



Gustavus Library Newsletter



Shark Week at the Library

Congratulations Iris, winner of our Shark Week Art Contest! This was one of several shark-themed events at the library, including a fossil dig with real life fossil-digger Jared “Sharktooth” Rossman. We also enjoyed a showing of the classic *Jaws*, which was interrupted partway through by an earthquake!

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Library Hours

M– 1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm

T– 1:30-4:30

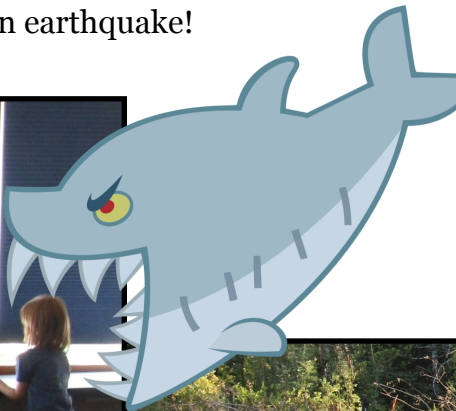
W– 1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm

Th– 10-noon and 1:30-4:30

F– 1:30-4:30

S– 11-3:00

Library is closed Sundays.



**More Shark Week Photos
on Page 2 and 3!**





**Paleontologists
only beyond
this point.**



Last Month at a Glance

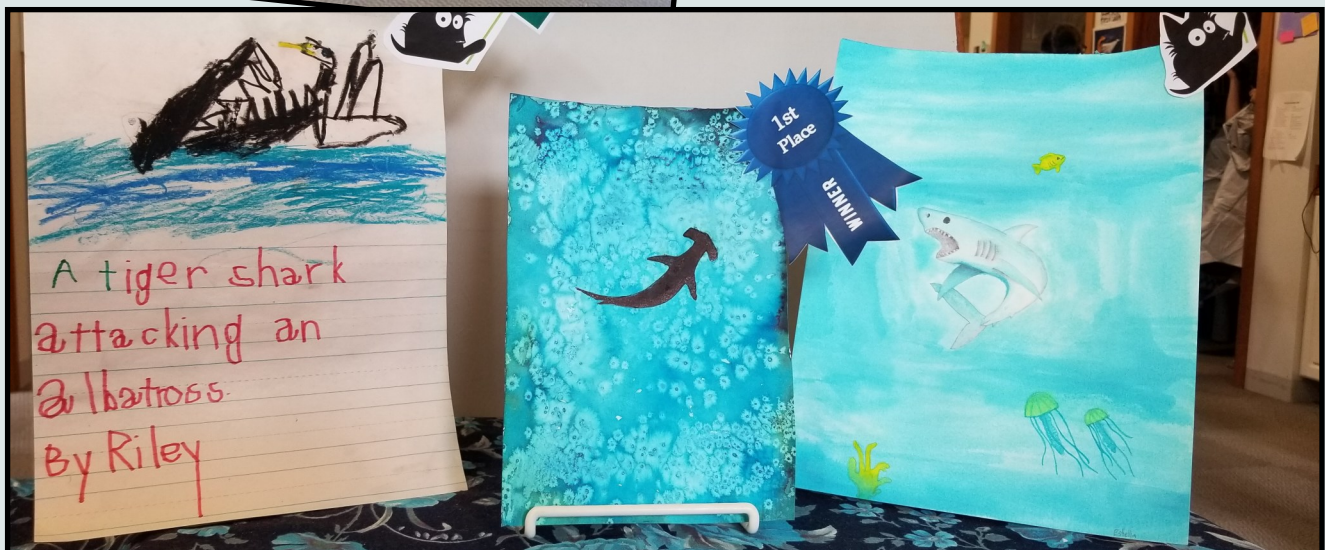


Left: New bags and shirts with the logo designed by Kathy Hocker! These items will be up for sale to help the library fundraise, and some will also be used as prizes for programs!



Middle: Weekly class visits started up with preschool and K-2 classes at the library. Additionally, we started making library book deliveries to the middle and high school English class at the school, and the high school drama class took their first library field trip to watch a movie. We look forward to more collaboration between the library and the school.

Below: The winning Shark Art entry (middle) and the two runners up (left and right). We loved seeing the creativity and effort put into all of these submissions!



Library Notices

Library News

The library has been providing a temporary space for The Rookery to provide childcare services when the preschool is open 3 mornings a week. During this time, Rookery staff have been hosting a Baby/Toddler play group open to the public. See page 7 for details.

We are pleased to have started a contract for custodial services at the library. The library will now have 3 hours of custodial services per week, which is much needed with the number of people using the library! We want send a huge thanks to our volunteers Karen Sargent and Sylvia Martinez who have been cleaning the library and steam cleaning the carpets as volunteers for the past several months!

As part of our fundraising efforts, the library now has t-shirts, book bags, and stickers for sale! The design is our new library logo, created by Kathy Hocker. Inquire at the library if you are interested in supporting the library by purchasing shirts/bags/stickers!

Alaska Digital Library
for Gustavus



Established in Memory
of Rachel Lee Howell

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 patrons in honor of Rachel Lee Howell.

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



New at the Library



Images from Resource Mate.

Upcoming Events

Come learn about



We are an educational nonprofit preparing the next generation for lives of citizenship, stewardship, and leadership.

Last month we purchased the old Good River B&B, and we're eager to talk to Gustavians about how we can contribute to the educational landscape of our town.

**Please join us at the Gustavus Public Library
7pm on Tuesday September 24th**

Executive Director Laura Marcus will speak briefly about The Arete Project's past work, then we'll open it up for Q&A and conversation.

See you there!



Baby/Toddler Play Group

Welcoming all babies and toddlers!



Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-10am at the library

Hosted by the Rookery. All children who are not enrolled in childcare must be supervised by a caregiver during this time.

Statistics: 2018 vs. 2019

	FY2018	FY2019	Percentage Change
Books Added	856	1481	+73%
Total Circulation of Materials	13,097	13,262	+1.3%
Total Programs for Children	183	187	+2.2%
Attendance at children's programs	1,823	2,003	+9.9%
Total programs for teens/tweens	37	55	+48.6%
Attendance at programs for teens/tweens	92	267	+190.2%
Total programs for adults	224	221	-1.3%
Attendance at programs for adults	2,033	2,707	+33.2%
Total Programs	444	463	+4.3%
Total Program Attendance	3,948	4,977	+26%
Total Interlibrary Loans	87	139	+59.8%

Weekly Events

Story Time

Mondays at 10:30am

Songs, movement, and stories for infant through preschoolers and their parents or caregivers.

Yoga

Mondays at 5:30pm

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Saturdays at 9:30 am

*by donation

Knitting/Craft Group

Schedule variable

Check in with Bre

Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

No-Pressure Book Club (monthly)

Check in at the library to see our latest read. Anyone is welcome to join, no commitment required. Read the book, come to the discussion, or don't!

Notice:

No Story Time 9/30 or 10/7 (librarian out of town). If you are interested in leading Story Time on these dates, please contact the library.

Library Statistics August 2019

Library visitors	1459
Books checked out	550
Movies checked out	546
Meetings, Programs, and Special Events	45

2019 Summer Reading Program Statistics

45	Summer Reading Events at the Library
825	Total Event Attendees
53	Kids who participated
23	Teens/Tweens who participated
39	Adults who participated
10	Completed Reading Charts returned to the library
104	Teen Scratch Tickets distributed (which means 104 books checked out by teens/tweens over the summer!)