



# THE OPEN BOOK

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
FRIENDS OF THE ACPL AND FOUNDATION



## Shop for a book in the nook

The Friends of the Library established another opportunity to make books and other items available to the public with the creation of the Book Nook in 2010.

The Book Nook allows the Friends of the Library to offer products to the public year-round, where previously community members had to wait for one of the three book sales each year to purchase items from the Friends of the Library. The Book Nook also increases public awareness about what the Friends of the Library do.

The Friends of the Library encourage you to shop the Book Nook anytime you stop by

the library. The Book Nook is located right inside the front doors.

The Book Nook has the latest titles and is focused more on popular authors and items that are in the best condition, Bernie Horst, a Friends of the Library book sale volunteer, said.

Horst oversees the Book Nook, consistently rotating books on the shelves and filling empty spots throughout the week. There is always something new to purchase in the Book Nook.

The Book Nook mainly exists to sell

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books, but it also includes family-oriented CDs and DVDs. The books sold in the Book Nook are from 14 different genres, Horst said. The children's books are the most popular sellers.

In the Book Nook, hardcovers normally sell for \$2-\$3 and recently published paperbacks normally sell for \$1. Items purchased in the Book Nook make great gifts and are reasonably priced, Horst said.

All funds raised from the Book Nook go to the library to purchase new materials for the collection. In a typical calendar year, the Book Nook sells more than \$4,000 worth of materials, increasing the funding that the library uses for new materials.

Besides the strong financial support the Friends of the Library provide to the Albany County Public Library, the organization also finds new homes for the donated books and other items. The Friends of the Library save many books from being recycled by providing free books to more than 25 locations around the community. 🌈



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- ✓ Household income must be \$60,000 or less
- ✓ First come, first served
- ✓ Returns are private and confidential, most can be e-filed for a quick refund, usually within five days
- ✓ Bring W-2 forms, social security numbers/dates of birth for all household members, other relevant tax forms including 1099s and 1098s, and if possible, a copy of your 2015 tax return.

## DATES & TIMES

Mondays (4–8 pm)	Wednesdays (4–8 pm)	Saturdays (1–5 pm)	TAX DAY
February 6, 27	February 1, 15, 22	February 4, 11, 18, 25	April 15
March 27	March 1, 8, 22, 29	March 4, 25	(1–5 pm)
April 10	April 5, 12	April 1, 8	

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## Curl up with a good book

The Albany County Public Library's first annual Winter Reading Challenge for teens and adults kicked off in early January.

"Winter seems like a better time for adults to participate in a reading challenge," Megan Richardson, adult services librarian said.

Often summer can be an overly busy time for adults, leaving little time to participate in the library's annual summer reading program, Richardson said. It can be difficult for parents to participate in the summer with their children, so Richardson and Young Adult Specialist, Kennedy Penn-O'Toole created the Winter Reads! program with these busy adults in mind.

The Winter Reading Challenge is for teens and adults. To participate, simply pick up a reading log at the library or print out a reading log online at: <http://www.albanycountylibrary.org/1adults.aspx>. Participants have until March 31 to complete the challenge.

The reading log lists several prompts for the types of book the teen or adult may read. The participant must read or listen to four books, audiobooks, or e-books for a chance to win prizes.

Richardson's favorite prompt is "Read a book you own, but haven't read."

"Everyone has a book sitting on their shelf that they haven't yet read," Richardson said. "Especially librarians."

Participants can only count a book toward one prompt on the reading log.

Prizes for the program include mugs, pint glasses and reusable bags. Each time a participant completes four books, he or she is entered into a weekly and grand prize drawing. The grand prize is a Kindle.

Participants can earn extra entries into the drawings for each book posted that tags ACPL on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or uses the hashtag #ACPLWinterReads!

Stop by the library and start the challenge today! 🌈



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

Friday, March 31 from 6pm-9pm 🎵 Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym

Support the Albany County Public Library Foundation  
by joining us for a masquerade ball.

TICKETS: \$75/individual or \$140/couple

Get your tickets *before* the event sells out!

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Contact Foundation Executive Director Caitlin White at 307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org)

A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant red rose with green leaves, set against a dark background.

# Relabeling over 100,000 library items

The Albany County Public Library is working on a project that will make positive changes to library usability.

Since 2015, ACPL has undertaken a relabeling project for the library's collection. Before books or other items head to the shelves, staff prep them to add theft protection and to make it easier for patrons to find the item they are looking for. This involves inserting security tags, adding an item record to the library catalog, securing dustcovers on hardcover books, protecting paperback spines with tape, and adding barcodes and property stamps.



Another important part of this process is preparing an item label that allows patrons and staff to find it in the library. This label shows a call number.

Over the years, call numbers on new library items have been updated for user-friendliness. Yet the library has never had the time or enough personnel to fix the call numbers on the labels of older items.

You may have noticed this problem when you're searching the shelves for a specific book. Often a book sitting on the shelf will have a call number sequence that doesn't match the call number sequence of the books next to it.

Due to this confusion, a relabeling project for all items was essential.

Spearheading this project is Ada Grabowski, a copy cataloger who has been with ACPL off-and-on

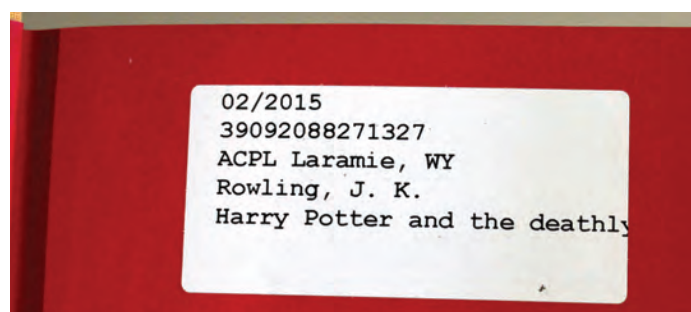
since 1995. Grabowski can recall times the library had at least five different methods for call numbers on items in the collection.

Since 2015, Grabowski – with support from the library's Technical Services staff – has devoted time to fix item labels. She has made significant progress having completed item labels in the following sections: adult fiction, science fiction, and romance; young adult non-fiction, fiction, books on CD, and Manga; adult and young adult graphic novels; juvenile graphic novels; and music CDs.

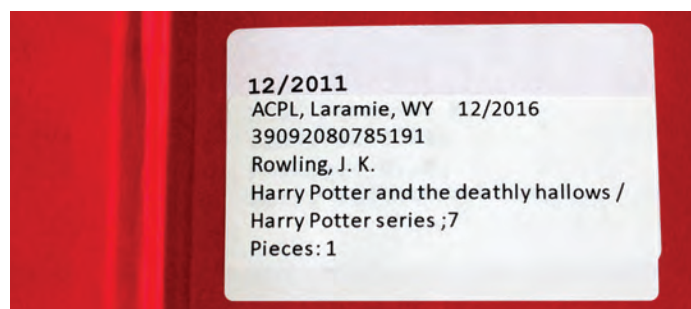
The relabeling project involves updating the spine label on each book, the inside label on the cover of each book and the record in the library catalog. Non-fiction spine label call number will follow the Dewey Decimal System, which has existed in the U.S. since 1876. Fiction spine label call numbers will name the author, as they are organized alphabetically by author's last name.

Call numbers will also clearly state which section of the library the item belongs in. For example, a young adult book call number will start with YA, whereas a children's book will start with JUV.

The inside labels on the covers of the books have also received an update. Besides the information provided on the spine label, the inside label will show if

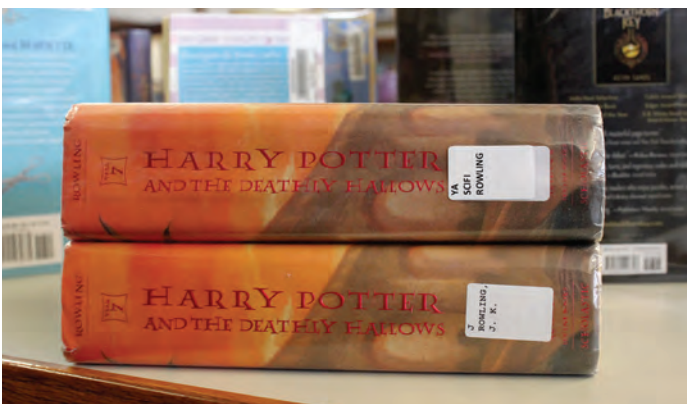


Before



After





the book is part of a series and what number the book is in that series.

In the months to come, Grabowski will continue to work section-by-section in the library until all items have been relabeled.

The relabeling project will make the borrowing process easier for both patrons and staff. Patrons will find that library items are easier to locate, while it will be simpler for staff and volunteers to shelve items in the correct location. Patrons will notice that library item records in the catalog are more uniform, and the borrowing process will be more streamlined. 🌈



# Library Collection Statistics

**Total Number of Library Items – 118,084**

## Number of Relabeled Items

\*These statistics represent the number of items that have been relabeled in the library.

- Adult Fiction – 12,845
- Adult Science Fiction – 2,599
- Adult Romance – 807
- Young Adult Fiction – 3,005
- Young Adult Non-Fiction – 718
- Young Adult Science Fiction – 757
- Young Adult Books on CD - 225
- Manga – 2,464
- Graphic Novels – 1,243
- Juvenile Graphic Novels – 633
- Music CDs – 6,052
- Total Relabeled Items – 31,348



## 2016 Circulation Numbers

\*These statistics represent the number of items that have been checked out by a patron in 2016.

- Adult Fiction – 37,789
- Adult Non-Fiction – 24,743
- Young Adult Fiction – 10,921
- Young Adult Non-Fiction – 898
- Juvenile Fiction – 19,384
- Juvenile Non-Fiction – 12,865
- AV (videogames, DVDs, etc.) – 30,731

**Total: 137,331**

# Thank you...

Guthrie Family Foundation  
for providing a \$15,000 grant  
for library programming,  
building maintenance, and  
Large Print books.



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## Foundation

We appreciate your support!

### It's time for Book Babies!

Book Babies is a special program for  
children ages two and under and  
their caregivers and siblings.

In a relaxed setting, we use rhymes, songs  
and stories to introduce babies and toddlers  
to the joys and rhythms of reading.  
Time to play and chat afterwards.



**Tuesdays at 10 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**  
**Thursdays at 11 a.m.**  
**Third Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.**

Drop in at your convenience.

Questions?  
Please contact Ruth at 307-721-2580 x5459 or  
rtroyanek@albanycountylibrary.org.



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## New ACPL Board of Directors Member

The Albany County Commission appointed a new member to the ACPL Board of Directors in December. Tim Monroe joins the five-member board, replacing board member Kristine Utterback. Monroe joins board members Katie Hogarty, Chris Merrill and Jo-Carol Ropp. The library board also has one vacancy at this time.

**Name** Tim Monroe

**Profession:** Health care. Worked 45 years in respiratory care and durable medical equipment rental and sales. In the last 15 years, Tim has worked as a nursing home administrator.

**Other community involvement:** Currently a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; past member of Rotary, the Masons, the Lions; church-goer; and Boy Scout leader.

**Favorite book:** Large Print murder mysteries by male authors and the "Cat Who" series.

**Hobbies:** Raising chickens for egg production, and fishing and boating in the warmer months.

**Family** Married to Ruth Monroe, they have two sons, one daughter and two granddaughters. They are expecting a new granddaughter in February.

**Why did you want to join the ACPL Board of Directors:** "For the past many years, I have felt a "calling" to serve on this board so that I can learn the issues and try to help resolve them. I have an extensive history of sound financial management, as well as supervision of employees so I am hoping my experience will be of benefit to my service on the board."



# 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.

### 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.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition

On display at ACPL from

May 27 to July 9, 2017

Come enjoy 50 original works  
by the author and illustrator of  
"Where the Wild Things Are"

## 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:

### 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 9 a.m.

Zero Zone Yoga taught by Kim Lau.

### Bill of Rights Exhibit

On display at the library through February  
An exhibit through the National Archives spotlighting one of the most remarkable periods in American history. The exhibit contains simple messages conveying the importance of the Bill of Rights.

### CJ Box Book Signing

March 21

Box will be signing his new book "Vicious Circle" on the day it comes out! This event will be held at the American Heritage Center and co-sponsored with Second Story Books.

### They Were Good Americans

March 23

A ThinkWY Humanities Road Scholars Tour event with Richard Maturi for "They Were Good Americans," a true-life story of the Kipling's Error B-17 crew during World War II. They were the first B-17 crew to complete 25 successful combat missions and return to the states to train other airmen.



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# Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates

## Upcoming Book Sale

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

Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 4:30PM-7:30PM

Memberships will be sold at the door for \$10/individual and \$15/household.

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

Wednesday, March 1 from 10AM - 7:30PM

Thursday, March 2 from 10AM - 7:30PM

Friday, March 3 from 1PM - 4:30PM

Saturday, March 4 from 1PM - 4:30PM

### **\*Donation to the Friends of the Library:**

The Friends of the Library no longer accept donations of audio tapes, VHS movies (except for Disney), or magazines (except for current or special interest).



### **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).