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a familiar face, a new face

ACPL hires library director and youth services librarian

Welcome Library Director Ruth Troyanek!

ACPL's new library director is a familiar face to the community. Ruth Troyanek started in the position in June 2017. Troyanek has been a staff member in several different roles at ACPL since 2003. Most recently, Troyanek was the Youth Services Librarian for six years.

"I'm very committed to ACPL and our community," Troyanek said. "Becoming the director was a natural next step for my career. I've always enjoyed being a leader."

In the new position, Troyanek's main job duties entail working with the ACPL Board of Directors, managing library finances, supervising staff, building community outreach, encouraging staff development and maintaining excellent public services.

"To identify what Albany County needs, we will continue going beyond the doors of our libraries to interact with citizens who aren't library users," Troyanek said.

During her first year as director, Troyanek is working to increase support for the library's branches in Rock River and Centennial. The branches' book budgets have

been increased. The library board also changed the Rock River branch hours to accommodate the new four-day school week.

Troyanek is prioritizing getting the library fully staffed and continuing to support and develop current staff. She is in the process of hiring an assistant library director and a bookkeeper.

"We are lucky to have somebody who is so passionate about and dedicated to the library," ACPL Board of Directors Chair, Chris Merrill, said.

Troyanek feels passionate about the library because of the support it receives from the community.

"Everyday I see faithful volunteers working for the library, inside and out," she said.

During Troyanek's first few months on the job, a drainage issue was noticed on the building exterior. A local contractor volunteered to do the labor and buy the needed materials to remedy the problem. Troyanek estimates he saved the library \$10,000.

Troyanek will read anything by Ann Patchett and enjoys Martha Stewart's magazine and cookbooks.

Troyanek has a Master of Library Science



Ruth Troyanek

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Degree from the University of Iowa. She is a Whitewater Church volunteer and serves on the Tour de Wyoming Planning Committee.

**Welcome Youth Services
Librarian Monica Owens!**

ACPL's new Youth Services Librarian, Monica Owens, loves the chance to be silly and is never short on ideas. Owens brings 15 years of wide-ranging library experience to the Youth Services Department, from a school library to jail library, to both large and small library systems.

"We selected Monica Owens from a very strong pool of candidates because she had the most experience and the best public service skills," Troyanek said. "I'm excited to see her carry out some of the things she's done for community outreach in Albany County. She brings expertise from the Summit County, Colorado, libraries and other libraries in the Denver area."

Owens grew up moving a lot, attending five different elementary schools, but the one thing that was always a constant was the library. Early on, she never considered being a librarian because she was so in awe of librarians and didn't think she was smart enough. As an adult, she discovered she enjoyed research, using technology, and helping people.

"When I started to evaluate the things I was good at, I discovered that being a librarian is the perfect thing to me," Owens said. "One of the best compliments I have ever received was from my library

school advisor who said, 'Monica was born to be a librarian.'"

Owens has worked with all ages during her time as a librarian, but her passion and strength is working with youth. In past positions, she has included more programs for working families by holding evening pajama storytimes and weekend children's events.

As a librarian, she loves to read and couldn't possibly name a favorite book. Owens likes books with quirky characters, as well as historical fiction and non-fiction.

Owens is excited to join our library community. She enjoys living in smaller communities where you can really get to know people, and she identifies with ACPL's mission and values. Owens believes the best way to gain library support and involvement from the community is to start a love of the library young.

"How can you ever be stressed or upset when you see a child smile, help a teen with something they need or hear a baby giggle?" Owens said. "Mostly though, I enjoy striving to make the library a positive, fun, helpful and safe space for youth with the hopes of creating lifelong learners and library lovers."



Monica Owens

Owens enjoys trying new things and creating partnerships in the community. She has been awarded several grants for library services improvements. Her first priority in her new position will be to listen to the needs and ideas of the patrons and staff.

Owens has a Master of Library and Information Science Degree from the University of Denver. 🌈

Marian Rosina Jessup (1941–2017)

Marian was born February 14, 1941 in Quetta, British India (now in Pakistan) to Vernon and Shelagh (Bailey) Jessup. Her father was a master mechanic in the Royal Army and her mother was a homemaker. The young family eventually moved to Mumbai (Bombay), India before sailing for the United Kingdom in 1948 on one of the last British troop ships to leave shortly after Indian independence. Marian grew up in the London suburbs and she loved telling her family stories of her life as a London girl with a passion for jazz and classical music.

Marian came to America from England in early 1972 with her older daughter Lynette, living first in Massachusetts, where her younger daughter Lisa was born, and later in the Rocky Mountain West. Marian became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1986 but proudly remained a British subject and dual citizen her entire life.

Marian is survived by her two siblings, sister Vivian (Jessup) McLees and brother John Jessup. Both reside in England with their families. Marian is preceded in death by both of her parents.

Marian is also survived by her two daughters. Her oldest daughter, Lynette Seelmeyer, of Fort Collins,

CO is married to David Seelmeyer and they have two children, Thomas and Katherine (Katie).

Her youngest daughter, Lisa Nunley, is married to Shawn Nunley and they have one daughter, Miranda. Marian's children and her grandchildren were the loves of her life and brought her endless joy and happiness.

Early childhood education was a passion for Marian. She was employed with the Head Start Program in Laramie for several years, and had worked with small children in literacy programs and preschool programs for most of her adult life.

She was an avid reader with four library cards to libraries in England and America and you could often find her spending hours of her time in any library or bookstore, reading. In addition, Marian was pursuing her own college degree in Early Childhood Education.

Marian's passion for life was contagious and energizing. Everyone that met her loved her, and she always made a positive impact on their lives.

The family has asked for donations to the Lincoln Center, Laramie Head Start, Interfaith Good Samaritan, or the Albany County Public Library Foundation. 🌈

thanks for donating!

New donation area for the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library have a new donation area. Now when you enter the public library, the donation space is located straight ahead.

The donation area is located next to the copier and print release station, where the previous Information Station was located.

The donation area was moved to make room for the new mural in adult non-fiction. The updated donation space is also easier to locate upon entering the library and gives the Friends of the Library more space to accept donations.

The Friends of the Library accept donations when the library is open. Check the back page of the newsletter for upcoming book sale dates! 🌈

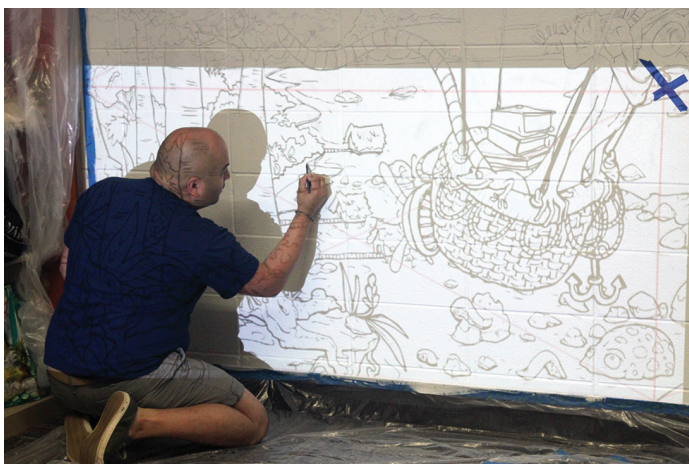




The stars of "A Lemur's Tale" were also created in to a book display by the artist.



Thirty kids and their caregivers attended a special storytime and art workshop to celebrate Favian Hernandez's new mural.



Favian Hernandez outlines the mural to start the project in early June.

Local artists produce

For several months, the Albany County Public Library Foundation has been collaborating with ACPL, the Laramie Art Project and the Laramie Mural Project to develop new art by local artists within the library.

The first new mural was created in the library with use of acrylic paint. Patrons were able to see local artist, Favian Hernandez, paint the mural between May and June.

"A Lemur's Tale," the whimsical, new children's area mural debuted on June 17. Hernandez created the mural that depicts the travels of Eli the Lemur and Fry the Gecko. Eli is traveling in a hot air balloon with his collection of books from his home of Madagascar to a far away kingdom. During their travels, the pair travels through Laramie and its surrounding areas.

The mural has been a huge hit with kids and adults alike. Children can point out the various Laramie landmarks included in the mural such as, Vedauwoo or downtown Laramie. Hernandez also construct-

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Goal: Raise \$500

for chairs to complete the mural project and create a new reading space at ACPL.



Interested in funding the full \$500?
The ACPL Foundation will place a plaque with your name on the chairs.

We accept card, cash or check.
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The ACPL Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that solely benefits the public library. Donations to ACPLF are tax-deductible.

new murals for ACPL

ed a papier-mâché sculpture of Eli the Lemur. The sculpture is a book display where the library staff can display a new book for children.

Hernandez also provided an art workshop program over the summer. Thirty children and their caregivers participated in a special storytime that concluded with Hernandez helping the children with an art project. Each kid in attendance creatively designed a papier-mâché hot air balloon and basket.

“A Lemur’s Tale” was sponsored by Merseal Law, LLC.

The second new mural to the library is “Do You See What I See?” The mural is a contemporary, wall-mounted installation designed by local artist Diana Baumbach. Baumbach created the installation in her studio and then had a small crew mount the piece in the library.

The mural is designed to explore pattern and visual perception. It has an irregular pattern that was cut out of layered plexiglass. The unique piece was mounted in the adult non-fiction area.

The space will be altered into a public reading area and includes a large light table.

“Do You See What I See?” was sponsored by the ACPL Foundation and the artist. 🌈

Special thanks to:

Diana Baumbach

Barbara Chatton

Favian Hernandez

Dave Jones

Seth Leininger, *ACPL Maintenance Specialist*

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Chris Parmelee

Mary Katherine Scott

Trey Sherwood

Ruth Troyanek, *ACPL Library Director*

Caitlin White, *ACPLF Executive Director*



Diana Baumbach's mural "Do You See What I See?"



Library patrons and staff listen to artist Diana Baumbach at the mural opening reception.



A small crew installs "Do You See What I See?" in the library's adult non-fiction area.

New ACPL Board of Directors Member

The Albany County Commissioners appointed a new member to the ACPL Board of Directors. Mike Massie joins the five-member board, replacing board member Katie Hogarty. Massie joins board members Chris Merrill, Tim Monroe and Jo-Carol Ropp. The Albany County Commission is in the process of appointing a fifth member.

Name: Mike Massie

Profession: While now retired, Massie brings a plethora of experience to the library board from his professional background. Massie was most recently the special assistant to the President/Director of Governmental Relations at the University of Wyoming. Previously, his experience included positions at Child Development Services of Wyoming, the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, and the Wyoming Humanities Council.

Other community involvement: Massie served on the state legislature in both the House (1995-1998) and Senate (1999-2010). He has served as a board member of numerous organizations including: the UW Board of Trustees, the UW American Heri-

tage Center Board of Advisors and the Wyoming Early Childhood Partnership. Massie is the recipient of many awards including, Laramie Citizen of the Year in 2014.

Favorite book: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck. Massie has several favorite authors and books. His favorite book at any given moment depends on what he is thinking about.

Hobbies: Baseball, genealogy and volunteering.

Family: Massie is married to Ruth Massie and has two children, Kara and Jedidiah.

Why did you want to join the ACPL Board of Directors: "The public library is one of the pillars of the community, the center of lifelong learning and a fundamental element in our democracy. One of my earliest memories is of my mother taking me to the local public library near our suburban home in Akron, Ohio. Wherever I have gone and whatever I have been doing for the past 60+ years, libraries have been an important part of my life. Being appointed to the board of the ACPL is part of this history." 🌈

Thank you...

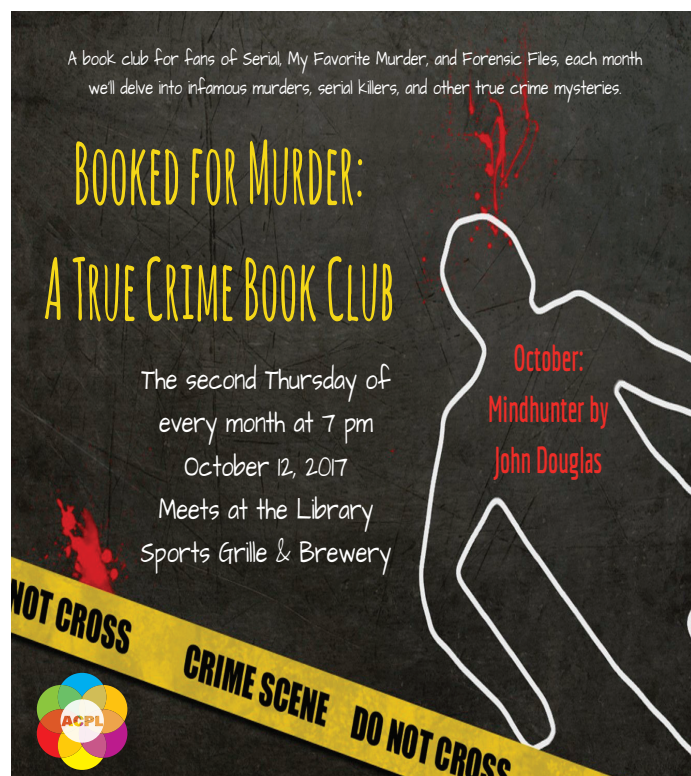
Guthrie Family Foundation for providing a \$20,000 grant for library programming, supplies and technology.

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for providing a \$2,500 grant for the Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition.



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What's Happening @ Your Library

Children:

Book Babies

Every Tuesday 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 Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Act 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 homeschooled children in 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.

Adults:

Documentaries from Afar

Sundays in November at 7 p.m.

The series will look at the true stories from around the world discussing honest, salient and inspiring ideas from around our breathtaking and varied Earth.

Cooking the Books: A Culinary Book Club

First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., Library Meeting Room

Join local foodies for a potluck style source of fresh ideas, handpicked recipes and good food.

Quintessential Sequential

First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., 8 Bytes Game Café

A place for interested newcomers and fans of the sequential art form of literature (graphic novels, comic books, Manga) to discover and discuss all the beautiful, provocative and heroic stories this form has to offer.

Booked for Murder: A True Crime Book Club

Second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., Library Sports Grille

A book club for fans of "Serial," "My Favorite Murder," and "Forensic Files." A book club that delves in to infamous murders, serial killers, and other true crime mysteries.

Cozy Mystery Book Club

Third Monday of the month at 2 p.m., Library Main Area

If you're an armchair detective who prefers their mystery stories heavy on the small town charm and light on sex and violence, this book club is for you!

Literary Alliance: A Social Justice Book Club

Third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., The Great Untamed

A book club committed to social justice, cultural diversity and equity.

After Hours Book Club

Last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., Alibi Pub

Books are chosen by club members.

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.

Marvel Movie Marathon

Thursdays in October at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for this super-movie series!

Samhain Concert with Four Shillings Short

October 28 at 3 p.m.

A Samhain/Halloween concert including poetry, songs, stories and folklore in celebration of the ancient Celtic bonfire festival of Samhain. Many of our modern day Harvest celebrations and customs are based on this festival including ghost stories, Halloween costumes, bobbing for apples, and the jack-o-lantern.

High Plains Seed Library Work Days

Fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m.

A get together to clean and package donated seeds to enter into the High Plains Seed Library.

For more information on events, visit the library's website (www.albanycountylibrary.org), like the library on Facebook (www.facebook.com/acpls) or contact the library at 307-721-2580.



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Monday, Nov. 13 from 1PM - 5:30PM

Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 14-16 from 10AM - 6:30PM

Friday, Nov. 17 from 1PM - 5:30PM (50% off!)

Saturday, Nov. 18 from 1PM - 4:30PM (Bag day!)



***Donating 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.

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