



# THE OPEN BOOK

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## Remembering a legend

by Caitlin White, Foundation Executive Director

During the Summer Reading Program, the public library gave the youth in our community a chance to learn about a local Laramie basketball legend.

A children's program remembered Kenny Sailors with a demonstration and history of the jump shot. The program had more than 100 people in attendance, twice the number of other children's programs during the Summer Reading Program.

"It was our best attended event besides the End of Summer Reading Bash," Youth Services Librarian, Ruth Troyanek, said.

The program was held in the Kenny Sailors Gym at the Laramie Plains Civic Center, home of the old Laramie High School Gym. During his high school career, Sailors played in this gym where he took his first jump shot in competition.

"It was very special to have the event at the civic center in the gym that was named after Kenny," Troyanek said.

Close friend and Sailors' unofficial historian, Bill Schrage told attendees how Sailors invented the jump shot, calling it "Kenny's unique contribution to

the game of basketball."

Sailors is said to have invented the jump shot in 1934 at the age of 13 while playing against his brother, Bud. Due to Bud's older age and height, Sailors improvised a new technique that allowed him to get a shot up over his brother.

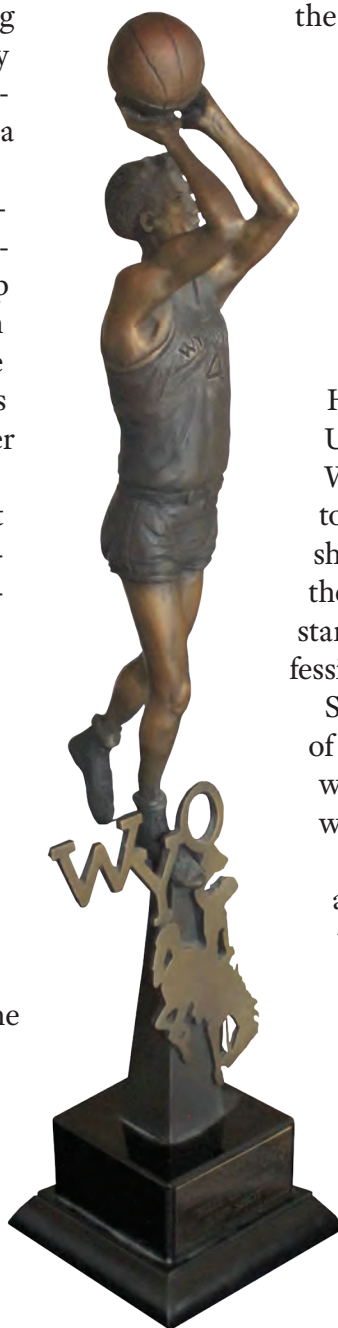
After graduating from Laramie High School, Sailors headed to UW on a basketball scholarship. While there he led the Cowboys to their only NCAA championship. That year he was chosen as the NCAA tournament's most outstanding player. He retired from professional basketball at the age of 30.

Sailors passed away at the age of 95 in early 2016, but his friends who attended the event said he would have loved the program.

Working with kids, both boys and girls, was one of Sailors' favorite activities, Schrage said. After college, Sailors helped at Boys State and coached girls basketball in Alaska. One of Sailors' biggest objectives was to impart his experience through teaching children.

"I felt Kenny's presence during the event,"

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Schrage said. "I wish he could have been there."

Schrage shared several photos of Sailors, as well as other mementos with attendees. During the event, Anthony Johnson demonstrated a few basketball shots, including the jump shot.

After the demonstration, Dr. Emily Guseman and four of her graduate students from the UW Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotions, led attendees through a set of basketball drills and games.

"It was a neat event because we were able to reach people that may not normally come to our programs," Troyanek said.

At the end of the event, each child took home a copy of a picture of Sailors making a jump shot.

Thank you to the Laramie Plains Civic Center for hosting the Kenny Sailors program. 🌈



From left to right: Youth Services Librarian Ruth Troyanek, Bill Schrage, and Anthony Johnson.



(above) Program presenters Bill Schrage and Anthony Johnson ask participants about basketball during the Kenny Sailors event.

(left) Library event attendees practice basketball drills during the Kenny Sailors program.



The Kenny Sailors event during the Summer Reading Program had 105 participants.



# Upcoming Checkout Changes

by Caitlin White, Foundation Executive Director

## Medicine Bow – Routt National Forest Parking Passes:

Albany County Public Library will have Medicine Bow - Routt National Forest parking passes available for checkout starting in 2017. The parking passes will have a five day checkout period.

ACPL strives to offer diverse materials. Since a large portion of ACPL patrons enjoy the outdoors, the library will offer a circulating item that allows our patrons to experience the outdoors.

For more information, contact the library at 721-2580 x2 or check the Forest Service website at: [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov).

## Borrowing DVDs & Videogames:


The Albany County Public Library is in the process of implementing changes related to borrowing DVDs and videogames.

If you borrow DVDs, DVD sets, or videogames, you'll notice that ACPL has decreased the borrowing length for these items from three weeks to seven days. A seven-day checkout length more accurately represents the amount of time patrons borrow these materials.

Making this change should increase the amount of DVDs and videogames that are available for checkout because of the shorter borrowing period. However, DVDs, DVD sets, and videogames can still be renewed twice, if another patron has not placed a hold on the item. So if you preferred the three-week checkout period, just remember to renew your materials at the end of each week.

Patrons will only be able to checkout three DVDs at a time. The checkout limit for DVD sets and videogames will remain the same, at three items of each type per card.

Starting in November, there will be a small fee associated with returning DVDs, DVD sets, and videogames late. Each day these items are overdue there will be a \$0.25 fee per item, per day with a max fee of \$3 per item. This change was implemented to help prevent theft of these materials and to increase library income.

Besides DVDs, DVD sets, and videogames, ACPL only charges overdue fines for iPads and board games. There will still be no overdue fees for other materials such as books, CDs, and audiobooks. 

You're invited to the ACPL Foundation's annual "A Novel Night" fundraiser

## A NIGHT IN DISGUISE

A Phantom of the Opera-Themed Murder Mystery Night

Join us for a masquerade ball in spring 2017  
Friday, March 31 from 6pm-9pm

Interested in becoming an event sponsor or reserving your ticket today?  
Contact Foundation Executive Director Caitlin White at  
307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org)



# On Your Mark, Get Set....READ!

by Caitlin White, Foundation Executive Director

The 2016 Summer Reading Program was a big success! This year 841 people in Albany County signed up for our reading challenge. Participants received level prizes such as: coupons to Qdoba Mexican Grill, drawstring bags from BracesU, and water bottles from Room to Grow. When a participant completed the challenge, he or she was given a Book Buck, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

The summer also included many great programs for all ages. A highlight of the summer was visiting

author, Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Bertman wrote the best seller, "Book Scavenger." Local winter Olympian, Sarah Konrad also gave a presentation on her history as an athlete. Adult programs included presentations on Wyoming's bicycle history, the Runner Girl program and the Tour Divide bike race.

The summer wrapped up with the End of Summer Reading Bash. The ACPL Foundation hosted an afternoon full of food, activities and fun. More than 250 people attended the bash. 🌈



ACPL hosted a multicultural day children's program during the Summer Reading Program.



Founder Peggy McCrackin presented on the Runner Girl program as part of the sports-themed Summer Reading Program.



Stories @ the Parks program had another popular summer sharing stories, songs and activities in Laramie's parks.





(left) ACPL challenged kids to a Minute-To-Win-It program where activities included moving a cookie from your forehead to your mouth.

(below) Children's best selling author Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (second from left) with Youth Services Department staff Ruth Troyanek, Kennedy Penn-O'Toole and Deb Shogren (from left to right).



Face painting was one of the most popular activities during this year's End of Summer Reading Bash on July 29.



(above) Children participate in an egg drop activity during the Summer Reading Program.



(left) Winter Olympian Sarah Konrad gave a presentation on competing in cross country skiing and the biathlon.



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Who: All ages welcome

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## New ACPL Board of Directors Member

by Caitlin White, Foundation Executive Director

The Albany County Commission appointed a new member to the ACPL Board of Directors in July. Suzanne Mores joins the five-member board, replacing board member Diana Shelton whose term ended in June. Mores joins other board members Katie Hogarty, Chris Merrill, Jo-Carol Ropp and Kristine Utterback.

**Name:** Suzanne Mores

**Profession:** Former elementary and middle school teacher, former elementary and middle school principal, adjunct professor for the University of Wyoming College of Education

**Other community involvement:** League of Women Voters, Albany County Commissioner's Scholarship Board, Daughter of Penelope Representative from Albany County

**Favorite book:** It's a tie between "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck and "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

**Hobbies:** Reading, reading, reading. Gardening and cooking.

**Family:** Married to George Mores, they have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

**Why did you want to join the ACPL Board of Directors:** "I believe the library is vital to the community. It reaches all ages and ethnic groups. The library offers a wide range of learning venues and brings enjoyment to its diverse patrons. I want to be part of the team that enhances the community and continues to define and work toward the foundation of a top-notch library."

## What's Happening @ Your Library



### Children:

#### Book Babies

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Every Thursday at 11 a.m.

Third Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.

Stories and songs for ages birth to 2 and their caregivers.

#### Family Storytime

Every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

For preschool-aged children and their families.

#### Kids Lego Club

Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Build, inspire, create! The library provides the Legos.

#### Green Crafts

Every Monday at 4:15 p.m.

For early elementary-aged children.

#### Storytime Yoga

Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Tell out a story through yoga poses. For young children and their families.

#### Bookworms Book Club

Third Friday of the month at 1:15 p.m.

For grades 4–9 and the adults in their lives, whatever the relationship.

### Teens:

#### YAK!

Every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

For ages 13–18. A program for teens, planned by teens.

#### Manga Club

First and third Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.

For ages 13 and up. A discussion group for those interested in anime and Manga.

### Adults:

#### Sundries of the World Film Series

Every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Free popcorn and pop. Check the library website for a full schedule of the films that will be shown this spring.

### All Ages:

#### Harry Potter Movie Nights

Every Friday at 6 p.m. (Ends Nov. 11, no showing on Oct. 14)

A countdown to "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." All ages welcome!

#### The Game Bazaar: Tabletop Gaming for All Ages

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

All ages are welcome to participate in the library's weekly tabletop gaming night.

#### Zero Zone Yoga

Every Friday at 11:15 a.m.

Zero Zone Yoga taught by Kim Lau.



For more information on events, visit the library's website ([www.albanycountylibrary.org](http://www.albanycountylibrary.org)), like the library on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/acpls](http://www.facebook.com/acpls)) or contact the library.





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# Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates

## Fall Book Sale: It's the Big One!

### **Friends of the Library Members Sale**

Friday, Oct. 14 from 6PM-8:30PM

### **Open to the Public Sale**

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1PM - 4:30PM

Monday, Oct. 17 from 1PM - 4:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 10AM - 7:30PM

Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 10AM - 7:30PM

Thursday, Oct. 20 from 10AM - 7:30PM

Friday, Oct. 21 from 1PM - 4:30PM (Half price day!)

Saturday, Oct. 22 from 1PM - 4:30PM (Bag day!)



### **Serve on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors:**

The Friends of the Library has an opening for a board member.

To learn more, contact Friends of the Library President Betsy Moore at [lbookcellar@gmail.com](mailto:lbookcellar@gmail.com).

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Friends of the Library is seeking book sale crew volunteers.

**Interested?** Call 721-2580 x5464 or email [lbookcellar@gmail.com](mailto:lbookcellar@gmail.com).