

Albany County Public Library  
**Foundation**  
2022–2023  
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.



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Albany County Public Library

# Foundation

Dear library supporters,

**In FY23, the Albany County Public Library Foundation was able to support your public library with more than \$93,000!** We could not provide this incredible level of funding without your generous support. It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for continuing to support Albany County Public Library.

The ACPL Foundation Board of Directors and its staff are appreciative of the partnership with all of our supporters resulting in a \$60,000 annual disbursement to ACPL. This \$60,000 went to support all ages programming, materials, the bookmobile, travel, and continuing education for staff. Additional funding supported a mini-grant project, library outreach, special projects, designated purposes, and staff longevity.

Beyond financial support, ACPL Foundation staff provided time to library projects in FY23 by working on the bookmobile project, managing grant projects with library staff, and hosting outreach events.

Here are a few FY23 highlights:

- Used funding from the Sally Dieterich Restricted Fund to host author and National Book Award Finalist, Kali Fajardo-Anstine.
- Partnered with Leadership Laramie on a beautification project to update the StoryWalk® around the exterior of the Laramie branch.
- Received \$43,750 in grant funding from the Guthrie Family Foundation, the Wyoming Community Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, the First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation, and the Socrates Foundation.
- Raised a record amount selling 142 packages with our Blind Date with a Book fundraiser and started hosting in-person fundraising and outreach events again, following a few years with no in-person events due to the pandemic.
- Collaborated with ACPL and the Wyoming Humanities Council on the Young Writers Program.

These essential projects and areas of support were fully funded with your help, allow the library to offer learning opportunities, access to check out items, more outreach across Albany County, and a well-prepared and welcoming staff.

You may remember that in the previous fiscal year, the ACPL Foundation was able to provide around \$10,000 more to support ACPL. This is because inflation started to have a greater impact on our donors in FY23 and the investment market took several hits. While the ACPL Foundation didn't meet its goal for individual giving in FY23, we are working to meet and engage with new donors in order to increase our support for ACPL.

In FY24, the ACPL Foundation plans to continue supporting ACPL with its entire programming budget and nearly half of its budget for materials, as well as funding other areas. We know that these goals are only possible because of your generosity.

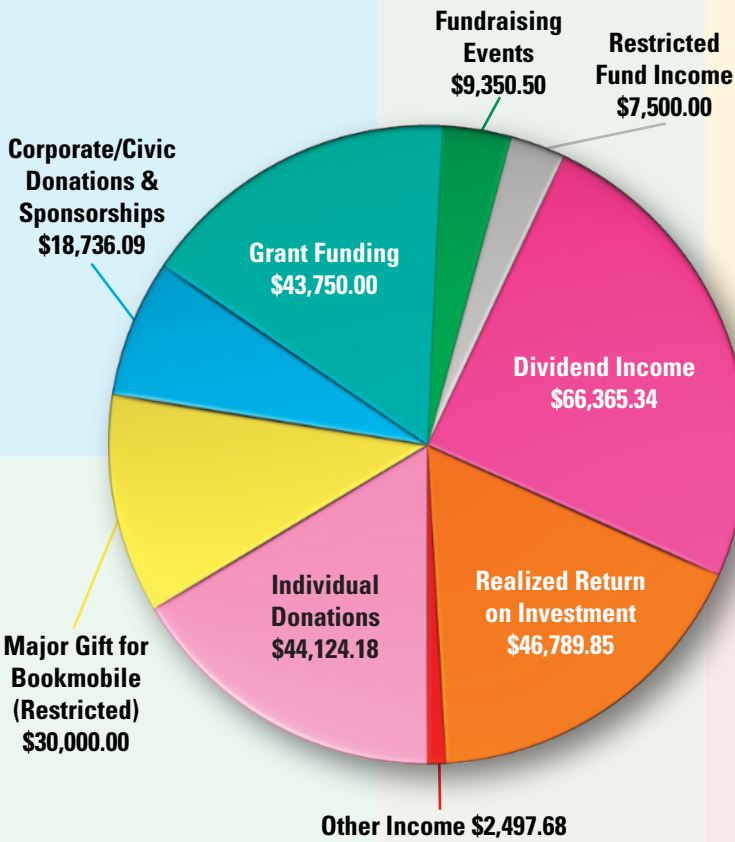
Opportunity happens at ACPL when you donate. Thank you for being part of our community of library supporters!

Caitlin White  
Executive Director

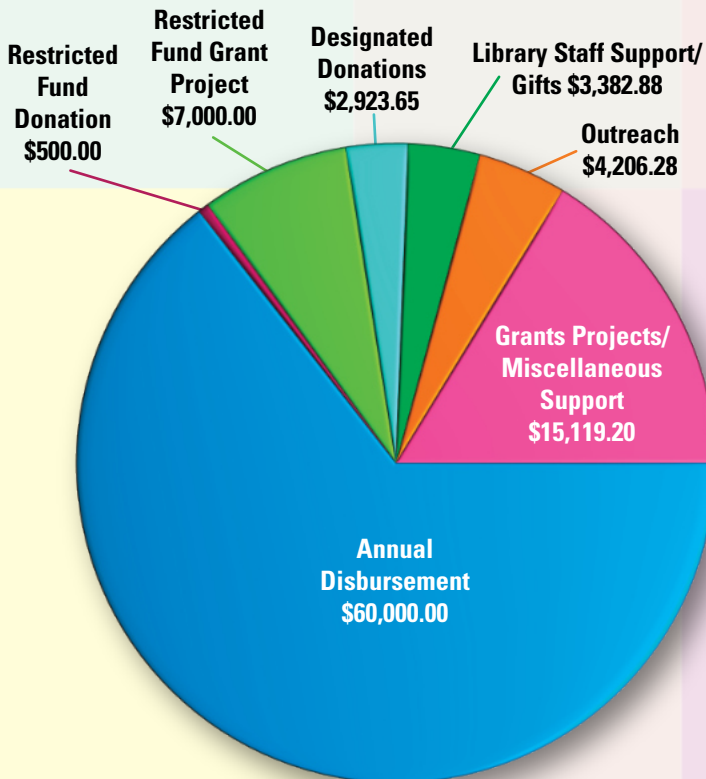
Rajeev Patel  
President, Board of Directors

# FY23 Financial Summary

**Total Income: \$269,113.64**



## Total FY23 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](http://foundation.acplwy.org). Check out our Ways to Give page.
- Become a monthly donor. It's easy and convenient! Consistent funding from monthly donations helps the ACPL Foundation plan for upcoming projects.
- Make a gift in honor or in memory.
- Participate in an ACPL Foundation fundraiser.
- Purchase a limited edition library card, t-shirt, or tote bag at the library.
- You can support a specific item or project on the Giving Tree during the holidays.
- Watch for news about upcoming events!
- Work with your place of business to become a corporate sponsor. Your business could become a Sponsor of the Month and receive great benefits!

*\*When you give online or with a credit card, the ACPL Foundation pays a small processing fee. You can opt to cover this fee so your full donation goes to help the library!*

## Leave a Legacy: Gifts in Will

- Make a gift in your will or consider establishing a major gift now for a specific library project.
- Contribute to an ACPL Foundation restricted fund that provides funding for a specific purpose in the library. Restricted funds are listed on the back page.

## 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:

- Providing time or resources to one of the organization's events or a project.
- Hosting a "friendraiser" with your circle to build more support for the library.

Donors can contact the ACPL Foundation office to discuss which opportunity works well for you. We accept donations online, through the mail, or in person. Contact Executive Director, Caitlin White (307-460-2481 or [cwhite@acplwy.org](mailto:cwhite@acplwy.org)) with any questions.

# ACPL Foundation Board of Directors in FY24

Rajeev Patel, President  
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 Barbara Chatton  
 Victoria Curtis  
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# You made it happen!



**Foam Party:** This outreach event, sponsored by Smile Doctors, had more than 250 people in attendance.

**Library Disbursement:** Provided \$15,000 to ACPL



**Women of the West Series:** The Sally Dieterich Fund made it possible to host an author talk with Kali Fajardo-Anstine. Programming, with support from the WY Community Foundation, continued with a series of authors and artists detailing unique, and often unrepresented, portrayals of life in the West. The series offered hands-on art classes, updated ACPL's art and art history collection, and had over 400 people in attendance.

**Sponsor of the Month:** Pole Mountain Pharmacy

**Volunteer Day:** Partnered with First Interstate Bank to reorganized the library basement

**Grant Funding:** Received \$25,000 from the Guthrie Family Foundation



**Young Writers Program:** Authors hosted writing workshops for local youth. Attendees spent time writing their own pieces, which were edited into a single book. This series was supported by the Wyoming Humanities Council and National Endowment for Humanities.

**Sponsor of the Month:** Scott Crist with Hammon-tree Real Estate

**Grant Funding:** Received \$2,500 from the First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation

## JULY

**Sponsor of the Month:** Quality Inn & Suites

**Library Swag Fundraiser:** Raised over \$700 for ACPL in FY23. Stop by the library to get a limited-edition library card, t-shirt, or tote bag.



## AUG

## SEPT

**Sponsor of the Month:** UniWyo Credit Union

**UniWyo Boos & Q's:** The virtual trivia event raised \$2,700 for ACPL.

**Library Disbursement:** Provided \$15,000 to ACPL

**Homecoming Tailgate:** This outreach program was crazy popular! With your help, the ACPL Foundation raised the necessary funds for EVERY program at the library in FY23.



## OCT

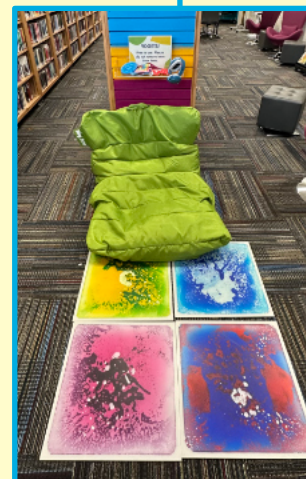
**ACPL Staff Support:** Provided a holiday party and recognition for library staff

**Community Support:** Toyota of Laramie Cares winning organization!

**Holiday Giving:** Holiday giving and the Giving Tree supported ACPL with \$17,342!

## NOV

## DEC





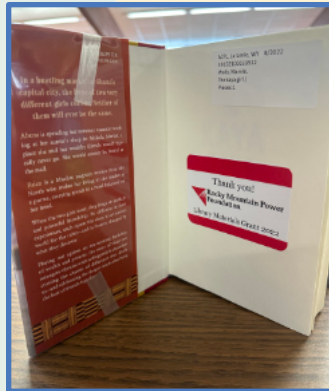
# FY23: July 2022–June 2023



**Major Gift:** We're excited to announce that an anonymous donor provided a \$30,000 major gift to support ALBY, the ACPL bookmobile. With this gift, the ACPL Foundation will update the interior, handle larger vehicle maintenance, increase accessibility, and improve visibility of the bookmobile throughout the community.

**Sponsor of the Month:** Premier Bone & Joint

**Library Disbursement:** Provided \$15,000 to ACPL



**Grant Funding:** Rocky Mountain Power Foundation's \$3,000 grant was used to support the bookmobile and materials. During FY23, the ACPL Foundation provided \$3,600 for the bookmobile and \$30,000 for materials for ACPL.

**Sponsor of the Month:** Corthell & King, P.C.



**Community Support:** Lots of fun and \$360 raised during O'Dwyers bingo nights!

**Continuing Education:** Twelve library staff members benefited from professional development support, funded by the ACPL Foundation, by attending conferences or taking online courses.

## JAN

**Sponsor of the Month:** First Interstate Bank

**Fundraisers:** Blind Date with a Book had a record year and the Cupcake Ball was back for the first year after the pandemic.

## FEB

## MAR

**Sponsor of the Month:** Toyota of Laramie

**Library Disbursement:** Provided \$15,000 to ACPL

**Grant Funding:** The ACPL Foundation is adding sensory and learning development structures to the Children's Area with a \$5,250 grant from The Socrates Foundation.

## APR

## MAY

**Appreciation Night:** We had a great crowd to celebrate staff, volunteers, board members, donors, and Friends of the Library members

**Community Support:** The ACPL Foundation partnered with Leadership Laramie to improve the Storywalk® with a fresh coat of paint and tempered glass. Concrete pads were added to make the Storywalk® more accessible.

## JUNE

*Blind Date with a Book*

**RECORD YEAR!**  
142 packs sold + great local support = ~\$2,700 raised

Thank you! Watch for these great events next year!

**Cupcake Ball**  
with sponsor...  
**MEADOWLARK PEDIATRICS**

**YAY! 70+ attendees + awesome sponsor = ~\$500 raised**



# Thank you to our generous donors!

Thank you for supporting your public library! The ACPL Foundation had 356 donors (individuals, families, and organizations) in FY23.

## Individual Donors in FY23

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Absolute Acrylic Nail Spa & Salon  
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 Alibi Wood Fire Pizzeria & Bakery  
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 ANB Bank  
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 Coal Creek Coffee & Brewery  
 Corthell & King, P.C.  
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 Edward Jones with Jim Ninneman  
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 Lighthouse Writers Workshop  
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 Premier Bone & Joint  
 Republic National Distributing Company  
 Regal Fox Theater  
 Ridley's Family Market  
 Riverstone Bank  
 Rock River Community Club  
 Rocky Mountain Power Foundation  
 Rotary Club of Laramie  
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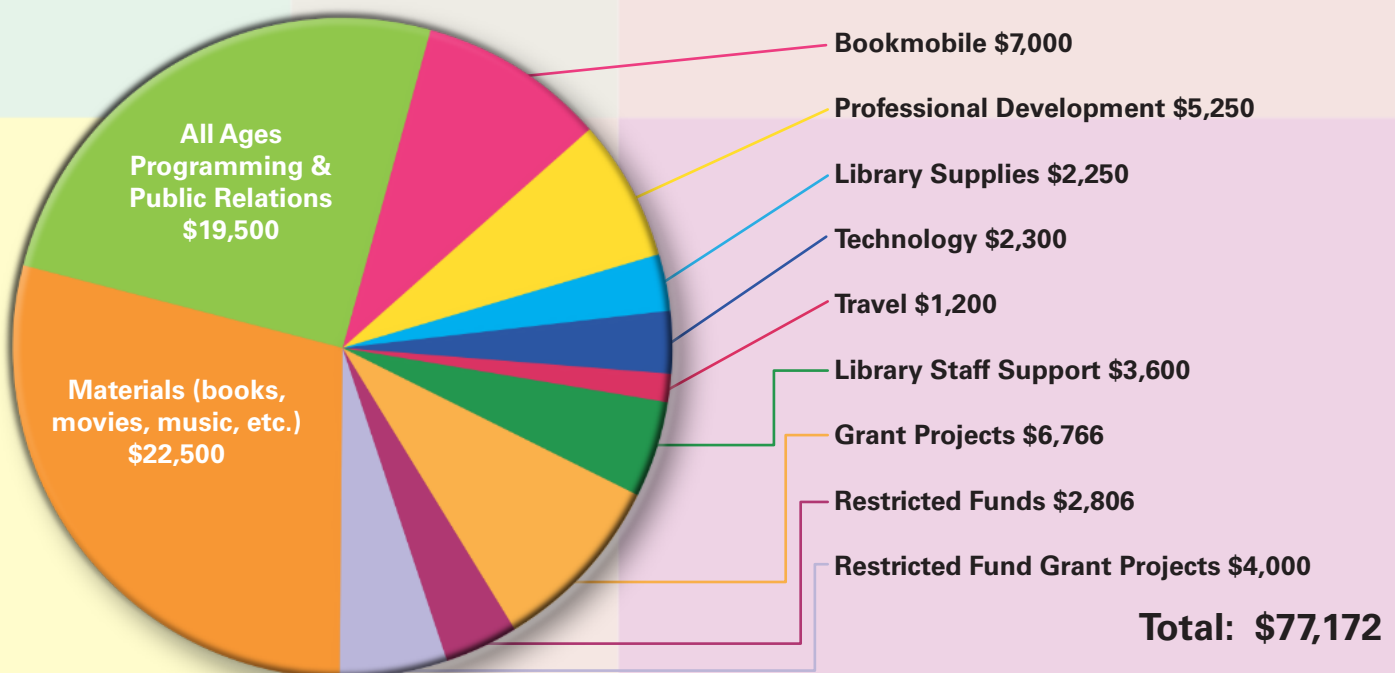
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**Coming Up in FY24!**

- October Newsletter: This newsletter is transitioning to an email version with more info on events and a donor survey. Need to update or add an email so we can reach you? Contact Jacque at [jgraef@aclwyo.org](mailto:jgraef@aclwyo.org).
- Bookmobile: Stay tuned for updates to ALBY over the next fiscal year!
- Giving Tree: Specific projects and purchases will be available on the Giving Tree starting Nov. 27.
- Cupcake Ball, A Valentine's-Themed Family Dance: February 9
- Blind Date with a Book: February 14
- Appreciation Night: June 2024

**FY24 Planned Funding to the Library**





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## Contribute to an ACPL Foundation Restricted Fund:

Each restricted fund was created to honor an individual or family. On a fiscal year basis, 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.

**John Burman Fund:** Burman was the longtime chair of the ACPL Foundation board, served on the library board, and was a significant library supporter. The fund is used for general purposes.

**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 cookbooks, Regency Romance, and mystery books for the library.

**Sally Dieterich Fund:** Dieterich was a longtime library patron and supporter. The fund is used for library programming.

**Friends of the Book Sale 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 adult 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 ACPL Foundation board member and library advocate. Interest from this fund is used for the ACPL Foundation mini-grant program.

**Mary Lou Pence Fund:** Pence was a local author. 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.

**Have you considered including the ACPL Foundation in your will or estate plans?** We welcome the opportunity to work with you to create a structure that suits your passions and works within your overall estate plans.