



Albany County Public Library
Foundation
2019–2020
Annual Report

The mission of the Albany County Public Library Foundation is to generate funds through gifts, endowments, memorials and special programs in order to improve the Albany County Public Library in perpetuity through specific programs, direct financial assistance and community outreach.

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Dear friends,

Thank you for making it possible for the Albany County Public Library Foundation to provide more than \$70,000 to your public library in FY20!

A large portion of this funding, \$55,000, went to support library programming, materials, building maintenance, technology, continuing education, travel, and library supplies. Other funding supported mini-grant projects, library outreach, special projects, and staff longevity.

In addition to financial support, ACPL Foundation staff contributes time and energy to library projects, outreach, and promotion. Staff provided more than 400 hours to library projects in FY20. For example, the executive director wrote a successful Albany County Recreation Board grant application on behalf of ACPL. ACPL will receive \$16,000 for a needed sound system and outreach equipment.

The ACPL Foundation is pleased to have been able to sustain this high level of support to the library during this challenging year. Due to COVID-19, we canceled several planned fundraising activities and saw a decrease in donations during the last half of the fiscal year. Despite those setbacks, our organization was fortunate to continue (mostly) normal operations during these past months.

The Board of Directors sincerely appreciates our exceedingly generous donors. Your support during this difficult time helped us remain on stable footing in FY20. Your continued support is pivotal to the Albany County Public Library.

Here are a few FY20 successes you helped us accomplish:

- Achieved a record year for A Novel Night fundraiser in October 2019, raising more than \$19,000.
- Received \$36,500 in grant funding from First Interstate Bank Foundation, Guthrie Family Foundation, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, U.S. Bank Foundation, and Wyoming Community Foundation.
- Assisted the library in securing \$1,300 from the United Way of Albany County COVID-19 Relief Fund.
- Supported library staff development during a second year of Restricted Fund Mini-Grant Projects, providing more than \$5,200 for special projects at the library.
- Maintained total assets over \$2 million as of June 30, 2020.

In FY21, the ACPL Foundation is excited to welcome new board members and begin working on a 5-year strategic plan. Fundraising is expected to be an ongoing challenge due to the pandemic. The ACPL Foundation Board of Directors made the decision to cancel our largest in-person fundraising event, A Novel Night, originally scheduled for September 2020. It is likely that other planned fundraising activities and outreach events will also be postponed or cancelled. We are looking at ways to fill those fundraising gaps: exploring options for digital events, different sponsorship opportunities, and other ways to generate funds, which help us provide essential support to the library.

Thank you for being part of our community of library supporters. You make a positive difference for your public library.

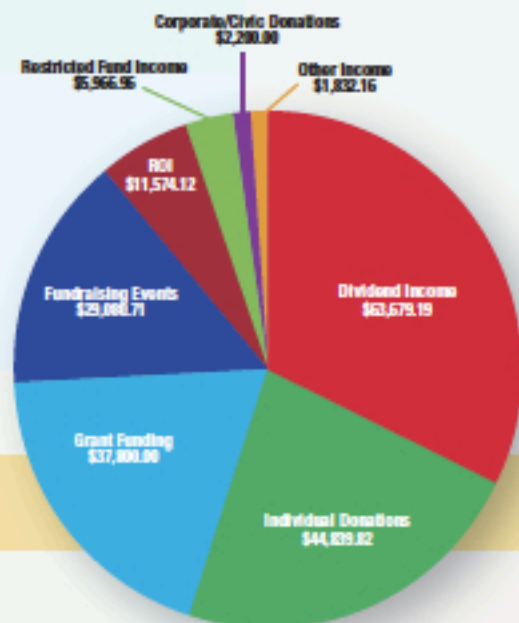
Stay safe and be well,

Caitlin White
Executive Director

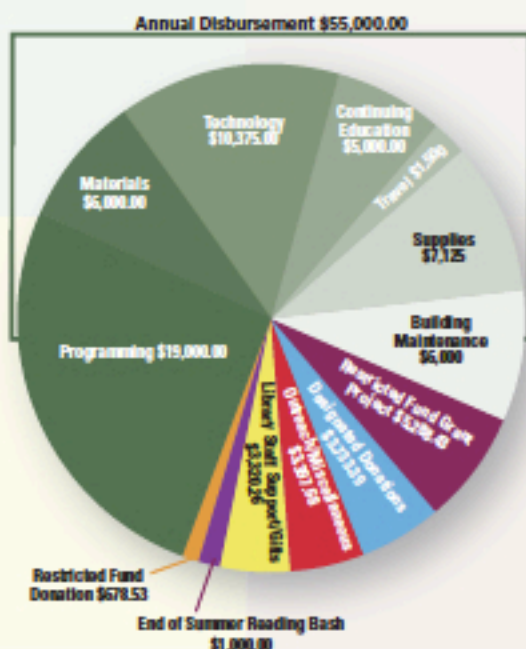
Terri Jensen
President of the Board of Directors

FY20 Financial Summary

Total Income: \$196,972.96



Total Contributions to the Library: \$72,418.39



Ways you can help

Ways to Give

- Give anytime and in a way that works best for you on the ACPL Foundation website: foundation.acplwy.org. See our Ways to Give page.
- Become a monthly donor. It's easy! Consistent funding from monthly donations helps the ACPL Foundation better plan for upcoming projects for the library.
- Make a gift in honor or in memory of a family member or friend.
- Contribute to an ACPL Foundation restricted fund that provides funding for a specific purpose in the library. Our restricted funds are listed on the last page of this report.
- Remember the ACPL Foundation in your estate plans.
- Provide a major gift towards a specific library project.
- Participate in an ACPL Foundation fundraiser.
- Work with your place of business to become a corporate sponsor.

**When you give online or with a credit card, the ACPL Foundation pays a small processing fee. You can now opt to cover this fee so your full donation goes to help the library!*

Donate Your Time

Library advocates are the voice of public libraries. Join other library advocates and volunteers to ensure our library legacy remains vibrant, relevant, and fully funded. Library advocacy doesn't need to be complicated. Spread the word by telling your community why you value the library. Volunteer for the ACPL Foundation by:

- Expressing interest in joining the board of directors.
- Providing time or resources to one of the organization's events.
- Hosting a "friendraiser" with your circle to build more support for the library.

Donors can contact the Foundation office to discuss which opportunity works well for you. The Foundation accepts donations online, through the mail, or in person. Please contact Executive Director, Caitlin White (307-460-2481 or cwhite@acplwy.org) with any questions.

ACPL Foundation Board of Directors in FY21

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You Helped Us Accomplish...

Technology



With your help, the ACPL Foundation provided **\$10,000** for library technology. As part of this funding, the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation provided a grant for 14 Chromebooks and other technology equipment. The Chromebooks were invaluable during COVID-19, giving the library the ability to still provide technology to patrons while social distancing. In addition, a subscription to Zoom made it possible for library staff to easily transition to virtual meetings and programs.

Programming



Local representatives and library supporters enjoy Sunday Funday activities.

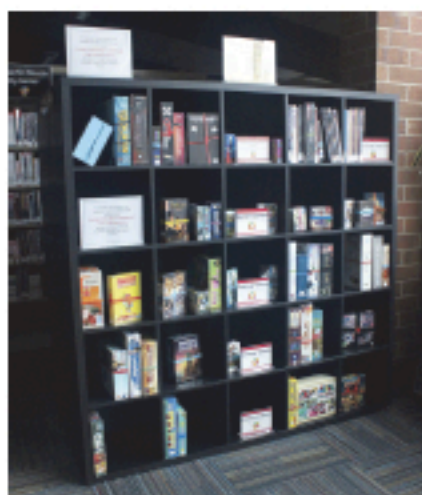


Sam Mihara with Rachel Crocker and Cassandra Hunter.

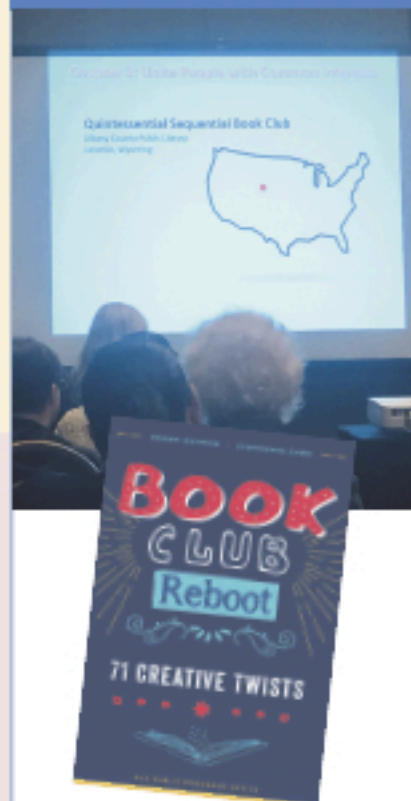
In FY20 the ACPL Foundation assisted the library as it celebrated being open on Sundays with the Sunday Funday activity days. A highlight of the past year was a presentation on mass imprisonment by national speaker, Sam Mihara. Mihara and his family were imprisoned during WWII at the Heart Mountain internment camp for three years.

Mini-Grants

The ACPL Foundation's Agnes Milstead Fund provided **\$5,288.43** for three projects through the Restricted Fund Mini-Grant program. The projects put 266 new classics on the shelves, developed a new way to display magazines, and added new shelving for board games.



Continuing Education



Continuing education funds made it possible for Adult Services Librarian, Cassandra Hunter, to attend a nationwide library conference in Vermont. At the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference ACPL was highlighted as an innovative library for its graphic novels book club.

Giving Tree Campaign

The ACPL Foundation Giving Tree raised **\$1,270** to provide the library with needed projects and supplies. Sponsored items on the tree included story time sessions, new board book sets, an Amazon Prime membership, and a children's play tent. Watch for our Giving Tree promotion during the holidays!



Learn more at foundation.acplwy.org/the-impact

Fundraising & Events in FY20

Annual Appeal

You helped us raise \$44,839.82 in FY20!

"A Novel Night" Fundraiser

The CLUE! murder mystery night raised **\$19,478** to support the public library. This was a record amount!

Other Fundraisers

Limited Edition Library Cards	\$300+
Community Nights (O'Dwyers Bingo Nights/Mr Jim's)	\$550+
Sweet Pickles Cupcake Ball	\$500+
#GivingTuesdayNow during COVID-19	\$700+

End of Summer Reading Bash

The ACPL Foundation hosted a Star Wars-themed End of Summer Reading Bash, thanks to sponsors: Laramie Kiwanis Club and Laramie Rotary Club!

Amazon Smile

In FY20, **100** individuals supported the ACPL Foundation on Amazon Smile resulting in a \$282.48 donation! Your shopping on Amazon can help us raise more for the library. Shop on



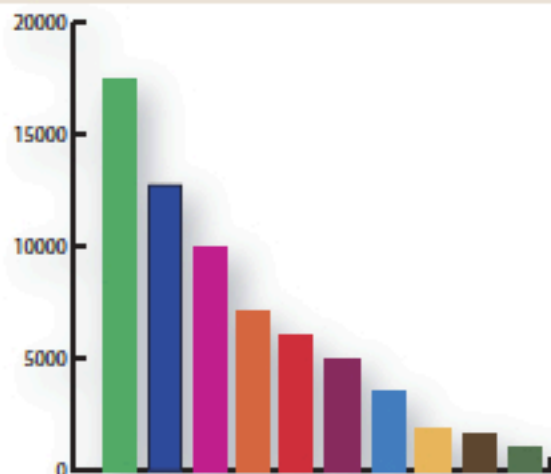
2019 A Novel Night

smile.amazon.com and specify the ACPL Foundation as your designated charity.

Amazon Wish List

Help the library lower its supply costs! When you purchase an item off the ACPL Foundation Amazon Wish List, the library benefits by being able to spend more on programming, materials, and technology. Shop at <https://amzn.to/32ghbVQ> and consider adding a small extra item to your cart to benefit your public library.

FY21 Planned Funding to the Library



All Ages Programming & Public Relations	\$17,500.00
Materials (books, movies, music, etc.)	\$12,750.00
Technology	\$10,000.00
Library Supplies	\$7,125.00
Building & Library Van Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Continuing Education	\$5,000.00
Library Staff Support	\$3,500.00
Designated Donations	\$1,831.48
Travel	\$1,625.00
Restricted Fund Mini-Grant Projects	\$1,044.90
Total:	\$66,376.38

Thank you to our generous donors!

Thank you for making a great library even better! The ACPL Foundation had 353 donors (individuals, families, and organizations) in FY20.

Individual Donors in FY20

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Contribute to an ACPL Foundation Restricted Fund:

Each restricted fund was created to benefit a specific purpose in the library. Each year, a portion of each fund provides the library with funding for specific programs or materials.

Colleen Asplund Fund: Asplund was a former ACPL children's librarian. Interest from this fund is used for children's materials in the library.

Barbara Chatton Fund: Chatton is a longtime supporter, volunteer, and ACPL Foundation board member. Interest from this fund goes to the library for its children and young adult collections.

Gwendolyn Cook Fund: Cook was a former head of library circulation. Interest from this fund is used to purchase cook-books, Regency Romance, and mystery books for the library.

Friends of the Book Sale Fund: Formerly the Penny Schenker Fund, this fund was set up to honor the work of the Friends of the Library Book Sale Crew. Interest from the fund is used to buy science fiction materials.

Love Family Fund: J. David and Jane Love were longtime library supporters. This fund is used for the ACPL Foundation mini-grant program.

Neva Miller Fund: Miller was a former ACPL children's librarian. Interest from this fund is used for children's materials in the library.

Agnes Milstead Fund: Milstead was a former library board member and library advocate. Interest from this fund is used for the ACPL Foundation mini-grant program.

Mary Lou Pence Fund: Interest from the fund supports the library's Wyoming Room. The Wyoming Room houses local and state historical documents, books and information.

Adele Russin Fund: Russin was a longtime library supporter and former library board member. Interest and half of the fund's annual contributions benefit the library's Large Print books, audiobooks and Play-A-Ways.

Susan Simpson Fund: Simpson served as the ACPL county librarian and continues to support the public library. Interest from this fund is used for staff training and development opportunities.