

Gustavus Library Newsletter



Whether you are traveling over spring break, or not, we want to invite you to take a trip with us through literature!

Now through the end of March, the library will be offering a *Passport to the World Challenge* open to all ages. The goal is to read a book or article that takes place somewhere in the world you have never been.

Fill out what you read and where you traveled, and come in to the library to get your passport stamped. Each place you travel via books earns you a raffle ticket, and a chance to win a travel-themed prize at the end of the month.



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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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Last Month at a Glance



Above Left: Sketches from the Introduction to Northwest Coast Art Formline class taught by Gordon Greenwald and hosted by Gustavus Community Center at the library. Photo by Dave Thomas.

Middle left: Elementary students studying the Iditarod learn first-hand about sleds and sled-dogs in the library parking lot.



Below left: New audiobooks are available at the library, thanks to giveaways at the 2019 AkLA Conference.

Below right: Last month's book club selection was *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Read this month's pick, *Blonde Indian* by Ernestine Hayes, and join us for a discussion at 4:30 on Thursday 3/21.



Library Notices

Library News

- *Jen and Bre recently returned from training in Juneau. See page 4 for our training summary.*
- *Unfortunately, the Stevens Puppet Show Tour was cancelled. We will be looking into other fun opportunities to support at the library this summer!*
- *Jen received a travel grant to attend a NASA STEM workshop next month in Anchorage. This training will teach her how to lead space-themed activities for children and families at the library this summer for our space-themed Summer Reading Program.*
- *We appreciate efforts that parents have made to talk to their kids about disruptive behavior in the library. We are still receiving some feedback from patrons and volunteers that unattended children have been disruptive to the point where other patrons feel forced to leave the library. We need your help. Please talk to your children. If they are not ready to be in control of their own behavior in a public space, then please send them with a responsible adult. Our next step will be contacting parents individually if problems persist. We love that children are enjoying the library. We also need to ensure that other patrons are able to use it too.*

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.



Feb-March 2019 Training Highlights

AEYC Symposium

In February, Jen attended the annual Association for the Education of Young Children Symposium. Here were her main takeaways:

- The importance of regularly incorporating Native language and culture in programs, and the larger community benefits this can support.
- The value of assessing library materials to ensure adequate representation of minority groups who are often underrepresented in children's literature.
- Ideas for using children's literature as a jumping-off point for deeper learning through movement, song, and dramatic play.

AkLA 2019

Jen and Bre attended this 4-day conference for the Alaska Library Association with librarians and library staff from across the state.

Jen's highlights:

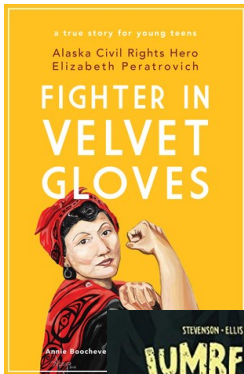
- Learning about the importance of diversity in materials selection, so that all patrons can find stories they relate to, and so patrons can learn about cultures and people they do not interact with through their own community.
- Learning about the "own voices" movement in literature which supports publishing authors who are telling stories from their own experience. This particularly pertains to minority groups.
- Ideas for incorporating audiobooks into children and teen programming.
- Learning about patron-directed programs (such as a community coloring table, group puzzle) as a way for patrons to interact with the library in a new way.
- Adding lots of books to our list to consider for our collection.
- Connecting with other librarians about their Summer Reading Program plans.
- Attending the Youth Services Roundtable and hearing about the most successful programs at other libraries, some of which I hope to implement at our library.
- Bringing home lots of book and audiobook giveaways for our library!

Bre's highlights:

- I was grateful for Free Speech 101, which raised my awareness of our library meeting room usage. We have updated policies in place and this course gave me great tips on how to manage situations that might arise with groups meeting that are offensive to others.
- The Senior Story Hour hit home for me, we have quite a few seniors here that live alone and come to the library for social interactions. Jen and I spent the session coming up with ways to use Andi and Felicite's ideas in a way that suits our situation out here, as we don't have a senior home to go visit. We may try to find a way to do a sort of book mobile but on a one-on-one basis. We have a large hospice/care giving support group out here that we can pack up a rolling suitcase for, filled with books and things suited towards those that they are working with. Great session.

NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES!

NEW IN THE JUVENILE SECTION



Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich by Annie Boochever

“No Natives or Dogs Allowed,” blared the storefront sign at Elizabeth Peratrovich, then a young Alaska Native Tlingit. The sting of those words would stay with her all her life. Years later, after becoming a seasoned fighter for equality, she would deliver her own powerful message: one that helped change Alaska and the nation forever.”



Lumberjanes Volume 6: Sink or Swim by Shannon Watters

“All is fair in love and badges! Or so April, Jo, Mal, Molly, and Ripley thought until they met the mysterious counselor, Seafarin’ Karen. When the Lumberjanes decide it’s time to learn more about the theatrical yet intriguing counselor, things take a turn for the strange. Between a sudden storm hitting the camp, shapeshifters, and strange portals, this is one badge that the Lumberjanes must go above and beyond for.”

NEW IN YOUNG ADULT

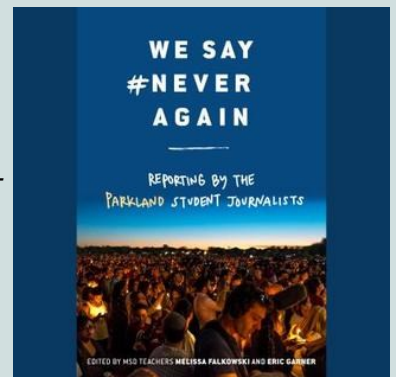
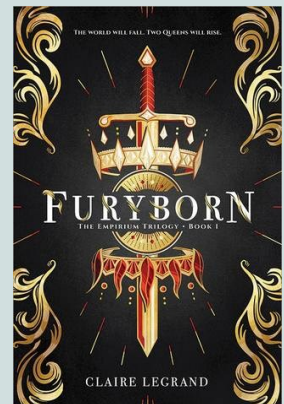
Furyborn by Claire Legrand (audiobook)

“The stunningly original, must-read fantasy of 2018 follows two fiercely independent young women, centuries apart, who hold the power to save their world...or doom it.”

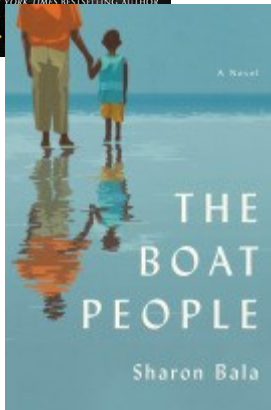
We Say Never Again: Reporting by the Parkland Student Journalists (audiobook)

“A journalistic look at the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland and the fight for gun control--as told by the student reporters for the school’s newspaper and TV station.

This timely and media-driven approach to the Parkland shooting, as reported by teens in the journalism and broadcasting programs and in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas newspaper, is an inside look at that tragic day and the events that followed that only they could tell.”



NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES!



NEW IN ADULT FICTION

How Long 'Til Black Future Month? By N. K. Jemisin,

"In these stories, Jemisin sharply examines modern society, infusing magic into the mundane, and drawing deft parallels in the fantasy realms of her imagination. Dragons and hateful spirits haunt the flooded city of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina."

The Boat People by Sharon Bala

"When a rusty cargo ship carrying Mahindan and five hundred fellow refugees from Sri Lanka's bloody civil war reaches Vancouver's shores, the young father thinks he and his six-year-old son can finally start a new life. Instead, the group is thrown into a detention processing center, with government officials and news headlines speculating that among the "boat people" are members of a separatist militant organization responsible for countless suicide attacks—and that these terrorists now pose a threat to Canada's national security. As the refugees become subject to heavy interrogation, Mahindan begins to fear that a desperate act taken in Sri Lanka to fund their escape may now jeopardize his and his son's chance for asylum."

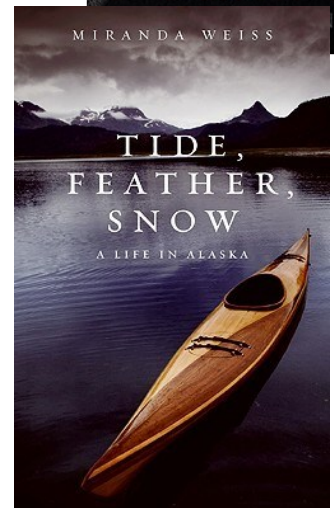
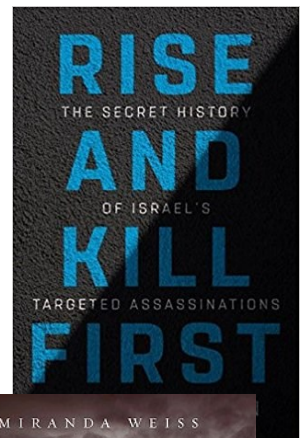
NEW IN ADULT NONFICTION

Rise and Kill First: The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations by Ronen Bergman

"The first definitive history of the Mossad, Shin Bet, and the IDF's targeted killing programs, from the man hailed by David Remnick as "arguably [Israel's] best investigative reporter." Including never-before-reported, behind-the-curtain accounts of key operations, and based on hundreds of on-the-record interviews and thousands of files to which Bergman has gotten exclusive access over his decades of reporting, Rise and Kill First brings us deep into the heart of Israel's most secret activities. Bergman traces, from statehood to the present, the gripping events and thorny ethical questions underlying Israel's targeted killing campaign, which has shaped the Israeli nation, the Middle East, and the entire world."

Tide, Feather, Snow: A Life In Alaska by Miranda Weiss

"In Tide, Feather, Snow, Miranda Weiss, a young woman who grew up landlocked in well-kept East Coast suburbs, moves with her boyfriend to Homer, Alaska, where the days are quartered by the most extreme tides in the country, where the years are marked by seasons of fish, and where locals carry around the knowledge of fish, tides, boats, and weather as ballast. At first, she struggles to make a place for herself in this unfamiliar country. But ultimately, Weiss learns the skills to survive on her own, from setting a fishing net to befriending the locals, from jarring rosehip butter to skinning a sea otter."



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

What are your librarians reading?



Jen read two new Young Adult Books this month. The first was *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Makenzi Lee. This was a fun, snarky historical fiction following a precocious young man, Monty, with a knack for getting himself into sticky situations. He is secretly in love with his best friend Percy, a level-headed and responsible young man with a secret of his own. The pair, along with Monty's little sister, adventure their way across Europe, finding themselves in more and more dangerous and complicated situations than they ever imagined. This book was witty, informative, and endearingly romantic.

The second book was *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland. This book takes place post-civil war, with the twist being that the dead have risen from the battlefields and started consuming the living. In response, the government has rounded up black and Native American teens, and sent them to re-education schools to train them as zombie assassins who are then hired out as personal protectors to the wealthy and elite. This book is well-written and a lot of fun!

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
A review from Bre.

My eyebrows furrow while trying to review this book. There has been some hysteria about this book online, everywhere. By all my favorite authors even! I worry that this media presence is a product of the All Mighty Dollar. :/

What made me pick this book up? "*Alicia's life is seeming perfect. Famous painter, famous photographer husband, awesome house in London. One evening, her*

husband returns home and Alicia shoots him five times in the face and never speaks another word." Intriguing first sentence, which I very much value. She's put in an institution and is given a psychotherapist who is fixated on "helping" her (but it seemed really creepy to me – sometimes I cringed waiting for the moment when a book turns shockingly rated R). He unprofessionally dives into her personal life, contacting people she knew. Why doesn't she speak? Clearly, something happened to her that will be revealed, *ever so slowly*.

I was ready for a fun read... and it was that, for sure. I might tell you to skip it, but since we bought it, I'd like someone else to read it - your turn!

Let's end this on a high note - last month, I read my first Ivan Doig and it reminded me of the reason I adore reading. Doig has been on my TBR list (to be read) for awhile and, naturally, I gravitated towards the *The Bartenders Tale*. I love bartenders. I love tales! Pick it up and sink in with a natural story teller.



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Upcoming Special Events

Passport to the World Challenge

Pick up your passport at the library!

Ends 3/31

Writers' Space

A quiet space for writers to work.

Tues 3/19 10-noon

Board Games in the meeting room

Wed 3/20 2-4pm

Movie Night

Do The Right Thing

\$5 Suggested donation.

Wed 3/20 at 7pm

Community Coloring

Thurs 3/21 2-4pm

Book Club Meeting

for *Blonde Indian*

Thurs 3/21 at 4:30pm

Movie Matinee

Brave

All ages, free of charge.

Fri 3/22 at 3pm

Movie Night at the Library

Wednesday 3/20 at 7pm



Do The Right Thing

Director Spike Lee's breakthrough 1989 film about racial tension on the hottest day of the year in Brooklyn. This film was deemed "culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress and was selected for preservation by the National Film Registry.

Rated R

120 minutes

Popcorn provided.

Suggested Donation \$5

Friday Matinee at the Library



Friday 3/22 at 3pm

All ages welcome

No cost!

Weekly Events

Story Time with Jen

Mondays at 10:30am

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

Intermediate Yoga (no instructor)

Mondays at 5:30pm

All levels Yoga with Jess

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Saturdays at 9:30 am

*by donation

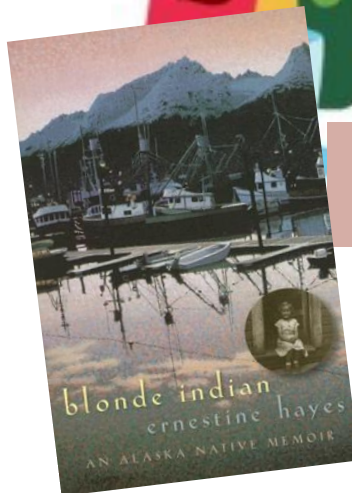
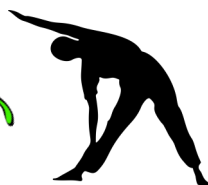
Knitting/Craft Group

Schedule variable

Check in with Bre

Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm



March 2019

**Blonde Indian: An
Alaska Native Memoir**
by Ernestine Hayes

Meeting: Thurs 3/21 at 4:30pm

Bring a mug for tea and a snack to share.

Image from goodreads.com. Text from <https://jlc-web.uaa.alaska.edu>

Library Statistics Feb. 2019



Library visitors	953
Books checked out	849
Movies checked out	700
Total classes, groups, events, and meetings	57

