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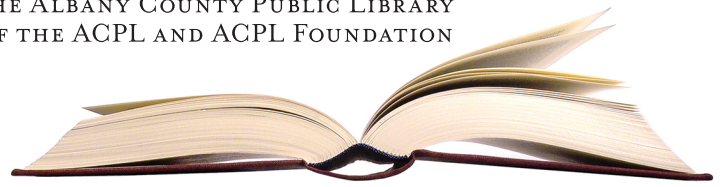
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BRANCH HOURS**
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BRANCH HOURS**
WED: 9AM-4:30PM

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THE OPEN BOOK

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ACPL AND ACPL FOUNDATION



Exciting opportunities and changes coming to ACPL

The Albany County Public Library is gearing up for big changes at the Laramie branch. In 2018, the community voted to approve funding for upgrades to the library, as part of the Specific Purpose Excise Tax vote. Library staff are now working on the planning and implementation of upgrades that will take place over the next two years.

ACPL plans to upgrade both the public and staff areas by shifting locations to better serve specific demographics; creating more storage and reading areas for a more cohesive and welcoming environment; and adding new furniture for comfort and convenience.

Over the summer and fall of 2021, ACPL staff received new office furniture, including desks, chairs, filing cabinets, and book carts. Staff members now have sit/stand desks and personal filing cabinets to easily move be-

tween work stations. Staff areas were shifted to better position departments, provide a more professional work area, and to create more efficient, communal work spaces.

In the public area, ACPL staff have been hard at work designing plans for shifting areas to make the library more usable for patrons. The photo of the plans included on page 2 are tentative and still may change before the upgrades take place.

One main part of the project will be to create a designated teen area with more effective space and storage. The teen area will be moved to where the library previously housed its Large Print book, audiobooks, and World Language/Spanish collections.

The new teen area will include more seating, computers, video game stations, and a “chill space”

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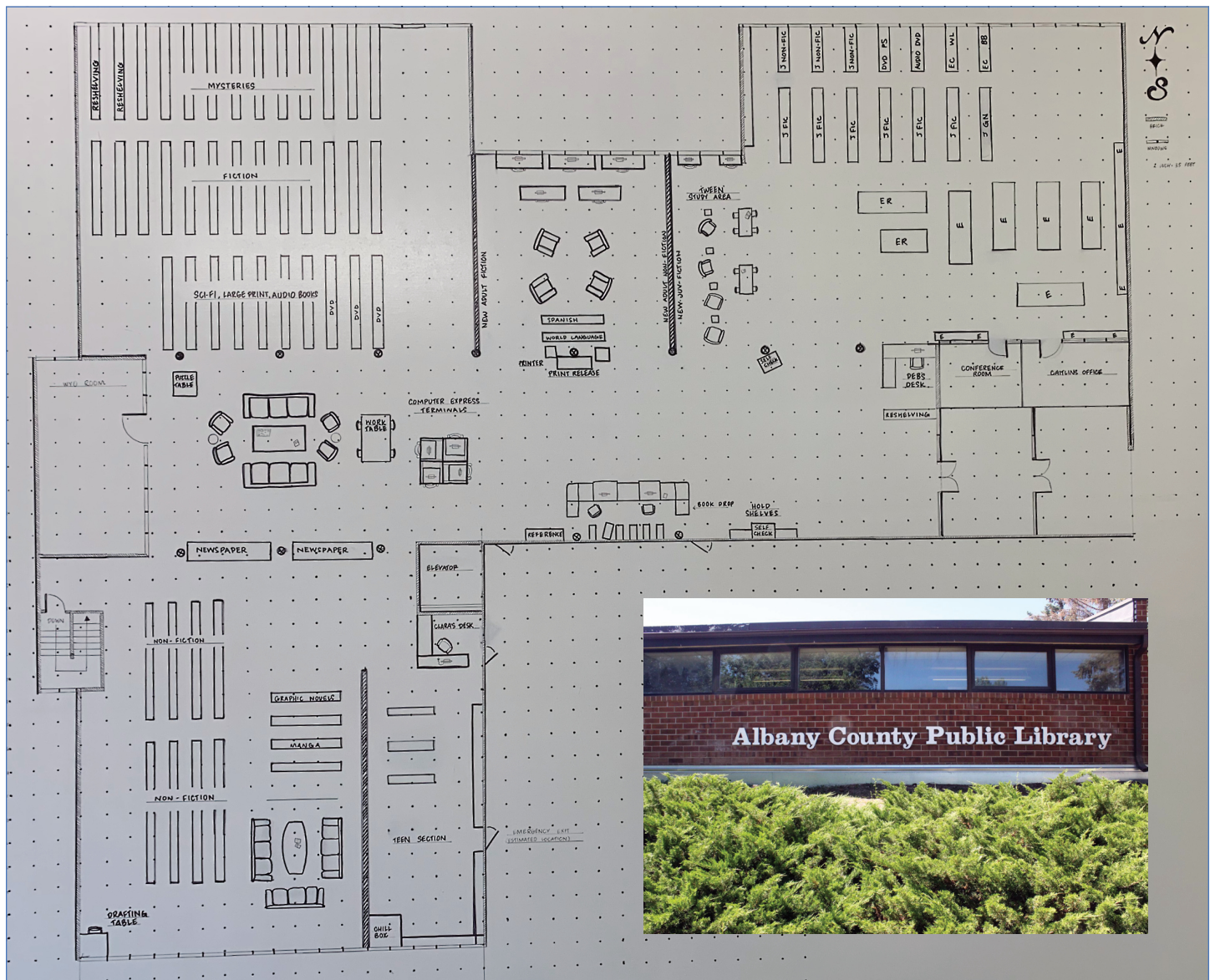
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ACPL

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WHAT'S
HAPPENING @
YOUR LIBRARY
THIS SPRING



that is designed for neurodivergent teens. The ACPL teen librarian will also have a desk in the space to work directly with patrons.

Once the teen space has been moved from the front main area of the library, the Children's Area will be expanded to provide more designated space for different age groups. The Youth Services Librarian will also move into the Children's Area to be more accessible.

There will be a new Circulation Desk installed that has a smaller footprint, creating more space in the main, central area of the library. Public computers will be centralized in a location closer to the Circulation Desk so staff can provide more prompt service to technology users.

ACPL is also working to remove older and dam-

aged items from the collection. This will allow the library to reduce the amount of shelving and open up more space for seating and gathering. Some new soft furniture will be added.

ACPL will work with a local moving business to shift shelving to make it more uniform throughout the building and to ensure accessibility. This is a large part of the project, that will require nearly every item on the shelves to be removed so shelves can be shifted.

ACPL is working on a timeline for the noted changes and is working diligently to avoid a closure during the work. However, there may be a minimal closure for the big moves. In the event this needs to happen, the library will still provide services using the bookmobile. 🌈

book sales are back!

Friends of the Library start monthly members only sales

The Friends of the Library have started offering book sales for members each month.

In December 2021, Friends of the Library volunteers were able to start offering regular book sales, after a period without member or public sales during the pandemic.

To shop a sale, you must be a Friends of the Library

member. Advanced sign up is also required to ensure social distancing practices can be maintained. Masks are required at all sales.

To become a member, renew your membership, or sign up for a shopping time, you can go online to friends.acplwy.org or visit the ACPL Circulation Desk.

The next sale is April 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 🌈

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Become a Friends of the Library member!

\$10 for an individual membership

\$15 for a family membership

\$50 for a benefactor membership*

Memberships include admission to the Friends of the Library Members Only Sales.

*A benefactor membership includes a family membership and recognition in the library newsletter.

Learn more online at friends.acplwy.org.

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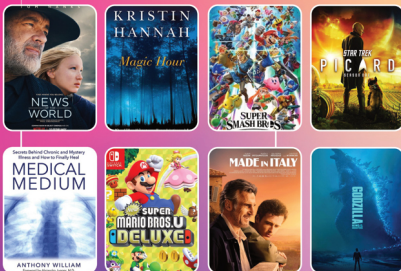
A peek at library usage in 2021

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206,150 Total Materials Checked Out in 2021

Top Circulating Items of 2021

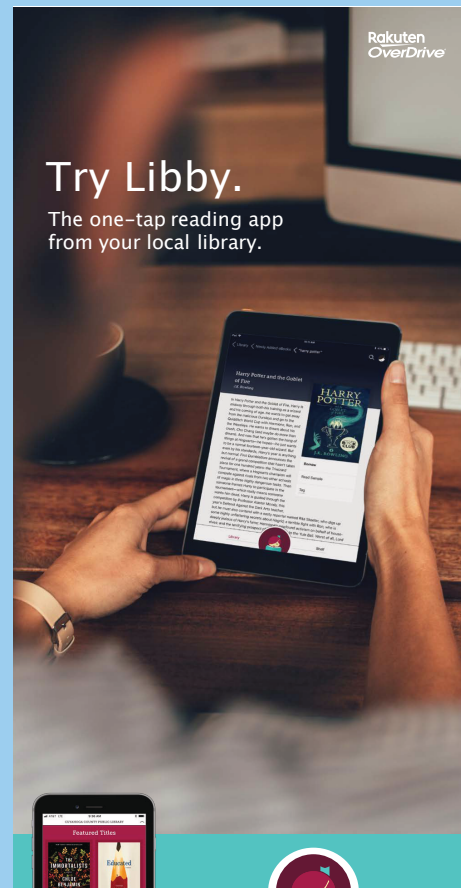


- 70,306 juvenile materials
- 12,153 young adult materials
- 34,977 adult materials
- 2,884 Large Print materials
- 2,680 audiobooks
- 1,594 periodicals
- 4,164 other items
- 51,261 electronic
checkouts on OverDrive

ACPL saw the highest number of checkouts in July with 20,937 physical and electronic items being checked out. Even ACPL's month with the lowest checkouts was well over 11,000.

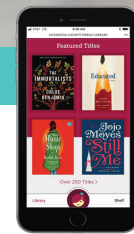
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You can get a new library card that looks like this!

Ask at the Circulation Desk about the special edition library cards. For a minimum donation to the ACPL Foundation of \$5, you'll receive a brand new library card AND a keychain sized card.

The special edition cards work exactly the same as your current library card. We have a limited number available so get yours soon!

*Photo courtesy of Betsy Moore.



Board game checkouts became more popular with 1,169 adult and juvenile board games borrowed by patrons in 2021.



**It's a new
StoryWalk®**

**Come to the
library and take
a walk with
Olive and Peko.**



ACPL provided in-person, virtual, and recorded programming during 2021 to best serve the community.
8,479 adults, teens, and kids participated in programs.

**Library
computers
were used
4,775 times**



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Distributed **3,941** take-home programming kits to all ages

What's Happening @ Your Library

Children:

Everyday – Children's Area Scavenger Hunt & Story-walks®

Enjoy a different themed scavenger hunt in the Children's Area. Scavenger hunts are available at the Circulation Desk. Come read a story while walking around the library! A new StoryWalk® is posted each week. Enjoy them at your leisure.

Book Babies

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Bring your babies for a short storytime filled with fun, baby-approved bounces, songs, and rhymes, plus early literacy and child development tips. Siblings are welcome! Immediately following Book Babies there will be playtime and the chance to meet and engage with other moms and caregivers. A lactation consultant from the Laramie Breastfeeding Coalition will be present for support.

Family Storytime

Thursday 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Join Ms. Deb on Thursdays and Ms. Robyn on Saturdays for toddler and preschool storytime. There will be fun crafts and activities to follow.

Teens & Tweens:

YAK!

Thursdays from 3:45 p.m.–5 p.m.

A social club for teens and tweens. Each week there will be a different craft or activity. For ages: 13–18.

Test Tube Tuesday

Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m.–5 p.m. in the Children's Area

Come experiment with STEAM learning kits in our children's area! For kids ages 6–12.

Adults:

ACPL has a wide selection of books clubs you can join! Visit acplwy.org to join and see upcoming books.

Book Talk with Local Author Helen M. Pugsley



Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m.

Local author, Helen M. Pugsley, will be in the meeting room to discuss her book "The Toothfairy."

NEW! IndigenousWords

April 5 & May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

This Book Club and Creative Writing Series is a collaboration between ACPL and the University of Wyoming's Creative

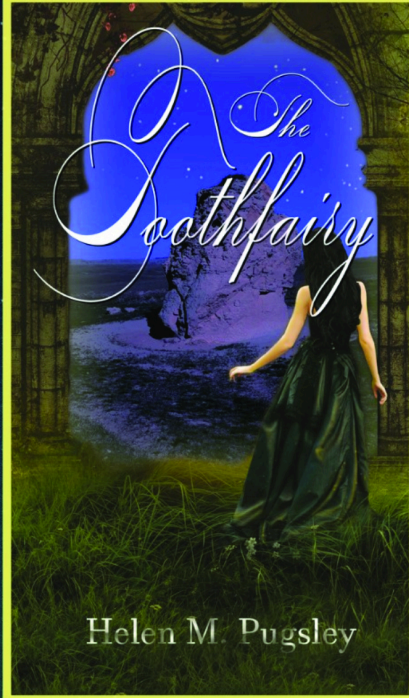


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*Local Author
Booktalk with*

**HELEN M.
PUGSLEY**

*Thursday, March 24th
6:00 p.m. in the
ACPL Meeting Room*



Writing Department. Each meeting will be facilitated by a creative writing student and feature an indigenous author.

Cozy Mystery Book Club

First Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

A book club for those who like their mysteries light on sex and violence, and particularly enjoy amateur sleuths! Contact cozysystemy@albanycounty@gmail.com with questions.

Murder Club: A True Crime Book Club

Second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

A book club that delves into infamous murders, serial killers, and other true crime mysteries. Contact Bailey at bmurray@acplwy.org with questions.

After Hours Book Club

Last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

A fun, low-commitment book club where good company is just as important as good books. Books are chosen by club members, so genres vary. Contact Kathi with questions at kwilhem@acplwy.org.

Stitching the Past Together

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning April 7

An ACPL program made possible with Creative Aging, students will learn the art of memory based story-telling

through a variety of beading techniques like peyote stitch, right angle weave, and netting, among others. The culmination of these skills will be a final sculptural work of art and exhibition based on a specific memory or on the interpretation of memory. Foster these new skills with others and find a new understanding of art and some new friends along the way. This class is open to older adults (55+) and has accommodations for those of all dexterity levels. Creative Aging in Wyoming Public Libraries is a joint initiative of the Wyoming State Library, the Wyoming State Arts Council, and Lifetime Arts. The project was made possible through the generous support through the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust and the Wyoming Community Foundation.

All Ages:

Documentary Screening and Activities

May 1

ACPL is partnering with the Wyoming PBS and the Berry Biodiversity Center to screen the documentary "My Garden of a Thousand Bees." After the screening, there will be kid-friendly activity stations (bee houses, seed bombs, seed library table). ACPL's StoryWalk this week will be themed around pollinators. Come plant seeds at the library after the event!

For more information on events, visit the library's website at acplwy.org, find us on social media, or contact the library at (307) 721-2580.

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INDIGENOUS WORDS

A Book Club and Creative Writing Series

Exploring works of fiction by indigenous writers to traverse different worldviews and identities.

There There Tommy Orange

Sabrina & Corina Kali Fajardo-Anstine

The Only Good Indians Stephen Graham Jones

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April 10 / 11am - 5pm / 310 S. 8th Street

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- In person - Visit the Library Circulation Desk.

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More information forthcoming.

