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



Library organizations debut new websites

In February, the Albany County Public Library, ACPL Foundation, and Friends of the Library launched three new, cohesive websites. The websites, designed by Jessica Perry with Creative Blue Yonder, were created to provide the public with a more modern feel and look, while paying close attention to ease of use.

The organizations' previous websites

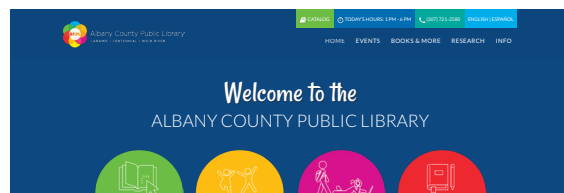
were dated, hard to update, and no longer received any technology support. Most significantly, the important resources included on the websites were often overlooked due to difficulty navigating the sites.

The three new websites have a unified basic design, using colors from library logos and identifiable icons. Simply put, the new sites are clean, concise, and colorful.



Highlights of the ACPL site:

- Don't remember when the library is open? The schedule is available from every page of the site.
- You can subscribe and easily find events on the new Google calendar.
- Easily renew books and place holds following the steps on the FAQ page.
- The entire site is available in Spanish.
- The new site eliminates the many click-throughs to get to electronic resources. One click and you're where you want to be.



Did you know?

ACPL Staff 2018 Top Ten! See our staff's favorite books, movies and music released in 2018.

[LEARN MORE](#)

There is a new app for the catalog! Just search for WFLD in your app or play store. The app allows you to search our catalog, renew books, place holds, and more!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Upcoming events:

Zero Zero Yoga

Friday, 23 January 2019 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Meeting Room

Have you always wanted to try yoga? Join our free weekly class! Bring a yoga mat if you have one or a large towel and wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. No registration is required.

Interfaith Good Samaritan

Saturday, 26 January 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Interfaith Social Development Training Contact: Mike Vercauteren 307-742-4240 director@interfaithal.org

Worship Service

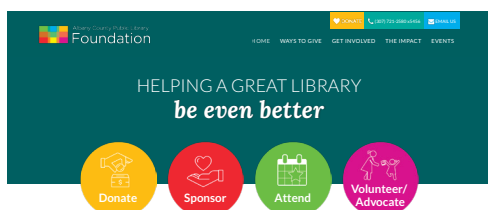
Sunday, 27 January 2019 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting Room, ACPL 5th Large Meeting Room (100)

Laramie Reformed Presbyterian Church jrc@laramie18@gmail.com

Public Events @ ACPL

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)



Welcome to the Library Foundation

The ACPL Foundation exists to help make a great library even better. When you look around Albany County Public Library, know that your gift makes the place more than just a building; it makes it a haven. Each time you donate to the ACPL Foundation, you help support all ages programming, the library's collection, and technology. What's more, each gift allows the library to continue providing these important services free of charge to everyone in our community. Thank you for your interest. We invite you to join our community of library supporters.

[LEARN MORE](#)

By the numbers

With your help, the ACPL Foundation will provide more than \$70,000 to the public library for:



Highlights of the ACPL Foundation site:

- Easily explore the ACPL Foundation's giving options and donate in a way that works best for you.
- See the incredible impact donors have on the library.
- Keep up-to-date on new events and fundraisers.
- Learn more about how the ACPL Foundation passionately raises funds to support your public library.

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About Us

About Friends of the Library...

We hold 3-4 large book sales each year, in addition to books sold on Amazon and in the Book Nook. All proceeds from these sales are donated to the Albany County Public Library to help purchase new materials. We also donate many books to organizations in the community.

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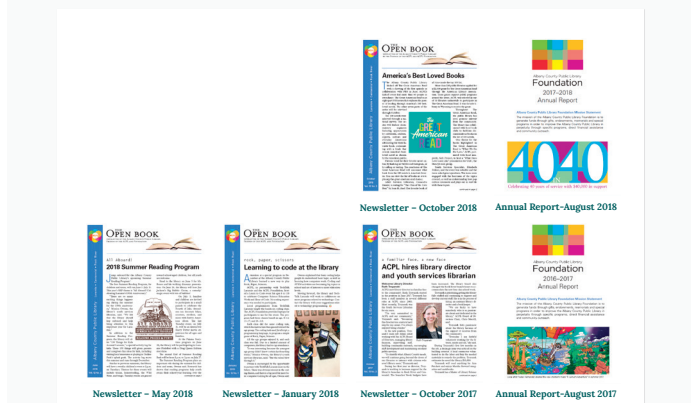
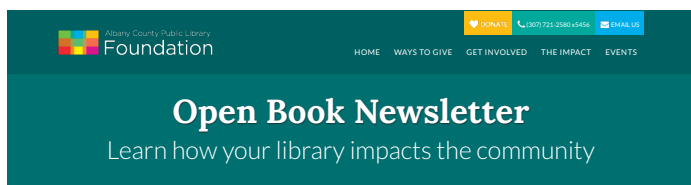


Events & News



Highlights of the Friends of the Library site:

- Renew your membership or become a member all online.
- Learn about volunteer opportunities with the Board of Directors or as a book sale crew member.
- View different shopping options from the dates of the next book sale to books sold on Amazon.



Interested in receiving our quarterly newsletter? You can sign up on any of the sites at the bottom of page by clicking "Join Our Newsletter."

Funding for the new website project was provided by the ACPL Foundation.

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE Foundation

AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS

MARCH 1 • 6:30PM • ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



TASHA ALEXANDER

Author of the Lady Emily Series, described as smart, historical mysteries.



ANDREW GRANT

The acclaimed thriller writer recently published "Invisible" in January 2019.

Author talk & book signing. Dessert bar & beverages served. Limited seating available. Purchase tickets at foundation.acplwy.org/events/special/events or contact us at 307-721-2580 x5439, jgraef@acplwy.org.

Get your taxes filed

FREE

by trained tax preparers @ your library



- ✓ 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 2017 tax return.
- ✓ We can do out-of-state, past year, and amended income tax returns.

DATES & TIMES

Monday 4-8pm	Wednesday 4-8pm	Saturday 9am-1pm	Saturday 1-5pm
February 11 March 11, 25 April 15	February 6, 13, 27 March 6, 13, 27 April 3, 10	February 9, 16, 23 March 9, 30 April 13	March 2 April 6

Albany County Public Library 310 S. 8th St., Laramie, WY
For more information
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Albany County Public Library

Foundation

February 10, 2019

Dear library supporters,

Thank you to the generous donors who continue to support the Albany County Public Library. For 40 years, this community's generosity through the Albany County Public Library Foundation has supported this invaluable community resource.

Throughout 2018, the ACPL Foundation set a goal of raising \$40,000 in its 40th year from individual donors. Because of you, we exceeded this goal raising more than \$45,000. Our appeal to you at the holidays was also successful, raising about \$1,000 more than the \$22,000 goal.

This is an incredible accomplishment that is essential to the success of the library. Each fiscal year, the ACPL Foundation passionately works to raise enough funding to provide a minimum of \$60,000 to the public library. Each time you donate, you are working with us to ensure the library receives the funding it needs.

The ACPL Foundation's 40th anniversary was celebrated with deep gratitude for the donors and for the patrons that make this library a warm and welcoming community hub. We hope you will continue with us on our journey to make a great library even better.

Thank you for your kind generosity and for helping us reach our goal.

Best wishes,

John M. Burman
President of the Board of Directors

Caitlin White
Executive Director



A peek at library usage

A CPL recently passed the mid-way point for fiscal year 2019. From July to December 2018, the library's three branches – Laramie, Rock River, and Centennial – saw a lot of activity. These statistics give you a small picture of the incredible impact the ACPL has on the Albany County community.

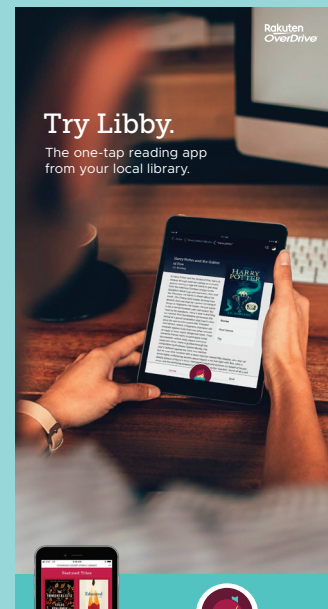


24,836 items checked out at the library's self-checkout machines.

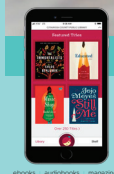
*Have you tried the self-checkouts? You can checkout with more privacy, skip the line at the front desk, and save staff time. Ask a staff member to teach you to use one the next time you visit.


1,650 volunteer hours contributed at the Laramie, Centennial, and Rock River branches.

89,173 Total Materials Checked Out



- 57,034 books
 - 13,832 movies, video games, music
 - 6,586 other items
 - 2,422 electronic check outs on OverDrive*
 - 9,299 electronic materials
- *Resource became available in August 2018



Brought to you by your local library and built with  by OverDrive.





Over 2,500 questions from patrons answered

Come in **WE'RE
OPEN**

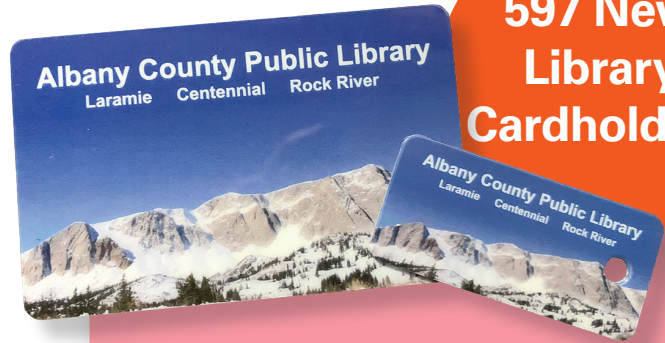
53,058 Visits to ACPL



**Nearly 500 Programs
in Six Months**

- Started 5 brand new programs

**597 New
Library
Cardholders**



**You can get a new library
card that looks like this!**

Ask at the Circulation Desk about the special edition library cards. For a minimum donation of \$5 to the ACPL Foundation, you'll receive a brand new library card AND a keychain sized card.

The special edition cards work exactly the same as your current library card. We have a limited number available so get yours soon!

*Photo courtesy of Betsy Moore.



Library Stats for July–December 2018



Library explores solutions to security issues

In early November, the Albany County Public Library was vandalized. Two glass entry doors were damaged, three windowpanes were destroyed, and shelving units and a trashcan were damaged. Nothing was stolen.

Unfortunately, the library had to close on a busy Saturday, interrupting the Friends of the Library's bag day during the fall book sale and cancelling an ACPL Foundation fundraiser.

The incident resulted in an outpouring of community support. While the vandalism cost the library \$2,542, financial contributions from generous donors covered all the incurred expenses.

"My staff and I were extremely touched by the generous support from the public, both financially and with kind gifts and comments," Library Director, Ruth Troyanek said.

The library has not heard an update yet from the police department but is sitting tight waiting to hear any news.



Following the vandalism incident, the Albany County Public Library Board of Directors directed administration staff to make library security a top priority.

In late November, library and ACPL Foundation staff conducted a walk-through evaluation with the Laramie Police Department. The LPD offered sound advice about improvements to consider and security measures to implement.

Following the walk-through, library administration started to develop a long-term plan to address security and safety needs at ACPL. For a first step, Troyanek and Assistant Library Director, Rachel Crocker, plan to install a security system in the spring. Troyanek and the ACPL Board of Directors are working on a security camera policy.

The library is exploring lighting improvements for the building's exterior and parking lots, as well as evaluating landscaping projects that would help with security. 🌈

What's Happening @ Your Library

Children:

NEW! Mindful Storytime

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Led by certified mindfulness instructor, Michelle Visser. This storytime includes stories about silence, kindness, and feelings with activities.

Book Babies

Every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. / Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. / 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

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.

NEW! Wacky Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Weekly drop-in afterschool program in the children's area. Play, create, or try something new!

Kids Lego Club

Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

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

Preschool Playtime

First Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Join in for an opportunity for children (and grown-ups) to play and socialize. This is a drop-in event. Come when you can!

Bilingual Storytime

First Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes in Spanish and English. Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones y rimas en español e inglés.

Bookworms Book Club

First Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

For grades 4-8. This is a child/parent book group, so parents are welcome but not required to attend. Check the library website for book schedule.

Teens:

YAK!

Every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

For grades 7-12. A program for teens, planned by teens.

NEW! Teen Game Night

First Friday of the month at 6 p.m.

Board games, video games, and more.

NEW! Teen Movie Night

Third Friday of the month at 6 p.m.

Bring your friends and enjoy a fun movie night.

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 balance mental health.

Genealogy Help

Every Wednesday from 1–4 p.m. in the Wyoming Room
Albany County Genealogical Society will provide help for those interested in genealogical research.

Quintessential Sequential

First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Rib & Chop House

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.

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

First 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!

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 7:15 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.



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Members Only Sale

Friday, March 1
2pm-5:30pm

Open to the Public

Saturday, March 2
1pm-4:30pm

Sunday, March 3
1pm-4:30pm

SPECIAL SUNDAY HOURS!

Monday, March 4
1pm-5:30pm

Tuesday, March 5
10am-6:30pm

Wednesday, March 6
10am-6:30pm
50% OFF DAY

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