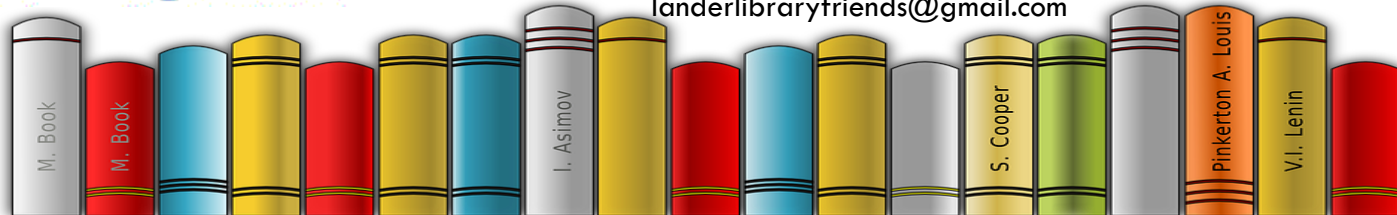




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To manage costs, LLFA would like to have the option to send our newsletter via email. To do that, we need to collect addresses. Please email landerlibraryfriends@gmail.com and we will begin to send our annual newsletter via that means. Our newsletter is also posted to our website: www:landerlibraryfriends.com

Challenge for Charities

The 2025 Challenge for Charities is underway (May 1 through July 10)! The 2024 C4C campaign awarded record donations to participating charities, including Lander Library Friends Association. Thank you to all who marked LLFA as a recipient. Lander Library Friends Association received over \$20,000.

Will you pitch in again with a gift to the LLFA and help us give the library the resources it needs? Your gift through Challenge for Charities is matched—so it will have a greater impact. You can donate two ways:

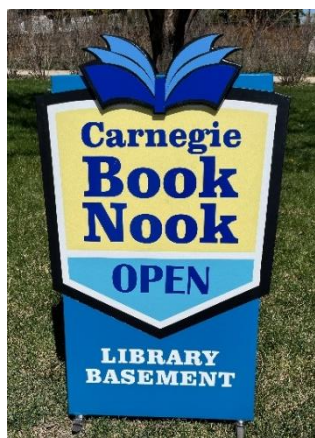
- To avoid credit card fees, you can donate by check. Please make your check payable to Lander Community Foundation. **On the memo line designate Lander Library Friends Association.** Mail to PO Box 1131, Lander, WY 82520.
- Donate online at the LanderCommunityFoundation.org and designate the Lander Library Friends Association as a recipient of your gift.



Book Nook

Tuesday: 1 – 5 Friday: 12 – 4 Saturday: 10: 30 – 2:30

Located: Lower level of Carnegie building



The Book Nook is operated through the Lander Library Friends and staffed by a group of committed, enthusiastic volunteers.

All Book Nook materials are available at no charge, although, monetary donations are much appreciated. Money donated to the Book Nook/LLFA is used to support Lander Library projects and programs.

Regular donations – from local readers and from the Lander Library –keep the Book Nook supplied with a wide variety of books, audio books, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles.

Story Hour Players

The SHP are volunteers who perform plays for the public multiple times during the year. There have been many wonderful and memorable volunteers, audiences, and performances over the last 40 plus years. LLFA provided funding for the organizational side of Story Hours.



Friends Contributions in Action: Rachel Arnold, Tamara Anderson, Lane Bushmeyer

What can we say about the Lander Library Friends Association? We are so fortunate to have such an incredible organization in Lander. If we have a need for anything, we know that we can reach out to the Friends and get a “YES! We would love to make that happen!”

During the past year, the Friends have funded early literacy packets for every new baby born in Lander. This packet consists of two books as well as early literacy information. LLFA supported the courtyard update with furniture and flowers for all to enjoy. Other things that the Friends group have provided funds for: collection development, Met Opera programming, book club kits, a Cricut machine to aid in displays and programs, Canva Pro for creative display and event posters, and summer grounds help. At Christmas time LLFA helped sponsor the Open House event and “Where’s Ludlow Scavenger Hunt.”

Youth Services: We have been very grateful for the Lander Friends’ donations this winter. We have purchased portable DVD players for check-out, activities for our Enhanced Storytime program, Jam Jam musical board books, and about 75 titles for the new Phonics Section.

The VOX books purchased last year continue to be very popular among our patrons. Our VOX book collection has racked up an impressive 248 total checkouts over the past year and a half.



Our Phonics Section will soon be expanded, and we are very excited to offer these resources to our patrons. We will color-code the books according to the phonics skill covered in the title to allow parents to easily find what their child needs. We will post a sign about what the different stickers mean and create lists in the Aspen software to allow searching by phonics skill.

The Jam Jam books finally came back in stock, are ordered, and should be here soon. These are interactive board books that play music related to the topic. For example, “My First Nutcracker,” plays sections from the famous ballet. There are ten books in the set.



New purchases for Enhanced Storytime have engaged the little ones after stories, giving parents time to interact. The littles especially love the new toy cars and busy board. This is a popular program with upwards of 30 attending most weeks, and it seems to be attracting new families as well.

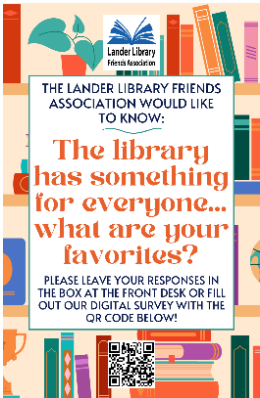
Magazines: Thanks to generous funding by the Friends, we have been able to augment our magazine area with many new subscriptions. We have added Better Homes & Gardens, Horticulture, Mary Jane’s Farm (a subscription that was previously funded by a single generous patron), Reader’s Digest in large print, Sunset, Wired, Magnolia Journal and Native American Art, the latter repeatedly requested by patrons.

These new subscriptions have improved our magazine offerings considerably, and I hope they will be enjoyed by our patrons for many years.

Seeds: This year marks the third year of the Lander Branch hosting a seed library, now officially known as the Elaine Campbell Memorial Seed Library. The seeds are housed in our old physical card catalogue for the several months each spring that the Seed Library is in operation. As a free resource giving patrons access to vegetable, herb, and flower seeds, the Seed Library is also intended to be continually renewable, as patrons are encouraged to leave their own seed donations.



The Friends’ funding of Seed Library supplies like envelopes and labels has allowed us to ensure its continued operation during the flush of the spring growing season. Last year, we were also able to pay for the creation of a beautiful banner to hang over the card catalogue. Our patrons have had very positive things to say about the Seed Library, highlighting its free nature. The public accessibility of Seed Library donations has also given patrons access to unusual plants and seeds from various strains that have bred successfully in Wyoming for several generations.



And your comments were:

- ✓ I love our library. The resources are endless for what I’ve needed. From newspapers of the 20th Century to history and non-fiction. It keeps me interested. Thanks for asking.
- ✓ The staff is so helpful – all the fun, variety of programs, games, kits, educational toys you can check out in the children’s department. Lego Club.
- ✓ I love browsing the stacks. I read newspapers and magazines. I use the computer/printers. I love the staff.
- ✓ I love Lego club and the tween space so that I can read there. I also love that my artwork gets hung up here!
- ✓ Awesome book selections & displays.

- ✓ I enjoy the atmosphere in a library! I especially enjoy the BookNook and the Teen Space! Despite not being a teen. I work in education and love YA Literature (as a former library aide/specialist) and know how important diverse YA literature is to kids!
- ✓ Everything. The people who work here are all so helpful and kind.
- ✓ I love that the library is open on Saturdays so we can come as a family with our young kids.
- ✓ Favorite books, front desk, Lego club.
- ✓ We love the library hours, please keep it open.

LLFA Board:

Marty Brace, Suzanne Crofts,
Becky Packer, Margie Patton,
Cora Lee Reynolds, Carol Steidley,
Ami Vincent, Jeannette Woodward