

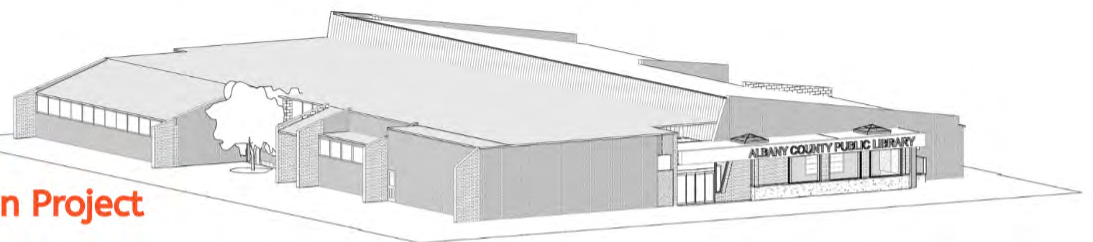
Albany County Public Library
Foundation
2024–2025
Annual Report

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.

**A Year of
Construction:**

ACPL Rejuvenation Project



CONFERENCE ROOM



MEETING ROOM



ACTIVITY CENTER



Albany County Public Library

Foundation

Dear library supporters,

In FY25, the Albany County Public Library Foundation contributed \$99,592 to your public library! Your willingness to support the ACPL Foundation is why we are able to continue supporting your public library at a high level to provide a significant impact.

The ACPL Foundation Board of Directors and staff are most grateful for the generous support from our donors that allows us to provide a \$60,000 annual disbursement to ACPL, as well as funding for other needs. In FY25, the \$60,000 disbursement supported all ages programming, materials, the bookmobile, technology, library supplies, phone/Internet costs, 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 (700+ hours) to library projects in FY25 by working on updates to the bookmobile, managing several grant projects, and hosting outreach events. For example, the ACPL Foundation received a \$30,000 grant to update ACPL's computers and implement a new print management system at the library's three branches.

The majority of staff time for ACPL projects in FY25 provided project management support to the large-scale, ongoing infrastructure project. After assisting ACPL in receiving \$1,030,136 in FY24 for the multi-purpose spaces project, the ACPL Foundation partnered with ACPL to prepare a second grant application, resulting in an additional \$1,458,642 for the project. This is a major accomplishment and resulted in a total \$2,515,778 in grant funding to improve the Laramie branch!

Here are a few FY25 highlights:

- Hosted a construction kick-off paint party with the community, utilizing the ACPL Foundation Sally Dieterich Fund.
- Received a record \$75,427 in grant funding from the Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program, the Guthrie Family Foundation, the Wyoming Community Foundation, The John P. Ellbogen Foundation, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, the Laramie Rivers Conservation District, and Walmart.
- Met fundraising goals in FY25! For example, the ACPL Foundation was able to partner with Ross, being selected as the store's first community round up, resulting in a \$1,522 donation.
- Learn more about this past fiscal year's successes on pages 4– 5 of the annual report.

In FY26, the ACPL Foundation plans to continue supporting ACPL with its entire programming budget, the bookmobile project, check out materials, technology, professional development for staff, and travel. Due to ACPL budget shortfalls, the ACPL Foundation is stepping up to provide funding support for building maintenance and general library support. We know that these goals are only possible because of your help. Your donations make a significant impact at ACPL!

Thank you for being a steadfast supporter and making ACPL shine!

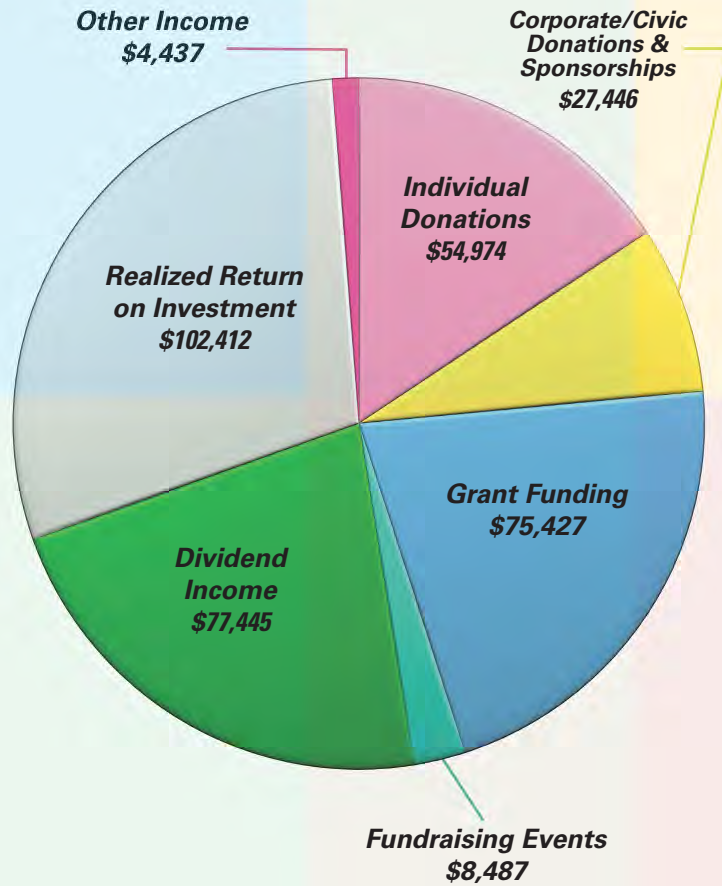
Caitlin White
Executive Director

Rajeev Patel
President, Board of Directors

FY25 Financial Summary

Ways You Can Help

Total Income: \$350,545



Infrastructure Grant Project

- The multi-purpose spaces project is currently underway. The construction portion of the project is expected to be completed by fall 2025.
- Following the completion of the project, the ACPL Foundation is exploring ways to support the maintenance and upkeep of the rooms in perpetuity.
- If you would be interested in supporting the infrastructure project with a major gift or consider providing matching funds for an endowment for the project, please contact Executive Director, Caitlin White for more information.
- Want to keep up-to-date on how the project is going? Visit ACPL's construction page at acplwy.org.

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 Planned Giving page on our website at foundation.acplwy.org for more information.
- The ACPL Foundation federal tax ID number is: 83-0240069. Our website also notes sample language for making a gift in your will or trust.
- 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.
- Have you already included a gift in your will or trust? Let us know!

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.

Total FY25 Contributions to the Library: \$99,592

Annual Disbursement: \$60,000

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

RestRestricted Fund Donation	\$4,264
Restricted Fund Project: Construction Kickoff/Activities	8,061
Designated Donations	\$4,644
Library Staff Support/Gifts	\$4,287
Board Member Appreciation	\$425
Outreach	\$2,467
Bookmobile Project	\$1,534
Grant Project – Technology Upgrade	\$10,000
Hattie Geesey Memorial Project	\$3,410
Grant Project – Section Signage	\$500
Total:	\$99,592

Making a Great Library Even Better!

THANK YOU!

Incentive funds have been reported. We received \$8,313, bringing our WyoGives total to **\$28,164!**

WYO GIVES

Thank you Hughes Charitable Foundation for providing incentive funds!



— **WyoGives:** Kicked off the fiscal year by raising \$28,000+ from amazing donors and a boost from the Hughes Charitable Foundation.

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

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$500 from Walmart.

— **Volunteer Day:** Partnered with First Interstate Bank to setup new shelving in the Friends of the Library Book Nook, in memory of Hattie Geesey.

— **Sponsor of the Month:** Gateway Fuels & Liquors.

— **Infrastructure Grant Project:** Partnered with ACPL to qualify for a second round of funding for the construction project. ACPL received \$1,238,869 in the second round for a total of \$2,515,778 to improve multi-purpose spaces at the Laramie Branch.

— **Check Out Materials:** ACPL offers a wide and diverse collection of check out materials, including books, movies, board games, and items in the Library of Things. With your help, the ACPL Foundation was able to provide \$5,000 to support ACPL's collection.

— **Sponsor of the Month:** TAG Technologies.

— **Garage Sale:** Supported ACPL by overseeing a garage sale to find new homes for items that needed to be removed before the start of construction.

JULY

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DEC

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

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

— **Grant Project:** Wrapped up a grant project to install new technology at the Rock River Branch Library.

— **Foam Party:** This outreach event, sponsored by Smile Doctors, had 300 attendees. Plus, the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile stopped by!



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

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

— **Board Appreciation:** Hosted a board gathering for the ACPL, ACPL Foundation, and Friends of the Library boards.

— **Restricted Fund Grant Project:** Celebrated the start of construction with a community paint party and construction characters designed by Favian Hernandez.



— **Holiday Giving:** You helped us raise \$20,000 during holiday giving and with the Giving Tree to support ACPL!

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

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$10,000 from Wyoming Community Foundation for programming and collection support and \$5,000 in grant support from The John P. Ellbogen Foundation.

— **Restricted Fund/Legacy Giving Highlight:**

Highlighted new cookbooks being added to ACPL's collection, thanks to the Gwendolyn Cook Fund. Legacy funds provide financial support in perpetuity for ACPL.



FY25: July 2024–June 2025



— **Construction Start:** This was an exciting month, as construction on ACPL's infrastructure project to update the Laramie Branch's multi-purpose spaces officially began!

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

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



— **Spread the Word:** The ACPL Foundation engages in outreach by hosting different events, tabling with information, and spreading the word about the amazing services and resources available at ACPL.

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

— **Grant Funding:** Received \$30,000 from the Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program for upgrades to technology in Laramie, Rock River, and Centennial.



— **Construction Character Contest:**

The ACPL Foundation hosted a construction character naming contest for the Activity Center!

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

— **Bookmobile:** The ACPL Foundation supported general operations of the bookmobile. ALBY was able to visit Laramie parks, West Laramie locations, schools, and even headed out to our rural communities.

JAN

— **Fundraiser:** Blind Date with a Book was a success, raising \$6,000+! Thanks to our title sponsor, Toyota of Laramie, and our theme sponsors!

— **Continuing Education:** ACPL staff benefited from professional development opportunities, funded by the ACPL Foundation. This support means ACPL staff are prepared to put on programs, develop the collection, and conduct other important tasks.



FEB

MAR

— **Sponsor of the Month:** Jim Ninneman with Edward Jones.

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

— **Awesome Programs:** ACPL hosted a stuffie sleepover, and it was a great success! It was hard to decide who enjoyed it more – the kiddos or library staff. With your help, the ACPL Foundation raised the needed funds for EVERY program at ACPL in FY25.



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MAY

— **Sponsor of the Month:** Elevate Real Estate.

— **General Support:** The ACPL Foundation provided funding for essential library operations costs in FY25, such as phone/Internet costs, library supplies, and travel between branches.

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



JUNE

Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Thank you for supporting your public library! The ACPL Foundation had 346+ donors (individuals, families, and organizations) in FY25.

Sponsor of the Month Contributors

Edward Jones with Jim Ninneman
Elevate Real Estate with Carson Shoop
First Interstate Bank
Gateway Fuels & Liquors
Hammontree Real Estate with Scott Crist
Pole Mountain Pharmacy
TAG Technologies
Toyota of Laramie
UniWyo Credit Union

Individual Donors in FY25

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Katie Acord
Ann Acuff
Alyssa Addington
Kristin Althoff
Andres Alvarado
Caitlin Anderle
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Mark & Jennifer Andersen
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Mary Winger
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Cheryl Wood
Roberta Wright
Caitlin Young
*Deceased

Grant Funders

First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation
Guthrie Family Foundation
Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
The John P. Ellbogen Foundation
Walmart
Wyoming Community Foundation
Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program

Organization Donors in FY24

2nd Street Deli
ACPE Federal Credit Union
Alibi Wood Fire Pizzeria & Bakery
ANB Bank
Atmosphere Mountainworks
Big Hollow Food Co-Op
Bond's Brewing
Daylight Donuts
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steaksburgers
Groathouse Construction Inc.
HighPoint CPAs
Hughes Charitable Foundation
Insomnia Cookies
Laramie Women's Club
Motive Coffee
Northridge Discount Liquors
Poppy's Flower Shop & Women's Boutique
Quality Inn & Suites
Qdoba's Mexican Eats
Republic National Distributing Company
Ridley's Family Market
Ross Store Foundation
Rotary Club of Laramie
Smile Doctors
StagePoint Federal Credit Union
Sugar Mouse Cupcake House
SVAR LLC
TAG Technologies
The Chocolate Cellar
The Human Bean
The Second Story
The Still Package Liquors
Tiger Tree
TownSquare Title of Wyoming
Trihydro Corporation
Union Home Mortgage
Windmill Hill Greenhouse
Windy City Pet Store
Wyoming Washroom

Coming Up in FY26!

- Infrastructure Project Sneak Peek: Fall/Winter 2025 – Stay tuned!
- Blind Date with a Book: February 14
- Appreciation Night: June 2026

ACPL Foundation Board of Directors in FY26

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 Brett Kvenild, Treasurer

Delilah Pasman, Secretary
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 Barbara Chatton

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FY26 Planned Funding to the Library



Total: \$68,694+



All Ages Programming, Outreach, Bookmobile & Public Relations
 \$19,100



Building Maintenance
 \$9,600



Technology
 \$9,402



Materials (books, movies, music, etc.)
 \$7,600



Library Supplies
 \$5,931



Professional Development
 \$5,000



Library Staff Support
 \$4,600



Travel
 \$3,367



Restricted Funds & RF Grant Projects
 \$4,094



Grant Projects
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Bookmobile Major Gift
 TBD



Infrastructure Grant Project Support
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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, 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 support the adult fiction collection.

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 adult 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.