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# Gustavus Library Newsletter

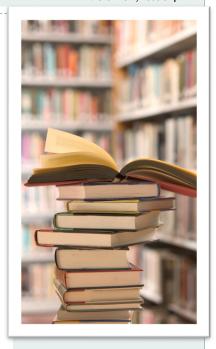
## **Looking Ahead: Summer Reading**

Summer is just around the corner, and so is the Summer Reading Program. A definitive Summer Reading schedule is still to come, but this year the library will be collaborating with Glacier Bay National Park Service to provide weekly programming for children. Additionally, the Park is interested in hosting a couple of Discovery Days starting at the library. This year, it our goal to make Summer Reading a program that learners of all ages can participate in, so adult patrons get ready! We want the whole community involved!

The library is also in the process of exploring a potential partnership with Gustavus School to provide internship opportunities to middle and high school students at the library over the summer. (continued on page 2)



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#### **Library Hours**

M-1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm

T-1:30-4:30

W– 1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm

Th- 10-noon and 1:30-4:30

F-1:30-4:30

S-11-3:00

Library is closed Sundays.



## **Summer Reading on the Horizon**

(continued from page 1)

As we get closer to finalizing Summer Reading Programming, we could use some help from the community in making this year a success. Here is what we need:

- Volunteers interested in helping out during Wednesday programming for children.
- Teen and adult volunteers interested in being a Reading Buddy.
- Donations for our teen prize bin as well as our End-of-Summer Raffle, including:
  - Single serving jerky, dried fruit, and nuts
  - New art and writing supplies
  - Color sharpies
  - 2 Kindle Fire e-reader tablets
  - Local gift certificates
  - Signed books by local authors
  - Talk to a librarian if you have additional ideas for incentives



## The library's full wish list for Summer Reading supplies can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LEGSH6DTF275?&sort=default
Or search "Gustavus Public Library-Bre" under lists at amazon.com



### **Become a Sponsor!**

Would your business be interested in sponsoring Summer Reading at the library? We are looking for local businesses who can be a prize destination for young readers.



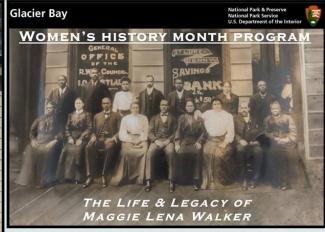
### Lead a Program!

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is music and sound. Consider leading a class or presentation for adults, teens, or children this summer! (Programs that fall outside of the theme are welcome too).



# Last Month at a Glance







**Top Left:** Another successful egg hunt at the library! Over 60 people came out for the festivities, which included songs, stories, visits from 2 bunnies, and lots of hidden eggs.

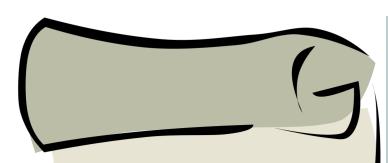
**Top right:** An image from Ethan Bullard's presentation about Maggie Walker. Ethan, who spent several weeks working at Glacier Bay National Park, presented about his home park, the Maggie L. Walker National Historical Site in Virginia, where he works as a curator.

**Left:** Larry and Jen Landry share stories and photos from winters in the Alaska bush.

**Below:** Emily Mount leads an iPhone photography class at the library. Participants learned the basics, and then put them to use in the library's backyard.







# The library is looking for a volunteer desk-sitter Saturdays 11am-1pm!

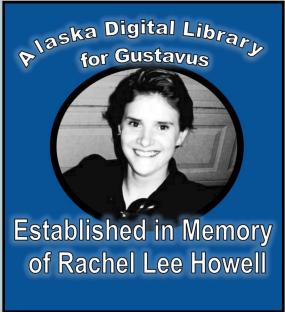
If you are interested and available, please email Jen Gardner at jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us or stop by the library to fill out a volunteer application.

We depend on volunteers to keep the library open 6 days a week!





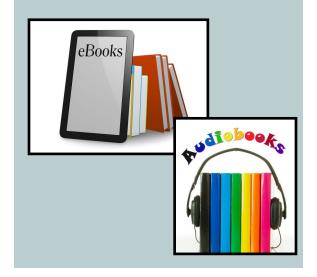
# Check out eBooks and audiobooks for free!



Did you know that you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks free of charge?

Thanks to generous donors in our community, this service is available to all Gustavus library members in honor of Rachel Lee Howell.

Ask your librarians for assistance in setting up an account or checking out these resources.



## **NEW BOOKS!**



#### NEW IN NEW IN THE JUVENILE SECTION:

**Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles** by Patricia Valdez

"...A fascinating picture book biography of a pioneering female scientist--who loved reptiles!"

#### The Wild Robot Escapes (book #2) by Peter Brown

"Shipwrecked on a remote, wild island, Robot Roz learned from the unwelcoming animal inhabitants and adapted to her surroundings--but can she survive the challenges of the civilized world and find her way home to Brightbill and the island?"

#### Revenge of the Green Banana by Jim Murphy

"Jimmy Murphy's sixth grade teacher, Sister Angelica Rose, is out to get him. She humiliates him in class and punishes him when he hasn't done anything wrong...Jimmy wants revenge, and with his friends he plans a prank that will embarrass Sister Angelica in front of the whole school. What could possibly go wrong?"

#### Silo and the Rebel Raiders by V. Peyton

"Ten-year-old Silo...can see things. Things that will happen in the future. And the people in the Capitol are looking to recruit children just like him to save them from dangers as yet unknown. It could be a glorious future, free from Mud Island and horrible eel suppers. But in Silo's visions, the future is looking very perilous indeed."

#### **NEW IN YOUNG ADULT:**

#### Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

"...Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers—and her growing feelings for the enemy."

#### The Ender series by Orson Scott Card

"...a 1985 military science fiction novel by American author Orson Scott Card. Set in Earth's future, the novel presents an imperiled mankind after two conflicts with the "buggers", an insectoid alien species."

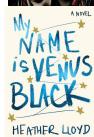
#### My Name is Venus Black by Heather Lloyd

"Venus Black is a straitlaced A student fascinated by the study of astronomy—until the night she commits a shocking crime that tears her family apart and ignites a media firestorm."

#### Save Me, Kurt Kobain by Jenny Manzer

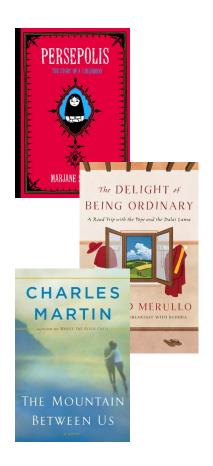
"Nico Cavan has been adrift since her mother vanished when she was four—maternal abandonment isn't exactly something you can just get over. Staying invisible at school is how she copes...when a chance discovery opens a window onto her mom's wild past, it sparks an idea in her brain that takes hold and won't let go."







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#### **NEW IN ADULT FICTION:**

#### Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

"Wise, funny, and heartbreaking, Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq."

# The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip With The Pope And The Dalai Lama by Roland Merullo

"Roland Merullo's playful, eloquent, and life-affirming novel finds the Pope and the Dalai Lama teaming up for an unsanctioned road trip through the Italian countryside to rediscover the everyday joys of life that can seem, even for the two holiest men in the world, unattainable."

#### The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin

"When a blizzard strands them in Salt Lake City, two strangers agree to charter a plane together, hoping to return home; Ben Payne is a gifted surgeon returning from a conference, and Ashley Knox, a magazine writer, is en route to her wedding. But when unthinkable tragedy strikes, the pair find themselves stranded in Utah's most remote wilderness in the dead of winter, badly injured and miles from civilization."

#### Rabbit Cake by Annie Hartnett

"Elvis Babbitt has a head for the facts: she knows science proves yellow is the happiest color, she knows a healthy male giraffe weighs about 3,000 pounds, and she knows that the naked mole rat is the longest living rodent...Elvis investigates the strange circumstances of her mother's death and finds comfort, if not answers, in the people (and animals) of Freedom, Alabama. As hilarious a storyteller as she is heartbreakingly honest, Elvis is a truly original voice in this exploration of grief, family, and the endurance of humor after loss."

#### The Merry Spinster: Tales of Everyday Horror by Mallory Ortberg

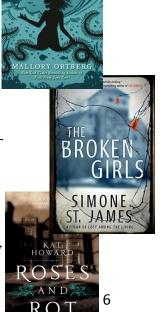
"From Mallory Ortberg comes a collection of darkly mischievous stories based on classic fairy tales...Sinister and inviting, familiar and alien all at the same time, The Merry Spinster updates traditional children's stories and fairy tales with elements of psychological horror, emotional clarity, and a keen sense of feminist mischief."

#### The Broken Girls by Simone St. James

"Vermont, 1950. There's a place for the girls whom no one wants--the troublemakers, the illegitimate, the too smart for their own good. It's called Idlewild Hall. And in the small town where it's located, there are rumors that the boarding school is haunted. Four roommates bond over their whispered fears, their budding friendship blossoming--until one of them mysteriously disappears...Vermont, 2014. As much as she's tried, journalist Fiona Sheridan cannot stop revisiting the events surrounding her older sister's death. Twenty years ago, her body was found lying in the overgrown fields near the ruins of Idlewild Hall. And though her sister's boyfriend was tried and convicted of murder, Fiona can't shake the suspicion that something was never right about the case."

#### Roses and Rot by Kat Howard

"Imogen and her sister Marin have escaped their cruel mother to attend a prestigious artists' retreat, but soon learn that living in a fairy tale requires sacrifices, be it art or love."



#### **NEW IN ADULT NON-FICTION:**

#### The Read-Aloud Family by Sarah Mackenzie

"Connecting deeply with our kids can be difficult in our busy, technology-driven lives. Reading aloud offers us a chance to be fully present with our children. It also increases our kids' academic success, inspires compassion, and fortifies them with the inner strength they need to face life's challenges. As Sarah Mackenzie has found with her own six children, reading aloud long after kids are able to read to themselves can deepen relationships in a powerful way."





The How to Not Die Cookbook: 100+ Recipes to Help Prevent and Reverse Disease by Michael Greger

#### My First Summer in the Sierra by John Muir

"In the summer of 1869, John Muir, a young Scottish immigrant, joined a crew of shepherds in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. The diary he kept while tending sheep formed the heart of this book and eventually lured thousands of Americans to visit Yosemite country."

#### But What If We're Wrong? by Chuck Klosterman

"But What If We're Wrong? visualizes the contemporary world as it will appear to those who'll perceive it as the distant past. Chuck Klosterman asks questions that are profound in their simplicity: How certain are we about our understanding of gravity? How certain are we about our understanding of time?...And perhaps most disturbing, is it possible that we've reached the end of knowledge?"

# To the Edges of the Earth: 1909, The Race For The Three Poles, And The Climax Of The Age Of Exploration by Edward J. Larson

"Pulitzer Prize—winning historian Edward J. Larson's To the Edges of the Earth brings to life the climax of the age of exploration: in the year 1909 expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctica, and Himalaya pushed human accomplishment to the extremes and set records for altitude and the farthest north and south."

# A book Review from Wylie

1909,

THREE POLES

EXPLORATION

EDWARD J. LARSON

This is a review of *The Wild Robot Escapes*.

I enjoyed this book. It is the sequel to Wild Robot. Rozzum unit 7134 is a robot trying to escape a farm in order to get back to her island. She meets up with her son Brightbill and they travel through forests and cities.



Arrested Development Season 1-3

Knocked Up

Ghandi

**NEW DVDS** 

Slumdog Millionaire

The Dark Knight Rises

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On the way they make friends and enemies. Do they make it? Read it to find out!

#### WHAT YOUR LIBRARIANS ARE READING



This month I started out with a realistic fiction YA novel, *Love*, *Hate*, & *Other Filters*, based on the life of author Samira Ahmed. This book follows a young Indian Muslim woman as she figures out how to navigate the traditional values of her family, the changing and often judgmental modern world, and her own passion for film-making. I really reading through the lens of the main character, though the writing felt very "young-adult" to me and was a little heavy on the romance factor.

I also read an adult fantasy called *A Darker Shade of Magic* by V.E. Schwab. This is the story Kell, a young man with magical abilities who can travel between parallel Londons, each with their own political and magical problems. Kell can't seem to keep himself out of trouble, and ends up in a mess that carries him across borders and into worlds he would be better off avoiding. A fun read!

Well, this just happens sometimes. I'm in a book slump. :( The last few books I have read, The Music Shop, The Curse of the Boyfriend Sweater and Save me, Kurt Cobain have left me wanting. While they were fine books, well written and in the case of Sweater - that hit my funny bone in the right spot - this girl just needed a quick thrill. So I turned to an old, super fun friend, Harlan Coben. Witty dialog is a must and Harlan delivers so I seek out his books on occasion. Imagine yourself: normal. (nailed it.) You're sitting at a bar with friends and *The Stranger* takes the stool next to you. He says a few words to you and is gone. Normalcy shatters and leads you on a path of deceit you never imagined. How well do you know your spouse? Disclaimer: reading a book in one sitting isn't good for your body. Harlan makes me forget that! Check in next month for a review of It's all Relative, Adventures up and Down the World's Family Tree. With chapter headings like, DNA-Sharing is Caring and Thank you for Having Sex, I'm gearing up for a great read.



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# **Upcoming Special Events** at the Library!

Local Hire Workshop with the NPS Wed. 4/18 from 7-9pm

Come learn about the Local Hire process, tips for writing a Federal Resume, and more!



#### Guest Speaker: Dmitri Shein Thu. 4/19 from 7-9pm

Democratic candidate for US House of Representatives. Hosted by local group AK Standing Up.

#### Presentation: Laura Marcus Fri 4/20 from 7-9pm

Laura Marcus, Founding Director of the Arete Project, will speak about her program and plans to bring college students to Glacier Bay.



T-shirt Quilting hosted by Ellie Sharman Sun 4/22 10am-5pm

Sewers! Crafters! Crafty people! Help convert 41 years of Gustavus shirts into mini quilts.



Community Potluck for our new Nurse
Practitioner— hosted by Deb Woodruff
Sat 4/21 at 12:30

Earth Day Film hosted by Lou Taylor-Thomas Sun 4/22 from 2-4pm

Presentation: Spruce Bark Beetles and Aphids by Liz Graham from the Forest Service Tue 5/8 from 7-9pm

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### Story Time with Jen

For children and caregivers (ages infant-preschool) Mondays at 10am

#### Friends of Bill W.

Tuesdays at 5:30pm

#### Intermediate Yoga with yoga

App (not for beginners)
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

#### Knitting/Craft Group

Wednesdays at 7pm Check in with Bre if you are new

**Best Beginnings** (baby and toddler group) Thursdays at 2:30pm

#### Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

#### French Club

Thursdays at 7pm

All levels Yoga with Jess

Saturdays at 9:30 am

# **Library Statistics March 2018**

Library visitors	1084
Books Checked out	344
Movies Checked out	491
Total items checked out	835







