



Albany County Public Library
Foundation

2015–2016
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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Greetings,

As of June 30, 2016, the Foundation's total assets equaled \$1,915,574. Last year at this time, Foundation assets exceeded \$2 million. Unfortunately due to a downturn in the stock market, the Foundation portfolio saw losses. However, the Foundation has conservative controls on its assets to protect your donations, meaning we expect the portfolio to recover from this loss and return to \$2 million in total assets.

Even with the dip in the stock market, in fiscal year 2016 the Albany County Public Library Foundation still provided more than \$67,500 toward library materials, building maintenance, technology, all-ages programming, continuing education, designated purposes, and staff longevity bonuses. The Foundation assisted in funding numerous library employees' attendance at the Wyoming Library Association state conference and the Public Library Association national conference. Without funding from our donors, library staff would have been unable to learn new skills, network with other public library professionals, and return to your library with innovative ideas for the coming year.

Here are a few other accomplishments for the Foundation in FY16:

- Created and implemented the first annual "A Novel Night" murder mystery fundraiser (more details on p. 6).
- Held the Love Family Celebration in memory of J. David and Jane Love and their contributions to the Foundation.
- Sponsored the third annual End of Summer Reading Bash to celebrate literacy.
- Received \$12,000 in grant funding from the Union Pacific Foundation and the Wells Fargo Foundation.
- Completed a successful free income tax preparation program, filing 706 returns, for a total amount of federal and state refunds at \$840,159. Program attendees benefitted from more than \$270,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits.

Overall, FY16 was a positive year for the Foundation. Yet with the state's financial climate, the Foundation looks forward with a bit of apprehension. It is clear that in upcoming years Albany County will face additional cuts. These cuts will trickle down to the library, causing funding shortages. This will be a significant problem for the library as Albany County provides funding for many operational costs, most importantly for staff.

The Foundation Board of Directors wants to be able to contribute more to the library by increasing our annual fundraising. To do so, the board made the decision to have a fulltime executive director, as of Aug. 1, 2016.

In order to help the Foundation do more for the library, your support in FY17 is of grave importance. Please consider increasing your annual donation or becoming a monthly donor to help the Foundation meet the growing needs of the library. Your help is imperative in this library remaining a vibrant and valued part of our community.

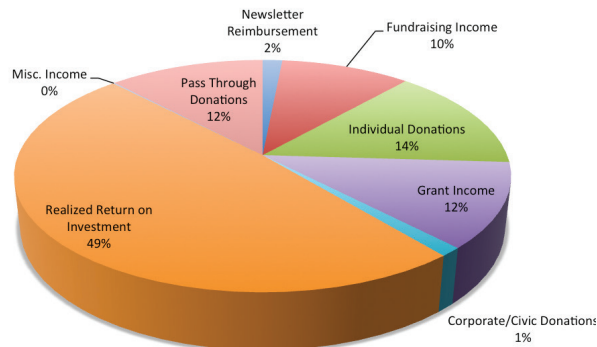
Thank you for being a part of our library community and for your confidence in the Foundation's mission. It is because of you that the Foundation continues to make a positive impact on your library and we cannot thank you enough.

Caitlin White
Executive Director

John M. Burman
President of the Board of Directors

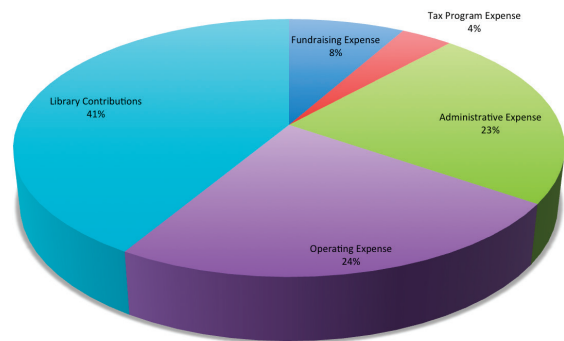
FY16 Financial Summary

**Albany County Public Library Foundation Financial Summary
FY16 Income**



The above figure represents ACPL Foundation income for fiscal year 2016. Pass through donations are contributions made toward specific library projects that are distributed immediately to the library. For example, an anonymous donor contributed more than \$19,000 to assist the library in its carpet replacement project.

**Albany County Public Library Foundation Financial Summary
FY16 Expenses**



The above figure represents ACPL Foundation expenses for fiscal year 2016. Operating expenses includes items such as bank charges and general office supplies. Administrative expenses represents staff-related costs such as payroll. As the tax program is self-sustaining, grant funding covers all tax program expenses. Library contributions represented nearly half of the Foundation's total expenses in FY16.

Ways you can help

Financial Support

The Foundation has numerous fundraising activities where you can donate.

- Contribute to our annual appeal. This year the Foundation's goal is to raise \$30,000 with the annual appeal.
- Attend our annual "A Novel Night" fundraiser in the spring by purchasing tickets or attending the event as a business sponsor.
- Become a monthly donor.
- Contribute to a 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.
- Solicit your place of business to become a corporate sponsor.
- Provide a major gift towards a specific library project.

Donate Your Time

Volunteer for the Foundation by expressing interest in joining the board of directors (the Foundation has one vacant board member seat) or by contributing time and resources toward one of our annual events including: the End of Summer Reading Bash; Donor, Friends, Volunteers & Staff Appreciation Night; and "A Novel Night" fundraiser.

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) with any questions or stop by the Foundation office, located in the public library.

Upcoming events

Friday, October 14 from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Albany County Public Library

Donor, Friends, 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. Heavy appetizers and beverages will be served. The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale in the library basement during the event. Please RSVP to Foundation Executive Director Caitlin White at 307-721-2580 x5456 or cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org.

Spring 2017 at the Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym Second Annual "A Novel" Night Fundraiser

Official date and time to be announced. Don't miss our second murder mystery night. This year's theme is Phantom of the Opera. Sponsorships and tickets are available. Interested in acting for the event? Contact Foundation Executive Director Caitlin White at 307-721-2580 x5456 or cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org.

May 27, 2017 to July 9, 2017 at the Albany County Public Library Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition – 50 Years, 50 Works, 50 Reasons

For the 50th anniversary of when "Where the Wild Things Are" was originally released, join us for a comprehensive exhibition of selected works by the late artist supplemented with comments and reading from celebrities and authors. The exhibit works in a variety of media and offers an array of highlights of Sendak's career and the diverse art forms in which he was renowned. The library and the Foundation will host several special programs and events to highlight the exhibition. All programs and events will be free and open to the public.

The **Love Family Celebration** in October 2015 had more than 80 attendees to honor the lives and work of J. David and Jane Love. The Love's children, Barbara, David and Charlie, as well as Claude Froidevaux, husband of the late Frances Love Froidevaux, and their daughter Rachel Froidevaux were in attendance for a panel and reception in memory of their parents.



823 children, teens and adults participated in the 2016 "On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!" Summer Reading Program. **127** total programs (**91** children/young adult and **36** adult) were held in June and July during the 2016 Summer Reading Program.



The Foundation provided funds for **9** staff members to attend the national Public Library Association Conference with keynote speaker Anderson Cooper and for **10** staff members to attend the Wyoming Library Association Conference.

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The library's teen afterschool group, YAK!, meets once a week, **51** weeks a year. The teens – **ages 13–18** – created and produced their own promotional video. Check it out here: <http://acplteenpad.weebly.com>.



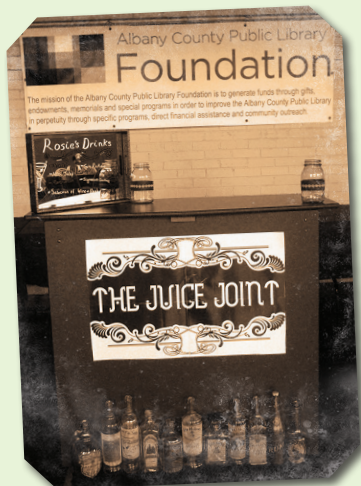
The library held **251** adult programs, **72** young adult programs and **694** children's programs in FY16.



Over **\$300** was donated to the Foundation's Giving Tree appeal to supply the library with needed projects and supplies. Sponsored items on the tree included story time sessions, new tablecloths, and children's materials. Watch for our Giving Tree promotion during the holidays!

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A “novel” night to remember



The Foundation held its first annual “A Novel Night” fundraiser in March 2016. The debut fundraiser was a Great Gatsby-themed murder mystery night, “Murder at the Juice Joint.” The night included various Prohibition-era cocktails and food, Jazz Age music, and interactive murder mystery entertainment. Kelly Milam with the Spine & Injury Clinic of Laramie was the winner of our prize basket for correctly guessing the murderer! The evening’s 1920s signature cocktail was also named after Kelly.

Event Attendance:

- 170 tickets sold
- 19 corporate/business sponsors
- 6 individual sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors!

Bee’s Knees Sponsors (\$1,000+):

First Interstate Bank

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Attaboy! Sponsors (\$150+):

Alsco, Inc.

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Event Earnings:

- \$17,024 in total income before expenses
- \$8,231 in total income after expenses

The Foundation’s “A Novel Night” fundraiser was created to benefit the public library. Funds raised at this event have a direct impact on library programs, technology, materials, and continuing education.

Each year, the Foundation will choose a theme based on a popular novel or well-known work. In 2017, the Foundation will host a Phantom of the Opera-themed mystery night with a goal of raising \$10,000.



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 will be used for children's materials in the library once the fund reaches \$10,000.

Barbara Chatton Fund: Chatton is a longtime supporter, volunteer, and 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 Booksale 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. Interest from 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 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.