



# THE OPEN BOOK

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
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## Let the wild rumpus start Maurice Sendak exhibit to start May 30

The Albany County Public Library Foundation will host the Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition, May 30 through July 8, at the public library.

The exhibit was created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of Sendak's most famous works, "Where the Wild Things Are." The exhibition, "50 Years, 50 Works, 50 Reasons," will visit the library during a nationwide tour. Albany County Public Library will be the sole location in the state of Wyoming to host the exhibit during the tour.

The exhibition will include 50 original paintings and illustrations by Sendak, along with a compilation of quotes from those who knew Sendak, on how he influenced and inspired them. Displays and other interactive components will be available throughout the library.

Accompanying the exhibit over the summer will be the library's annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Where the Wild Things Are." The 2017 SRP program will be for children and teens.

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### Where the Wild Things Are 2017 Summer Reading Program Events

#### Youth Events

- STORYTIME YOGA  
Mondays @ 10:30AM  
Undine Park
- BOOK BABIES ON THE PATIO  
Tues./Wed. @ 10AM  
Thursdays @ 11AM
- CHALK CLUB  
Tuesdays @ 2PM  
Starts June 13
- YAKI FOR TEENS  
Tuesdays @ 3:45PM
- THERAPY DOG SESSIONS  
Wednesdays @ 4PM
- AUTHOR STEVE JENKINS  
June 6 @ 1:30PM  
Gryphon Theatre

#### Stories @ THE Parks

Stories and songs for preschool-aged children and their families, rain or shine in Laramie's parks.

- WASHINGTON PARK - Tuesdays @ 9:30AM
- LINDFORD ELEM. SCHOOL - Tuesdays @ 10:30AM
- LAPRELE PARK - Wednesdays @ 9:30AM
- ACPL GARDEN - Wednesdays @ 10:30AM
- KIOWA PARK - Thursdays @ 9:30AM
- LABONTE PARK - Thursdays @ 10:30AM

#### Special Events

- MAURICE SENDAK MEMORIAL EXHIBITION  
Free & Open to the Public  
May 30-July 8
- STORYTIME ART CLASS  
W/FAVIAN HERNANDEZ  
Date TBD
- END OF SUMMER READING  
BASH W/MAGIC SHOW  
July 28 @ 2PM

#### SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 1!

- Programs begin June 1 and end July 28. No programs on July 4.
- Pick up a reading log at the library or download a log online at [www.albanycountylibrary.org](http://www.albanycountylibrary.org).
- For more information, check our calendar or Facebook page!

#### INTERESTED IN WINNING A SPECIAL GRAND PRIZE THIS SUMMER?

Pick up a Where the Wild Things Are Summer Reading Passport at the library. You'll earn stamps by coming to programs, answering trivia questions and visiting the Maurice Sendak exhibit. Earn enough stamps and you'll be entered into a raffle for a Maurice Sendak-themed prize basket!

The first day of the Summer Reading Program is June 1, and it will wrap up on July 28 with the End of Summer Reading Bash. This year's bash will feature a magic show with Ann Lincoln and balloon tying.

Highlights of the Summer Reading Program will include:

- Children's author and illustrator Steve Jenkins – June 6 at 1:30 p.m.
- Storytime Yoga – Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Book Babies – Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 11 a.m.
- Therapy Dog Sessions – Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
- Weekly Chalk Club – Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
- Stories @ the Park (check our website for the schedule)
- Watch the Artist sessions
- Garden Tours

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## Centennial Valley Branch Library receives new children's books

The Centennial Valley Branch Library of the Albany County Public Library recently received 77 new hardcover children's books to add to the collection.

Through funding from a Pilcrow Foundation grant, over \$1,000 worth of books were provided to the branch library. To qualify for the grant, one third of the funds to purchase the books had to be raised by a library partner organization or other sponsors. Then the Pilcrow Foundation provided a 2:1 match.

The Centennial Library and Cultural Association and sponsors Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman of Colorado and Terry Meany of California – raised or donated the funding needed to qualify for the grant.

Centennial Branch Library Librarian, Deb Shogren received notice of the grant award in January. Over the last few months, the Pilcrow Foundation sent Shogren a list of children's non-fiction and fiction books to choose from to add to the collection. Additionally, math and science books were provided.

Books added to the collection included: Mo Willems' "Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs," Sarah Penny-

packer's "Meet the Dullards" and Julia Sarcone-Roach's "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich." Many of the new books were award winners.

Following adding the new books to the collection, the Centennial Branch Library held a Storytime Celebration, a community gathering to celebrate the new arrivals. In attendance were the Centennial school students, community members and other guests.

"The kids were excited about the books," Shogren said. "The adults were also excited, especially because the books were such high quality and new, and that we got to keep them at our library."

During the celebration, volunteers Polly Costello and Christopher Weber read four of the new books to the school children.

The Pilcrow Foundation was founded in 2013. Its mission is to provide new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States.

Thank you to the Pilcrow Foundation, the Centennial Library and Cultural Association, Hal Berenson, Laura Ackerman and Terry Meany for funding this project! 🌈

## never a dull moment

### What's New Around ACPL

- Construction on the Janet Shively Memorial Garden began in late April and will continue through June. This new public space will be located on the north side of the library.
- The ACPL Foundation commissioned artist Favian Hernandez to develop a new mural in the Children's Area. Favian started painting the library's newest piece of art in early May. Thanks to Merseal Law, LLC (Josh and Lindsay Merseal) for sponsoring the mural project!
- The ACPL Search Committee hosted two public receptions with Library Director finalists in April.

The search committee provides a hiring recommendation to the ACPL Board of Directors. The board will make a final hiring decision. ACPL hopes to have a new Library Director on board this summer.

Sneak peek: A character from the new children's mural.





# The first mixed jury

**A**CPL Public Services Specialist, Cassandra Hunter had more than 40 attendees at a recent program “Laramie Women Made History!” Local historian, Kim Viner and the director of the Laramie Plains Museum, Mary Mountain presented on the first mixed jury and Wyoming’s 1869 Suffrage Act.



Laramie Plains Museum Director Mary Mountain addresses attendees during the April 27 library program.

Mountain spoke first about the 1869 Suffrage Act that granted Wyoming women the right to vote and hold political office. Long before other states or even other countries granted women this right, Wyoming’s men stepped up with this dramatic political action, creating an important part of history.

“We always talk about women stepping up,” Mountain said. “But I also love to talk about Wyoming’s men that stood up for women.”

Mountain noted that she is often asked why Wyoming decided to do this so early on. At the time Wyoming needed good publicity and needed more people to come West, Mountain

said. At the time, there were 6 adult men for every 1 adult woman in Wyoming.

Louisa Swain was the first woman to vote worldwide on September 6. Interestingly, Wyoming women voted primarily Republican in that first vote.

In 1871, the Suffrage Act was kept intact by a single vote. Viner noted that he believed that if Wyoming had repealed the Suffrage Act that year, Wyoming would most likely have not allowed women to vote again until the 1920s.

Viner spoke about the mixed jury of 1870 in Laramie, Wyoming. First, Viner painted a picture of what Laramie was like that year. There were 838 people in town at that time, 218 of them were female.

Because there was no local newspaper at the time, there is little local news about the six women that served on the first mixed jury in 1870.

Viner said that the judges during the time were of the mindset that putting honest women on juries would solve problems. Often juries of men were not



Local historian Kim Viner explains history in 1870.



Sarah Pease



Eliza Stewart Boyd



Amelia Hatcher Heath

"You shall not be driven by sneers, jeers, and insults of a laughing crowd from the temple of justice as your sisters have been from some of the medical colleges of the land." – Justice Howe addressing the first mixed jury



How the first mixed jury was chosen

honest enough to convict friends and worried about convicting men they saw as a threat.

However, the women were different. The six women served on a grand jury starting March 7, 1870. Viner told attendees the amount of information recorded about each woman.

The first woman called for the jury was Eliza Steward Boyd. Out of all the jurors, Boyd is one of the women we know the

most about. She was the first teacher in Laramie, starting in 1869 after moving to Laramie from Pennsylvania.

There was also Agnes Baker. The only information known about Baker was her name and her service on the jury.

Amelia Hatcher was a business owner in town, G. F. "Jane" Hilton was the wife of the Methodist pastor, and Mary Mackel was the wife of a clerk at Fort Sanders.

The final woman juror was Sarah Wallace Pease. She provided interviews later in life about the mixed jury. Viner noted that Pease was not originally called for the jury, but replaced another woman whose husband re-

fused to let her serve on the jury.

Pease noted that at the time all the women had a mutual understanding that they would seek to be excused from duty. However, when the judge explained the importance of their service, they decided to serve instead.

The mixed jury heard several indictments, the most interesting being a murder case that later led to a conviction.

"The women of the jury were heavily ridiculed for their service across the nation, and many newspapers flocked to Laramie to see the spectacle," Viner said. It became so troublesome that the women veiled themselves when heading to jury duty.

Viner noted that no women would serve on a jury in Wyoming again until 1950, with an exception in 1891 when the court could not find enough men. 🌈



From left to right: Local historian, Kim Viner; ACPL Public Services Specialist, Cassandra Hunter; and Laramie Plains Museum Director, Mary Mountain.



**Maurice Sendak** from page 6

The exhibit will be open to the public Monday–Friday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend dates and times will be announced closer to the opening of the exhibit. Those interested in setting up a private exhibit tour for a class or group should contact Caitlin White at the ACPL Foundation (307-721-2580 x5456 or [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@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. Bob Kansky joins the five-member board, replacing board member Suzanne Mores. Kansky joins board members Katie Hogarty, Chris Merrill, Tim Monroe and Jo-Carol Ropp.

**Name:** Bob Kansky

**Profession:** Taught mathematics at universities in 8 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, Portugal and South Africa. Wrote mathematics curriculum materials and administered programs for the Mathematical Sciences Education Board of the National Research Council and for the National Association of State Science and Mathematics Coalitions.

**Other community involvement:** Volunteers at ACPL as a shelver.

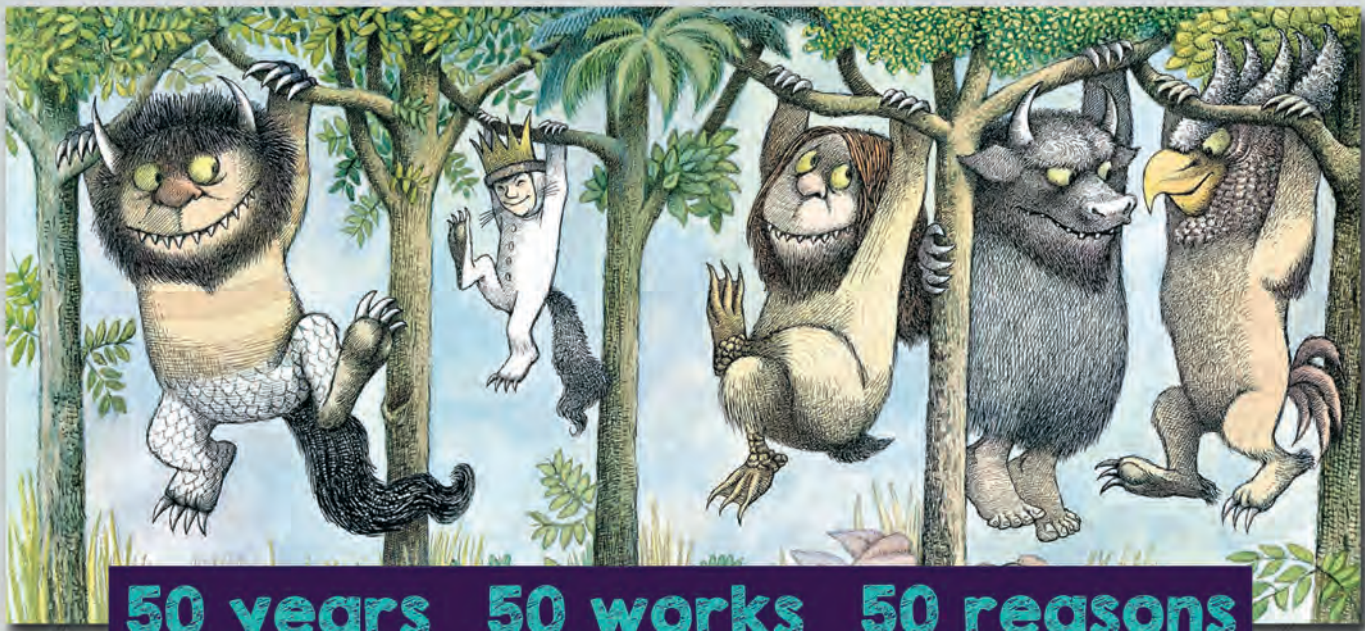
**Favorite book:** “As a former resident of Florida, my favorite book (written in the style of Carl Hiaasen and with his endorsement) just has to be a 2016 publication: “Oh Florida! How America’s Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country,” by Craig Pittman. Previously, it was “I Don’t Know Much About History,” by Kenneth C. Davis.”

**Hobbies:** “My primary hobby is cooking...a creative enterprise, if there ever was one.”

**Family:** Bob is the child of an immigrant father from Poland, who left just before WWI, and an immigrant mother from Ireland, who escaped a potato famine. Bob is married to Charlene, a retired English teacher.

**Why did you want to join the ACPL Board of Directors:** “My initial attachment to the ACPL was as a shelving volunteer. After two years in that role of learning the alphabet and the Hindu-Arabic numeration system, I was asked to join the board. Now I find that I have a lot more to learn.”





**50 years 50 works 50 reasons**

# **MAURICE SENDAK THE MEMORIAL EXHIBITION**



**ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Albany County Public Library invites you to take part in an exhibition of 50 works by the late, great Maurice Sendak presented with heartfelt words from 50 extraordinary people, whose lives were all touched by this beloved author and illustrator.

**May 30 - July 8, 2017**

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**for more information, exhibit times, and activities.**

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# Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates

## Upcoming Book Sale

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

Tuesday, July 25 from 3:30PM-6:30PM

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

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

Wednesday, July 26 from 10AM - 6:30PM

Thursday, July 27 from 10AM - 6:30PM

Friday, July 28 from 1PM - 5:30PM

Saturday, July 29 from 1PM - 4:30PM (50% off!)

### **\*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).

