

# Gustavus Library Newsletter

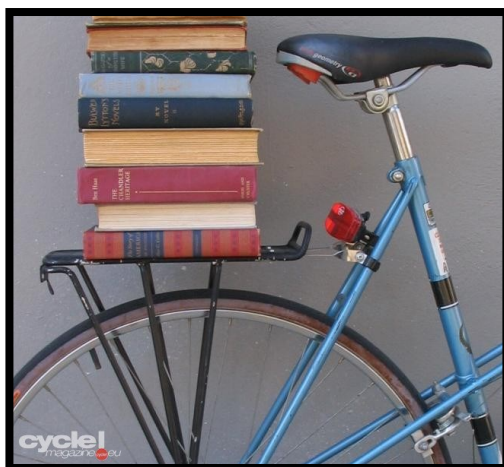
## Bike Day at the library!

This Friday, May 18th, the library will be participating in Community Bike Day, organized by a group of volunteers in Gustavus. The library will hold a raffle during open hours (1:30-4:30), and anyone who wears a bike helmet into the library receives a raffle ticket and a chance to win one of the following prizes:

- A book of your choice up to \$25
- Choose a DVD from the library's duplicates
- 2 hours of bike repair (parts and labor included) donated by Greg Streveler
- A personalized cake designed for you by Tracy Lowell
- A pair of new biking gloves
- Gustavus Foxes gear

...and maybe more!

So get out on your bike, wear your helmet, and stop by the library for a chance to win! If you would like to participate but are unable to get to the library by 4:30, you can email a picture of yourself wearing your helmet on Friday by 4:30pm to be entered into the raffle: [jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us](mailto:jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us)



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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.**



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# Summer Reading Program 2018



## Kids ages 0-6\*

**Summer Reading Star Chart:** work with an adult to read and explore throughout the summer and win prizes along the way!

### Summer Story Hour with Jen

*Tuesdays at 11 starting June 5th (except July 3rd)*

Songs, stories, and movement for young children.

**Reading Buddies:** sign up at the library to be paired with a Reading Buddy. For every hour your read with your buddy, you will receive a prize!

## Kids ages 6+\*

**Summer Reading Star Chart:** read and explore your way through the chart, and win prizes along the way!

### Read with a Ranger

*Wednesdays at 10:30 June 6th-August 15th (except July 4th)*

Join us at the library each week for stories and activities with an Interpretive Ranger from Glacier Bay National Park, followed by games, music, and other projects.

**Reading Buddies:** sign up at the library to be paired with a Reading Buddy. For every hour your read with your buddy, you will receive a prize!

**\*Ages are recommended** as activities will be planned to be developmentally appropriate for these age groups. However, children of any age may attend any (or all) programs.

**Attendance Awards:** Any child that attends a program every week throughout the summer (10 weeks) can sign up to receive a book of their choice up to \$25!

**A note to parents:** the library is not able to provide one-on-one supervision of children, and we will not require children to stay at the library during these programs. Participants are expected to behave appropriately in the library and will be asked to leave if they are unable to follow library expectations. If you do not feel comfortable with your child leaving the library on their own, please ensure they attend library programs with an adult responsible for them.

**Snack helpers:** Please consider signing up at the library to provide a healthy snack for Summer Readers.



# Summer Reading Program 2018



## Teens/Tweens:

**Summer Reading Star Chart**— complete your chart by reading and choosing your own activities for a chance to win end-of-summer prizes, including a Kindle e-reader!

**Instantly Win!** Any time you come into the library and check out a book during the summer, you will be entered to instantly win a prize from our teen prize bin!

**Become a Reading Buddy**— for every hour that you read with your younger buddy, you get a prize!

**Volunteer**— come help out each week with a program for younger kids (Read with a Ranger or Summer Story Hour), and you will receive a book of your choice up to \$25 at the end of summer!

## Adults:

**Summer reading is not just for kids!**

Complete a Summer Reading Star Chart by reading books and choosing your own learning activities for a chance to win prizes at the end of the summer, including books from local authors, gift certificates, and a Kindle e-reader!

**Become a Reading Buddy**— help a child in the community develop literacy skills and earn prizes for reading with you! Sign up at the library.

**Volunteer!** Help us make the Summer Reading Program a success by volunteering at a kids' program, providing a snack, or by organizing a Summer Reading event at the library for kids, teens, or adults.

## Prize Donations Needed

The library needs prize donations for the Teen Prize bin, as well as for our End-of-Summer raffle for kids, teens, and adults, such as:

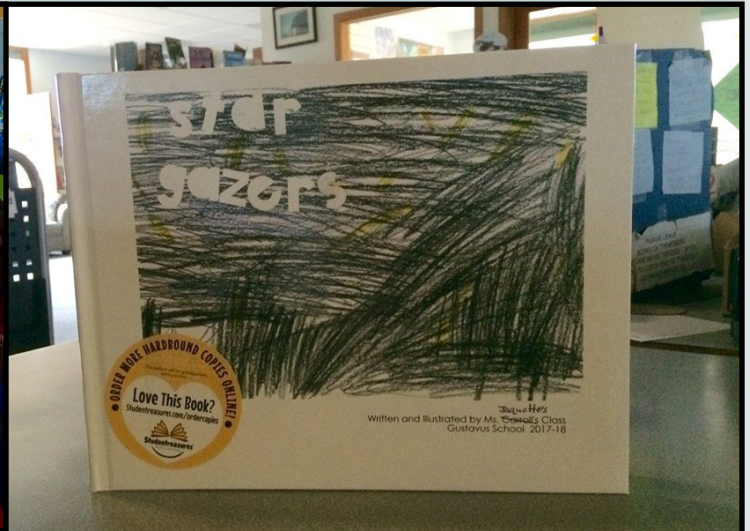
- Local gift cards
- Art supplies
- Nutritious single-serve snacks
- Books by local authors
- New puzzles and games
- Let us know if you have other ideas!

**LIBRARIES™**  
**ROCK!**





# Last Month at a Glance



**Top Left:** The K/1 class celebrates the completion of their book, Star Gazers, with a book-ebration at the library.

**Top right:** A copy of Star Gazers, by the 2018 K/1 class, is available at the library for checkout.

**Left:** Laura Marcus talks about her work with the Arete Project, an experiential program for college students, and their upcoming Glacier Bay session. This presentation was one of many at the library this month, including a Boater Orientation with Margaret Hazen and a Spruce Bark Beetle presentation with Dr. Liz Graham.

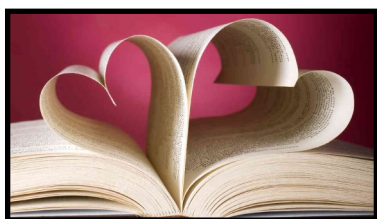
**Below:** The library added two new shelving units to the couch room, providing ample space for our growing Young Adult section, and a cozy "local authors nook." We repurposed the old shelving to display new non-fiction in the front of the library.





*Your librarians will be attending The Small Library Institute of Management workshop in Juneau next week (May 20-25th). This training is designed specifically for library administrators in small libraries who do not have a Master's Degree, and will help us develop foundational skills in library administration, programs, technology, collection development, and more. We look forward to telling you more about it when we return!*

*Sincerely,  
Jen and Bre*



**Check out eBooks and audiobooks for free!**

**Alaska Digital Library  
for Gustavus**

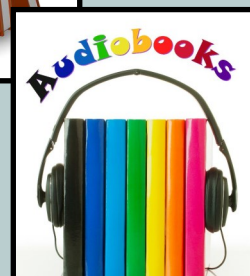
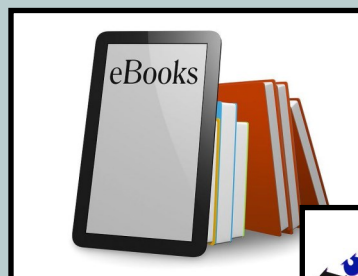


**Established in Memory  
of Rachel Lee Howell**

*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:

### **Rising Seas: Flooding, Climate Change And Our New World** by Keltie Thomas

*"...an eye-popping view of what the Earth might look like under the rising and falling water levels of climate change."*

### **Breathe Like A Bear: 30 Mindful Moments For Kids To Feel Calm And Focused Anytime, Anywhere** by Kira Wiley

*"... beautifully illustrated collection of mindfulness exercises designed to teach kids techniques for managing their bodies, breath, and emotions."*

### **Jabari Jumps** by Gaia Cornwall

*"In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, new-comer Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for."*

### **They Lost Their Heads! Washington's Teeth, Einstein's Brain, And Other Famous Body Parts** by Carlyn Beccia

### **Aru Shah And The End Of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

### **The Serpent's Secret** by Sayantani DasGupta

*"On the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular sixth grader living in Parsippany, New Jersey... until her parents mysteriously vanish later that day and a rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen, determined to eat her alive."*

## NEW IN YOUNG ADULT:

### **Seeker** by Arwen Dayton (book 1 of the Throne of Glass Series)

*"The night Quin Kincaid takes her Oath, she will become what she has trained to be her entire life. She will become a Seeker. This is her legacy, and it is an honor. As a Seeker, Quin will fight beside her two closest companions, Shinobu and John, to protect the weak and the wronged. Together they will stand for light in a shadowy world."*

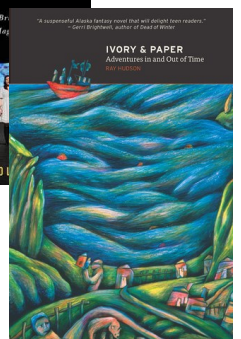
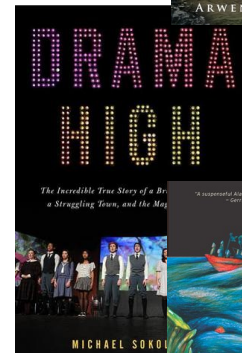
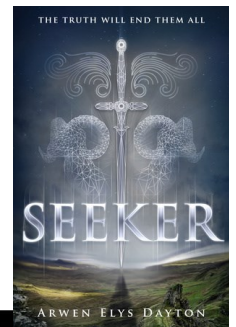
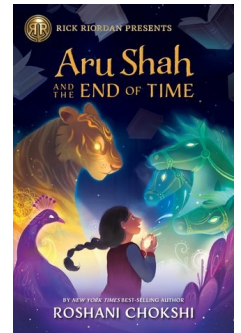
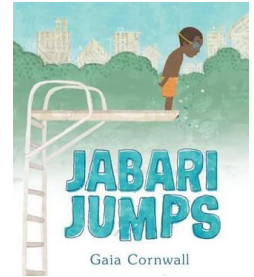
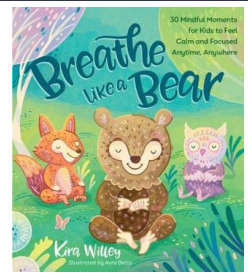
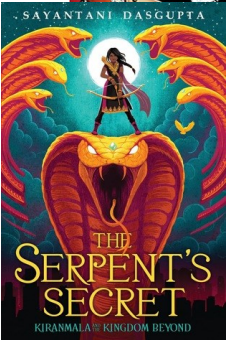
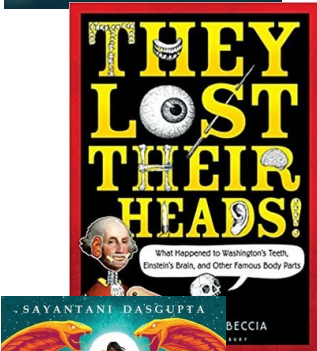
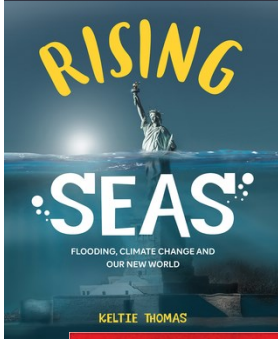
### **Drama High: The Incredible True Story of a Brilliant Teacher, a Struggling Town, and the Magic of Theater** by Michael Sokolove

*"Friday Night Lights meets Glee—the incredible and true story of an extraordinary drama teacher who has changed the lives of thousands of students and inspired a town."*

### **Ivory And Paper: Adventures in and Out of Time** by Ray Hudson

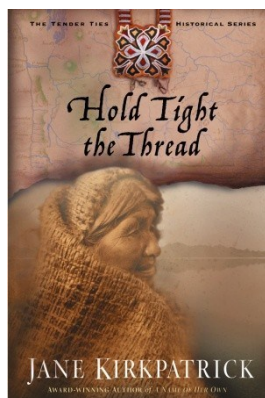
*"Thirteen-year-old Booker leads a sheltered life in Vermont—until a spellbinding relic throws him skidding into a world of magic and myths come to life. Anna is an Unangax̂ teenager looking for answers after her long-absent mother reappears in her life. When a mysterious bookmark brings them together on the Aleutian Islands, they're sent on a dangerous quest to return a magical amulet to Anna's Unangan ancestors."*

Images and blurbs from [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com)



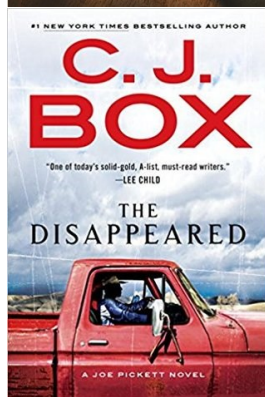


## NEW IN ADULT FICTION:



### **Hold Tight The Thread** by Jane Kirkpatrick

*"As the 1840s bring conflict to the Pacific Northwest's rugged Columbia Country, new challenges face Marie Dorion Venier Toupin: the wife, mother, and Ioway Indian woman who crossed the Rocky Mountains with the Astor Expedition, the first big fur trapping expedition after Lewis and Clark's. On French Prairie in the newly forming Oregon Territory, Marie strives to meet the needs of her conflict-ridden neighbors: British settlers and Americans, missionaries and disease-stricken natives, fur trappers and French Canadian farming families, and the surviving natives of the region."*

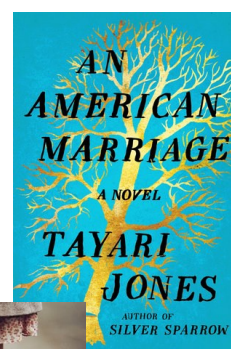


### **The Disappeared** by C.J. Box

*"Wyoming's new governor isn't sure what to make of Joe Pickett, but he has a job for him that is extremely delicate. Three British executives, all women, never came home from the high-end guest ranch they were visiting, and the British Embassy is pressing hard. Pickett knows that happens sometimes--these ranches are stocked with handsome young cowboys, and "ranch romances" aren't uncommon. But three disappearances? That's too many."*

### **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones

*"Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined."*



### **The Home for Unwanted Girls** by Joanna Goodman

*"...suspenseful, provocative novel filled with love, secrets, and deceit—the story of a young unwed mother who is forcibly separated from her daughter at birth and the lengths to which they go to find each other."*



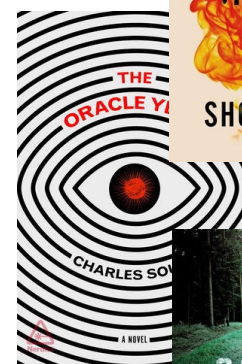
### **Girls Burn Brighter** by Shobha Rao

*"A searing, electrifying debut novel set in India and America, about a once-in-a-lifetime friendship between two girls who are driven apart but never stop trying to find one another again."*



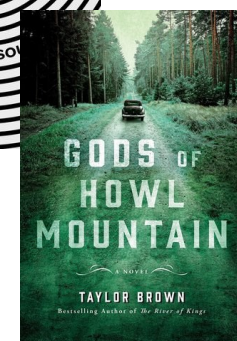
### **The Oracle Year** by Charles Soules

*"...a clever and witty first novel of a twentysomething New Yorker who wakes up one morning with the power to predict the future."*



### **Gods of Howl Mountain** by Taylor Brown

*"In Gods of Howl Mountain, award-winning author Taylor Brown explores a world of folk healers, whiskey-runners, and dark family secrets in the high country of 1950s North Carolina."*



### **The Room on Rue Amélie** by Kristin Harmel

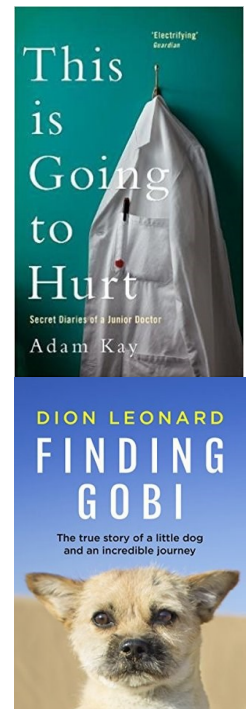
*"For fans of Kristin Hannah's The Nightingale and Martha Hall Kelly's Lilac Girls, this powerful novel of fate, resistance, and family—by the international bestselling author of The Sweetness of Forgetting and When We Meet Again—tells the tale of an American woman, a British RAF pilot, and a young Jewish teenager whose lives intersect in occupied Paris during the tumultuous days of World War II."*

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## NEW IN ADULT NON-FICTION:

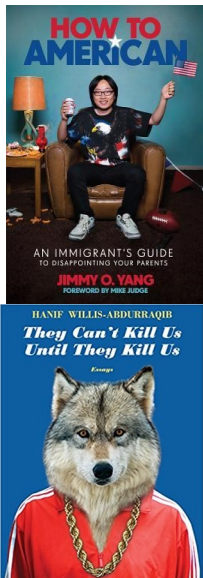
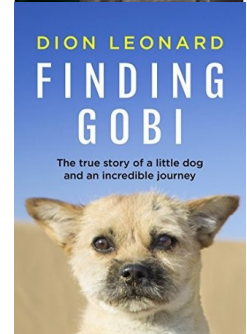
### **This Is Going To Hurt: Secret Diaries Of A Junior Doctor** by Adam Kay

*"Adam Kay was a junior doctor from 2004 until 2010, before a devastating experience on a ward caused him to reconsider his future. He kept a diary throughout his training, and This Is Going to Hurt intersperses tales from the front line of the NHS with reflections on the current crisis. The result is a first-hand account of life as a junior doctor in all its joy, pain, sacrifice and maddening bureaucracy, and a love letter to those who might at any moment be holding our lives in their hands."*



### **Finding Gobi: The true story of a little dog and an incredible journey** by Dion Leonard

*"In 2016, Dion Leonard, a seasoned ultramarathon runner, unexpectedly stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a grueling 155 mile race across the Gobi Desert. The lovable pup, who earned the name 'Gobi', proved that what she lacked in size, she more than made up for in heart, as she went step for step with Dion over the treacherous Tian Shan Mountains, managing to keep pace with him for nearly 80 miles."*



### **How to American: An Immigrant's Guide to Disappointing Your Parents** by Jimmy O. Yang

*"Standup comic, actor and fan favorite from the popular HBO series Silicon Valley shares his memoir of growing up as a Chinese immigrant in California and making it in Hollywood."*

### **They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us** by Hanif Abdurraqib

*"In essays that have been published by the New York Times, MTV, and Pitchfork, among others—along with original, previously unreleased essays—Abdurraqib uses music and culture as a lens through which to view our world, so that we might better understand ourselves, and in so doing proves himself a bellwether for our times."*

## **WANTED Runaway Books!**

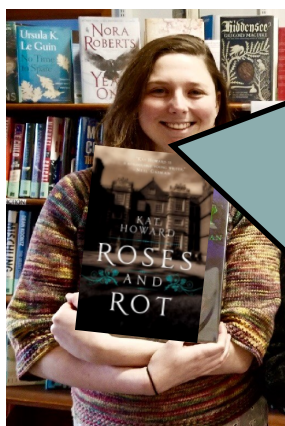
Sometimes library books wander off the shelves and end up on the donation table, at the Community Chest, or elsewhere in town. **If you find a book that has a barcode and labels on it that are not blacked out, it is still in circulation and the library would like it back!** When we do decide to take books off our shelves, we will cross out the barcode and labels to make it clear that book is no longer a library book.

**Thank you!**

### NEW DVDS

The Salmon Forest  
The Notebook  
Pirates of the Caribbean  
The Blues Brothers  
Catwoman  
The Dark Knight Rises  
Language of the Enemy  
The Hunger Games





It's my turn to have a bit of a book slump. I slogged my through *Roses and Rot*, by Kat Howard, a book about an artists' retreat that slowly devolves into a fairy tale involving the land of Fairie and the Fae. While the premise was intriguing, the book fell short for me, coming across as unrealistic to the point of distracting from the story and, in my opinion, a little pretentious.

I also read Jimmy O. Yang's memoir *How to American*. I enjoyed parts of this book, especially reading about his transition as a preteen from Hong Kong to America. However, the pacing and humor were a little off for me. To be fair, I have never watched any of Jimmy O. Yang's comedy, so this may be part of why this book didn't quite "do it" for me.

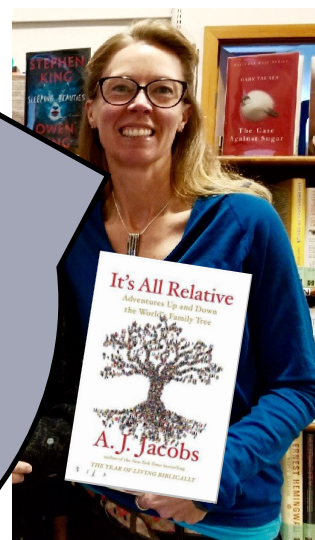
Finally, I read a juvenile fiction book called *Silo and the Rebel Raiders*, (Veronica Peyton), a lovely whimsical and snarky futuristic novel about a boy who can see the future, which just dragged on about a hundred pages too far for me. \*Sigh\* there's always next month. -Jen

As promised, I read and thoroughly enjoyed one of my nonfiction picks of the month, *It's All Relative* by A.J. Jacobs. You might remember him from his *Year of Living Biblically* or *Know it All*.

In his books, Jacobs takes a theory of his and researches it heavily, this time his focus is on family, or rather, his idea of the Global Family Tree. It is his feeling that we are all related genetically, and are, in fact, cousins. And if we are all cousins, shouldn't we treat each other nicely? The idea that once the world realizes that we are all family, we won't be such a dysfunctional society. A society in crisis.

Despite that heavy thought, this book is bursting with humor, which is one of the reasons I picked it up – it did not fail! Added Bonus: a pic of Daniel Radcliffe holding a sign saying that We Are Cousins! And yes! We are all related to an ancient king, Cleopatra and/or Kevin Bacon. Informative read that I very much enjoyed, so much so, I bought a copy for my grandma!

-Bre



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**THE LIBRARY  
DEPENDS ON YOU!**



We would like to give a warm  
welcome to Therese Nicol, our  
newest volunteer. Come visit  
her at the library Saturday  
mornings from 11-1!

## Upcoming Special Events at the Library!

### Summer Reading Starts 6/5!

#### Summer Story Hour

**Tuesdays at 11**

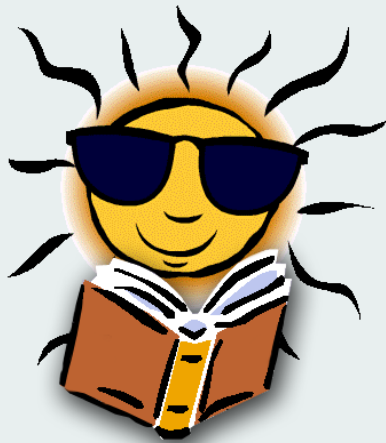
Songs, stories, and movement for young children (\*ages 0-6)

#### Read with a Ranger

**Wednesdays at 10:30**

Books and activities with and Interpretive Ranger from Glacier Bay National Park (\*ages 6+)

*\*ages are guidelines. Children may attend any library program they choose, just be aware that activities will be designed for the age group listed.*



## WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Story Time with Jen

For children and caregivers  
(ages infant-preschool)

Mondays at 10am (changing to Tuesdays at 11 starting 6/5)



#### Intermediate Yoga with yoga App

(not for beginners)

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

#### Knitting/Craft Group

Summer Schedule variable

Check in with Bre



#### Best Beginnings

(baby and toddler group)

Thursdays at 2:30pm



#### Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

#### All levels Yoga with Jess

Saturdays at 9:00 am

\*suggested donation \$5-10



Want to start a club or host an event? Let us know!

## Library Statistics April 2018



Library visitors	1120
Books Checked out	396
Movies Checked out	376
Total items checked out	783

