



THE OPEN BOOK

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



America's Best Loved Books

The Albany County Public Library kicked off The Great American Read with a showing of the first episode in collaboration with PBS in June. ACPL's kickoff event had more than 60 people in attendance. The Great American Read is an eight-part PBS series that explores the power of reading through America's 100 best-loved novels. The other seven parts of the series will be televised through October.

The 100 novels were selected through a national survey. The series will feature documentary segments featuring appearances by celebrities, athletes, experts, authors and everyday Americans advocating for their favorite book, culminating with a finale that reveals America's best-loved novel as chosen by the American public.

Patrons voted for their favorite novel online, by hash tag on Twitter and Instagram, or by calling or texting. The conclusion of The Great American Read will announce what book from the 100 novels is America's favorite. You can view the list of books at: www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home/.

Adult Services Librarian, Cassandra Hunter, is voting for "The Clan of the Cave Bear" by Jean M. Auel. Her favorite book of

all time made the top 100 list.

More than 220 public libraries applied for a \$2,000 grant for The Great American Read through the American Library Association. These grants support public programs around the series. ACPL was selected as one of 50 libraries nationwide to participate in The Great American Read. It was the sole library in Wyoming to receive the grant.

Throughout The Great American Read, the public library has seen genuine interest from the community. The library has collaborated with local book clubs to facilitate discussion about books on the list of 100 novels.

One theme for the books highlighted in The Great American Read is "What We Do For Love." ACPL partnered with local non-

profit, Safe Project, to host a "What Does Love Look Like" presentation for YAK!, the library's teen group.

Youth Services Specialist, Elizabeth Palmer, said the event was valuable and the teens asked great questions. The teens were engaged with the heaviness of the topics covered, as well as understanding how pop culture intersects and plays out in real life with these topics.



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In the fall, Adult Services Specialist, Tyler Brown, hosted The Great American Read film fest. The library hosted eight films based on novels on the list, such as “The Great Gatsby” and “Grapes of Wrath.” The films were well attended. About a third of the attendees were new faces to the library.

Starting in September, the library debuted The Great American Read trivia series. The first night had 25 attendees. The trivia night covered themes such as: Great Beginnings, Reading Rainbow, and Lesser Known Sequels. Mark your calendars for the next trivia night on November 16.

Other upcoming events for The Great American Read will include a costume ball for children in the spring. Laramie residents will get the chance to pick Laramie’s favorite book from the list of 100 during next year’s adult Summer Reading Program.


Thank you...

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for providing a \$20,000 grant for library programming and technology.

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for providing a \$5,000 grant for the public library.



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Let's celebrate 40 years with the best music from the 70s, 80s, & 90s!


Appreciation Night for...




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VOLUNTEERS

November 2, 7pm-9pm at the Albany County Public Library

RSVP to Jacque at 307-721-2580 x5439 or jgraef@acplwy.org

THE MAD HATTER'S MYSTERY

Wonderland Tea Party

an Alice in Wonderland Family-friendly Mystery

For KIDS ages 5-12
Tickets: \$8/person

Nov. 10 @ 10am in the Albany County Public Library Meeting Room

Dress for tea or in costume for party snacks, themed crafts, photo booth, and mystery entertainment!
*Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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Who Killed the Caterpillar?

An Alice in Wonderland Murder Mystery

For TEENS ages 13-18
\$10/person

Nov. 10 @ 2pm in the Albany County Public Library Meeting Room

Come as you are or in costume for snacks, making Mad Hatter hats, photo booth, and to find the murderer. Play a role or just attend!

To purchase tickets, contact Jacque Graef at jgraef@acplwy.org or 721-2580 x5439.

WE'RE ALL MAD HERE

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electronic resources

OverDrive: Access to contact 24/7

In August, Albany County Public Library debuted new access to OverDrive, an ebook, audiobook, and streaming video/music resource. ACPL patrons can borrow a wide variety of content simply by using a library card.

To use OverDrive, patrons need to use the Wyoming Virtual Library, located at virtuallibrary.overdrive.com, or download the recently introduced Libby app. Each user will need to enter their county library, a library card number, and their pin to access the service.

OverDrive, the largest provider of electronic content to libraries across the nation, allows patrons to access electronic content 24/7. After downloading the materials while connected to the Internet, patrons can access the content anywhere from a computer or device.

Through OverDrive patrons can have the ease of a no-worry checkout, Monica Owens, youth services librarian, said. The checkout period is 14 days. After the borrowing period, the item will check back in automatically.

Patrons can use multiple library cards for different family members or library cards from different libraries. Each user can check out 10 items and have 20 holds through the app.

Library Director Ruth Troyanek noted that Libby is a very user-friendly app available for library electronic content. OverDrive is

Try Libby.

The one-tap reading app from your local library.

up-to-date nationwide with the most current items.

One feature of the app highlighted by Owens is the read-along feature on certain children’s books. The feature highlights the words as children read along.

OverDrive joins ACPL’s other ebook and audiobook services, cloudLibrary and RBdigital. One benefit of OverDrive is the access to more titles than other electronic resources. OverDrive has 15,000 available titles. The bulk of these titles are ebooks. The service also has audiobooks, educational videos, movies, and documentaries.

Troyanek felt that pursuing

OverDrive was long overdue for ACPL. Statistics show that patrons at ACPL continue to increase their usage of electronic resources, such as ebooks and eaudiobooks.

Before investing in OverDrive, the library solely had access to electronic content through the statewide WYLD consortium. While this was a benefit to ACPL patrons, the services provided through WYLD do come with a few cons, such as not being Kindle-friendly.

OverDrive is a service outside the WYLD consortium. Eleven libraries in the state are using OverDrive. ACPL is on a two-year contract with OverDrive for a cost of \$4,000.

OverDrive has excellent tech help and tutorials for new users. Patrons are also welcome to bring in a computer or device to the library to learn how to use OverDrive.

On the Libby app, you can:

- Personalize checkouts by user
- Access sample features of a book
- Put things in categories
- Speed up the narration
- Use dyslexic font
- Easily find “no wait” titles to check out immediately
- Place holds on items
- Easily locate teen or kids books and find specific reading levels

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help the library by donating your unwanted books and other items

Donate Books @ the Library

- The Friends of the Library, a separate, non-profit organization, accepts donations when the library is open. The donation area is near the library's print station.
- You can donate: books in all genres, DVDs, CDs, vinyl LPs, art prints, magazines (3 months and younger), and nearly new encyclopedias. You cannot donate: VHS, magazines older than three months, games, puzzles, or miscellaneous "yard sale" items.
- The Friends of the Library can provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for your in-kind donation of books and other materials.

Recycle!

- Not every book received is appropriate to sell. Some need to head to recycling. The Friends of the Library make sure these books are recycled properly by taking them to the University of Wyoming recycling center.
- Recycled books with scannable bar codes are then sent on to Better World Books, an organization that takes unwanted books and gets them to people who need them. Learn more at: betterworldbooks.com.

Free Books Across the Community

- The Friends of the Library provide free books across Albany County and beyond.
- Free books from the Friends of the Library make their way to between 15-20 locations in Laramie and to other communities. Free books have made their way to groups who took them as far away as Kenya and Brazil.

Not every book is purchased from the Friends of the Library. Check out the great things the organization does with free books and books that head to recycling.

Paying It Forward

- In 2017, the Friends of the Library worked diligently to be able to donate \$52,050 to the public library for materials. This means new items on the shelves at the library.
- It's a win-win! You donate a book that goes on to a better life; while at the same time your donated books generate more funding for books and other items at your library!

Did you know? You can gain early access to Friends of the Library book sales by becoming a member! Sign up for an individual membership for \$10 or a household membership for \$15.

When you donate a book to the Friends of the Library, it goes on to a great new life and helps your library!

START

Life Cycle of a Donated Book at ACPL

A Book Becomes Part of the Library's Collection

- Library staff will use newer, donated materials to add to the library's collection at its three branches in Laramie, Centennial, and Rock River.

Along the Way

- Donated books are moved downstairs where Friends of the Library volunteers sort, price, label, and shelf materials.
- The Friends of the Library have around 40 book sale volunteers that contribute 400 hours on average each month.

A Book is Sold on Amazon

- You can shop the items being sold by the Friends of the Library anytime on their Amazon shop at: <https://amzn.to/2CMw4TX>.

A Book is Sold in the Book Nook

- The Friends of the Library sell items from the Book Nook, located at the entrance to the public library. You can purchase books and other items from the Book Nook whenever the library is open.
- In the past 12 months, the Friends of the Library Book Nook sales have averaged \$530.

A Book is Sold at a Friends of the Library Book Sale

- The fall book sale for the Friends of the Library runs Nov. 3-10. Check the last page of the newsletter for dates and times.
- The Friends of the Library raised \$7,750 at the 2018 spring book sale.

Record amount raised at recent ACPL Foundation fundraiser

The ACPL Foundation held its third annual “A Novel Night” fundraiser in September. The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party raised raised \$15,577.45, the highest amount to date for the fundraiser. The night included signature cocktails, a Wonderland-themed dinner, photo booth, dessert and silent auction, and interactive murder mystery entertainment. Congrats to Jennifer Painter, the winner of our prize basket for correctly guessing the murderer!

This year’s event also auctioned off the opportunity to pick next year’s murder mystery theme. Next year’s theme, picked by Corthell & King, P.C., is the classic mystery, Clue.



- Event Earnings:**
- \$16,870 in sponsorships
 - \$3,530 in ticket sales
 - \$3,339 dessert auction and 10-item silent auction proceeds
 - \$23,739 in income before expenses
 - \$15,577.45 in total income after expenses
- Event Attendance:**
- 35 business sponsors
 - 10 individual sponsors
 - 175 attendees



- Wonderland Sponsors (\$1,200):**
- Corthell & King, P.C.
 - First Interstate Bank
 - Neubauer, Pelkey, Merseal & Goldfinger LLP
 - Quality Inn & Suites University/Gateway Fuels & Liquors
 - Toyota of Laramie
- Rabbit Hole Sponsors (\$1,000):**
- Mortgage Source
- Entirely Bonkers Sponsors (\$500):**
- Galand Thaxton – State Farm Insurance
 - Hammontree Real Estate
 - Laramie Plains Civic Center
 - MilliporeSigma
 - Pole Mountain Pharmacy
 - Premier Bone & Joint
 - Snowy Range Dodge Jeep Ram Chrysler
- Eat Me, Drink Me Sponsors (\$250+):**
- Groathouse Construction, Inc.
 - Laramie GM Auto Center
 - Mountain West Farm Bureau
 - Olson Excavating
 - Patricia MacMillan, Realtor
 - Snowy Range Ski & Recreation Area
 - Spine & Injury Clinic of Laramie TigerTree
 - UniWyo Federal Credit Union
 - Windy City Hardwood Flooring, LLC
- The Looking Glass Sponsors (\$100+):**
- Duane Toro Real Estate
 - Sales Connection Real Estate Team – Emily Tupa
 - Security First Bank

- Individual Sponsors**
- Audrey Kleinsasser
 - John M. Burman & Marilyn Paules Burman
 - Barbara Chatton & Andrew Bryson
 - Dale & Roberta Eslinger
 - Heber & Jennifer Richardson
 - Jessica Flock & Dewey Gallegoes
 - Teresa & Daryl Jensen
- Auction Sponsors**
- Alibi Pub
 - Altitude Chophouse & Brewery
 - Cavalryman Steakhouse
 - Deerwood Ranch Wild Horse EcoSanctuary
 - Golden Prairie Bakery
 - Jeffrey’s Bistro
 - Zeren Homer
 - Hazel Homer-Wambeam
 - Ruth Troyanek, Library Director
 - Spine & Injury Clinic/Altitude Fitness
 - Sugar Mouse Cupcake House
 - Sweet Melissa Cafe
 - Sweets, Cakes & Pastry
 - Turtle Rock Coffee & Café
 - VeeBar Guest Ranch

The money raised at this event is equal to ¼ of the ACPL Foundation’s minimum donation of \$60,000 to the library in FY19.

Thank you for supporting your public library! 🌈



What’s Happening @ Your Library

Children:

- Book Babies**
- Every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.
 - Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m.
 - NEW TIME!** First Saturday of the month at 10 a.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.
- Pajama Storytime**
- NEW TIME!** Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal! Kids are guaranteed to sleep through the night after this storytime. Make sure to arrive a little early before the library closes at 7 p.m.
- Kids Lego Club**
- Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
- Build, inspire, create! The library provides the Legos.
- NEW! Bilingual Storytime**
- First Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Teens:

- YAK!**
- Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.
- For grades 7–12. A program for teens, planned by teens.
- Creative Writing Group**
- Every other Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.
- A place for creative teens to discuss all things writing.

Adults:

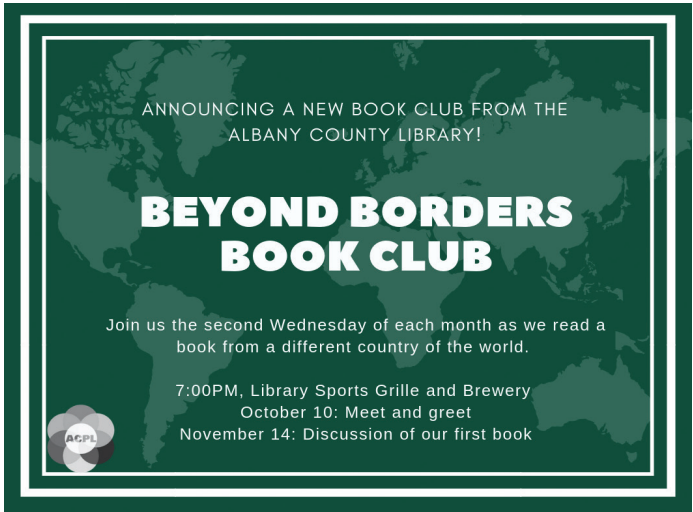
- Stress Relief Clinic**
- Every Tuesday at 12 p.m.
- The Laramie free stress relief clinics are a resource for the community that uses group ear acupuncture as formulated by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association. Ear acupuncture treatment helps relieve stress, reduce cravings, and balancing mental health.
- NEW! Genealogy Help**
- Every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wyoming Room
- Albany County Genealogical Society will provide help for those interested in genealogical research.
- Sit and Knit!**
- Every Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Library Main Area
- All ages and experience levels are welcome. Bring your project, enjoy some refreshments, and meet fellow knitters.

- 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.
- Murder Club: A True Crime Book Club**
- Second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., Library Sports Grille
- A book club that delves into infamous murders, serial killers, and other true crime mysteries.
- Cozy Mysteries 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!
- NEW! Beyond Borders Book Club**
- Second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Library Sports Grille
- A book club exploring translated/international fiction from authors around the globe.

- 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**
- Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- All ages are welcome to participate in the library’s weekly tabletop gaming night.
- Zero Zone Yoga**
- Every Friday at 8 a.m.
- Zero Zone Yoga taught by Kim Lau.



For more information on events, visit the library’s website, like the library on Facebook, or contact the library at 307-721-2580.



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**2018 Fall
Book Sale**



**Special Hours for
Friends of the Library &
Foundation Donors:**

Friday, November 2, 7:00-9:00pm.

Please RSVP to ACPL Foundation

307-721-2580 or jgraef@albanycountylibrary.org

Open to the Public:

Saturday, November 3, 1:00-4:30pm

Monday, November 5, 1:00-5:30pm

Tuesday, November 6, 10:00am-6:30pm

Wednesday, November 7, 10:00am-6:30pm

Thursday, November 8, 10:00am-6:30pm

Friday, November 9, 1:00-5:30pm **1/2 PRICE DAY!**

Saturday, November 10, 1:00-4:30pm **BAG DAY!**

www.facebook.com/ACPLBookSale/

