



Albany County Public Library
Foundation
2018–2019
Annual Report

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.

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Dear friends,

In FY19, your love for this library made it possible for the Albany County Public Library Foundation to provide more than \$90,000 to an invaluable community hub. This is a nearly \$20,000 increase from the funding support the ACPL Foundation was able to provide in FY18. Thank you for this incredible support!

A large portion of this funding, at \$60,000, went toward library programming, materials, building maintenance, technology, continuing education, travel, and library supplies. Other funding supported mini-grant projects, the Janet Shively Memorial Garden, and designated purposes.

Here are just a few examples of what was accomplished in FY19 because of you:

- Exceeded multiple fundraising goals, including having a record year for the annual A Novel Night fundraiser and succeeding in raising more than the target goal for the 40th anniversary campaign, as well as the holiday appeal.
- Debuted an easy-to-use and beautifully designed website, alongside the public library and Friends of the Library. View the new website at: foundation.acplwy.org.
- Received \$36,333 in grant funding from the Guthrie Family Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, and Wyoming Community Foundation.
- Completed a successful first year of the Restricted Fund Mini-Grant Projects, providing more than \$7,000 for library staff members to take on special projects at the library.

Fiscal year 2019 was also a year of change. As you know, in February we lost an incredible man and library hero, John M. Burman. Your gifts in memory of our longtime board president were incredibly generous and helped our organization work through this huge loss. As we move forward, longtime ACPL Foundation board member and one of John's former law students, Terri Jensen, will be taking on the role of president.

FY19 was the final year the ACPL Foundation served as the fiscal agent of the free tax preparation program. After over a decade of leading this endeavor, the Board of Directors came to the decision that the program would be more suited as a program of the United Way of Albany County. The free tax program will continue next year under United Way's leadership and will be hosted at the Laramie Plains Civic Center.

Lastly, FY19 was also a year of change due to a tumultuous stock market. This was the first year in many where the organization's investment assets saw significant dips. Nevertheless, we are pleased to report that the ACPL Foundation's total assets grew over the course of FY19, and at the end of the fiscal year continued to be above the \$2 million mark, at \$2,103,445.42

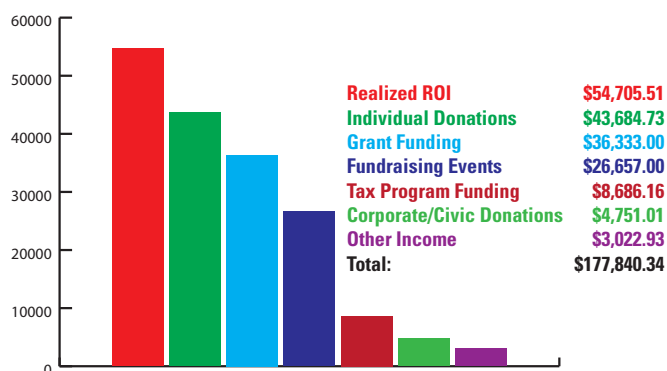
Know that your unwavering support made it possible for the ACPL Foundation to increase the amount of funding that was used to help the library. Your public library is better because of your involvement, kindness, and generosity. Thank you.

Caitlin White
Executive Director

Terri Jensen
President of the Board of Directors

FY19 Financial Summary

Income



Contributions to the Library



Ways you can help

Ways to Give

- Give anytime and in a way that works best for you on the ACPL Foundation website: foundation.acplwy.org. Check out our Ways to Give page.
- Contribute to the annual appeal.
- 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.
- Attend an ACPL Foundation fundraiser or suggest a new fundraiser we can try.
- 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.

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.
- Providing time or resources to one of the organization's annual events.
- Hosting a "friendraiser" with your circle of family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to build more support for the library.
- Sharing 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 (307-460-2481 or cwhite@acplwy.org) with any questions or stop by the Foundation office, located in the public library.

Upcoming events

October 5, 2019 at the Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym
CLUE!, the Original Murder Mystery

Don't miss our fourth annual murder mystery night fundraiser! This year you can come dressed as your favorite celebrity. Get your tickets now before we sell out. Tickets are \$75/individual and \$140/couple. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

November 1, 2019 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 307-460-2481 or cwhite@acplwy.org.

ACPL Foundation Board of Directors in FY20

Terri Jensen, President

Rajeev Patel, Vice President/Treasurer

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Tim Monroe, ACPL Board of Directors Liaison

Sally Oviatt, Friends of the Library Liaison

The ACPL Foundation is in the process of filling two board vacancies. Interested in serving? Contact us!

You Helped Us Accomplish...



Technology

Your donations and grant funding made it possible for **\$10,000** to be provided for library technology. The library was able to install a security/fire alarm system and security cameras; increase its Wi-Fi strength throughout the building; and upgrade technology used by the public. In addition, all three organizations (ACPL, the ACPL Foundation, and Friends of the Library) have new, usable websites.

BOOKS & READING

Picture books, board books, chapter books and audiobooks are just the beginning! The ACPL has books for every child's age and interest. ACPL's collection includes multilingual books, e-book read-a-

EVENTS

The ACPL is a place for children and families to gather for fun and learning through weekly and monthly storytimes, afterschool activities, and special events throughout the year. Learn more about regularly scheduled

Programming

The library held **999 programs** in FY19 with over **19,400 attendees**. Your support allows the ACPL Foundation to provide for the library's entire all ages programming budget. The library hosted monthly book clubs, debuted Bilingual Storytime, and had **1,298 kids**, teens, and adults sign up for Summer Reading.

Restricted Funds

It was a **record high year** for funding provided to the library from restricted funds! Eight of the ACPL Foundation's named funds provided **\$10,226.93** to the library for specific purposes and projects. Here's a display remembering Gwendolyn Cook. Her fund supports the purchase of cookbooks, romance, and mysteries



Learn more at foundation.acplwy.org/the-impact

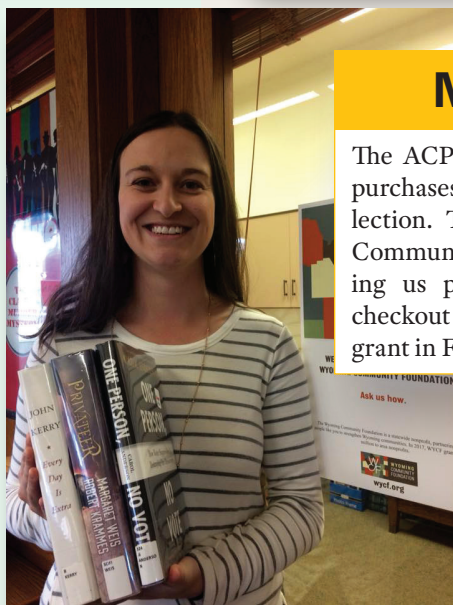
Mini-Grants

The ACPL Foundation's Agnes Milstead Fund and Love Family Fund provided **\$7,176.65** for four special projects through the Restricted Fund Mini-Grant program. The projects updated the Circulation and Young Adult areas, provided new crafting equipment for the Youth Services Department, and brought a magician to promote the Summer Reading Program in elementary schools.



Materials

The ACPL Foundation supported purchases for the library's collection. Thanks to the Wyoming Community Foundation for helping us provide more books for checkout with a **\$5,000** materials grant in FY19!



Giving Tree Campaign

The ACPL Foundation Giving Tree raised more than **\$1,000** to provide the library with needed projects and supplies. Sponsored items on the tree included new LEGO people, a charging station, hand scanner, automatic letter folder, and Amazon Prime membership for the library. Watch for our Giving Tree promotion during the holidays!



Outreach

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  Albany County Public Library Foundation

AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS

MARCH 1 • 6:30PM • ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



TASHA ALEXANDER

Author of the Lady Emily Series, described as smart, historical mysteries.



ANDREW GRANT

The acclaimed thriller writer recently published "Invisible" in January 2019.

Author talk & book signing. Dessert bar & beverages served. Limited seating available. Purchase tickets at foundation.acplwy.org/events/specialevents or contact us at 307-721-2580 x5439, jgraef@acplwy.org.

The ACPL Foundation hosts outreach events to encourage our community to use the library and to support its services. In FY19, the ACPL Foundation hosted a science-themed End of Summer Reading Bash, an Alice in Wonderland storytime, and its 40th birthday party. Local authors, Tasha Alexander and Andrew Grant, joined us for the first "An Evening with the Authors" event.



Fundraising in FY19

Our Donors

The ACPL Foundation saw a BIG increase in donors in FY19. The 59 percent increase accounted for an additional 132 new donors. During the fiscal year, the ACPL Foundation saw a total of 323 donors (individuals, families, and organizations). Thank you for making your public library a funding priority!



"A Novel Night" Fundraiser

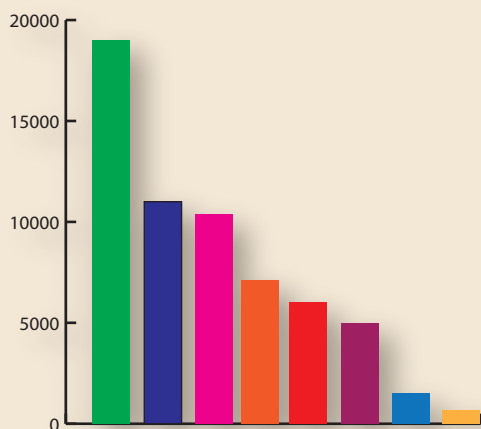
The Mad Hatter's Tea Party: An Alice in Wonderland-Themed murder mystery night raised more than \$15,000 to support the public library. This was a record amount!

New Fundraisers

The ACPL Foundation debuted a few new fundraisers in FY19. Here are a few highlights:

- Limited edition library cards have raised more than \$500. Cards are still available for a minimum donation of \$5! Ask at the library.
- Partnered with restaurants in the community to raise funds and reach more people across Albany County. The ACPL Foundation was the bingo charity of the month in May at O'Dwyers Public House and held a proceeds fundraiser with Mr. Jim's in April. More community nights will be announced soon!
- Debuted the Cupcake Ball, a Valentine's Day-themed family dance, which raised more than \$400. Watch for this event again in February 2020!
- Hosted a floral workshop taught by local florist, The Wild Rose. A Thanksgiving centerpiece workshop is up next!

FY20 Planned Funding to the Library



All Ages Programming & Public Relations	\$19,000.00
Materials (books, movies, music, etc.)	\$11,000.00
Technology	\$10,375.00
Library Supplies	\$7,125.00
Continuing Education	\$5,000.00
Building & Library Van Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Travel	\$1,500.00
Designated Donations	\$678.53
Total:	\$60,678.53

Thank you to our generous donors!

Individual Donors in FY19

David & Monique Aadland
Rollin & Carolyn Abernethy
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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 the ACPL Foundation mini-grant program.

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. Interest from this fund is used for the ACPL Foundation mini-grant program.

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.