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All Aboard!

2018 Summer Reading Program

Jump onboard for the Albany County Public Library's upcoming Summer Reading Program!

The free Summer Reading Program, for children and teens, will run June 1–July 31. This year's SRP theme is "All Aboard! Celebrating Laramie's 150th Anniversary."

"There are so many exciting things happening during the summer for the 150th anniversary," Monica Owens, the library's youth services librarian, said. "We felt that the library should hop onboard and help bring attention to this important year for Laramie."

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, the library will offer "150 Things for Kids Around Laramie," a special activity log for kids. These 150 things will give parents and caregivers fun ideas for kids, including visiting local museums or playing in Undine Park's splash park. The activity log starts this summer and runs through December.

Similar to previous summers, the library will have a weekly children's event at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. Themes for these events will include trains, homesteading, the Wild West, and bingo. Tuesday events are geared

toward school-aged children, but all youth are welcome.

Head to the library on June 5 for Mr. Bones and his walking dinosaur presentation. On June 26, the library will host Jim Jackson's Big Bubble Circus, a comedy/magic event with lots of bubbles!

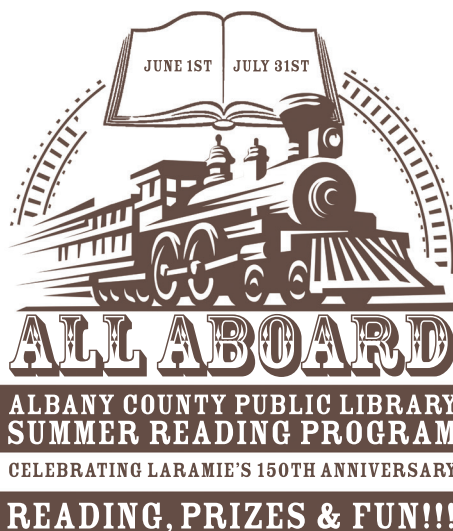
On July 3, families and children are invited to participate in a small parade to celebrate the Fourth of July. Attendees can decorate bikes, scooters, strollers, and more with festive American décor. The last Tuesday event, on July 31, will be an interactive Harry Potter movie experience for all ages and families.

At the Pajama Storytime program on June 28, the library will be participating in Laramie Pridefest with a Drag Queen Edition storytime.

The annual End of Summer Reading Bash will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on July 27.

The Summer Reading Program plays an important role during the summer for children and teens, Owens said. Research has shown that reading programs help youth retain their school-year learning over the

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summer. Owens noted that the program also shows kids what a fun activity reading is.

This year, ACPL will debut a reading log for ages birth to three. This log will include early literacy activities.

“A lot of people don’t think about the Summer Reading Program for babies,” Owens said. “But these are some of the most important years for children to hear vocabulary, learn to turn pages, and fall in love with books. This leads them to becoming life-long readers, learners and library lovers.”

Reading logs and “150 Things For Kids Around Laramie” activity books will be available at the library on June 1. A full schedule of Summer Reading events is available on the library website. 🌈

Summer Reading Program 2018 Schedule

Mondays

10:30 a.m. – Storytime Yoga at Undine Park (No story time July 9)

Tuesdays

10:15 a.m. – Book Babies on the Library Patio

2 p.m. – Weekly Summer Reading Youth Events

3:45 p.m. – YAK! Teen Program

Wednesdays

10 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, La Prele Park

11 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, Kiwanis Park

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, Kiowa Park

10:30 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, ACPL Garden

11:15 a.m. – Book Babies on the Patio

2 p.m. – Kids Lego Club

6:45 p.m. – Pajama Storytime (June 28, July 26)

Fridays

10 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, Washington Park

11 a.m. – Stories @ the Parks, LaBonte Park

1–3 p.m. – End of Summer Reading Bash (July 27)

Saturdays

10:30 a.m. – Preschool Playtime (June 2, July 7)

2 p.m. – Laramie 150th-Themed Pokemon Walks (June 16, July 21)



🔑 Date: Saturday, September 22

🔑 Laramie Plains Civic Center South Gym

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

🔑 Sponsorship opportunities available



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FY19 library budget process

ACPL is approaching the end of its fiscal year, which means it's budget season.

The library budgeting process is a collaborative effort between library administration and the ACPL Board of Directors. The new fiscal year for the library begins July 1, 2018.

Library Director Ruth Troyanek starts the budgeting process by looking at current year spending and communicating with library staff and the board for needs and priorities. Assistant Library Director Rachel Crocker then builds the proposed numbers into a fiscal year budget.

The proposed budget goes through different drafts with the library board before being submitted to the Albany County Commissioners. Crocker noted that the library board gave initial approval on the proposed budget at a meeting in April. The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget in June.

The library administration presented the library budget to the Albany County Commissioners in mid-May. The final decision on Albany County's contribution to the library budget comes in June or early in July, Troyanek said.

In order for the Albany County Public Library to operate effectively, it relies on a variety of income sources. In FY19, the library will have a total budget of a little more than \$1 million. The income sources for the library's budget are incredibly important for the library to be able to provide essential services and programs to the community.

The greatest portion of income for the library comes from the Albany County mill levy. Funding for the mill levy comes from Albany County property taxes. This funding covers personnel costs and some operational expenses, Troyanek said.

One big positive for the library's upcoming fiscal year is that it is fully staffed for the first time since September 2016 and has been able to hire existing part-time staff members for full-time positions in the library, Crocker said.

Another income source is from the Albany County portion of the 5th Cent Sales & Use Tax. The 5th cent tax is levied upon retail sales and consumption of tangible personal property. Albany County voters must renew this tax every four years.

This income source is designated for IT services and purchases. If approved by the Albany County Commissioners, this area will represent \$37,000 of the FY19 budget.

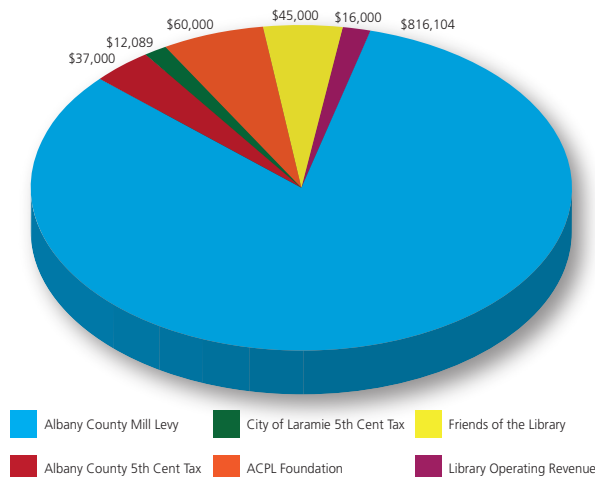
The library also receives 5th cent sales tax funding through the City of Laramie Community Partnership grant. This year, Community Partnership funding, \$12,089, is designated for a portion of library materials and building maintenance expenses.

The public library is dependent on tax monies, Troyanek said. The library would be very challenged if upcoming sales tax elections did not pass.

The Albany County Public Library Foundation will provide a minimum of \$60,000 to the library's

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Albany County Public Library FY2019 Income Sources



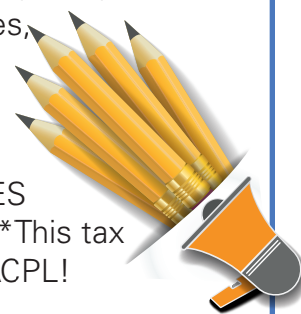
Important Upcoming Elections

Get out and vote!

August 21, 2018: Vote YES for the 6th Cent Specific Purpose Excise Tax (SPET) election.

*If the SPET election passes, ACPL will receive \$247,000 for interior and exterior building improvements!

November 6, 2018: Vote YES for the 5th Cent Sales Tax. *This tax makes a big difference at ACPL!



Honoring 40 library heroes

In 2018, the library's two support organizations, the ACPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library, turn 40 years old. To celebrate this milestone, the ACPL Foundation and Friends of the Library are taking a look back and remembering the incredible community support that continues to make a difference for our local public library.

In May, the organizations hosted the "40 Library Heroes" display at Albany County Public Library. This exhibit included 40 nominated individuals, groups, and organizations that have made a significant difference to ACPL over the last 40 years.

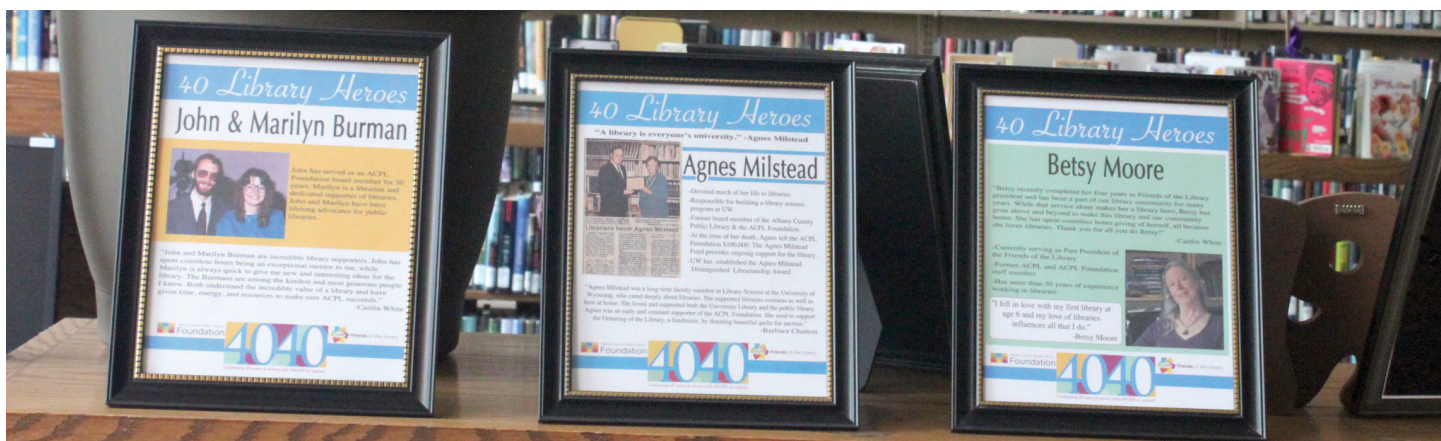
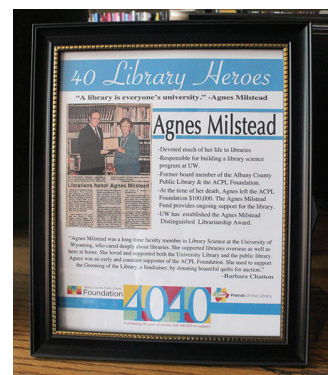
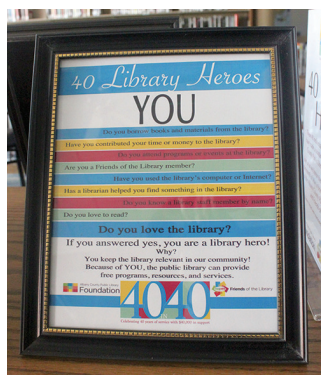
Each of the 40 library heroes deserves a great deal of thanks for their hard work, dedication, and generosity. These library heroes are devoted to the success of the Albany County Public Library, and the library would look much different without the enthusiasm and commitment shown by these individuals and organizations.

Among these library heroes is a clear loyalty and love for libraries. Visit the Albany County Public Library Foundation's Facebook page to read each hero's story at www.facebook.com/acplfoundation.

Thank you library heroes!



Library heroes (from left) Barbara Chatton, Linda Goldman, and Ruth Hanks were nominated as the Super Librarians trio by Audrey Kleinsasser.



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.
- GOING ON NOW! – "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.
- 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.
- 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.
- September 22, 2018 – The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, an Alice in Wonderland-themed Murder Mystery Night Fundraiser. Get your tickets now for the ACPL Foundation's annual fundraiser.
- 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!

40 LIBRARY HEROES

1981 Library Major Contributors
Albany County Commissioners 1979–1980
Albany County Public Library Board Members
Albany County Public Library Staff
Albany County Public Library Foundation
Board Members
Albany County Public Library Foundation
Named-Fund Individuals
Billy & Margaret Balthrop
John & Marilyn Burman
Centennial Library & Cultural Association
Maud Cook
Friends of the Albany County Public Library
Cecily Goldie
Guthrie Family Foundation
Paul Heimer
Dr. James "Jim" Hook
Lisa Kinney
Audrey Kleinsasser
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Daniel Nelson
Kay Nord
Penny Schenker
Bonnie Robertson
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
Robert & Adele Russin
Susan Simpson
Super Librarians – Barbara Chatton,
Linda Goldman, Ruth Hanks
Union Pacific Foundation
Volunteers
Walt & Ann Werner
Wells Fargo Foundation
Mary Winger
Wyoming Community Foundation
Wyoming State Legislators: Sponsors of the first
Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge Bill
You – If you love the library,
then you're a library hero!

Say hello to ACPL's 'new' staff members

Over the last four months, ACPL has welcomed three “new” staff members to the team. Be sure to welcome Rachel Crocker, Cassandra Hunter and Elizabeth Palmer.



Rachel Crocker

Assistant Library Director Rachel Crocker joined the staff on Jan. 31.

Crocker grew up in Wyoming and wanted to move back to the state following a job in Washington, D.C. She was interested in the assistant library director position because it was an opportunity to do operation-based duties in a library setting. Crocker enjoys making things work and working in a place where the staff really care about what they do.

Libraries are an essential part of a community, Crocker said. Public libraries are important public spaces, up there with hospitals and schools.

Crocker has been focused on learning the logistics of working with a governmental institution and educating herself on the library budget with its various fundraising sources and spending priorities.

Crocker graduated with a Bachelor's degree from UW and a Master's degree from Denver University. She formerly worked for Kansas State University teaching library instruction classes, doing community outreach, and conducting reference on the Information Desk.

Most recently, Crocker worked at IREX where she was working on the Beyond Access Initiative. She helped public libraries in eight countries add computers and Internet and taught the library staff and public to use that technology. Crocker primarily worked in the Philippines and Nigeria for the project.

Favorite Book: “The Chosen,” by Chaim Potok

Favorite Laramie Restaurant: Speedgoat Laramie



Cassandra Hunter

Cassandra Hunter became the adult services librarian at the end of April. Hunter has worked at ACPL for more than four years as a circulation assistant and an adult services specialist.

Hunter implemented the High Plains Seed Library in 2015. The seed library works just like a regular library, except the High Plains Seed Library lends seeds instead of books. Under Hunter's leadership, the seed library recently celebrated its two-year anniversary.

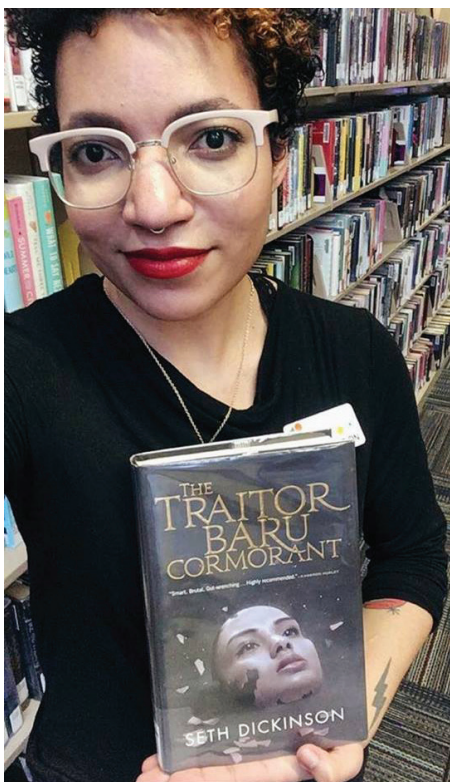
“This is my dream job,” Hunter said. “I’m inspired by all the possibilities and the many different opportunities for the community.”

The job will be a large undertaking with many different areas to be responsible for, Hunter said.

Hunter previously worked at the Sublette County Library. She will graduate in May 2019 with her Master of Library Science and Technology from Wayne University.

Favorite Book: “Clan of the Cave Bear” by Jean Auel

Favorite Laramie Restaurant: Sweet Melissa



Elizabeth Palmer

The new youth services specialist is also a familiar face. **Elizabeth Palmer** has worked as an ACPL circulation assistant for the past two years and started in her new role in April.

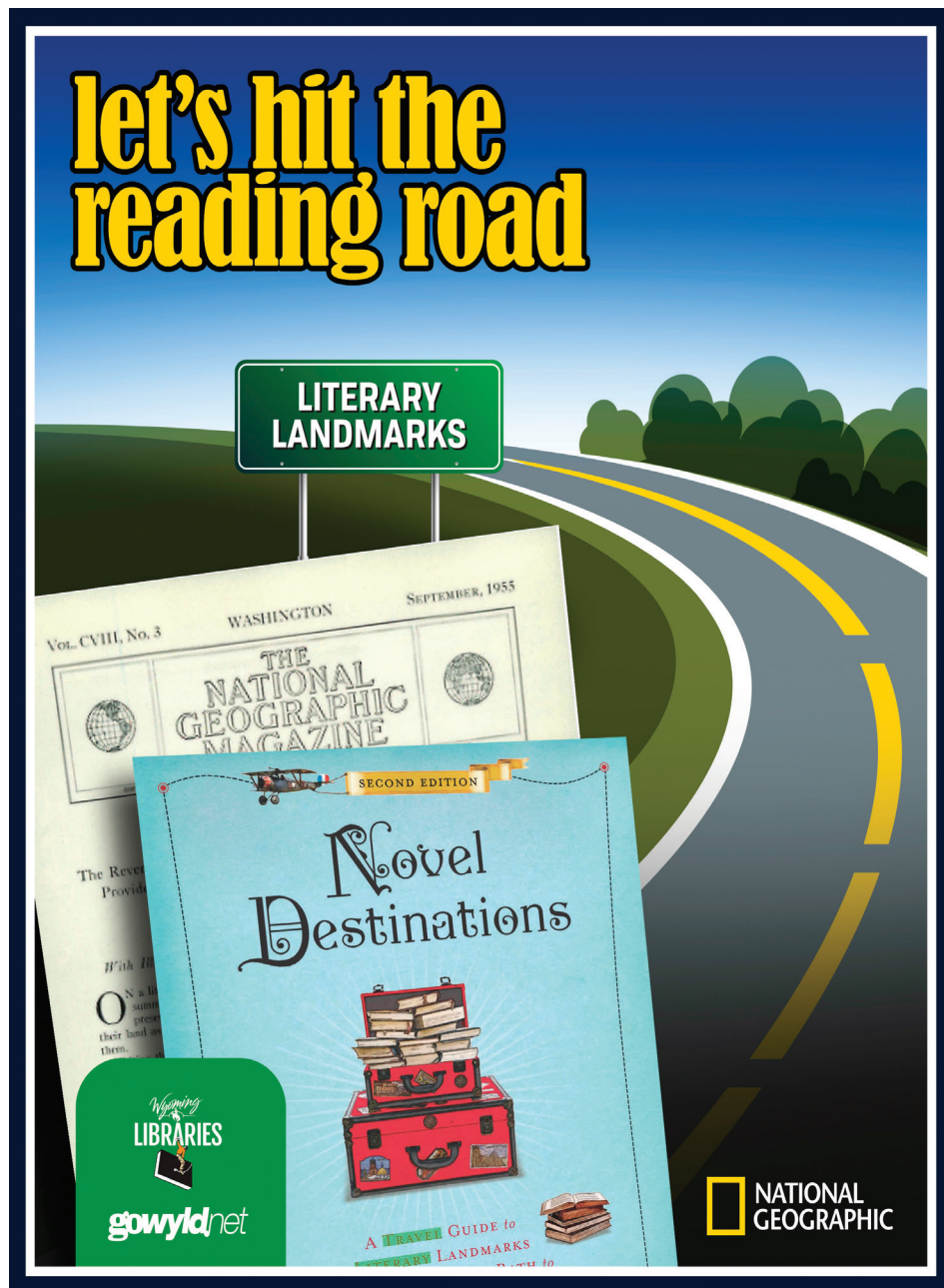
“I felt that my previous experience and goals for my professional future aligned well with the job,” Palmer said.

Palmer enjoys working with teens and kids. She thinks the best part of her job will be the opportunity to see kids and teens have fun and engage with her and the library’s programs. Palmer also believes this will be the toughest part of her job.

Palmer is interested in becoming a librarian in the future. Previously, Palmer worked at the LCCC Albany County campus library and with teens in an afterschool program.

Favorite Book in 2017: “The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue” by Mackenzi Lee

Favorite Laramie Restaurant: Speedgoat Laramie



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budget. The library’s entire all ages programming budget is provided by the ACPL Foundation. This funding is also used for materials, technology, building maintenance, library supplies, and continuing education.

From the Friends of the Library, funding accounts for about 75 percent of the library’s total book budget. In FY18, the Friends of the Library had a record breaking year and provided

about \$52,000 to the library. In FY19, \$45,000 is projected in the budget.

In FY19, the library is considering allocating a portion of the materials budget to e-books, e-audio-books, digital videos/music, and online New York Times access.

Lastly, a small portion of the library’s income, \$16,000, comes from operating revenue including library fines and copier/printer fees. 🌈



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Open to the Public:
Thursday, July 26, 10am - 6:30pm
Friday, July 27, 1pm - 5:30pm
Saturday, July 28, 1 pm - 4:30pm

Special Hours for Friends of the Library:
Wednesday, July 25, 3:30pm - 6:30pm