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**ROCK RIVER  
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WED: 9AM-4:30PM

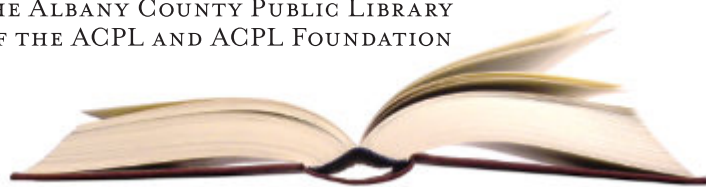
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# THE OPEN BOOK

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## Electronic resources and catalog change

Albany County Public Library will be updating its card catalog in November. ACPL also offers patrons a plethora of online resources. All these digital resources are free with a library card. Learn more about the card catalog update and check out the awesome resources you can access below!



### Card Catalog

The catalog is getting a new look with updated features to make it easier to use. Here are a few things you can expect when the new catalog rolls out in November.

- When you search for an item, each item record will show the item's title and display the different formats the item is available in. For example, if you search "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone," you will see a list of availability for different items such as the physical book, audiobook, and DVD.
- There will be more browsable lists, such as New York Times bestsellers or Indian Paintbrush Award Winners.
- For patrons that use Inter-Library Loan, you will be able to login to your account and see the status of the ILL.
- OverDrive (e-book, e-audiobook, and digital magazine) items will show up in the catalog. Patrons will be able to check out OverDrive materials from within the catalog.

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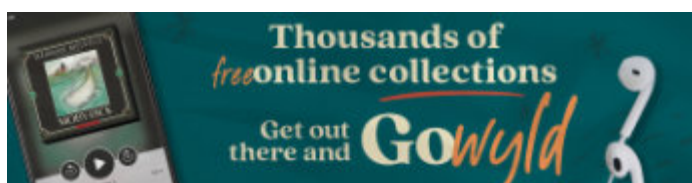
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## OverDrive on the Libby App

OverDrive houses thousands of e-books, e-audio-books, and digital magazines through the Libby app. Patrons can login with your regular library card. On OverDrive, through the Libby app:

- You can check out thousands of digital magazines.
- You can read on your Kindle or in the Kindle app on any device. You just need to select the “Read in Kindle” option in Libby.
- You don’t need to worry about overdue items. The app will automatically return materials for you.
- You can read with a dyslexic font, adjust the size of text, adjust your listening speed, and much more! Login and experiment with what works best for you.
- You can have multiple library cards on one account, which can be great for kids and families.



## Newspapers

ACPL offers free, online access to The New York Times and Wall Street Journal. The access links are at [acplwy.org](http://acplwy.org). For both newspapers, the access period is 72 hours, but you can use the same link on the library website as many times as you wish to access the newspapers. If you are interested in other current and historical newspapers or magazines, ACPL has a wide offering online at GoWyld.net, including:

- National Geographic
- The Economist archives
- Smithsonian Collections
- Wyoming newspaper archive

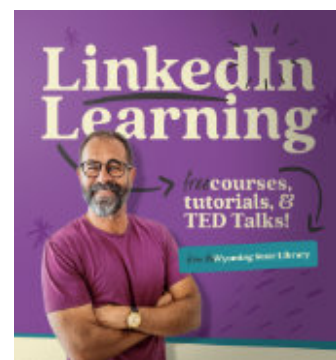
## Databases

ACPL offers patrons FREE access to hundreds of research and learning databases. You can learn a new language, explore genealogy resources, and practice for a driving test. Patrons also have access to legal forms/resources and health and medical databases.



Here’s a few highlights of what your library card lets you access:

- **Bookflix:** A literacy resource for grades pre-K-3 that pairs classical fictional video storybooks with related e-books. Your kiddos will love the animation, audio, and interactive games designed to reinforce core reading skills.
- **The Chilton Library:** An authoritative automotive repair guide covering the most popular vehicles of the last 30 years, as well as some specialty models.
- **Culturegrams:** This service provides reports that go beyond facts and figures to deliver a perspective on daily life and culture, including the background, customs, and lifestyles of the world’s people.
- **Gale Business:** This small business resource center provides resources to learn how to start, finance, or manage your small business.
- **Learning Express Library:** A comprehensive, interactive learning platform of practice tests and tutorials for students of all ages. You can study for tests including the GRE and ACT. There are career improvement and computer courses, as well as Spanish-speaking resources.
- **LinkedIn Learning:** This is the leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.



Want to learn more about online offerings? Visit or call the library! 🌈

welcome Angela & Eli!

# New Library Managers

**Angela Kelly** is ACPL's new youth services librarian. Kelly will lead a department focused on youth. She will manage the collection, offer programming, and delve into an important early literacy project in her new role.

Kelly has worked in education for 15 years, mostly in Wyoming and Hawaii. Her focus has been preschool and early childhood education. In Hawaii, Kelly worked for a non-profit that provided a traveling education program. As the lead teacher, Kelly provided important educational services to parents and children.

Kelly has a Bachelor's in Health Sciences from the University of Wyoming. She is working on a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction.

Kelly has been married for 20 years and has two children. She loves yoga, teaching yoga, nutrition, and health.

**Favorites in the Library:** Biographies

**Favorite place to hike:** Medicine Bow Peak in the Snowies and Turtle Rock



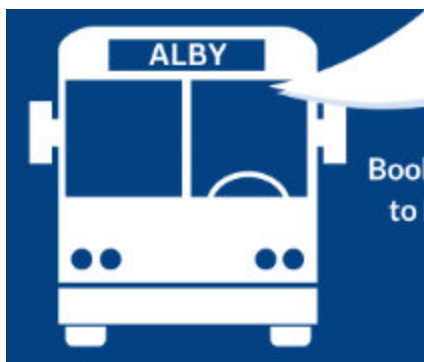
**Eli Palmer** returns to ACPL as the new outreach librarian. Palmer has worked in public libraries for six years, starting at ACPL in the Circulation Department. They became the ACPL young adult specialist before moving to Pinedale to work with tweens and teens at the Sublette County Public Library.

Palmer returned to ACPL in August to take on the bookmobile project. They enjoy problem solving and making people feel welcome in libraries. Palmer enjoys the ability to further the library's mission outside its doors and is appreciating the novelty of the newness of managing ACPL's mobile branch.

Palmer has a Bachelor's in English with a Minor in Creative Writing from the University of Wyoming. They enjoy concerts, K-pop, writing, and crafting.

**Favorites in the Library:** Currently reading "Babel, or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution" by R.F. Kuang, and they can already tell it will be a favorite.

**Favorite place to eat:** Sushi Boat 🍣



**Books take you places,  
but sometimes you need a driver!**

Bookmobile, ALBY, wants to thank her drivers! ACPL wouldn't have been able to be out in the community this summer without these amazing volunteers.

**Mary Rusky**  
**Andrew Espinoza**

**Don Greene**  
**Craig Barthlemes**



# Experiences of the American West

The Albany County Public Library is offering an engaging and educational series through spring 2023. The series, designed to present lesser-known stories and experiences from the American West, welcomed a series of authors and speakers in the fall.

The series kicked off with National Book Award finalist, Kali Farjardo-Anstine. Farjardo-Anstine is the author of “Sabrina & Corina” and “Woman of Light.” The event focused on her recent novel described as a “dazzling epic of betrayal, love, and fate that spans five generations of an Indigenous Chicano family in the American West.”



Farjardo-Anstine read from a few sections of “Woman of Light” and described the ideas, research, and personal family history that went into her book. The bestselling author had a large crowd of more than 100 people for the author talk and book signing.

“I was particularly interested in Kali’s (Farjardo-Anstine’s) discussion of how archives and history need to be inclusive for all classes and races,” ACPL Assistant Director, Cassandra Hunter, said.

Hunter noted that in Laramie it can be more common to hear and learn about the Iverson family, whereas details about lower classes and persons of color are not as readily available. All of these people contributed and helped to build this community in the West and should be acknowledged for the time and work spent to build Laramie.

Hunter developed the idea of the Experiences of the

American West series based on comments from a previous book and writing series, Indigenous Words. Participants were excited to hear stories from the West that they could relate to, beyond what one may commonly think of as a story from the West.

The series continued with an author talk from Lena Newlin about Japanese American Wyomingites. Newlin, is a fourth-generation Wyomingite and a descendant of Wyoming railroaders and coal miners. She is also a descendant of Japanese Americans incarcerated on the basis of their race during WWII at Heart Mountain.

Most of the stories we hear about Japanese Americans in Wyoming are of those who had been living on the West Coast and were sent to Wyoming against their will—incarcerated at Heart Mountain. Most of them also left after WWII, never to return.

Newlin’s presentation focused on a lesser-known



history – a history of Japanese Americans who were already in Wyoming prior to WWII. She shared a glimpse into this history through the stories of her family members. Heart Mountain is part of their story, but there is much more to Japanese American history in Wyoming than Heart Mountain.

The final author for the fall portion of the series was Elizabeth Weinberg. Weinberg read from her new essay collection, “Unselling: Surviving Extinction Together.” The essay collection explores human impacts on the environment through science, popular culture, personal narrative, and landscape.

As a science writer, Weinberg uses stories of animals, landscapes, and people who have exhibited resilience in the face of persistent colonization across the North American continent. Her essays explore how climate change is a direct result of white supremacy, colonial-

ism, sexism, and heteronormativity.

Following a fall full of authors discussing the West, a series of artists will complete the series. These artists will speak to Western artwork and provide hands on activities or examples.

Local photographer, Anne Brande, will present on her family’s history as photographers in Laramie and the West. Additional artists will be announced.

As part of the series, ACPL is updating its art and art history collections for patrons to check out.

The kickoff event with Farjardo-Anstine was funded by the ACPL Foundation's Sally Dieterich Fund. The Experiences of the West programming is funded by a grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation. 🌈



# THANKS!



Programming &  
Collection Development  
\$8,000 Grant





# Blood pressure cuff kits & Kindle Paperwhite readers

The Albany County Public Library is offering two new checkout items. ACPL is partnering with Healthier Wyoming to have blood pressure cuff kits available for patrons. Kits are available in Laramie, Centennial, and Rock River.

ACPL is the first public library in Wyoming to offer kits. There are two sizes of cuffs, and the kit provides instructions in English and Spanish. The kits are provided for educational purposes only. Kits are not intended for diagnosis purposes.

Patrons can check out a kit for three weeks, with two automatic renewals. Those that need a blood pressure cuff kit for a longer period of time should contact the library to set a special due date.

Blood pressure cuff kit checkouts are possible thanks to the Wyoming Center for Aging with the Chronic Disease Preventative Program under the Department of Health.

Through a grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation, ACPL has four Kindle Paperwhites available for checkout. Each Kindle will come with a traveling case, charging cord, and instruction booklet. Kindles checkout for three weeks, with two automatic renewals.

Each Kindle comes pre-loaded with nearly 400 titles, allowing patrons to read a variety of genres with-

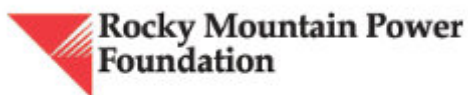


out having to access an online service. Each Kindle has access to many classics, bestselling books, series, and newer releases. There are adult, young adult, and children's books on the Kindles for use by the whole family.

A Kindle is a great option for patrons who want the ability to adjust brightness, font size, and type of font for easier reading.

To checkout a blood pressure cuff kit or a Kindle Paperwhite, ask at the front desk. 🌈

## AMAZING!



Bookmobile Support  
\$3,000 Grant



## Support your public library!

Your donation will provide funding for the ACPL bookmobile, programs, materials, & more.



Library Cards - \$5



T-Shirts - \$25



Kids Shirts - \$20



Tote Bags - \$10

donate today! ask at the front desk!

## What's Happening @ Your Library

### Children:

#### Storywalk®

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

#### Snack and Study

**Mondays from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the main area**  
Come study and fill up on some much-needed brain fuel. Open to high school and college students.

#### Collage Club

**Mondays at 5 p.m. in the main area**  
For middle school and high school students. Come create and collage.

#### Book Babies & Breastfeeding Café

**Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Children's Area**  
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.

#### Family Storytime

**Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room**  
**Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Area**  
Storytime is for preschool-aged children and their families. Come and enjoy stories and a craft.

#### Lego Club

**Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Meeting Room**  
Come make things with Lego!

### Teens & Tweens:

#### YAK!

**Thursdays from 3:45 p.m. to 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: 12–18.

#### Test Tube Tuesday

**Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Children's Area**  
For elementary and middle school-aged children. A hands-on activity is offered each week to help youth learn about STEAM-related topics.

#### Young Writer's Program

**Fridays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.**  
Partnering with National Novel Writing Month, the library will hold a weekly writing program for youth. Each week will include a brief presentation by a local author and then free writing time for each participant to work on a project of their choosing. Registration is recommended. Contact Clara at [crobbs@acplwy.org](mailto:crobbs@acplwy.org).

### Adults:

ACPL has a selection of books clubs you can join! Visit [acplwy.org/adults/adult-book-clubs](http://acplwy.org/adults/adult-book-clubs) to join and see upcoming books.

#### Mostly 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 Kennedy at [kpennotoole@acplwy.org](mailto:kpennotoole@acplwy.org) with questions.

#### 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](mailto: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 Cori at [cpotter@acplwy.org](mailto:cpotter@acplwy.org) 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.**



**BOOKMOBILE FALL STOPS**  
**OCT 3 - DEC 16**

The poster features a winding path with icons of a book, a tree, a person reading, and a smartphone. The stops are listed on the right:

Day	Time	Location
MONDAYS	3:00-5:00	Undine Park
TUESDAYS	3:00-5:00	Scout Park
WEDNESDAYS	3:00-5:00	Washington Park
ALTERNATING THURSDAYS	1:30-3:30	Lincoln Community Center
ALTERNATING FRIDAYS	3:00-5:00*	Linford Elementary School

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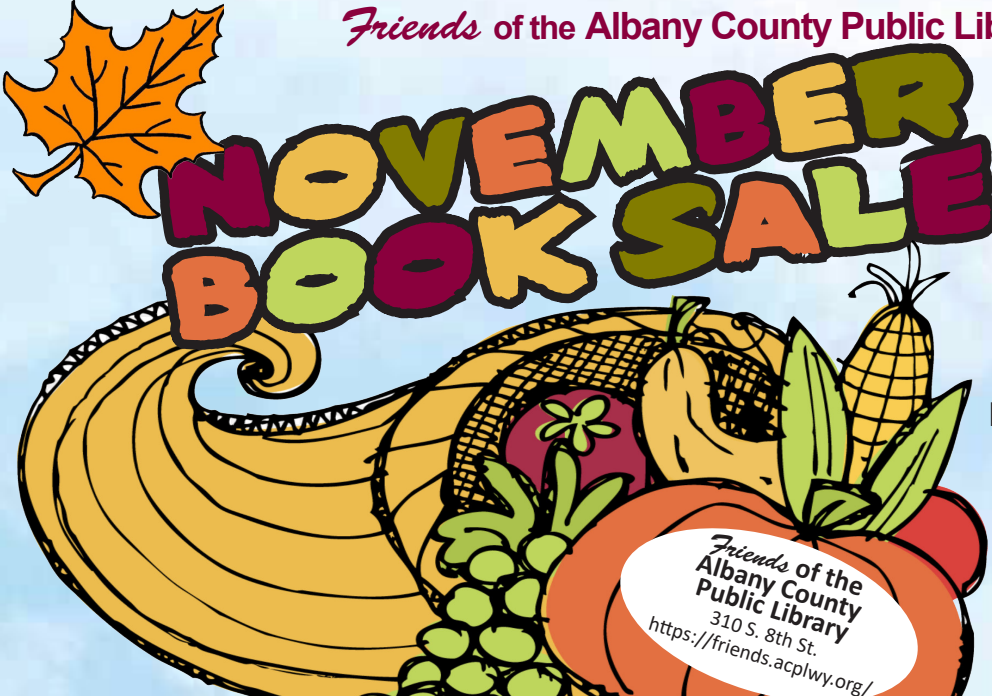
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Visit us at [acplwy.org](http://acplwy.org)



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# NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

**Friday, November 11**  
**2:30pm - 5:30pm**  
FOL Members Only

**Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13**  
**11:00am - 5:00pm**  
Public Sale

**Monday, November 14**  
**11:00am - 5:00pm**  
Public Sale (half price)

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