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# THE OPEN BOOK

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## The Great Outdoors: Summer Reading @ Your Library

The Great Outdoors, the 2022 Summer Reading Program will run June 11–August 19. 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.

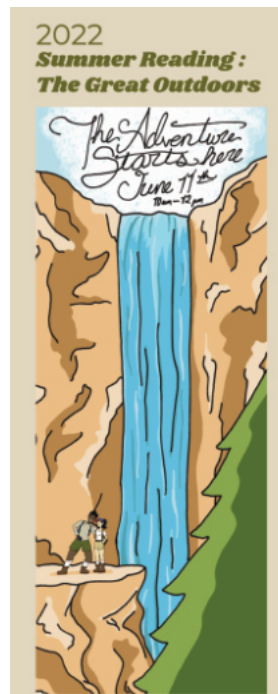
“This year’s theme

is going to be really fun, especially since Laramie in the summer is so beautiful,” Youth Services Librarian, Deb Shogren, said. “There are so many possibilities and opportunities.”

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/readquared.com](http://acplwy.org/readquared.com).

The Summer Reading Program will kick off with the Adventure Starts Here: Summer Reading Bash on June 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants can

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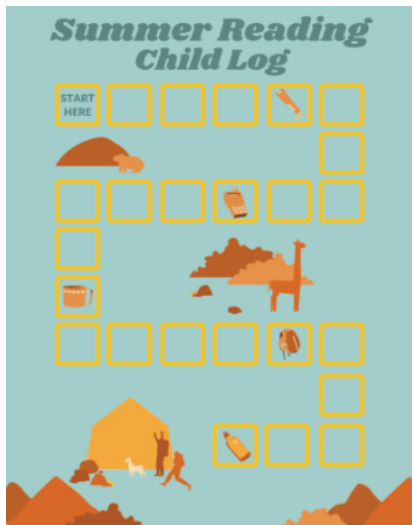
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stop by the library on or after June 11 to get a sign-up bag. Kid sign-up bags will include a reading log, an information letter, some goodies, and a book. Teen bags also include a reading log, as well as a book, bookmark, Domino's coupon, and other goodies. Adult bags will have a log and a few items.


This summer, you can read and give back to your community! As participants read, they will earn votes to help a local charity. ACPL will donate to Rooted in Laramie, the Laramie Audubon Society, the Pilot Hill Project, and the Medicine Bow Nordic Association. Donations will be allocated on the percentage of votes.



ACPL is excited to announce that it is returning to normal programming this summer after two years of limited programming due to the pandemic. Afternoon Adventures for Kids will be on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the library and involve a variety of fun activities and speakers.

“I’m really excited about Talon

Talk with Nature's Educators," Shogren said. "This event will include live birds."

A Summer Reading Foam Party will be on July 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with entertainer Ann Lincoln. More information and a full schedule is available on the ACPL website and on Facebook. 

## Events

## Adventure Starts Here: Summer Reading Bash

June 11 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Come to the library and sign up for Summer Reading!  
Participants will receive a sign-up bag.

## Book Babies

**Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Albany County Public Library**  
Books, rhymes, and songs for ages birth to 2. Sessions  
will start June 14.

## Stories @ the Parks

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – Scout Park

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – Washington Park

Thursdays at 10 a.m. – ACPL Garden

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. Visit the bookmobile while you're at the program!

**Storywalks®**

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

Come walk and read a new story each week.

## Afternoon Adventure

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at Albany County Public Library

Starting June 14. Check the ACPL calendar online for specific dates and times of activities. Highlights include: The Curiosity Cube, Talon Talk, the U.S. Forest Service, a magician, and crafts.

**YAK!**

Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Teens, join us every week for crafts, games, and more.  
Ages 12–17.

## Book Clubs!

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

## Jubilee Days Parade

July 9

See our bookmobile in the parade!

## Summer Reading Foam Party with Entertainer Ann Lincoln

**July 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the ACPL parking lot**  
Ann Lincoln is back with a hilarious, fun and awesome foam party! Bring the kiddos for some fun in the sun, with lots of foam. This event is sponsored by the ACPL Foundation.

## End of Summer Reading: Pizza Party

August 19 at 6 p.m.

Come celebrate a summer of reading with a pizza party for all ages!



# A bee jubilee

In May, Albany County Public Library collaborated with Wyoming PBS and the University of Wyoming Biodiversity Institute at the Berry Center to host an educational event about pollinators.

Wyoming PBS was part of a national initiative to spread the word about the benefits of pollination by encouraging the community to plant wild flowers. The main part of the event was the showing of a documentary, "My Garden of a Thousand Bees." A British wildlife filmmaker spent his time during the pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his urban garden. The full documentary can be viewed at [pbs.org](https://pbs.org).

The documentary was shown at the event, followed by a panel discussion, and activities. The panel included a few experts from the community, moderated by a local teen from Laramie. During the event, ACPL provided a seed bomb activity. There was also a station for bee houses, as well as informational booths from

local organizations. Seeds and flowers were provided to participants.

Families and children were given two packs of wild flower seeds at the event. One pack is to plant at home. ACPL is encouraging families to plant their second pack of seeds on the west side of the Laramie branch.

The event had over 150 people. The event was family friendly to encourage education on pollination to start at an early age.

"Education and advocacy start at any age," Assistant Director, Cassandra Hunter, said. "The library is in a good position to partner on collaborative family programs that can provide a good opportunity for education to the community."

ACPL's May children's scavenger hunt is based on pollination. The library also increased its book

collection for kids.

Special thanks to Jennifer Amend from Wyoming PBS and Dorothy Tuthill from the Berry Center! 🌈



## Bee Books for Kids

**If Bees Disappeared** by Lily Williams

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**Bees** by Bray Jacobson

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**Can You See If I'm A Bee?** by Melissa Garrick Edwards

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**Bee: A Peek-through Picture Book** by Britta Teckentrup

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**Buzz, Bee!** by Jennifer Syzmanski

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**Amazing Bees** by Sue Unstead

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**Bees** by Suzanne Slade

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**Bees** by Sophie Lockwood

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**Honey Bees** by Jill Esbaum

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**The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story** by Jay Hosler

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**Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera** by Candace Fleming

595.799 FLEMING





# Black History 101 Mobile Museum

The Albany County Public Library partnered with the University of Wyoming Black Studies Center to host the Black History 101 Mobile Museum in March. Dr. el-Hakim, the founder and curator of the museum, was present to provide a keynote talk.

The museum is the nation's premier Black history traveling exhibit. It contains over 10,000 original artifacts of Black memorabilia dating from the trans-Atlantic slave trade era to hip-hop culture. Dr. el-Hakim has great passion and commitment to carry on the rich tradition of the Black Museum movement.

Attendees at the event were able to see the unique pieces in the collection that Dr. el-Hakim found through 30 years of searching antique shops, flea

markets, estate sales, and auctions. The museum included categories such as: slavery, Jim Crow, politics, education, music, sports, and civil rights. Many of the curated pieces were signed by historical icons.

ACPL was happy to see a great turnout of over 100 people for the event. Attendees listened to a lecture from Dr. el-Hakim, which focused on the idea of how Black history is really our shared history.

"This was one of our first big events following the pandemic," Library Director, Rachel Crocker, said. "It was valuable to have this event be a broader perspective on history and to see such strong community engagement on the topic."

The museum was sponsored by the Albany County Public Library Foundation's Sally Dieterich





Restricted Fund. This is the ACPL Foundation's newest restricted fund, provided by the late Sally Dieterich.

"Sally was a well-known and beloved patron at the library," ACPL Foundation Executive Director, Caitlin White, said. "She was incredibly caring. Sally always had a kind word for staff members, and she was always one of the first people to volunteer when the library needed help."

Dieterich was an incredible library supporter and a favorite patron. Her incredible generosity has allowed the ACPL Foundation to set up a special fund in her name to provide for the library in perpetuity. Dieterich kindly left the ACPL Foundation more than \$246,000. Her fund will be used for special programming at ACPL.

Special thanks to Dr. Frederick Douglass Dixon and Dan and Delilah Pasman! 🌈



# The Fundraising Arms of the Public Library

For over 40 years, the Albany County Public Library has had the constant support of two fundraising organizations, the ACPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library. During that time, the three organizations have worked toward a common goal of providing an exemplary public library for the community.

The close working relationship of these organizations is an important aspect of the functionality of the public library. However, this interwoven relationship can also cause confusion as to the different responsibilities of the ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library. As such, here are the answers to the most common questions related to the library's two fundraising organizations.

## **When were the organizations established and for what purpose?**

The ACPL Foundation is a public charity with a mission to generate funds through gifts, endowments, memorials and special programs in order to improve the public library in perpetuity through specific programs, direct financial assistance and community outreach. The ACPL Foundation is run by a board of directors and paid staff.

The Friends of the Library is a membership organization that contributes raised profits from memberships and book sales to the public library. The Friends of the Library is run by a board of directors and a group of dedicated volunteers.

## **How do the organizations differ in fundraising efforts?**

The ACPL Foundation has numerous fundraising activities, including annual fund solicitations, planned giving activities, grant writing, corporate sponsorships, monthly giving opportunities, and special events. Funding from these various activities provide direct assistance to the library.

The main areas of fundraising for the Friends of the Library are membership sales and proceeds from book sales. The Friends of the Library rely on your in-kind collection contributions to stock the book

sales. Donations are accepted at the library during normal business hours. Funding from the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts also provides direct financial assistance to the library.

## **How do the organizations' contributions benefit the library?**

Both organizations provide essential funding to library needs and projects. In fiscal year 2022, the ACPL Foundation has already contributed more than \$105,000 to the library. This funding is used for library materials, programming for all ages, building maintenance, library supplies, staff longevity bonuses, and special purposes and projects. In FY22 for ACPL, the Friends of the Library contributed \$32,890 to support the library.

## **How do I support the organizations?**

The ACPL Foundation accepts donations online, through the mail or in person. Donors can contact the ACPL Foundation office to discuss which giving opportunity works well for you. Please contact ACPL Foundation Executive Director, Caitlin White (307-460-2481 or [cwhite@acplwy.org](mailto:cwhite@acplwy.org)) with any questions or stop by the Foundation office, located in the public library.

Visit the Foundation website at [foundation.acplwy.org](http://foundation.acplwy.org) for more information.

You can donate to the Friends of the Library in three ways: by becoming a Friends member, purchasing items at a book sale or in the Book Nook, or by donating books or other items for to the Friends of the Library that are then sold at the book sale.

Annual memberships are \$10/individual, \$15/household or \$50/benefactor. Becoming a Friends member allows you to attend Friends-only hours at the book sales so you can have early access to the items for sale. A benefactor membership also includes recognition in the library newsletter.

Visit the Friends of the Library website at [friends.acplwy.org](http://friends.acplwy.org) for more information or to become a member. 🌈



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## Foundation

Longtime Library  
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# Appreciation Night

For Donors, Friends of the Library  
Members, Staff, & Volunteers

Let's celebrate **you!**

June 22 from 6-8PM at the  
Albany County Public Library

RSVP to Jacque at 307-721-2580 x5457 or  
[jgraef@acplwy.org](mailto:jgraef@acplwy.org)



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# Second Sunday Sales

## Members:

**June 11:** 10:00am-12:30pm

## Public:

**June 11:** 12:30pm-5:00pm

**June 12:** 10:00am-5:00pm

**Advanced sign-up online recommended** for the limited number of shoppers allowed and 30 minute shopping times available:  
**<https://friends.acplwy.org/>**

*(Sign-ups also available at the Library's Circulation Desk)*

**Note: Limited walk-in times may be available.**

**\*Masks required.**

