

Albany County Public Library
Foundation
2023–2024
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.



**Here's to
45 years!**

The ACPL Foundation celebrated 45
years as a nonprofit in FY24.





Albany County Public Library

Foundation

Dear library friends,

In FY24, the Albany County Public Library Foundation contributed \$108,310 to your public library! We are happy to note that this is a \$15,000 increase from FY23. The ACPL Foundation could not have accomplished this high level of support without your generous contributions.

The ACPL Foundation Board of Directors and staff are continually amazed by the incredible support from our donors that allows us to provide a \$60,000 annual disbursement to ACPL, as well as funding for other needs. In FY24, the \$60,000 disbursement supported all ages programming, materials, the bookmobile, technology, library supplies, travel for outreach and between branches, and continuing education.

Additional funding supported library outreach, special projects, designated purposes, and staff longevity. Beyond financial support, ACPL Foundation staff provided time (500+ hours) to library projects in FY24 by working on updates to the bookmobile, managing several grant projects, and hosting outreach events.

The ACPL Foundation partnered with ACPL to prepare the extensive grant application for the awarded \$1,030,136 infrastructure multi-purpose spaces project. This is a major accomplishment! The grant will provide needed funding to update ACPL public meeting spaces and to better serve our community.

During times of short staffing in FY24, ACPL Foundation staff helped ACPL by creating and distributing the reading log and marketing materials for the Summer Reading Program.

Here are a few FY24 highlights:

- The ACPL Foundation secured a Summer Reading Program collaboration with Smile Doctors. This summer has been record-setting, with over 1,000 participants and 9,500+ hours of reading logged.
- Received \$56,080 in grant funding from the Guthrie Family Foundation, the Wyoming Community Foundation, the Union Pacific Foundation, the First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, the Wyoming Humanities Council, and Walmart.
- Met all our fundraising goals in FY24! For example, you helped us raise a record \$6,725, selling 208 packages, with our Blind Date with a Book fundraiser.
- Learn more about this past fiscal year's successes on pages 4-5 of the annual report.

In FY25, the ACPL Foundation plans to continue supporting ACPL with its entire programming budget, the bookmobile project, check out materials, professional development for staff, and general library support. We also plan to provide a larger portion of funding for an essential technology project for the public. We know that these goals are only possible because of your generosity. Opportunity happens at ACPL when you donate!

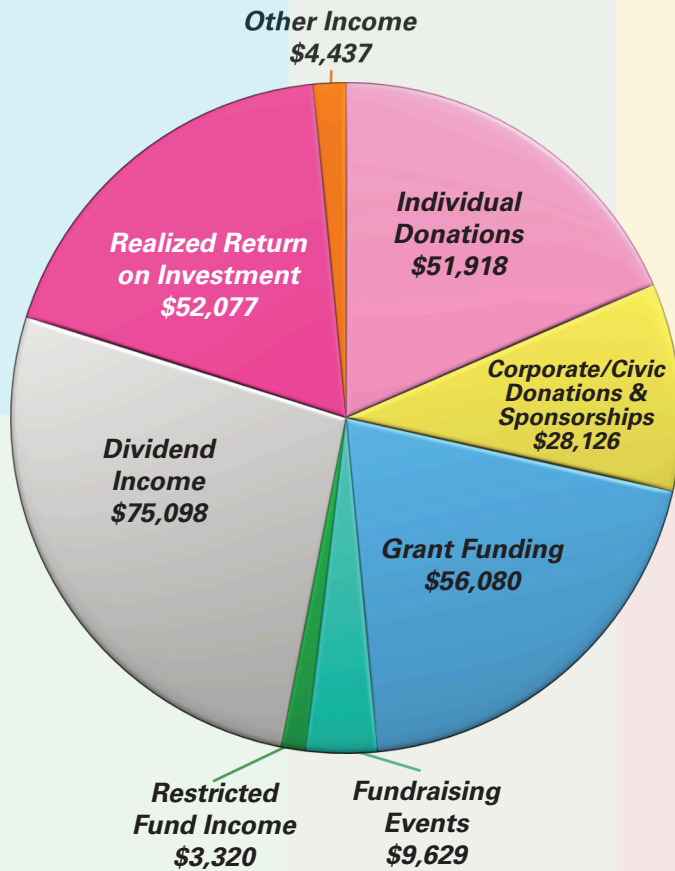
Thank you for being a steadfast supporter and making ACPL an important place for our community!

Caitlin White
Executive Director

Rajeev Patel
President, Board of Directors

FY24 Financial Summary

Total Income: \$280,685



Total FY24 Contributions to the Library: \$ 108,310

Annual Disbursement: \$60,000

*The annual disbursement supported all ages programming, materials, the bookmobile, technology, staff continuing education, travel between branches, public relations, and library supplies.

Restricted Fund Donation	\$2,086
Restricted Fund Magazine Slatwall Project	\$1,234
Designated Donations	\$2,390
Library Staff Support/Gifts	\$3,468
Outreach	\$6,183
Bookmobile Project	\$10,160
Grant Project – Rock River Branch Technology	\$10,000
Hattie Geesey Memorial Project	\$5,000
Grant Project – Storywalk & Outside Beautification	\$4,295
Grant Project – Young Writers Program	\$2,000
Grant Project – Sensory Development Stations	\$1,494
Total:	\$108,310

Ways You Can Help

Infrastructure Grant Project

- The multi-purpose spaces project will start in October 2024 with expected completion by September 2026. While the majority of the project costs are funded by the infrastructure grant, any technology-related expenses were ineligible.
- If you would be interested in supporting the infrastructure project with a major gift, please contact Executive Director, Caitlin White for more information.

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.
- 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 of a family member or friend.
- Participate in an ACPL Foundation fundraiser.
- 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

- Remember the ACPL Foundation in your estate plans or consider establishing a major gift now for a specific library project. Check our website at foundation.acplwy.org/ways-to-give/planned-gifts for more information.
- 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.

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) with any questions.

ACPL Foundation Board of Directors in FY25

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**The ACPL Foundation is looking for a new board member. Interested? Contact us!*

Making a Great Library Even Better!



WYO GIVES
Matching funds have been reported. We received \$11,000+, bringing our WyoGives total to **\$28,200!**

Thank you Hughes Charitable Foundation for providing matching funds!



WyoGives: Raised \$28,200 from amazing donors and a match from the Hughes Charitable Foundation.

Foam Party: This outreach event, sponsored by Smile Doctors, had more than 275 attendees.

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

Materials: You helped provide \$22,500 worth of check out items for ACPL in FY24!

Sponsor of the Month: Quality Inn & Suites.

Volunteer Day: Partnered with First Interstate Bank on library projects.

Grant Funding: Received \$5,000 from Union Pacific Foundation and \$1,500 from Rocky Mountain Power Foundation.

Continuing Education: ACPL staff benefited from professional development opportunities, funded by the ACPL Foundation.

Sponsor of the Month: Scott Crist with Hammontree Real Estate.

Young Writers Program: Local storytellers hosted 5 workshops for youth during National Novel Writing Month. This series was supported by grant funding from the Wyoming Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Humanities.

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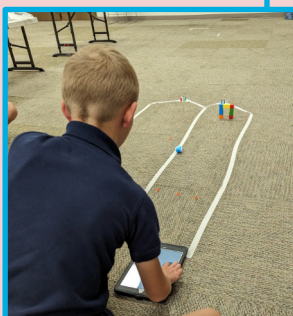
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— **Sponsor of the Month:** First Interstate Bank.

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$20,000 from the Guthrie Family Foundation and \$3,500 from the First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation.

— **Donation:** UW School of Computing donated mini coding robot spheres for Test Tube Tuesdays.



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

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

— **Awesome Programs:** ACPL's monthly children's scavenger hunt is hugely popular with over 5,000 participants in FY24! With your help, the ACPL Foundation raised the needed funds for EVERY program at ACPL in FY24.



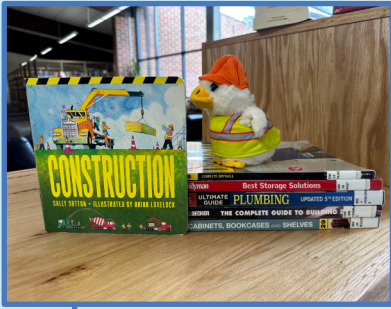
— **Holiday Giving:** Holiday giving and the Giving Tree supported ACPL with \$18,595!

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

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$10,000 from Wyoming Community Foundation for programming and bookmobile support.



FY24: July 2023–June 2024



BIG News: ACPL was awarded a \$1,030,136 infrastructure grant to remodel the meeting room and conference room plus create an activity center. The ACPL Foundation worked diligently alongside ACPL to apply and receive this funding.

Sponsor of the Month: Toyota of Laramie.

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



Restricted Fund Project:

Worked with ACPL to improve the magazine slatwall space with support from the Agnes Milstead Fund.

Sponsor of the Month: Premier Bone & Joint.



Donation: Provided \$10,160 in funding from a major gift for ALBY, the bookmobile.

Community Support: Toyota of Laramie Cares winning organization with a \$1,500 donation to ACPL!

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— **Events:** Families had a great time at the Cupcake Ball, sponsored by Meadowlark Pediatrics.

— **Fundraisers:** Blind Date with a Book had a record year, raising \$6,725! Thanks to our title sponsor, Toyota of Laramie, and our theme sponsors!



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

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

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$10,000 from the Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program for upgrades to technology at the Rock River Branch Library.



— **Appreciation Night:** Celebrated staff, volunteers, board members, donors, and Friends of the Library members.

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$900 in FY24 from Walmart.

— **Summer Reading Program:** ACPL's Summer Reading attracts hundreds of readers and program attendees. This summer-long program is possible because of our donors!



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Thank you for supporting your public library! The ACPL Foundation had 320+ donors (individuals, families, and organizations) in FY24. If your name is incorrect or missing, we apologize. Contact us to make sure it's correct in the future at 307-460-2481.

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Pole Mountain Pharmacy
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Quality Inn & Suites
Toyota of Laramie
UniWyo Credit Union

Grant Funders

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Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
Union Pacific Foundation
Walmart
Wyoming Community Foundation
Wyoming Humanities Council

Organization Donors in FY24

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Bath & Body Works
Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop
Big Hollow Food Co-Op
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City of Laramie Parks & Recreation
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Meadowlark Pediatrics
Northridge Discount Liquors

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 Poppy's Flower Shop & Women's
 Boutique
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 Regal Fox Theater

Republic National Distributing Company
 Ridley's Family Market
 Rotary Club of Laramie
 Smile Doctors
 Snowy Range Ski & Recreation Area
 with Aaron & Becky Maddox

StagePoint Federal Credit Union
 TAG Technologies
 The Chocolate Cellar
 The Human Bean
 The Still Package Liquors
 Tiger Tree

Trihydro Corporation
 True Value
 University of Wyoming School of
 Computing
 Windy City Pet Store

Coming Up in FY25!

- Infrastructure Project Kick-Off: Stay tuned!
- Cupcake Ball, A Valentine's-Themed Family Dance: February 7
- Blind Date with a Book: February 14
- Appreciation Night: June 25, 2025

FY25 Planned Funding to the Library



Total: \$71,402



Technology
\$20,250



All Ages Programming & Public Relations
\$19,500



Bookmobile
\$5,000



Materials
(books, movies, music, etc.)
\$5,000



Professional Development
\$5,000



Library Supplies
\$2,250



Phone/Internet
\$1,800



Travel
\$1,200



Library Staff Support
\$4,300



Restricted Funds
\$4,264



Restricted Fund Grant Projects
\$2,838



Infrastructure Grant Project Support
TBD

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Contribute to an ACPL Foundation Restricted Fund:

Each restricted fund was created to benefit a specific purpose in the library. 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: 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 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 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.