

Gustavus Library Newsletter



Happy New Year from the library! We kicked off 2019 with a massive weeding of library materials that had not been used in many years. In the first half of January alone, we decommissioned 278 items to help make room for resources that are currently being utilized in our community. Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Table to "save" books from leaving the library! Every item you check out (or don't!) is a vote for what we keep in our collection, and what we have to let go of.

We reorganized the DVD section so that movies, tv shows, nonfiction DVDs, and children's DVDs flow all the way across the shelves from left to right. Music has been moved to the shelves right next to the couch. Our Saturday volunteer Karen made some helpful bright signs, but don't hesitate to ask if you can't find something.

Thanks to a generous community donor, the library now owns a Wii gaming system! We will be testing this out soon, and hope to schedule some game nights in the near future.

Finally, we asked and you responded! Thanks for all of the votes for Gustavus' Favorite Reads of 2018 (More on pages 6-7):



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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



Top left: Thank you Annie for hosting Legos at the Library through Winter Break! Kids had lots of fun coming to the library for lego time every Friday afternoon.



Middle left: A fun break in the snow during Winter Reading at the library. We hosted weekly events over the break for elementary and middle school students, weekly story time for toddlers and preschoolers, and special events for all ages.

Below: Participants show off their creations in our Marshmallow Tower day, part of our first Winter Reading Program at the library! See page 9 for Winter Reading Program Statistics.



Library Notices

Jen and Bre will be attending the annual AkLA (Alaska Library Association) conference in Juneau Feb 27-March 4. With the help of volunteers, we hope to have the library operating as usual during our absence, but apologies in advance for any gaps in service this might create. We hope to bring back lots of new information and connections with other libraries across the state so we can continue improving and better serve our community!

A Note to Parents:

We welcome patrons of all ages to come and use the library, and parents are expected to provide appropriate supervision to children. At this point it is up to the parent what that supervision looks like, and we do not have a minimum age for children accessing the library without an adult.

Recently, we have noticed some issues with unattended minors behaving in ways that are distracting to other patrons and volunteers. These behaviors include running in the library, speaking or yelling in a volume above normal talking level, and grouping around computers so that others are having a hard time accessing them.

Please talk to your children if they use the library without an adult, and remind them about appropriate behavior in the library. We do not want to have to change our policy on minors using the library, but volunteers and staff cannot be responsible for babysitting or disciplining unattended children.

Thank you!

Alaska Digital Library
for Gustavus



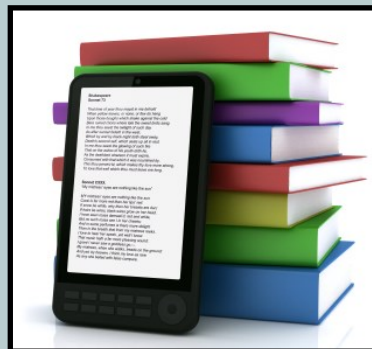
Established in Memory
of Rachel Lee Howell

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



My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero

"Diane Guerrero was a young girl living in Boston. One day, while Guerrero was at school, her undocumented immigrant parents were taken from their home, detained, and deported. Guerrero's life, which had been full of the support of a loving family, was turned upside down."

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

"After suffering a tragic loss, eleven-year-old Ollie only finds solace in books. So when she happens upon a crazed woman at the river threatening to throw a book into the water, Ollie doesn't think--she just acts, stealing the book and running away. As she begins to read the slender volume, Ollie discovers a chilling story about a girl named Beth, the two brothers who both loved her, and a peculiar deal made with 'the smiling man,' a sinister specter who grants your most tightly held wish, but only for the ultimate price."

NEW IN YOUNG ADULT

The Agony House by Cherie Priest

"Denise Farber has just moved back to New Orleans with her mom and step-dad. They left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and have finally returned, wagering the last of their family's money on fixing up an old, rundown house and converting it to a bed and breakfast...But when floors collapse, deadly objects rain down, and she hears creepy voices, it's clear to Denise that something more sinister lurks hidden here."



Not Even Bones by Rebecca Schaeffer

"Dexter meets This Savage Song in this dark fantasy about a girl who sells magical body parts on the black market — until she's betrayed."



NEW DVDS

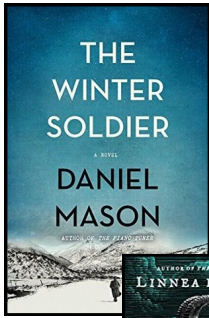
The Book Thief
A Walk In The Woods
A Most Wanted Man
Twilight Zone
The Bucket List

Pinocchio
Better Call Saul
Stomp the Yard
The Young Victoria
Poldark Season 4

8 Mile
La La Land
The Man Who Invented Christmas
The Long Riders
Iron Man 2

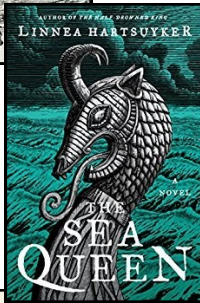
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NEW IN ADULT FICTION



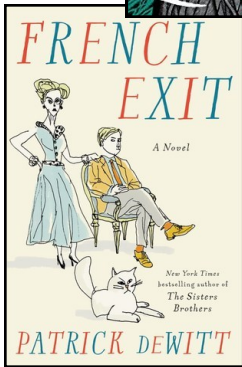
The Winter Soldier by Daniel Mason

“Lucius is a twenty-two-year-old medical student when World War I explodes across Europe. Enraptured by romantic tales of battlefield surgery, he enlists, expecting a position at a well-organized field hospital. But when he arrives, at a commandeered church tucked away high in a remote valley of the Carpathian Mountains, he finds a freezing outpost ravaged by typhus.”



The Sea Queen by Linnea Hartsuyker

“An exhilarating Viking saga filled with the rich history, romantic adventure and political intrigue that have made Diana Gabaldon’s Outlander, George R. R. Martin’s Game of Thrones, as well as Philippa Gregory’s historical fiction and Neil Gaiman’s Norse Mythology popular bestsellers.”



French Exit by Patrick deWitt

“From bestselling author Patrick deWitt, a brilliant and darkly comic novel about a wealthy widow and her adult son who flee New York for Paris in the wake of scandal and financial disintegration...Brimming with pathos and wit, French Exit is a one-of-a-kind ‘tragedy of manners,’ a riotous send-up of high society, as well as a moving mother/son caper which only Patrick deWitt could conceive and execute.”

NEW IN ADULT NONFICTION

Period Power: A Manifesto for the Menstrual Movement by Nadya Okamoto

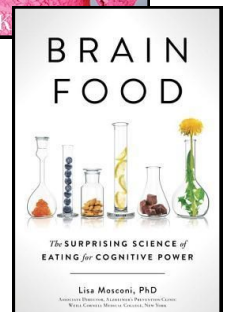
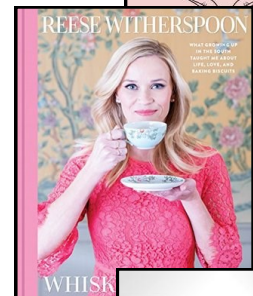
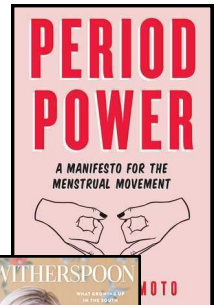
“Power to the Period aims to explain what menstruation is, shed light on the stigmas and resulting biases, and create a strategy to end the silence and prompt conversation about periods.”

Whiskey in a Teacup: What Growing Up in the South Taught me About Life, Love & Baking Biscuits by Reese Witherspoon

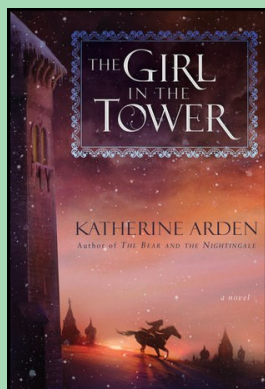
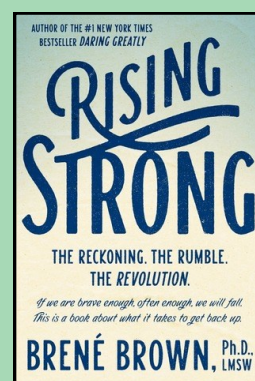
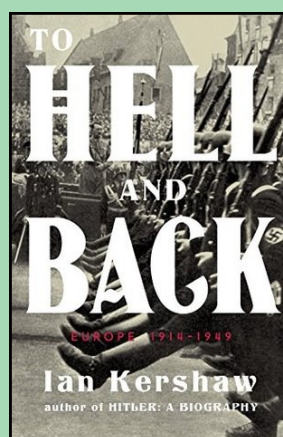
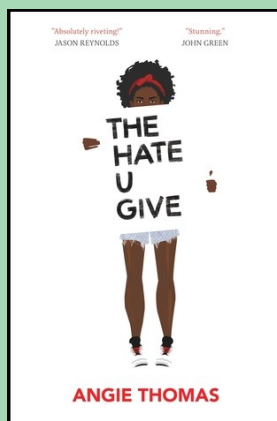
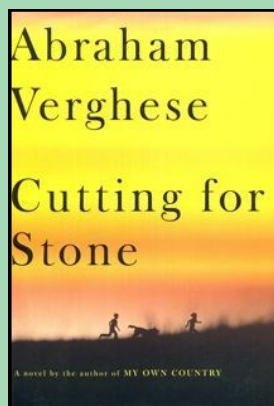
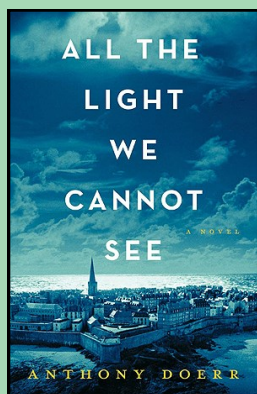
“Academy award-winning actress, producer, and entrepreneur Reese Witherspoon invites you into her world, where she infuses the southern style, parties, and traditions she loves with contemporary flair and charm.”

Brain Food: The Surprising Science of Eating for Cognitive Power by Lisa Mosconi, PhD

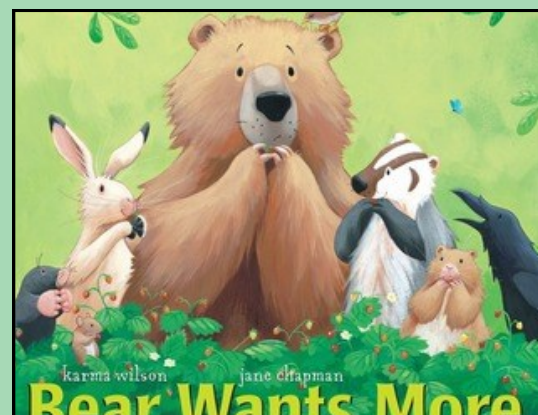
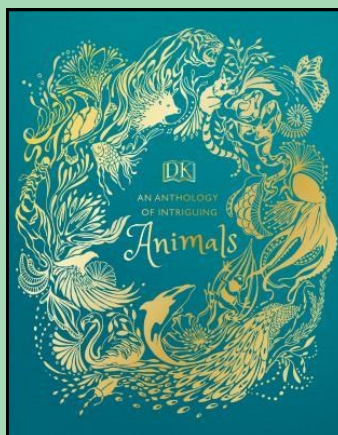
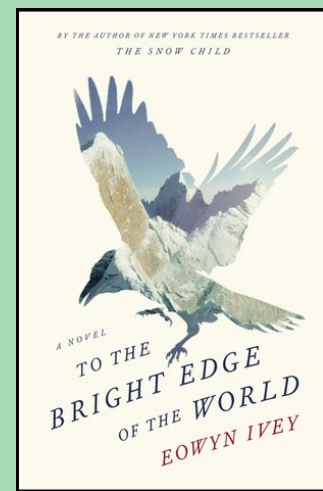
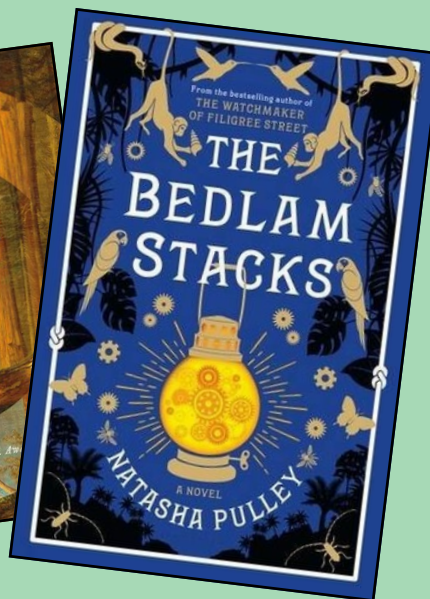
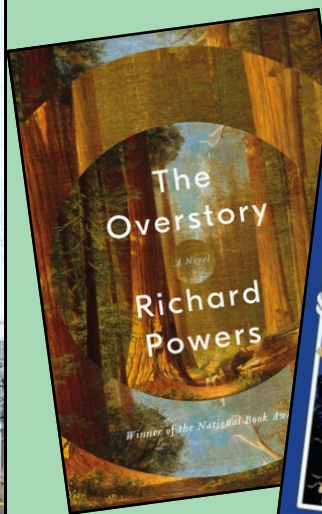
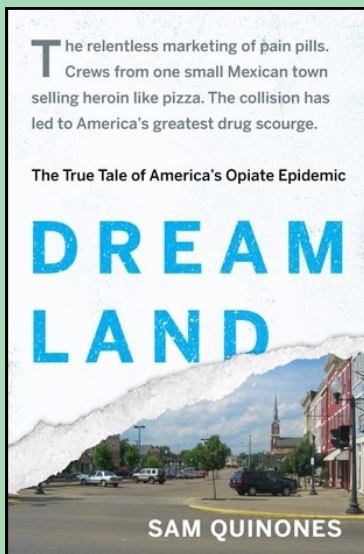
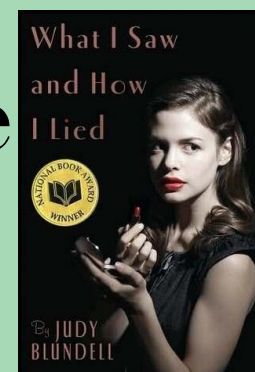
“Like our bodies, our brains have very specific food requirements. And in this eye-opening book from an author who is both a neuroscientist and a certified integrative nutritionist, we learn what should be on our menu.”



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



Gustavus' Favorite Reads of 2018



Images from goodreads.com



Fiction:

Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan
 The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin
 The Book of M by Peng Shepherd
 To the Bright Edge of the World by Eowyn Ivey
 The Overstory by Richard Powers
 Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
 The Bedlam Stacks by Natasha Pulley
 The Girl in the Tower by Katherine Arden
 All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
 Virgil Wander by Leif Enger

Memoir:

Educated by Tara Westover
 Becoming by Michelle Obama

Young Adult:

What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell
 The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Nonfiction:

The Gene: An Intimate History
 Sapiens: A Brief History of Human Kind
 Underwater Dogs by Seth Casteel
 Neurobiology and the Development of Human Morality by Darcia Narvaez
 Rising Strong by Brene Brown
 Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic by Sam Quinones
 To Hell and Back by Ian Kershaw
 In Search of the Canary Tree: The Story of a Scientist, a Cypress, and a Changing World by Lauren Oakes

Juvenile:

Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles Into Comics by James Sturm
 El Deafo by Cece Bell
 Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson
 Supernova (Amulet #8) by Kazu Kibuishi
 An Anthology of Intriguing Animals by Ben Hoare
 Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo

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

Six Word Book Reviews

Want to submit a book review for next month's newsletter?

Email jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us

Wayward Saints by
Suzzy Roche (Saved from
the Last Chance table)

*Rock 'n' Roll,
Mysticism,
Last Chance--Really?*
-Jane B.

**To the Bright Edge Of the
World** by Eowyn Ivey

*Surprising and Fascinating
exploration of Alaska,
1885.*
-Cheryl S.

Dreamland

by Sam Quinones
(The True Tale of America's
Opiate Epidemic)
*Fantastic book and an
important read.*
-Sally

The Snow Child

By Eowyn Ivey
*Mysterious and lonely
Alaska historical
folktale.*
-Jen

The Overstory
by Richard Powers

*A masterful weaving of
human stories and those
of trees into one gorgeous
tapestry.*
-Greg S.

The Fifth Season

By NK Jemisin
*Breathtakingly-paced;
lushly-written;
innovative sci-fi.*
-Kathy H.

Heroes of the Frontier
by Dave Eggers

*Ouch. This Alaskan
feeling let down.*
-Bre

Seven Days of Us
by Francesca Hornak
*Quarantined with
family over holi-
days? Tragicomic!*
-Bre

Virgil Wander

By Leif Enger
*Magical tale of
community and joy.*
-Patrick H.

THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS
VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS.

Thank
you!

THE LIBRARY
DEPENDS ON YOU!

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*

Book Club Meeting

Thurs 1/16 at 4:30pm

Bring a mug for tea and snacks to share

Public Meeting on PFAS is now being held at the library. Friday Jan. 18th at 5:30pm.

Movie Night! Friday Jan. 26th at 6pm

All ages, light snacks provided

\$5 suggested donation



Winter Reading Statistics 2019

Total Bookmarks Completed

34

Total Winter Reading Events Hosted

10

Total Winter Reading Event Attendees

102

Library Statistics Dec. 2018

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| Library visitors | 1106 |
| Books checked out | 587 |
| Movies checked out | 597 |
| Total classes, groups, events, and meetings | 54 |