LIBRARY HISTORY

The Patagonia Hotel, now home to the Patagonia Library and Cady Hall, was constructed by chef, soldier, stage driver and sheep rancher John H. Cady between 1901 and 1912. During the 1930’s the building housed offices and apartments. The Patagonia Woman’s Club used the main building, Cady Hall, for their meetings. In 1947 they purchased the building and in 1957 opened a one-room library. In 1977, the complex was designated a Historic Site. It is the oldest public building still standing in Patagonia. The Woman’s Club donated the building to the Town of Patagonia in 1989.

Restoration of the building took place between 1989 and 1997. The project included restoring Cady Hall and the original apartments, and the addition of a reading room. Most recently John H. Kendall, grandson of John H. Cady, donated funds to add the Mary Rebecca Cady Reading Room to the library. Cady Hall is available, for a fee, to be used as an event space. It is also used by the library as a venue for a wide array of library programs.

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ABOUT US

Patagonia Public Library, an independent Town library, offers more than books. Working closely with the Friends of the Patagonia Library and community partners, we strive to fulfill the informational, cultural, and social requests of our extended community of library users.

Our collection includes print, audio, video and digital items. We house a stellar southwest and local history selection. The library works closely with the Patagonia Museum to maintain a local history archive. Our Legacy Garden honors early Patagonia area residents.

Partnerships with community organizations enhance our ability to be community responsive. We promote childhood literacy with Brain Boxes, the Collaborative Summer Reading Program, and A Voice for Young Authors. When school is out, the library serves Summer Lunches and offers a vast array of activities for children. To balance out our diverse offerings, the Friends of the Patagonia Library supports programs for all ages including author events, music jams, discussion groups, scholarly presentations and films.

Patagonia Public Library is funded by the Town of Patagonia, Santa Cruz County, and donations to the Friends of the Library. Additionally, grants are written to enhance the library’s collection and programming.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Public Access Computers and Tablets
- 24/7 WiFi
- Over 18,000 Items for Checkout
- Books, Movies, Music, and Audio Books
- Online Mango Language Learning
- Birds of North America Online
- World Book Online
- Online Reference Resources
- Semilloteca and a Legacy Garden
- Ongoing Friends of the Library Book Sale
- FAX, B/W Copy Machine and Scanning Services
- Document Shredding
- Magazine Exchange
- Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange
- Library Programs for All Ages

Our Semilloteca/Seed Library makes available for planting a wide range of locally adapted seed. The library’s monsoon-planted demonstration plot in the Patagonia Community Garden highlights crops grown from Semilloteca seed. Our Seed Library germinates community participation and regional self-sufficiency by sharing and saving locally adapted plant seed and their stories, to attract and sustain pollinators, promote local agriculture, and disseminate information.