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



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mini-grant program

Library Foundation provides funding for projects

The Albany County Public Library Foundation debuted its new support program for the public library in September 2018. The ACPLF mini-grant program was designed to provide additional funding to the library for needed purposes, while also providing professional development opportunities to library staff.

This newsletter will highlight two of the mini-grant projects completed in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Adult Services Librarian, Cassandra Hunter, worked with the ACPL Foundation on two mini-grant projects. The classics replacement project provided \$2,500 to re-

place or add 266 new classics to the library's collection (shown below).

Hunter evaluated the adult fiction book collection and noticed that the library's classic books needed to be replaced or updated. Many classics were holdovers from the Carnegie Library. These books were worn out and damaged. Other classic titles had been lost or damaged beyond repair but not replaced, so the library was lacking numerous titles.

To address this challenge, Hunter researched the classics collection to ensure a diverse selection of authors was represent-

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ed and to improve the aesthetic, access and usability. From this research, Hunter was able to evaluate each classic author and notable work to prepare a list of replacements.

“Cassy [Hunter] deserves to be commended for the amazing work she did on the classics replacement project,” Caitlin White, ACPL Foundation executive director, said. “Her work was impeccable, and she put ample time and thought into improving this portion of the library’s collection.”

The Agnes Milstead Fund paid for this project. ACPL would have been unable to afford this project in a single fiscal year without assistance from the ACPL Foundation. All the new classics are marked with a Milstead book plate and are available for check out.

Hunter’s other mini-grant project was designed to make magazines easy to browse, while saving on library floor space. This project implemented 8 slat walls onto the ends of non-fiction shelving and provided 41 clear magazine holders.

This project will improve access and browsability of the magazine collection. The magazines will also be more visible. Hunter hopes this improves the circulation of the magazine collection.

“The project will free up floor space for other items and is an improvement on the overall look of that area of the library. It will offer patrons a more sensical way to navigate the magazine collection,” Hunter said.

This project was funded by the Agnes Milstead Fund.

In FY20, the ACPL Foundation provided more than \$5,000 for mini-grants. In FY21, the ACPL Foundation has about \$1,400 for mini-grants. While this is lower than in the last two years, the ACPL Foundation is excited to see what projects can still be accomplished. 🌈



Pride & Prejudice **Virtual Cocktail Hour & Trivia Night**

IF YOU LOVE ALL THINGS PRIDE & PREJUDICE. THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!

FRIDAY, NOV. 6 7PM- 9PM

GET TICKETS ONLINE AT: [FOUNDATION.ACPLWY.ORG](https://foundation.acplwy.org).

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New board and staff members

Library Board Member

Kristen Landreville joined the Albany County Public Library Board in July. Landreville is an associate professor and the director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of Wyoming.



Kristen Landreville

As a journalism professor, she is committed to supporting the First Amendment and freedom/access to information.

"I realize how vital public libraries are to our society," Landreville said. "It was important to me to support and serve our local library."

Landreville is a mom of four. She enjoys photography and does family and portrait photography professionally. During these times of social distancing, her family has been enjoying the outdoors.

"My family has lived in Laramie for 10 years, and we have thoroughly enjoyed the library's services over the years. From the baby and children activities to the teen Manga section and the family game nights, the ACPL has enriched our lives and we are thankful for that," she said.

Favorites in the Library: Young adult adventure/fantasy and historical fiction

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

New to Circulation

Misty Balliet came on board as a Circulation Assistant in July. Balliet's past work experience made for a logical transition into her work here at ACPL.

"I love library work," she said. "If I had realized how much I enjoyed this work, I would have picked a different career path."

Balliet previously worked at the public library in Green River, Wyoming. While in Green River, she owned a bookstore and coffee shop for 17 years. She brings excellent customer service skills and a knowledge of libraries to the staff.

Balliet and her husband moved to Laramie less than a year ago and have three children. She enjoys reading, walking, and gardening.

Favorites in the Library: Mysteries, Louise Penny

Favorite Holiday: Christmas



Misty Balliet

We appreciate...



Library Collection \$10,000 Grant



What to Expect When Visiting the Library

- The library is excited to see you! ACPL has made some changes to make sure we keep staff and visitors safe.
- Face coverings are required for all visitors over the age of 2. If you forget your covering, we have disposable masks available inside the doors.
- The library's self-check outs are available to limit contact, and social distancing measures have been implemented.
- If you are concerned about visiting the library, try our Curbside Pickup service! Or try the ACPL Foundation's Delivery by Donation service.
- *Please don't visit the library if you or a family member is or has been sick.

Computers/Printing:

- Computer use and printing is available.
- The library is using Chromebooks (thanks to a grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation!) to make sure there is enough space between computer terminals.
- Due to COVID-19, the number of computer terminals has been decreased. The library will do its best to accommodate you, but patrons should be aware there may be wait times for computer use.

Contacting the Library:

- Phone: 307-721-2580
- Email: info@acplwy.org
- Online: acplwy.org



Expansion on Centennial Branch Library

Fall Hours:

Curbside Pickup

Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Curbside pickup now available during all open hours. Anyone can use curbside pickup! Call the library when you arrive.

Browsing Hours

Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Normal hours to use the library.

Family Browsing Hour

Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.


Special browsing hour for families and children in the Children's Area.

Online Resources:

- Keep up-to-date on changes to library hours and other news by reading the new library blog: acplwy.org/blog.
- Start using OverDrive or cloudLibrary for online e-books and audiobooks.
- Use our free access to The New York Times online.
- Check out numerous online databases at gowyld.net.
- Check the library's calendar to see which programs are going on this fall.

Behind the Scenes:

You may be wondering what the library has been up to as it starts to reopen. Here are a few examples of what's been happening:

- The Centennial Library & Cultural Association hosted an open house to show off the expansion to the Centennial Branch Library.
- Lots of outreach! For example, the Children's Department is working with Albany County School District #1 to increase library card signups.
- The juvenile non-fiction section and adult fiction area had old and damaged books removed and were reevaluated.
- Library staff are focusing on professional development and working to establish job clarity and realign job descriptions. 

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What's Happening

Children:

Storywalks®

Come read a story while walking around the library! A new Storywalks® will be posted each Thursday through the following Wednesday. Enjoy them at your leisure.

Toddler Time Online

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Join Ms. Monica for stories, songs, movement, and more! Details on how to join the Zoom meeting can be found at events.acplwy.org by clicking on the event.

Baby Time Online

A new recorded video is released each week on Monday.

Sing, talk, read, write, and play with your baby while building early literacy skills!

Family Storytime Online

A new recorded storytime is released each week on Tuesday.

A Storytime Activity Kit related to each week's storytime will be available to pick up while supplies last.

Family Browsing Hour

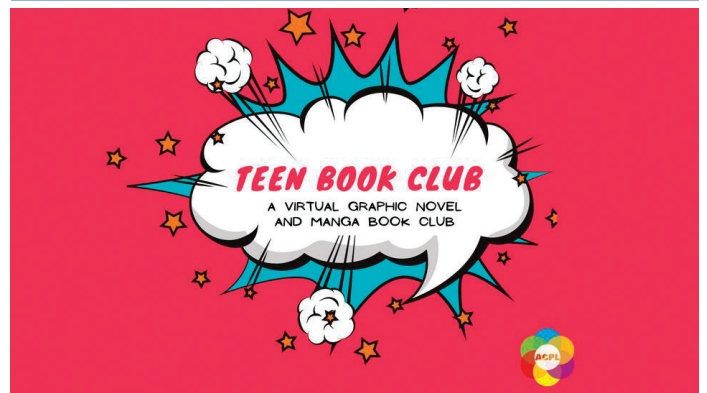
Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Children's Area

Ms. Deb and Ms. Monica will be here to help you find and check out new materials and hand out Storytime Activity Kits. For everyone's safety, masks are required for adults and children over 2. Attendance is limited to 30 people at a time.

Kits for Kids

Pick up a new "Take & Make" activity kit for school-age kids each week while supplies last.

Teens:



Teen Book Club

Third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Explore graphic novels, manga, and comics.

Take Home Kits

Available once a month.
Each month will include a new activity.

Adults:

Quintessential Sequential Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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.

A book club that delves into infamous murders, serial killers, and other true crime mysteries.

@ Your Library



Mostly Cozy Mystery Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m., via Zoom

A book club for those who like their mysteries light on sex and violence, and particularly enjoy amateur sleuths!

NEW! A Wyoming Winter Book Club: War and Peace

October – May, last Monday of the month

Read through this classic 150 pages at a time.

After Hours Book Club

Last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Books are chosen by club members.

Virtual Trivia Night

Fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Join us over Zoom to test your trivia chops!

Candidate Forums

The Library is co-hosting candidate forums with the League of Women Voters on various dates. Check our website to access the recordings.

Spice World: An Exploration of the World's Spices.

Spice kits and recipes available monthly (October – January) to be picked up at ACPL. Try a new recipe from another country using kits supplied by Big Hollow Food Co-op.

All Ages:



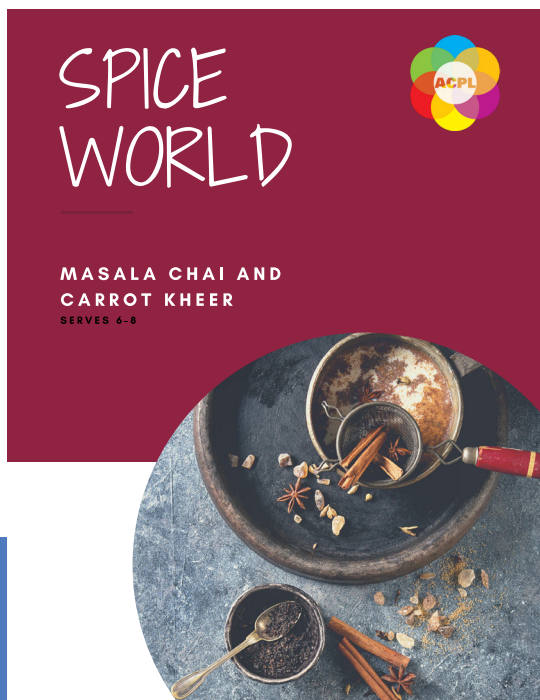
NEW! Creativebug

Thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes by recognized design experts and artists. Available with your library card number!

Game Bazaar Online

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. via Discord

All ages are welcome to participate in the library's weekly tabletop gaming night with online guidance from library staff.



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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Browsing in Main Library

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10am - 2pm Saturday

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