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FAMILY STORY TIME AT THE ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Tales of Birds & Beasts is a special story time partnership with the Albany Public Library

ALBANY, NEW YORK— This fall, the Albany Institute of History & Art is partnering with the Albany Public Library to present special story time at the museum on select Saturday mornings. Inspired by the museum's current exhibitions *A Menagerie of Whimsey: The Art of William B. Schade* and *Birds & Beasts: The Scary, Magical, and Adorable Animals of the Albany Institute*, the story time program will feature stories about animals.

Albany Public Library staff will host these story times at the museum on select Saturdays from 10:30am-11am. There will be tales of birds and beasts for children 0 to 5 and their families. Attendees will enjoy tales of caterpillars, unicorns, polar bears. There will also be a sing-along to songs and rhymes.

Story time dates and times:

- Saturday, September 8 | 10:30am - 11:00am
- Saturday, September 22 | 10:30am - 11:00am
- Saturday, October 13 | 10:30am - 11:00am
- Saturday, October 27 | 10:30am - 11:00am
- Saturday, November 10 | 10:30am - 11:00am
- Saturday, December 1 | 10:30am - 11:00am

The event is free, but registration is requested. Email waldronv@albanyinstitute.org or call 518-463-4478 ext. 404 for registration.

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The museum is open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. The Museum Café and Museum Shop are also open Wednesday- Sunday and the hours are available on our website. The Research Library is open on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm and by appointment.

Current admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. There is no charge to visit the café or museum shop. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of www.albanyinstitute.org

For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson valley as crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19th century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19th century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram ([albanyinstitute](https://www.instagram.com/albanyinstitute)).