



# THE OPEN BOOK

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



rock, paper, scissors

## Learning to code at the library

Attendees at a special program in December at the Albany County Public Library learned a new way to play Rock, Paper, Scissors.

ACPL, in partnership with TechTalk Laramie and the ACPL Foundation, hosted a Learn to Code event for ages 8 to 118 to celebrate Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code. No coding experience was needed to participate.

Local programmers from TechTalk Laramie taught the hands-on coding class. The ACPL Foundation provided laptops for participants to use for the event. The program had three classes based on age, 8–12; 13–17; and 18–118.


Each class did the same coding task, which the instructors then geared toward the age group. The coding task used JavaScript, a programming language, to program a simple game of Rock, Paper, Scissors.

All the age groups enjoyed it, and each class was full. Due to a limited amount of computers, the library had to cap attendance.

“It was interesting because the youngest age group didn’t know certain keyboarding tricks,” Monica Owens, the library’s youth services librarian, said. “But the teens blew through it.”

Owens is encouraged by the opportunity to partner with TechTalk Laramie more in the future. There was obvious interest in the coding classes, and there is a big need for more basic computer training for all ages, Owens said.

Owens explained that basic coding helps people to understand basic logic, as well as learning how computers work. Coding and STEM activities are becoming big topics in school and are of interest to most education levels.

Moving forward, the library and TechTalk Laramie will work to collaborate on more programs related to technology. Contact the library with your suggestions related to technology programming. 





# THE Mad Hatter's Tea Party

an ALICE IN WONDERLAND-THEMED MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER

🔑 Date: Fall 2018

🔑 Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym

🔑 Tickets: \$75/individual, \$140/couple

🔑 Sponsorship opportunities available

🔑 We're excited to announce that our annual fundraiser is moving to the fall! Watch for the announcement of our official date soon.

THE ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S THIRD ANNUAL "A NOVEL NIGHT" FUNDRAISER

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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 5–10 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 2016 tax return.
- ✓ We can do out-of-state, past year, and amended income tax returns.

## DATES & TIMES

**Mondays**  
(4–8 pm)  
**February 12**  
**March 5, 26**  
**April 16**

**Wednesdays**  
(4–8 pm)  
**January 31**  
**February 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**March 7, 21, 28**  
**April 4, 11**

**Saturdays**  
(1–5 pm)  
**February 3, 10, 17, 24**  
**March 3, 24, 31**  
**April 7, 14**

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# The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

The second annual Winter Reading Challenge kicked off on January 1, 2018. The challenge for adults and teens will run from January to March 31.

Adult Services Librarian, Megan Richardson said last year's participants really liked the program.

"It encourages people to read more widely," Richardson said. "It can help people find things to read that are outside their comfort zone."

This year, there are 40 different reading challenges for participants to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library.

Reading challenges include: a book purchased from a library book sale, a book about refugees or immigration, and a book becoming a movie in 2018. Each participant can choose which challenges he or she wants to do. Participants can do as many or as few challenges as they choose.


For each four books a participant reads, he or she will be entered into a weekly

drawing. Weekly prizes for the program include mugs, pint glasses, and reusable tote bags.

For each four books read, the participant will also be entered into the grand prize raffle. This year's prize basket includes: an "Alice in Wonderland" tote, library due date socks, a banned books mug, a composition-themed notebook pouch, an Out of Print gift card, a Night Heron gift card, a 1-year membership to the Friends of the Library and two complimentary tickets to the ACPL Foundation's upcoming mystery night fundraiser in the fall.

Participants may only count a book toward one reading challenge.

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!

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>. 



Challenge	Title	Staff Initials
Science Fiction or Fantasy novel		
Book of poetry, a play, or essays		
Newbery Award Winner or Honor book		
Listen to an audiobook		
Becoming a movie in 2018		
Purchased from a library book sale		
Set in a foreign country		
Published in 2017 or 2018		
About food		
Less than 200 pages		
A one word title		
Memoir or biography		
Published the year you were born		
From one of ACPL's book clubs		
Reread a book you love		
Edgar Award Winner or Nominee		
LGBT main character		
Young Adult novel		

Challenge	Title	Staff Initials
Book you own, but haven't read		
The first book in a series you've never read		
Originally written in a foreign language		
Short Story Collection		
Recommended by an ACPL employee		
Book you chose for the cover		
A color in the title		
A retelling of a fairy tale		
About politics		
An author with pseudonym or a pen name		
Graphic novel or manga		
A "classic" - published more than 50 years ago		
Set in a bookstore or library		
Written by a person of color		
By one of your favorite authors		
About science		
About music or a musician		
From a "Best Books of 2017" list		
With multiple authors or an anthology		
About refugees or immigrants		
About history or a historical fiction book		
A picture book		

# 40th anniversary of the ACPL Found

In 1978, the library's two support organizations, the ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library, were founded. This was a time of great need for the public library. During the late 70s, the two organizations worked tirelessly to help make a new library a reality. The ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library hosted fundraisers, educated the public about voting for the new library, and creatively raised money. With the help of these non-profits, the Albany County Public Library opened the doors to the new library in 1981.

In 2018, the library's two support organizations turn 40 years old. Yet, the ultimate goal for the ACPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library hasn't changed after four decades. These organizations still work tirelessly to make a great library even better.

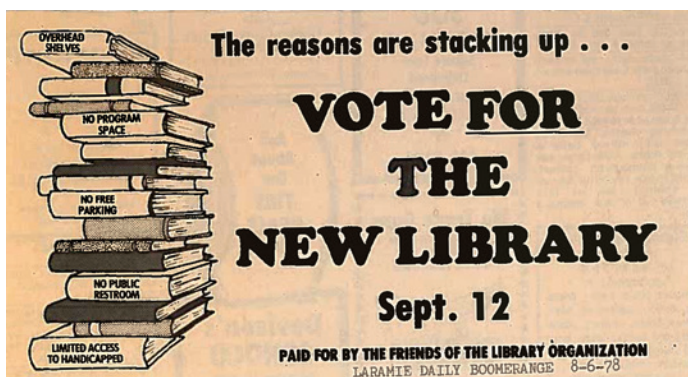
The ACPL Foundation started humbly with only a few thousand dollars in the bank. Today, the library foundation's assets have grown to more than \$2 million. The ACPL Foundation provides a minimum of \$60,000 to the library each year for programming, materials, technology, continuing education, supplies, public relations, building maintenance, and special projects.

The Friends of the Library took over the book sale when it was still at the old Carnegie library. Once the new library was built, it wasn't long before the Friends of the Library book sale grew to the size of a small bookstore in the library basement. Today, the Friends of the Library still runs entirely on volunteers, providing around \$50,000 annually to the public library for materials. 🌈



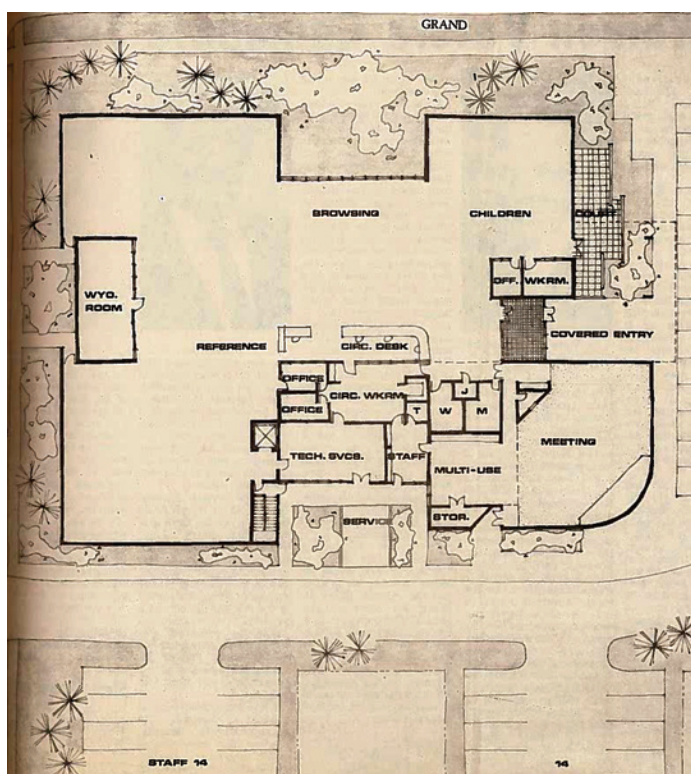
(Above) You might recognize this piece of furniture. Before the move to the new library in 1981, this served as the library's Circulation Desk. Today, the Friends of the Library still use it during book sales in the library basement.

(Below) The annual Friends of the Library book sale in 1980.

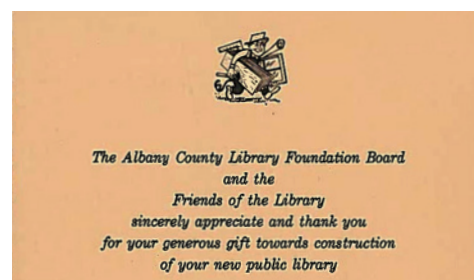
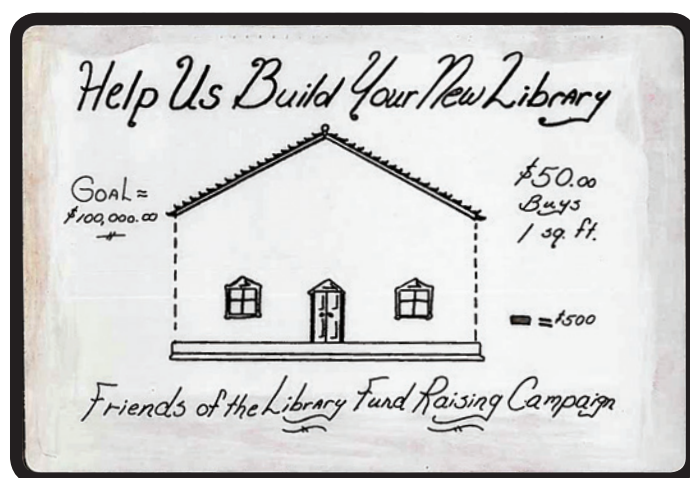




# Foundation and Friends of the Library



(Left) An early set of plans for the 1981 library.



## Anniversary Events

**January–December 2018** – Raising 40 in 40! The ACPL Foundation's goal is to raise \$40,000 in 2018 in honor of our 40th anniversary. Help us reach our goal by donating today.

**January–March 2018** – Winter Reading Challenge: Read 40 books to celebrate the anniversary!

**February–December 2018** – "Remembering Ralph" Fundraising Campaign: Ralph McWhinnie gave \$100 to the ACPL Foundation back in 1978. Match Ralph's first donation with a \$100 gift to the ACPL Foundation during our anniversary year.

**May 2018** – 40 Library Heroes Display: Head to the library to see our display of people and groups that have significantly helped Albany County Public Library over the last 40 years. \*You can nominate an individual or group you think has been a library hero on the ACPL Foundation website at: [www.albanycountylibrary.org/foundation/40.aspx](http://www.albanycountylibrary.org/foundation/40.aspx)

**June 2018** – A Look Back: Visit the library for a historical display highlighting the last 40 years.

**August 2018** – Help Us Dream! Stop by the library and add your ideas for the library, ACPL Foundation, and Friends of the Library for the next 40 years.

**Fall, 2018** – The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, an Alice in Wonderland-themed Murder Mystery Night Fundraiser. Watch for the official announcement of the event date!

**September 19, 2018** – ACPL Foundation Birthday Party! Join us to celebrate the official day 40 years ago that the Foundation became a non-profit organization. We will also have limited edition library cards available during the month of September.

**October/November 2018** – Appreciation Night for Friends of the Library Members, Donors, Staff, & Volunteers.

**Watch your email for updates and announcements related to the ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library 40th anniversary!**

# New ACPL Board of Directors Member

The Albany County Commissioners appointed a new member to the ACPL Board of Directors. Scott Shoop joins the five-member board, replacing board member Bob Kansky. Shoop joins board members Chris Merrill, Tim Monroe, Jo-Carol Ropp and Mike Massie.

**Name:** Scott Shoop

**Profession:** Scott has been an educator for 30+ years. He is currently the principal at Whiting High School.

**Other community involvement:** Scott has been involved in numerous school associated activities and was a charter board member of the Friends of Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis.

**Favorite book:** “This is a simple question with a high degree of difficulty for me. I love literary fiction in particular. That being said, after all my years of reading, I continually find myself thinking about “Don Quixote” and how it motivated me to try to see

the things in life as they ought to be, not merely how they are in the present.”

**Hobbies:** Scott enjoys seeing the beauty of the world with his family, rock hunting, playing guitar, and sports that involve balls.

**Family:** Scott and his wife, Carma, have been married for more than 35 years. The couple has two adult children and one granddaughter.

**Why did you want to join the ACPL Board of Directors:** “I place a high value on public libraries and the importance they have in a community pertaining to culture and literacy. I served on the Weston County Library Board for two, 3-year consecutive terms. The last three years, I served as the board chairman. I also served one, 3-year term on the Hot Springs County Library Board, the last year as chairman. In that time, I worked with the director, board, and commissioners to insure the integrity of our services to those communities; I want to continue to serve this community in that endeavor.”

SUNDRIES OF THE WORLD FILM SERIES

4TH ANNUAL WINTER SPRING SERIES!

1/28: <i>Micmacs</i> (France)	4/8: <i>The Treasure</i> (Romania)
2/4: <i>The Salesman</i> (Iran)	4/15: <i>Ma Vie En Rose</i> (Belgium)
2/11: <i>Tanna</i> (Vanuatu/Australia)	4/22: <i>Bad Luck Goat</i> (Columbia)
2/18: <i>1944</i> (Estonia)	4/29: <i>Right Now, Wrong Then</i> (S. Korea)
2/25: <i>Glory</i> (Bulgaria)	5/6: <i>The Teacher</i> (Slovakia)
3/4: <i>Neruda</i> (Chile)	5/13: <i>Paradise</i> (Russia)
3/11: <i>Where Do We Go Now?</i> (Lebanon)	5/20: <i>After the Storm</i> (Japan)
3/18: <i>Heartstone</i> (Iceland)	5/27: <i>Il Postino</i> (Italy)
3/25: <i>The Lunchbox</i> (India)	6/3: <i>Land of Mine</i> (Denmark)
4/1: <i>13 Minutes</i> (Germany)	

For Adults Ages 18 + (Some films contain mature content).

Every Sunday Night at 7PM (Jan. 28 - June 3)

Albany County Public Library, 310 S. Eighth St.

Questions? Contact Tyler Brown at [tbrown@albanycountypubliclibrary.org](mailto:tbrown@albanycountypubliclibrary.org).

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# What's Happening @ Your Library

## Children:

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### Storytime Yoga

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

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

### New Times! Book Babies

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. and third Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.

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

### Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

For preschool-aged children and their families.

### Kids Lego Club

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

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

### NEW! Pajama Storytime

Last Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal! Kids are guaranteed to sleep through the night after this storytime.

### 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.

### NEW! Preschool Play Time

First Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Come play at anytime! This is a drop-in event for children and adults to play and socialize. Kids can visit our active play areas such as hopscotch, games, puzzles, and more!

## Teens:

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### YAK!

Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.

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

## Adults:

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### Sundries of the World Film Series

Sundays starting Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

An international film series. Free popcorn and pop.

### NEW! Stress Relief Clinic

Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

The Laramie free stress relief clinics are a resource for the community that uses group ear acupuncture as

formulated by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association. Ear acupuncture treatment helps relieve stress, reduce cravings, and balancing mental health.

### Quintessential Sequential

First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Lovejoy's

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 into 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:

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

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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

### Zero Zone Yoga

Fridays at 9 a.m.

Zero Zone Yoga taught by Kim Lau.

### Albany County Public Library Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Third Monday of the month at 4:30pm in the library meeting room.

Meetings are open to the public.





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# Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates

## Upcoming Spring Book Sale

### Members Only Sale

Tuesday, February 27 from 3:30pm - 6:30pm

\*Memberships will be sold at the door: Individual \$10, Family \$15

### Open to the Public Sale

Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 10am - 6:30pm

Thursday, March 1 from 10am - 6:30pm

Friday, March 2 from 1pm - 5:30PM (50% off day!)

Saturday, March 3 from 1pm - 4:30PM (Bag Day) \*Medium bags \$7, large bags \$10

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

The Friends of the Library no longer accept donations of audio tapes, VHS movies, 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 [acplbooksale@gmail.com](mailto:acplbooksale@gmail.com).

