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Albany READS 2024 Events

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Accountable book talk with Dashka Slater, in conversation with Aishatu Yusuf

Wednesday, January 24, 7–8pm | Albany High School Little Theater

Award-winning and New York Times-bestselling author Dashka Slater will be joined by Aishatu Yusuf, Vice President of Innovative Programs at Impact Justice for an engaging conversation about *Accountable*. Following the conversation there will be time for audience questions. We hope to see you there!

Albany FilmFest Presents... Embracing Diversity

Tuesday, January 9, 7–9pm | Albany Library

These short films explore the complexity and diversity of human experience and identity in a number of ways including healing racial trauma through dance, bridging generational divides, and exploring the many intersections of race and gender.

The Souls of White Jokes: Book Talk with Dr. Raul Lopez

Wednesday, January 10, 6–8pm | Virtual

Humor is often seen as a way to ease tension in an overly politicized social world. But do the stakes change when the jokes are racist? In *The Souls of White Jokes*, Raúl Pérez confronts this unsettling question, arguing that doing so is crucial to understanding the persistence of racism and white supremacy in American society.

Raúl Pérez is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of La Verne, and previously an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Denver.

Restorative Justice Panel


Wednesday, January 17, 6–8pm
Albany High School Little Theater

A panel of leading Bay Area restorative justice practitioners will discuss the integration of restorative justice in schools and the meaning of accountability. Albany High School students will moderate this program.

Kindness Storytime for Kids!

Saturday, January 27, 11–11:30am
Albany Library

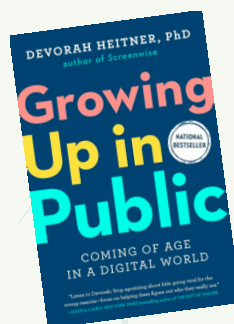
Join us for a special family storytime for all ages, in which we celebrate the beauty in acts of kindness and the community and connection they inspire.

 **Albany Library**
1247 Marin Ave, Albany CA, 94706

 **Albany High School Little Theater**
603 Key Route Blvd, Albany CA, 94706

Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World book talk with author Devorah Heitner

Thursday, January 18, 3:30–4:30pm | Virtual



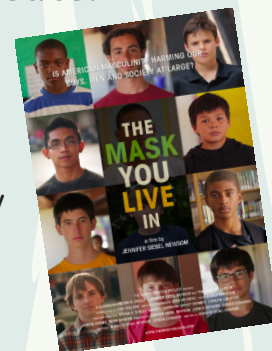
Dr. Heitner will provide guidance to help mentor children to be thoughtful about their digital footprint and reputation, navigate problematic content, recognize mental health risks, balance screen time to minimize the impacts on sleep, and support them in staying true to themselves as they grow up “in public” on social media apps.

Dr. Devorah Heitner is the author of *Growing Up in Public* and *Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World*. Dr. Heitner's work has appeared in the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and CNN Opinion.

The Mask You Live In - Film Screening followed by Discussion/Q&A with Ashanti Branch

Wednesday, January 31, 6–8:30pm
Albany High School Little Theater

The Mask You Live In (documentary, 1h 37m) follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. The film ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men.



Ashanti Branch, M.Ed., featured in *The Mask You Live In*, is the Founder and Executive Director of Ever Forward/Siempre Adelante. He launched the first Ever Forward Club as a support program where at-risk young men could gather over lunch in a mentor-led safe environment. Mr. Branch is on a mission to change the way that students interact with their education and the way schools interact with students.