



Albany County Public Library  
**Foundation**  
2017–2018  
Annual Report

**Albany County Public Library Foundation Mission Statement**

The mission of the Albany County Public Library Foundation is to generate funds through gifts, endowments, memorials and special programs in order to improve the Albany County Public Library in perpetuity through specific programs, direct financial assistance and community outreach.



**Celebrating 40 years of service with \$40,000 in support**



Albany County Public Library

# Foundation

Dear library community,

In 2018, the Albany County Public Library Foundation hit a major milestone. The organization has existed for 40 years as a public charity. We are celebrating this momentous occasion by honoring the community, and the people, that have made Albany County Public Library a priority. It is humbling to think of the thousands of donations and countless volunteer hours that have allowed the ACPL Foundation to grow and make such a difference to our public library.

As a new non-profit in 1979, the ACPL Foundation's only account held \$1,215 for the sole purpose of supporting the construction of the new library building. At the end of FY18, the ACPL Foundation now has more than one account and its total assets equal a tremendous \$2,082,218.31. Another accomplishment during the last few years was the ability to hire a full-time executive director to assist in fulfilling the ACPL Foundation's goal of helping the library.

Another big change for the ACPL Foundation, just since 2012, was the ability to start providing a minimum of \$60,000 to the library in an annual disbursement. This is largely because of donors like you. Your consistent funding allows us to do more for your library. Because of your generosity, the ACPL Foundation provided more than \$73,000 in support in FY18.

A large portion of this funding, at \$55,000, went toward library programming, materials, building maintenance, technology, continuing education, and library supplies. Other funding supported the Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition, End of Summer Reading Bash, the Janet Shively Memorial Garden, and designated purposes.

There is so much to celebrate this year, but here are just a few other accomplishments in FY18:

- Collaborated with local artist, Diana Baumbach, to create an art installation in the adult non-fiction area of the library (see the mural on pg. 4).
- Received \$32,000 in grant funding from the Guthrie Family Foundation, Laramie Rivers Conservation District, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, and Wyoming Community Foundation.
- For the first year since its inception in 2000, the ACPL Foundation will provide money for children's materials from the Colleen Asplund Fund. In FY18, the Asplund fund reached \$10,000 making it eligible to disburse funds.

The library's future relies on your continued support. In 2018, join us in celebrating our 40th anniversary by contributing to our "Celebrating 40 Years With \$40,000 in Support" campaign. To date, this campaign has raised more than \$11,500 from individual donors. Please consider increasing your annual donation or becoming a monthly donor to help the ACPL Foundation meet this important goal.

Thank you for being a part of our library and for your confidence in the ACPL Foundation's mission. It is you who makes this library a vibrant and relevant resource in the community.

Caitlin White  
Executive Director

John M. Burman  
President of the Board of Directors

# FY18 Financial Summary

## Income



## Contributions to the Library



# Ways you can help

## Ways to Give

- Contribute to our 40th anniversary appeal. We're celebrating 40 years of service with \$40,000 in support. Help us reach our \$40,000 goal today!
- Attend an ACPL Foundation fundraiser.
- Become a monthly donor. Consistent funding from monthly donations helps the ACPL Foundation better plan for upcoming projects for the library.
- Make a gift in honor or in memory of a family member or friend.
- Contribute to an ACPL Foundation restricted fund that provides funding for a specific purpose in the library. Our restricted funds are listed on the last page of the report.
- Work with your place of business to become a corporate sponsor.
- Provide a major gift towards a specific library project.
- Remember the ACPL Foundation in your estate plans.
- The ACPL Foundation welcomes in-kind donations as well.

## Donate Your Time

Library advocates are the voice of public libraries. Join other library advocates and volunteers to ensure our library legacy remains vibrant, relevant, and fully funded. Library advocacy doesn't need to be complicated. Spread the word by telling your community why you value the library.

Volunteer for the ACPL Foundation by:

- Expressing interest in joining the board of directors.
- Provide time or resources to one of the organization's annual events.
- Host a "friendraiser" with your circle of family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to build more support for the library.
- Share your professional skills with the ACPL Foundation.

Donors can contact the Foundation office to discuss which opportunity works well for you. The Foundation accepts donations online, through the mail, or in person.

Please contact Foundation Executive Director, Caitlin White (307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org)) with any questions or stop by the Foundation office, located in the public library.

# Upcoming events

**Now Through December 31, 2018**

## "Remembering Ralph" Fundraising Campaign

Ralph McWhinnie gave \$100 to the ACPL Foundation back in 1978. Match Ralph's first donation with a \$100 gift to the ACPL Foundation during our anniversary year.

## September 19, 2018 at the Albany County Public Library ACPL Foundation Birthday Party!

Join us to celebrate the official day 40 years ago that the Foundation became a non-profit organization. We will also have limited edition library cards available during the month of September.

## September 22, 2018 at the Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, An Alice in Wonderland-themed Murder Mystery

Don't miss our third annual murder mystery night fundraiser! Get your tickets now before we sell out. Tickets are \$75/individual and \$140/couple. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

## November 2, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Albany County Public Library Donor, Friends of the Library Members, Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Night

Join us for the Foundation and Friends of the Library annual Appreciation Night to recognize the many groups and individuals that make a difference at the Albany County Public Library. Appetizers and beverages will be served. The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale during the event.

**Questions? Contact Foundation Executive Director Caitlin White at 307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org).**



## You Helped Us Accomplish...



### Building Maintenance

The ACPL Foundation provides \$10,000 for building maintenance to the library each fiscal year. Our biggest project this year was providing funding for the purchase of a new exterior book/media drop at \$7,934.94. Thanks to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for providing grant funding for the project!



### Giving Tree

The ACPL Foundation Giving Tree brought in an additional **\$720** to provide the library with needed projects and supplies. Sponsored items on the tree included story time sessions, children's program supplies, an Amazon Prime membership, and missing book replacement. Watch for our Giving Tree promotion during the holidays!



### Mural

The ACPL Foundation collaborated with local artist and library user, Diana Baumbach, to add a new art installation in the adult non-fiction section. Thanks to donor Jean Edeen for sponsoring the purchase of two new chairs for the mural's reading space.



### Programming

The library held **more than 860 programs** in FY18 with over **18,000 attendees**. Your support allows the ACPL Foundation to provide for the library's entire all ages programming budget, including entertainers for the annual Summer Reading Program shown above. With your help, the library hosted the Great American Read kickoff and debuted Pajama Storytime and Preschool Playtime.



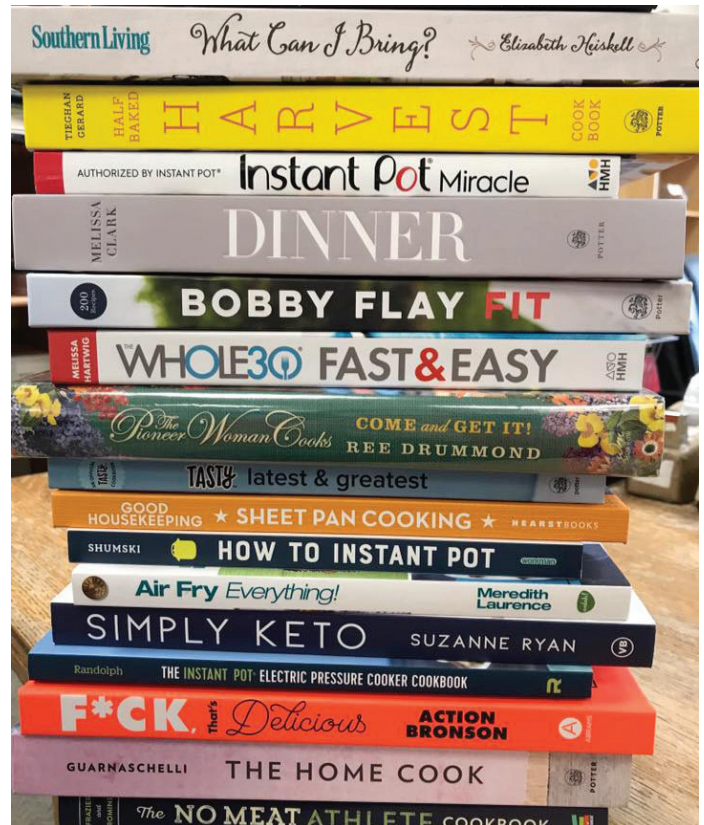


## Technology

Your donations, along with grant funding from the Guthrie Family Foundation, allowed the library to implement needed updates to the self-checkout technology. The library's self-checks, nicknamed Rosie and Rodney, now have a new, easy-to-use interface. Technology funding in FY18, a total of \$10,000, also allowed the library to start building a new website. Watch for the new site to go live in fall 2018!

## Restricted Funds

The ACPL Foundation's 10 named funds provided **\$5,309.57** to the library for specific purposes and projects. The majority of the funds assist with materials purchases. The Gwendolyn Cook Fund provided funding for all of these new cookbooks and more!



## Continuing Education

The ACPL Foundation provides continuing education funds each year. This year, these funds sent **4** staff members to the Wyoming Library Association Conference and **5** staff members to the American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference. Bill Nye spoke at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference. **All** library staff participated in CPR/AED training.

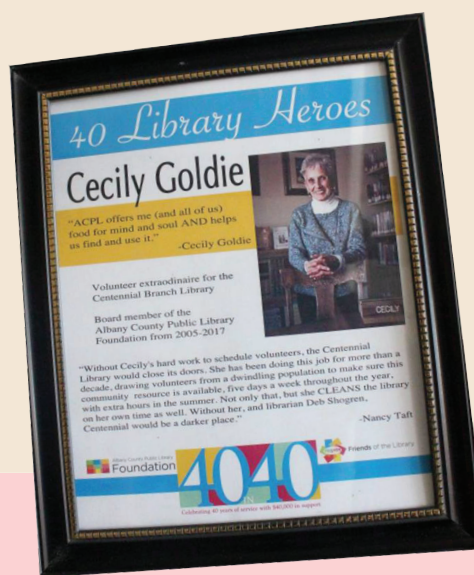
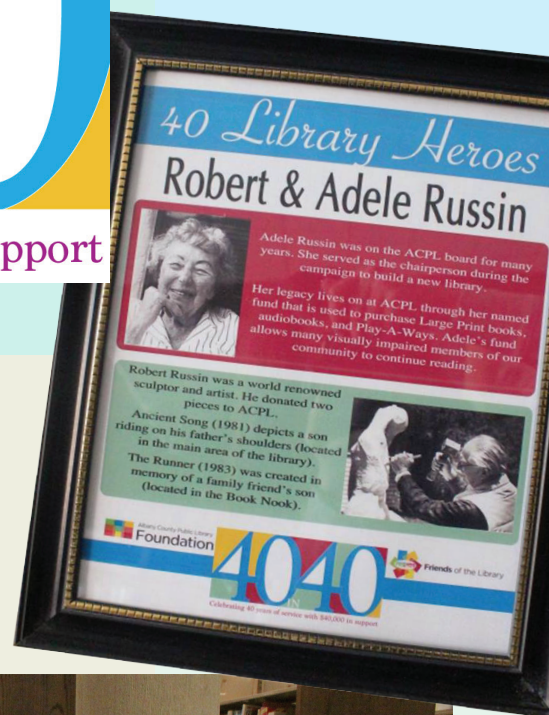


# 4040 IN

Celebrating 40 years of service with \$40,000 in support

In honor of the Albany County Public Library Foundation's 40th Anniversary, the organization is celebrating with its "40 Years of Service with \$40,000 In Support" fundraising campaign. The campaign has raised about 30 percent of its goal. You can help us reach this goal today!

Reaching this major milestone would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of our donors. You make all the difference to the public library. During 2018, the ACPL Foundation is celebrating its accomplishments, its humble beginnings, and those that helped us along the way.



## Leave a legacy with planned giving

### Create a lasting legacy for your public library for years to come.

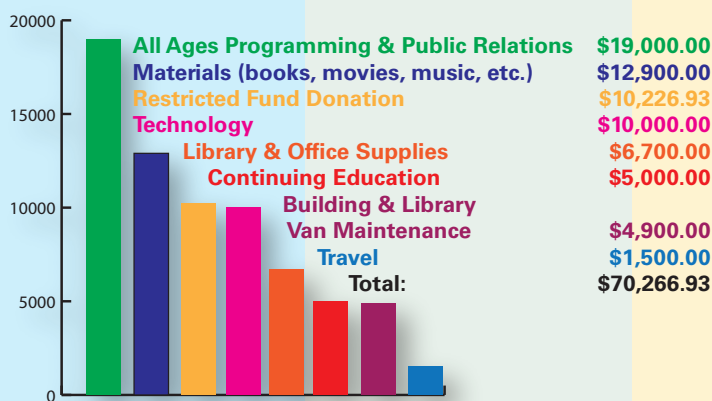
Planned gifts ensure the public library's financial security by helping the library grow and evolve to meet the needs of the community. Planned gifts also ensure that the library can continue to provide free access to services for generations to come.

Anyone can leave a legacy gift of any size, and there are simple ways to do it. We welcome the opportunity to work with you to create a structure that suits your passions and works within your overall estate plans.

Your gift is important, appreciated, and significant to our library community regardless of size. Please remember the Albany County Public Library Foundation in your will.

From bequests to gifts in memory, to real estate and life insurance policies, there are many options for you as a planned giving donor. If you're considering leaving a legacy to the ACPL Foundation reach out to us to discuss which opportunity works well for you. Contact Foundation Executive Director, Caitlin White, at 307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org).

## FY19 Planned Funding to the Library



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## Thank you to our generous donors!

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## Contribute to an ACPL Foundation Restricted Fund:

Each restricted fund was created to benefit a specific purpose in the library. Each year, a portion of each fund provides the library with funding for specific programs or materials.

**Colleen Asplund Fund:** Asplund was a former ACPL children's librarian. Interest from this fund is used for children's materials in the library.

**Barbara Chatton Fund:** Chatton is a longtime supporter, volunteer, and ACPL Foundation board member. Interest from this fund goes to the library for its children and young adult collections.

**Gwendolyn Cook Fund:** Cook was a former head of library circulation. Interest from this fund is used to purchase cook-books, Regency Romance, and mystery books for the library.

**Friends of the Book Sale Fund:** Formerly the Penny Schenker Fund, this fund was set up to honor the work of the Friends of the Library Book Sale Crew. Interest from the fund is used to buy science fiction materials.

**Love Family Fund:** J. David and Jane Love were longtime library supporters. This fund is used for general library purposes.

**Neva Miller Fund:** Miller was a former ACPL children's librarian. Interest from this fund is used for children's materials in the library.

**Agnes Milstead Fund:** Milstead was a former library board member and library advocate. This fund is used for general library purposes.

**Mary Lou Pence Fund:** Interest from the fund supports the library's Wyoming Room. The Wyoming Room houses local and state historical documents, books and information.

**Adele Russin Fund:** Russin was a longtime library supporter and former library board member. Interest and half of the fund's annual contributions benefit the library's Large Print books, audiobooks and Play-A-Ways.

**Susan Simpson Fund:** Simpson served as the ACPL county librarian and continues to support the public library. Interest from this fund is used for staff training and development opportunities.