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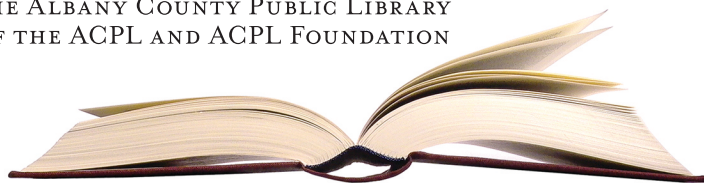
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Summer Fun @ Your Library

The Albany County Public Library held its Summer Reading Program from June 26 to August 25. This year, the library made a change to its prizes for the reading incentive portion of Summer Reading. Instead of physical prizes, participants were given tickets to vote for their fa-



vorite animal rescue. At the end of the summer, ACPL donated \$250 each to Home on the Range, Black Dog Animal Rescue, LAWS, and the Albany County Animal Shelter.

"It was nice to move the emphasis on prizes to giving back to the community after what has been such a rough and stressful

time for so many," Youth Services Librarian, Deb Shogren, said.

The Summer Reading Program tracks minutes read. ACPL had 3,363 entries logged during the Summer Reading Program, the majority of these from children. Children, teens, and adults read 118,989 minutes over the summer.

ACPL had its Stories @ the Parks program this year, taking storytimes out into the community. One of these storytimes, held at LaBonte Park, was in col-



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laboration with Feeding Laramie Valley. Stories @ the Park held this storytime during a time when Feeding Laramie Valley was hosting their free lunch program.

Because of the pandemic, ACPL eliminated some of its in-person programs over the summer, opting to focus on three activities to reach the community. The library participated in the weekly downtown Farmer's Market, hosted a summer-long scavenger hunt, and partnered with the Laramie Plains Civic Center to put on the Gem City Nights Music & Arts Series.



The library hosted a scavenger hunt using UniWyo Federal Credit Union's GooseChase app. Teams and individuals completed missions based on Laramie history and art, library or book-related tasks, and other fun activities. Fifty-six teams had fun over the summer completing 504 scavenger hunt missions. Thank you UniWyo!

The Gem City Nights Music & Arts Series took place on Thursday nights in July and August. ACPL and the Laramie Plains Civic Center brought in 14 live bands, hosted three children's performers, and



Thank You

Thank you Gem City Nights financial supporters!

- City of Laramie Parks & Recreation
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- Laramie Public Art Coalition
- National Endowment of the Arts
- Schilling, Winn, & Stone, P.C.
- VDR Foreign Auto Repair
- Wyoming Arts Council
- Wyoming Legislature

Library Foundation installs permanent Storywalk

The Albany County Public Library Foundation mini-grant program was designed to provide additional funding to the library for needed purposes, while also providing professional development opportunities to library staff. This newsletter will highlight a recently-completed mini-grant project.

Youth Services Librarian, Deb Shogren, worked with the ACPL Foundation on installing a permanent StoryWalk® around the exterior of the main branch in Laramie. A Storywalk® is a creative and fun way for children and adults to enjoy reading while spending time outdoors.

ACPL started providing a weekly story on a temporary Storywalk® during COVID-19 when the library experienced its long closure to the public. Shogren noticed the temporary Storywalk® was highly popular with families in the community and approached the ACPL Foundation to explore the idea of permanent stands for the Storywalk®.

“The Storywalk® incorporates reading with early literacy skills and fosters the idea of reading together as a family,” Youth Services Librarian, Deb Shogren, said.

Often a person’s earliest memories of learning to read are from when they start school, but early literacy starts much earlier, and the Storywalk® supports many of those early literacy activities. The Storywalk® will provide access to many different stories and words, encourage community reading, and allow toddlers and preschool-aged children to be active while reading.

The ACPL Foundation started working on this project in October 2020, and the new Storywalk® offi-

cially opened in October 2021. The Storywalk® starts near the front doors of the library and circles the block to end near the south library garden. There is a new story each week for families and children to enjoy.

In FY22, the ACPL Foundation has about \$53,000 tentatively available for mini-grant projects. The ACPL Foundation is excited to see what this funding will accomplish to help a great library be even better! 🌈



The Storywalk® project was funded by the ACPL Foundation Love Family Fund and the generosity of community partners.

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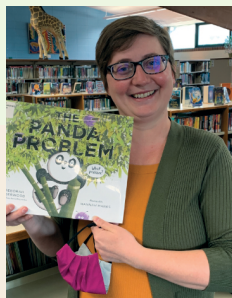
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- Ethan Hodgson
- Seth Leininger
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- Dan Waggoner
- Wylie Concrete



Let's Get to Know the Staff

The Albany County Public Library had several staffing changes during the pandemic. We're excited for you to meet our current team! 🌈

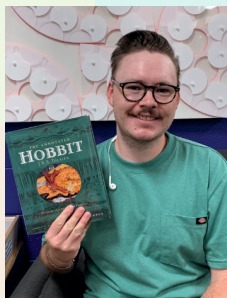
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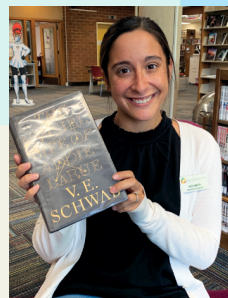
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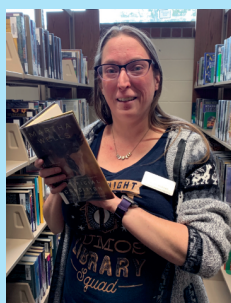
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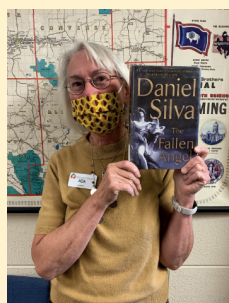
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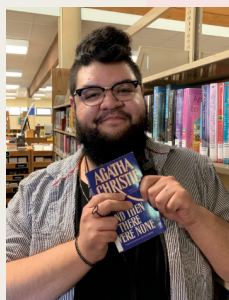
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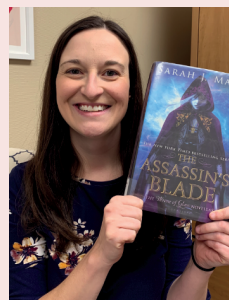
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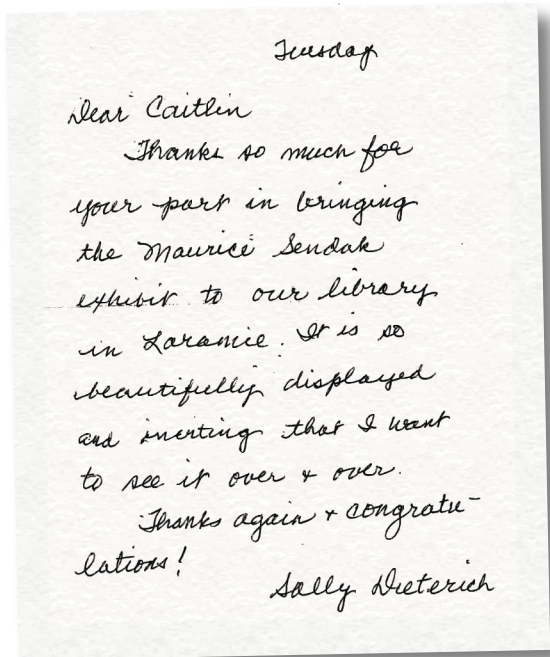
goodbye to a good friend...

Sally Dieterich, Longtime Library Patron

In August, the Albany County Public Library lost a longtime and favorite patron, Sally Dieterich. Sally's life was full and vibrant, as her included obituary describes. Sally spent countless hours at the library over many years. Her visits were a true pleasure for the library staff.

The ACPL staff fondly remembers Sally delivering poinsettias at Christmas time and talking to Sally about cats, book recommendations, and how nothing in the library building really matches.

Sally always went out of her way to make sure library staff knew how highly she valued our services. When ACPL hosted the Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition in 2017, Sally wrote this lovely note to express her thanks:



Sally Dieterich, born in Warren, Ohio, October 9, 1932, passed away peacefully at home on August 1, 2021.

Sally was the daughter of Gordon and Monta DeMotte Carr. After her father's death in 1944, mother and daughter moved to Long Beach,



Sally Dieterich (1932–2021)

California. After graduation from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1949, Sally entered the University of California–Berkeley (1950–1955), where she majored in Child Development and was a member of Alpha Pi Delta Sorority.

At the beginning of her senior year, she married Ronald Parker. She taught second grade in Long Beach, followed by three years teaching kindergarten in Orinda, California. In 1959 the couple moved to Laramie where Sally had a long and happy career teaching kindergarten successively at

Washington, Slade, and Nellie Iles schools. Teaching was a calling; her students were her children. Sally was a member of the professional society of women educators, Delta Kappa Gamma. Sally and her first husband were divorced in 1971, and in 1973 she married Herb Dieterich. Sally retired in 1992.

Sally enjoyed watercolor painting, volunteer work at the public library, old movies, listening to classical music and vintage jazz, and the company of her many friends and cats. She was a lifelong reader and a generous philanthropist to many nonprofits devoted to the support of animals and to political causes she believed in. She was known for her generous spirit, her quiet wit, her charming turns-of-phrase, and her love of animals. Sally was quick to express her gratitude and appreciation of others with written notes of thanks.

She was predeceased by her parents, her beloved husband of 45 years, Herbert R. Dieterich, and her stepson, John A. "Jack" Dieterich. She is survived by her stepdaughters, Ann Christensen Williams of Denver and Jean Christensen of Arlington, Virginia, and her granddaughter, Lila Maria "Masha" Harmon of Arlington.

A celebration of Sally's life will take place at a later date. Contributions to honor her memory may be made to the Laramie Animal Welfare Society and the Albany County Public Library.

We will miss you Sally!

What's Happening @ Your Library

Children:

Storywalks®

Come read a story while walking around the library! A new Storywalks® is posted each week. Enjoy them at your leisure.

Family Storytime Online & Kid Kits

Storytime will be virtual this fall. You can also pick up a Storytime Activity Kit related to each week's storytime.

Teens & Tweens:

YAK!

Thursdays from 3:45 p.m.–5 p.m. in the Meeting Room
A social club for teens and tweens. Each week there will be a different craft or activity. For ages: 13– 8.

Test Tube Tuesday

Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m.–5 p.m. in the Children's Area
A science program aimed to help school-aged kids with engagement in STEAM-related subjects. A short video will be posted to explain the hands-on, experimentation-based activities. Kits will be provided to participate in the library or from home.

Adults:

ACPL has a wide selection of books clubs you can join! Visit acplwy.org/adults/adult-book-clubs to learn more about which club will work for you!

Cozy Mystery Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room

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

For more information on events, visit the library's website, like the library on Facebook, or contact the library at 307-721-2580.

Murder Club: A True Crime Book Club

Second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room

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 at kwilhelm@acplwy.org with questions.

NEW! Poets & Poetry

Last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. upstairs at The Library Restaurant

A poetry club for anyone with an interest in the craft, first-timers and verse veterans alike! Contact Jared at jmohrleiva@acplwy.org with questions.

Silent Book Club

Every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Just show up with your own reading material, and then for one hour, we read. For the first few minutes, we share whatever book we brought. Then, all microphones go off, and we read together.

All Ages:

NEW! Book Babies & Breastfeeding Café

Second & Fourth 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. This event is held in collaboration with the Laramie Breastfeeding Coalition.

Spice World: An Exploration of the World's Spices.

Spice kits and recipes available monthly to be picked up at ACPL. Try a new recipe from another country using our take-home kits.





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book sales!*

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