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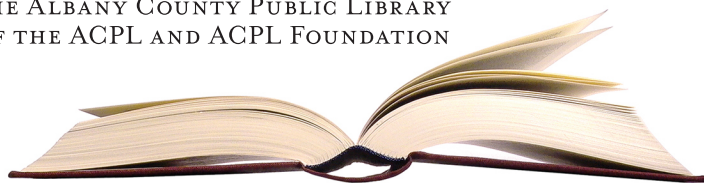
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# THE OPEN BOOK

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BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ACPL AND ACPL FOUNDATION



## Tails & Tales: Summer Reading @ Your Library

**T**ails & Tales, the 2021 Summer Reading Program will run June 26-August 25. The Summer Reading Program is for all ages. Children, teens, and adults can challenge themselves to read over the summer. Every minute of reading counts!

The Summer Reading Program is especially important for school-aged youth, as they often experience a lapse in learning, commonly referred to as the "summer slide." Summer Reading Programs help motivate children and teens to keep reading, learning, and exploring while they are out of school.

"I'm super excited," Kathi

Wilhelm, ACPL's outreach librarian, said. "We are expecting a really engaged Summer Reading audience since people are ready to be back in the library and the theme is a lot of fun."

The library will offer four different reading logs: babies, children, teens, and adults. Participants can use these logs to track their

progress. You can also keep track of reading time with use of the READsquared app, [acplwy.org/readsquared.com](http://acplwy.org/readsquared.com).

Children and teens can stop by the library on or after June 26 to get a sign-up bag.

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Tales, is a fun animal theme. This summer, you can read and give back to your community! As participants read, they will earn votes to help a local animal charity. ACPL will donate to Black Dog Animal Rescue, Laramie Animal Welfare Society (LAWS), the Laramie Animal Shelter, and Home on the Range. Donations will be allocated on the percentage of votes.

“Reading is powerful,” Wilhelm said. “You can use it to change and help your community.”

Summer is a great time for families to spend time together. ACPL is working to provide ways for the community to come together safely. To maintain social distancing, ACPL will not have its regular in-house programming or performers this summer. The public library is still offering a great schedule of events, mostly outside. Check out the events below!

More information and a full schedule will be available on the ACPL website at the end of May at [acplwy.org](http://acplwy.org). 

## ***NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES***



***THANK YOU  
FOR SUPPORTING  
YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY!***

***FIGHT EVIL. READ BOOKS.***

## **Summer Reading Events:**

### **Summer Scavenger Hunt**

June 5 – August 25

All ages are welcome to participate in this summer-long scavenger hunt. Start a team, complete activities, and have fun! Learn more on our website.

\*Thanks to UniWyo Federal Credit Union for partnering with the library with use of their GooseChase app!

### **Game Bazaar Online**

Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Join us for tabletop gaming online.

### **Gem City Nights Music & Arts Series**

Thursday evenings July 1 – August 19

\*No event July 29

This weekly event will showcase the vibrant Laramie music and arts scene. Join us for local live music and arts, family-friendly activities, and local food and drink. Location TBD.

### **Downtown Farmer's Market**

Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ACPL is taking over the Farmer's Market Toy Library. Visit our booth for information about the library. ACPL will also have a selection of large games to play.

### **Stories @ the Parks**

Locations and times coming soon!

Stories @ the Parks is geared toward families and pre-school-aged children. This program takes stories, songs, and rhymes around the community to reach you in your neighborhood.

### **Storywalks®**

Located around the exterior of the Laramie branch of the public library.

Come walk and read a new story each week. Permanent Storywalk® coming soon!

### **Book Clubs!**

Check our website ([acplwy.org](http://acplwy.org)) for dates/times.

**Learn more at  
[summer.acplwy.org](http://summer.acplwy.org)**

Participate in our  
reading challenges  
for all age groups



Get silly with our  
Goose Chase  
scavenger hunt

Join us for outdoor  
events on Thursdays  
and Fridays



hello, hello!

## What's New with ACPL Staff?

**Cassandra Hunter** is ACPL's new Assistant Library Director! Hunter has ample library experience, working at ACPL for the past 7 years and previously for the Sublette County Public Library.



Cassandra Hunter

Hunter started at ACPL at the Circulation Desk and worked her way up to her most recent former position of Adult Services Librarian. She was promoted to the Assistant Library position in March 2021.

"I have been part of ACPL for a long time, so I have a good feel for what the library needs and ideas for what direction the library should head in," Hunter said. "I am also excited to bring an overall emphasis on librarianship to the administrative department."

Hunter's favorite part of the job so far is drafting and developing library-wide collection development procedures to put the library on a good trajectory. She looks forward to getting to spend time with patrons as the library reopens.

Hunter has a Masters Degree in Library Science and Information Technology. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, yoga before COVID-19, and

spending time with her two kiddos. She also likes looking at gardening and cookbooks, but neither gardens nor cooks.

**Favorites in the Library from This Year:** "The Only Good Indians" by Stephen Graham Jones  
**Next Vacation after COVID-19:** Jamaica

**Dan Waggoner** joined the ACPL in May as its Facilities Maintenance Specialist. When Waggoner saw the job listing online, he excitedly told his wife, saying how cool it would be to work at the public library.



Dan Waggoner

Waggoner is looking forward to taking care of the library building and grounds. He will also be handling the custodial work in the building. He has ample maintenance and custodial experience.

Waggoner is a certified BBQ judge and enjoys gardening and all his animals. He enjoys travel and has travelled around the world during his time with the Navy.

**Favorites in the Library:** Sci-Fi and classics

**Next Vacation after COVID-19:** Estes Park 🌈



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## Come be part of the bookmobile book chain!



In 2021, the Albany County Public Library is celebrating 40 years in the “new library.”

Previously the main branch of the public library was located in the Carnegie Library building, located on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue. This building is still in use by the City of Laramie today.



Well-known philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie provided a \$20,000 grant to build the library in 1903. The building opened in 1906. Laramie was the second Wyoming community to receive a grant from Carnegie for a library.



July 4, 1981 was a historic day for the public library. Many Laramie residents will remember the day ACPL used the infamous book chain to pass library materials from person to person from the Carnegie Library down the street to the new library.

To commemorate 40 years and to celebrate the new-to-us bookmobile, ACPL and the ACPL Foundation will be recreating the historic book chain. Join us as we form a human book brigade transporting materials from inside the Laramie library, around the block, and into the new bookmobile.

Help us spread the word of this celebration! All are welcome, and we need a great turnout to form a book chain to fill the bookmobile on July 8. 🌈







## Bookmobile Update

Since it purchased a new-to-us bookmobile, ACPL has been working hard to prepare the mobile branch for use by the public. Just a few items on the agenda are: having a new design wrap installed on the bookmobile, working on permanent parking and maintenance, hiring a staff member to run the bookmobile, acquiring materials for the mobile library, and exploring partnerships to visit with the bookmobile. Finding funding to support the startup costs and continued costs is also an area of importance.



The library is excited to announce it promoted a current library staff member to manage the bookmobile. Kathi Wilhelm is ACPL's new Outreach Librarian.

"I like that outreach encompasses all the different aspects of the library," Wilhelm said.

The Outreach Librarian job is primarily responsible for the bookmobile, combining materials selection, programming and working directly with patrons.

Wilhelm previously worked as the library's teen and adult specialist. She has been at ACPL about three years and speaks Spanish. Wilhelm is a Laramie native, so she is excited to engage with the community and reach every corner of Laramie with library services.



Kathi Wilhelm

ACPL expects to have the bookmobile redesigned for its grand opening on July 8. Come see this amazing new addition this summer! 🌈



# Electronic materials available on OverDrive

When many public libraries around the state closed in March 2020, access to physical books became severely limited. Many people turned to electronic books and audiobooks. Over the past year, the Wyoming Virtual Library collection through OverDrive increased an average of 38.25 percent.

On May 4, 2021, the Wyoming Virtual Library in OverDrive hit its 1 millionth check out statewide!

In the last 365 days, Albany County Public Library

had 31,846 checkouts on OverDrive. The majority of these, at 59 percent, were e-books (18,743 checkouts). Forty-one percent of checkouts (13,104) were audiobooks.

The OverDrive collection has 50,000 titles to choose from and continues to grow! Download the Libby app or visit [virtuallibrary.overdrive.com](http://virtuallibrary.overdrive.com) to find an e-book or e-audiobook for every type of listener. You can also call or visit ACPL for help. 🎧

## TOP ELECTRONIC CHECKOUTS

### TOP 3 E-BOOK NON-FICTION TITLES:

**"Educated: A Memoir"**  
by Tara Westover  
**"Me and White Supremacy"**  
by Layla F. Saad  
**"Untamed"**  
by Glennon Doyle



### TOP 3 AUDIOBOOK NON-FICTION TITLES:

**"Becoming"**  
by Michelle Obama  
**"White Fragility"**  
by Robin DiAngelo  
**"Talking to Strangers"**  
by Malcolm Gladwell



### TOP 3 E-BOOK FICTION TITLES:

**"Where the Crawdads Sing"**  
by Delia Owens  
**"The Giver of Stars"**  
by Jojo Moyes  
**"The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes: The Hunger Games"**  
by Suzanne Collins



### TOP 3 AUDIOBOOK FICTION TITLES:

**"Where the Crawdads Sing"**  
by Delia Owens  
**"Such a Fun Age"**  
by Kiley Reid  
**"The Duke & I"**  
by Julia Quinn





## Most Checked Out Titles During the Last 12 Months\*

\*These do not include  
electronic materials.



### TOP 3 ADULT FICTION

"Camino Winds" by John Grisham  
"Where the Crawdads Sing"  
by Delia Owens  
"The Return" by Nicholas Sparks



### TOP 3 KIDS FICTION

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney  
"Dork Diaries" by Rachel Renee Russell  
"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"  
by J. K. Rowling



### TOP 3 YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Michael Vey" by Richard Paul Evans  
"Midnight Sun" by Stephenie Meyer  
"The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes:  
The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins



### TOP 3 MOVIES/TV SHOWS

Midsomer Murders  
The Adventures of Merlin  
The Big Bang Theory



### TOP 3 GRAPHIC NOVELS

Fables  
Giant Days  
Batman



### TOP 3 MAGAZINES

People  
The New Yorker  
Country Living

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Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
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10am – 6pm

Closed Wednesday

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