

# Gustavus Library Newsletter

## Help Us Get A Traveling Puppet Show to Gustavus!

The Gustavus Library has been offered an opportunity to host Stevens Puppets, a group of traveling puppeteers, in their performance of an Alaska-themed Goldilocks and the Three Bears this summer. The group received a grant to travel around Southeast Alaska performing the show, but we are looking for community contributions to make it happen.

Here is the description of the show:

*"In an enchanted Alaskan forest, join a family of bears as they encounter different perspectives and values, ultimately sharing a common purpose with a salmon and resolving their conflict with a golden-haired trespasser, who learns precious lessons from them as well as from her bald eagle companion about respect, kindness, apologizing, and forgiveness. Hand-carved wooden marionettes bring this story to life with charming literary rhymes, alliterations, and idioms which engage, educate, and amuse. Hand-painted scenery presents the misty fjords and totems of Southeast Alaska in glorious color and authenticity. Opportunities abound to connect this story to ecology and geography, biology, history, and social justice."*

Please let us know if you can help with:

- Donating toward the \$300 cost of the show
- Providing lodging for the performers (one room) for 2 nights.



*Photo from stevenspuppets.com*



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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

Snapshots from Story Time at the library! Children ages infant through preschool join us every week with parents or caregivers to explore books, music, puzzles, and socialize with others.

*See page 8 for upcoming temporary Story Time schedule changes!*





# Library Notices

## Library News

*The City Council approved a scoping document which enables the library to apply for funding from the State for Capital Improvement. This is the first step for the library to explore the possibility of expanding the building sometime in the future.*

*Your librarians are heading off for training! Next week, Jen will be going to Juneau for a symposium on early childhood development. The following week, Jen and Bre will be attending the annual Alaska State Library Association (AkLA) conference to network with librarians across the state and attend sessions on anything and everything library-related. This year, Jen will be presenting as a panelist during the Summer Reading Program session, as a representative from a small rural library in Alaska.*

*We highly value the opportunity to gain more training to help us be better librarians. We hope to have limited interruption of services at the library, and appreciate your understanding if a volunteer is unable to cover a shift while we are away.*

*Thank you to the parents who spoke with their children about behavior expectations in the library! We have not received any complaints this month, and really appreciate your support. We know how important the library can be as an after-school space, especially for families with working parents, and we thank you for helping us make sure we can keep the library available as an option for kids to come hang out after school on their own.*

Alaska Digital Library  
for Gustavus



Established in Memory  
of Rachel Lee Howell

## Check out eBooks and audiobooks for free!

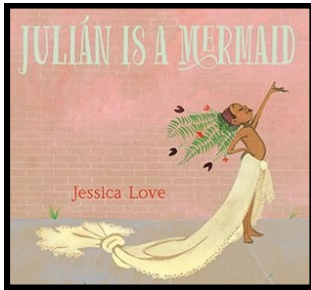
*Did you know that you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks free of charge?*

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 BOOKS AND MOVIES!

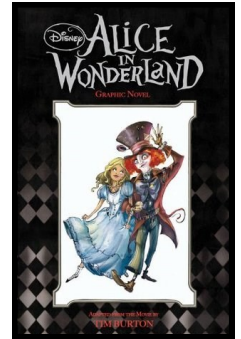


## NEW IN THE JUVENILE SECTION

**Julián Is A Mermaid** by Jessica Love

*"In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world."*

**Alice in Wonderland (graphic novel)** by Massimiliano Narciso



## NEW IN YOUNG ADULT

**Tanabata Wish** by Sara Fujimura

*"Phoenix-native Skyler Doucet's plans with her BFF are ruined when her mom and Japanese stepfather move the entire family to Nagoya, Japan for the summer before her senior year. But when David Takamatsu, a biracial Japanese-American boy, invades Skyler's space (and her heart), this fish out of water in Japan starts to wonder if it's the pond back home that might be too small."*



## Saved from the Library

### A Book Review

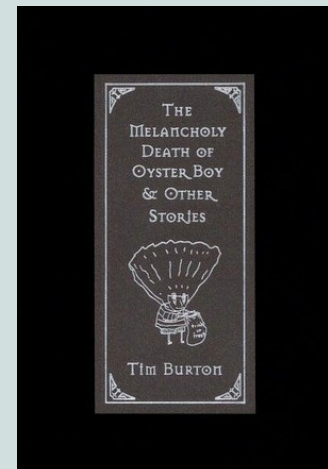
By Wylie Ohlson

This month I saved a book from being weeded from the poetry section in the library. I was sitting on my bed with my dad talking about memes, when my mom entered the room. I knew that she was going to hand me a book. The book was called *The Melancholy Death of Oyster Boy* by Tim Burton. When I first opened the book I noticed that the book was first checked out on February 17, 1999. Next I noticed how everything was not like your normal poetry book. It started with a short 8 line poem below:

#### *Stick Boy and Match Girl in Love*

Stick Boy liked Match Girl,  
He liked her a lot.  
He liked her cute figure,  
He thought she was hot.

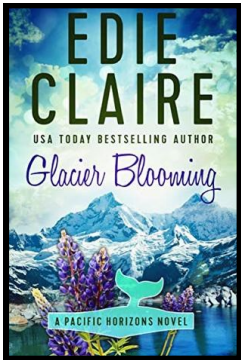
But could a flame ever burn,  
For a match and a stick?  
It did quite literally,  
He burned up pretty quick.





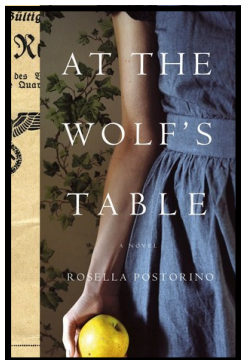
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## NEW IN ADULT FICTION



**Glacier Blooming** by Edie Claire

*"...tragedy, heartbreak, and painful family secrets..."*  
*Set in our very own Gustavus!*

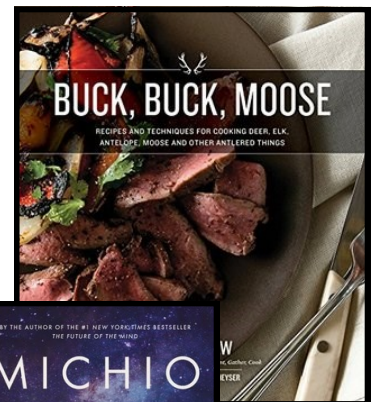


**At the Wolf's Table** by Rosella Postorino

*"Germany, 1943: Twenty-six-year-old Rosa Sauer's parents are gone, and her husband Gregor is far away, fighting on the front lines of WWII. Impoverished and alone, she makes the fateful decision to leave war-torn Berlin to live with her in-laws in the countryside, thinking she'll find refuge there. But one morning, the SS come to tell her she has been conscripted to be one of Hitler's tasters: three times a day, she and nine other women go to his secret headquarters, the Wolf's Lair, to eat his meals before he does. Forced to eat what might kill them, the tasters begin to divide into The Fanatics, those loyal to Hitler, and the women like Rosa who insist they aren't Nazis, even as they risk their lives every day for Hitler's."*

## NEW IN ADULT NONFICTION

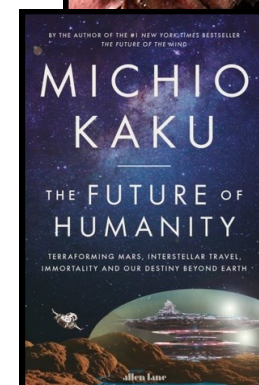
**Buck Buck Moose: Recipes and Techniques for Cooking Deer, Elk, Moose, Antelope, and Other Antlered Things** by Hank Shaw



**The Future of Humanity: Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality, and Our Destiny Beyond Earth** by Michio Kaku

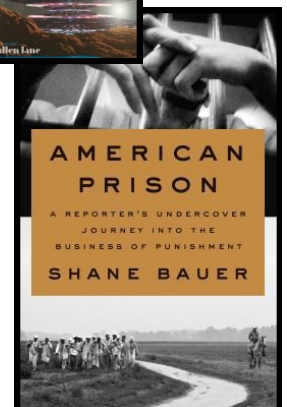
*"Human civilization is on the verge of spreading beyond Earth. More than a possibility, it is becoming a necessity: whether our hand is forced by climate change and resource depletion or whether future catastrophes compel us to abandon Earth, one day we will make our homes among the stars."*

*World-renowned physicist and futurist Michio Kaku explores in rich, accessible detail how humanity might gradually develop a sustainable civilization in outer space."*

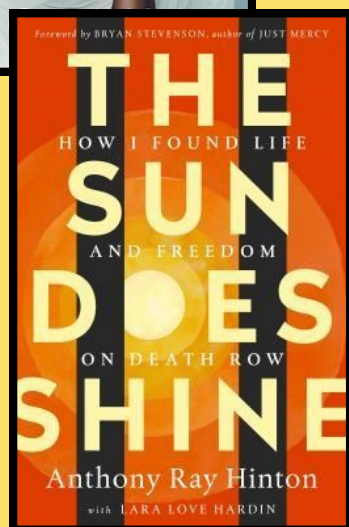
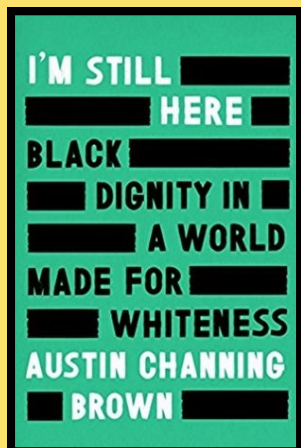
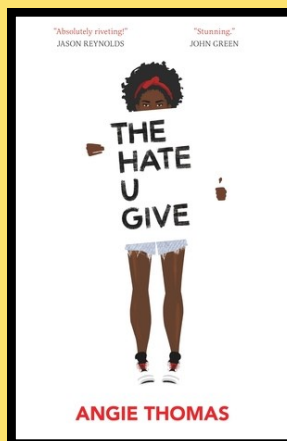
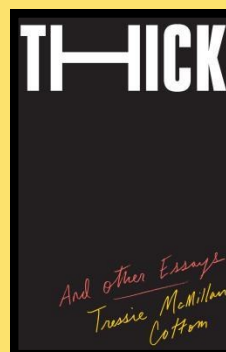
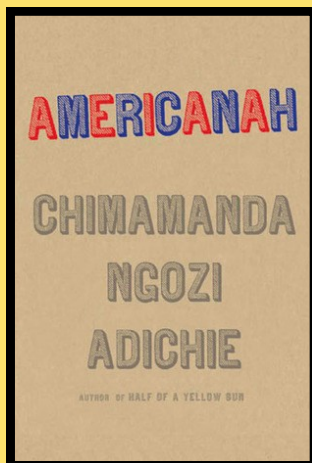
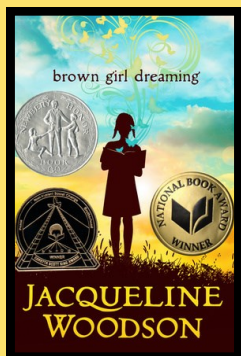
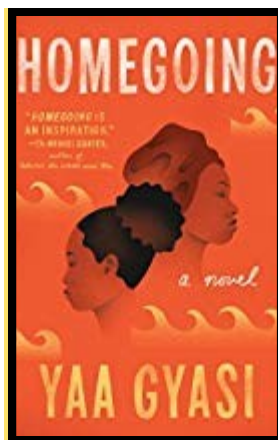


**American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment** by Shane Bauer

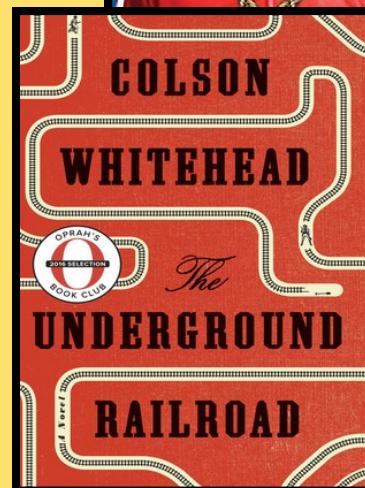
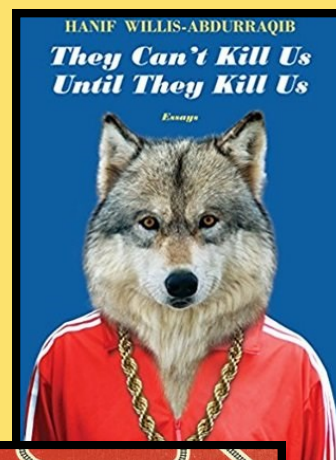
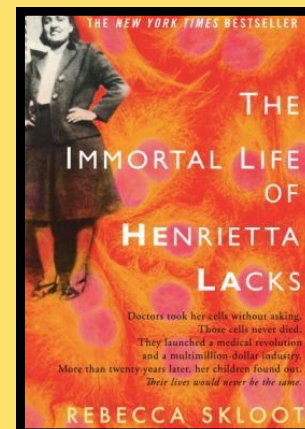
*"A groundbreaking and brave inside reckoning with the nexus of prison and profit in America in one Louisiana prison and over the course of our country's history."*



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



# 12 Books to check out for Black History Month



Find these and other books in our Black History Month display at the library!

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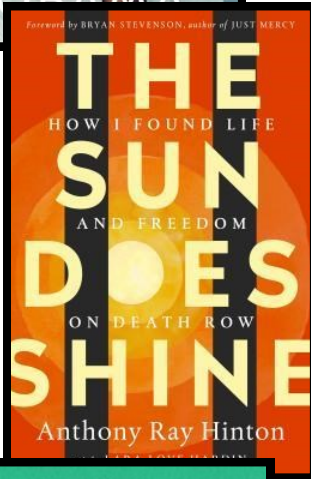




## **Becoming** by Michelle Obama

I listened to Michelle Obama's memoir on audiobook, and really enjoyed hearing her narrate her own story. The first half of the book focused on her childhood in Southside Chicago, as well as her early adult life in college and working at a law firm. The latter half of the book delves into her changing world as her husband began considering a career in politics, and the tumultuous road that led her and her family to the Whitehouse and beyond it. An enjoyable and informative look into the life of this First Lady.

*Review by Jen Gardner*



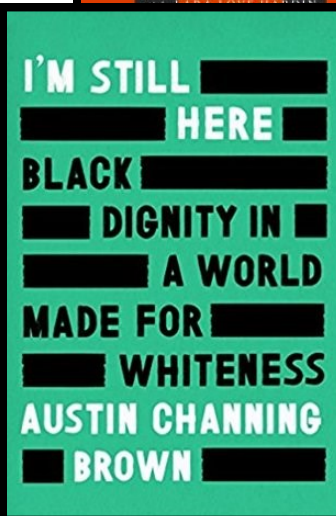
## **The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row** by Anthony Ray Hinton

Reading this book was appalling. While I was prepared to learn more about racial bias in the American justice system, I was not prepared for just how personal this book would feel. Anthony Ray Hinton's memoir chronicles the nearly 30 years he spent imprisoned on death row for a crime he did not commit. Through his writing, Hinton examines his life leading up to his wrongful conviction, the experience of being convicted of murder despite evidence that he could not have even been at the scene of the crime, and paints a stark portrait of the reality of life on death row. Through it all, Hinton kept his faith and inspired others to do the same, despite seeing countless people walked to their deaths just down the hall from his cell. His descriptions are harrowing, insightful, and, despite all he went through, not without a sense of humor. He is honest, about his own shortcomings, about the inmates he befriended (including a KKK member who had been convicted of murdering a black teenager), and about the challenges of assimilating back into life outside of prison once he was finally exonerated and let out of prison in 2015. This is a very personal look inside the justice system, as well as the realities of race and income prejudice in America. Absolutely worth the read.

## **I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness** by Austin Channing Brown

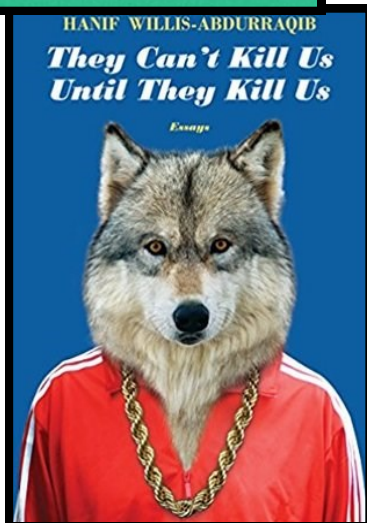
This was a powerful collection of personal essays that really made me consider this author's perspective navigating the world as a Christian black woman in America. It was a quick read, engaging, and thought-provoking.

*Review by Jen Gardner*



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

What does music mean to you? Ask Hanif Abdurraqib what music means to him as a black man who was raised Muslim in the American Midwest. To him music is one of the binding threads of what it means to be human, to express how we feel, to help us cope together, find solace in trauma, to find joy in all the right places. Abdurraqib explores the power of music, and how it reflects who we are as people, and how it can bring us together, regardless of background. He does this beautifully, every line flowing like poetry, this is highly recommended reading for anyone, and everyone.



# Weekly Events at the Library

## 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



## Upcoming Special Events *at the library*

### Youth Art Open Studio with Kathy Hocker

Friday 2/15 at 2:35

Ages 8 and up

Sign up at the library– space is limited!

### Northwest Coast Formline Design Class

Instructor: Gordon Greenwald

February 25 - March 3, 2019

Weekday classes: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Weekend classes daytime (tbd)

To register email:

[gustavuscommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:gustavuscommunitycenter@gmail.com) or  
text 928-830-2036

Cost: \$75 (scholarship available)

## Upcoming Holidays and Closures

The library will be open on Monday 2/18 (President's Day) thanks to the dedication of volunteer Kate Boesser! Thank you Kate– your service is appreciated!

There **will** be Story Time Mon 2/18

There **will not** be Story Time Mon 2/25 or Mon 3/4 (Jen will be at trainings).

\*Story Time regulars– please contact Jen if you are interested in leading Story Time one of these weeks!

## Library Statistics Jan. 2019

Library visitors	1201
Books checked out	703
Movies checked out	488
Total classes, groups, events, and meetings	60