August 18, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

For older kids and teens:

Volunteer!

Youth volunteers who have finished 6th grade and want to assist with children's arts and crafts programs on Monday afternoons need to fill out an application available at both Albany Library buildings and on the Library's website, and attend an orientation session.

- Main Library, Monday, June 14; or Monday, June 21; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.



Marionette Troupe

Students going into 6th through 12th grades may join the Marionette Troupe to put on a show with stringed puppets. To register, please pick up a form at either Library, e-mail doris.hicks@cityofalbany.net, or call 541-791-0015.

- Downtown Carnegie Library, workshop/rehearsal on Monday, July 19, 2010, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
- Performances Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dramatic Storytelling

Students going into 5th through 12th grades may join the Wonderkeepers Next Generation to learn to practice traditional storytelling using voice, movement, costumes, and props.

- Main Library, Tuesday, June 15; Thursday, June 17; Friday, June 18, 2010; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Anime Club

Fans of Japanese animation age 11 through adults are invited to attend monthly gatherings to play Yu-Gi-Oh or other games, share books, display original artwork, practice drawing in the Japanese style, and meet others with similar interests.

- Main Library, Saturday, June 19; Saturday, July 17; Saturday, August 21, 2010; 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

<http://library.cityofalbany.net/ya>