

# Gustavus Library Newsletter

## Winter Reading Program

This winter, we are trying out something new! Readers of all ages are invited to participate in our Winter Reading Program (a mini version of our Summer Reading Program) to encourage students to keep reading over winter break, and readers of all ages to get in the habit of picking up a good book over the winter.

Enter our all-ages Winter Reading Bookmark Challenge, where you can color in a book for each book you check out at the library, and a snowflake for every 20 minutes you spend reading between now and January 7th. Each completed bookmark gets you a raffle ticket for our Winter Raffle on January 8th. Check out some of the prizes below!

Pick up your bookmark at the library, and check out all of our Winter Reading Events, including holiday card making and marshmallow tower building, on page 9!

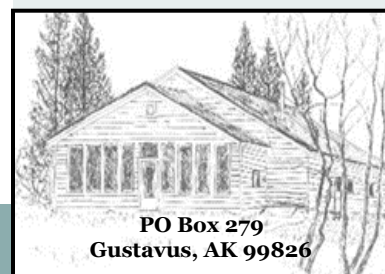


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### Library Hours

**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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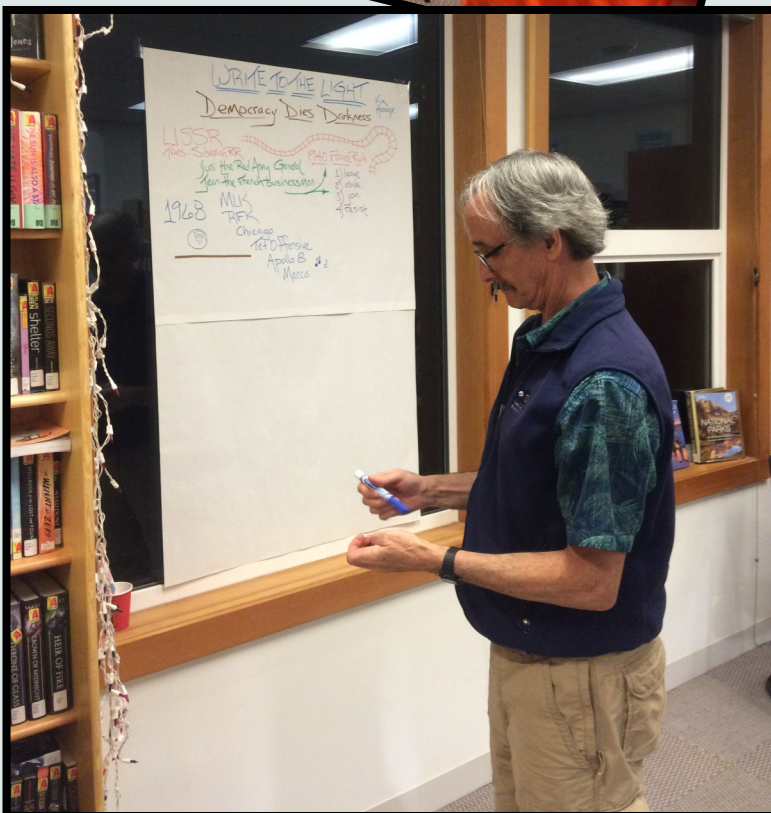
# Last Month at a Glance



**Left:** Lego fun at the library! Kids and teens are invited to attend Lego Fridays with Annie 2:30-4pm through the end of December.

**Below Left:** Local author Kim Heacox presents his first *Write to the Light* talk at the Gustavus Public Library. The presentation delved into activist writing, history, and current events.

**Below Right:** Visiting author Gina Cole poses with her book, **Black Ice Matter**, a book of short stories all centering around the idea of ice as a metaphor for deeper issues. Gina Cole gave a presentation on Pacific Islander culture, the impacts of colonization, and how these topics impact her as a writer. She also led a creative writing exercise with participants at the library.



## Library PFAS Test Results

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. collected a water sample on August 28, 2018 from the well at the Gustavus Public Library. Below are the analytical results for the water-supply well at 14 Gustavus Road:

Results of the analysis conducted by TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc. indicate that PFOS was detected at an estimated 1.5 ppt and PFHxS was detected at an estimated 1.1 ppt in the water sample collected at the Gustavus Public Library. The sum of these compounds is less than the ADEC action level.

*Note: There is a Berkey water filter available in the library meeting room to the right of the sink.*

## The Write to the Light Book List

*Kim Heacox's 9 recommendations for books on Climate Change:*

### The Problem:

The End of Nature, by Bill McKibben

Fantasyland, by Kurt Andersen

Carbon Ideologies, Part II: No Good Alternative, by William T. Vollmann

### The Challenge:

The Merchants of Doubt, by Naomi Oreskes & Eric M. Conway

This Changes Everything, by Naomi Klein

Don't Even Think About It, by George Marshall

### The Hope:

The Green Boat, by Mary Pipher

Conscious Capitalism, by John Mackey & Raj Sisodia

Drawdown, by Paul Hawken

## Library Wish List

*Want to get the library something special for the holidays? Here is a list of items we would love to receive!*

- Storage baskets/bins for children's books and art supplies
- Non-perishable snacks for kids' events
- Herbal tea and hot chocolate
- A standing lamp
- A Beanbag chair
- A Wii gaming system for teen programming
- Polaroid cameras and film for teen programming
- USB sticks
- Multicolor cardstock
- Children's Band-aids
- Fun prizes for summer reading (such as gift cards, interesting toys and games, locally made gifts, etc)
- Any of the books on our missing book list! (see page 7)
- New movies and tv shows on DVD (2017-2018)
- **These DVDs:** The Legend of Kora, Nightmare Before Christmas, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Last Jedi, Season 1-4 of Sopranos, Season 1-5 of Smallville, Stranger Things, Bones Season 4, any BBC series.





# Library Notices

## ***Endowment Grant News***

***This month, the Gustavus City Council awarded the Gustavus Public Library \$2,902.60, to be spent on a logo design for the library and starting up the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program at the library.***

***The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program is an early literacy program which encourages parents and caregivers of young children to read with their child, and helps them keep track of how many books they are reading together. The goal of the program is to promote reading to young children and encourage parent/child bonding through reading. The Endowment Grant funding will help us develop the resources we need to get this program up and running, advertise the program in the community, and purchase small incentives for participants.***

***The new logo design will be used to create library book bags, which will be utilized as incentive prizes in our library programming (including the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program), as well as for fundraising purposes to support the library as a whole.***

***We are excited to have the opportunity to pursue this project, and aim to have the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program up and running in time for the start of the 2019 school year.***

***-Jen and Bre***

***Alaska Digital Library  
for Gustavus***



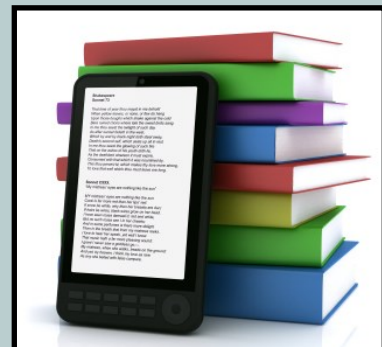
***Established in Memory  
of Rachel Lee Howell***

## **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 members 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

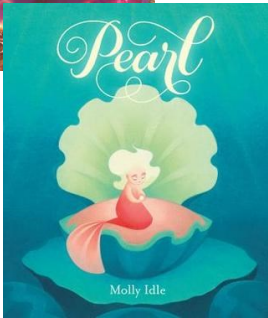
**Ogre Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

*"Returning to the land and many of the characters from her beloved Newbery Honor-winning Ella Enchanted, Gail Carson Levine has written a delightful tale about a clever and endearing heroine who is determined to defy expectations."*



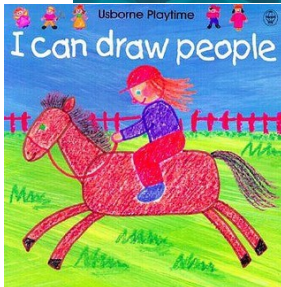
**Pearl** by Molly Idle

*"Sometimes the tiniest light can shine the brightest! Like the other mermaids of the deep, Pearl longs to care for the endless beaches, coral reefs, and towering kelp forests of her vast ocean world. So when her mother asks her to tend to a mere grain of sand, Pearl is heartbroken. It takes all her patience and determination to discover how even the littlest mermaid can transform the world."*



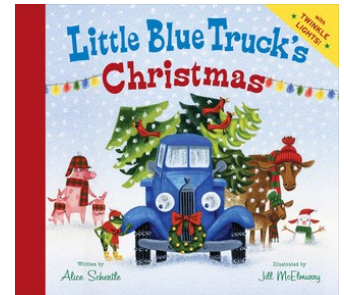
**I Can Draw People** by Ray Gibson

*"There are step-by-step picture instructions in this book showing exactly what to draw with lots of ideas for adding details and backgrounds."*



**Little Blue Truck's Christmas** by Alice Schertle

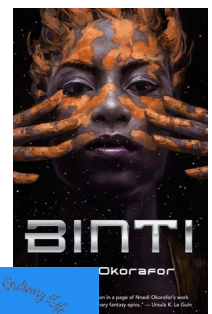
*"It's the most wonderful time of the year! Little Blue Truck is spreading cheer by delivering Christmas trees to his animal friends. Can you help count each green tree from one to five and back again?"*



## NEW IN YOUNG ADULT

**Binti (books 1-3)** by Nnedi Okorafor

*"Her name is Binti, and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy. But to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs. Knowledge comes at a cost, one that Binti is willing to pay, but her journey will not be easy."*



**Southwest Cougars Year 1** by Tamara Hart Heiner

*"What's special about Cassandra Jones? Absolutely nothing. She's as ordinary as any other 12-year-old. Except no matter how hard she tries, Cassie just can't seem to fit in."*



**Broken Things** by Lauren Oliver

*"Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend. That driven by their obsession with a novel called The Way into Lovelorn the three girls had imagined themselves into the magical world where their fantasies became twisted, even deadly. The only thing is: they didn't do it."*



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



# NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES!

## NEW IN ADULT FICTION

### **Confessions of the Fox** by Jordy Rosenberg

*"Set in the eighteenth century London underworld, this bawdy, genre-bending novel reimagines the life of thief and jailbreaker Jack Sheppard to tell a profound story about gender, love, and liberation."*

### **The Book of Essie** by Meghan MacLean Weir

*"A debut novel of family, fame, and religion that tells the emotionally stirring, wildly captivating story of the seventeen-year-old daughter of an evangelical preacher, star of the family's hit reality show, and the secret pregnancy that threatens to blow their entire world apart."*

### **Hazards of Time Travel** by Joyce Carol Oates

*"An ingenious, dystopian novel of one young woman's resistance against the constraints of an oppressive society, from the inventive imagination of Joyce Carol Oates...Arresting and visionary, Hazards of Time Travel is both a novel of harrowing discovery and an exquisitely wrought love story that may be Joyce Carol Oates's most unexpected novel so far."*

### **Look Alive Twenty-Five** by Janet Evanovich

*"Stephanie Plum faces the toughest puzzle of her career in the twenty-fifth entry in Janet Evanovich's #1 New York Times bestselling series...The police are baffled. Lula is convinced that it's a case of alien abduction. Whatever it is, they'd better figure out what's going on before they lose their new manager, Ms. Stephanie Plum."*

## NEW IN ADULT NONFICTION

### **Almost Everything: Notes on Hope** by Anne Lamott

*"In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom that are buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined. Divided into short chapters that explore life's essential truths, Almost Everything pinpoints these moments of insight as it shines an encouraging light forward."*

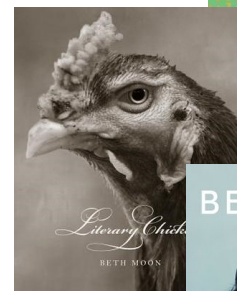
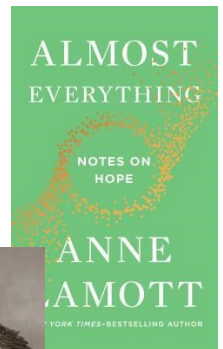
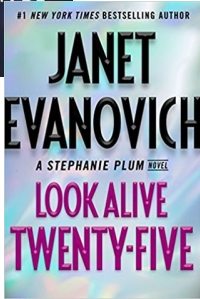
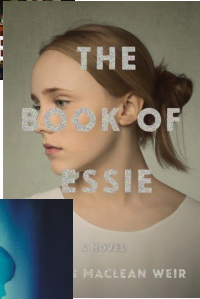
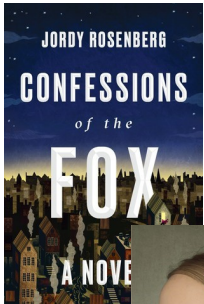
### **Literary Chickens** by Beth Moon

*"From the best-selling photographer of Ancient Trees, an arresting collection of black-and-white chicken portraits paired with quotations from classic literature."*

### **Becoming** by Michelle Obama

*"In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms."*

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## NEW DVDS

8 Mile

Broken Flowers

Almost Famous

Nostradamus Effect Season 1

Peaky Blinders Season 1-2

Indian Summers Season 1

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

We had 16 participants in last month's Library Book Club, with 10 people attending the group discussion.

Based on a vote, our next Book Club read will be **The Snow Child** by Alaskan author Eowyn Ivey. The books should be arriving from Anchor-age shortly. We encourage you to check one out, whether or not you plan on attending the group discussion afterwards.



## Lost and Found Library Books!

We have recovered *A Natural History of Gustavus* and *Blonde Indian*! Thank you for helping us find them!

**We are still looking for these missing library books:**



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## Six Word Book Reviews

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

*Email [jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us](mailto:jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us)*

### ***The Worst Hard Time***

by Timothy Egan

One of the best books ever.

-Abigail Calkin

### **Crazy Rich Asians**

By Kevin Kwan

**Singapore's Desperate Housewives? Oodles of characters.**

-Jen

### **Sleeping Beauties**

By Stephen King

**Interesting premise, but way too long.**

-Jen

### **A Christmas Carol**

By Charles Dickens

**Tough language, but worth it! Classic!**

-Jen

### **Little Blue Truck's Christmas**

by Alice Schertle

**Adorable kids' story that lights up!**

-Jen

### **Noir**

by Christopher Moore

Leggie Blond, gin joint – classic Moore.

-Bre



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# 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.

*(Story Time will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 over winter break Dec. 24-Jan. 4)*



## Intermediate Yoga (no instructor)

Mondays at 5:30pm



## All levels Yoga with Jess

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Saturdays at 9:00 am

\*by donation



## Knitting/Craft Group

Schedule variable

Check in with Bre

## Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

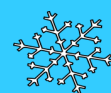


## Library Statistics Nov. 2018

Library visitors	1,243
Books checked out	581
Movies checked out	623
Total items checked out	1,235
Total classes, groups, events, and meetings	60

The library will be closed December 25th and January 1st.

## WINTER READING



## EVENTS



*at the library!*

## Bookmark Challenge

Come get your bookmark at the library, and turn in your completed bookmarks for entries into our raffle. All ages.

Dec 7th-Jan 7th

\*\*Raffle Drawing on Jan 8\*\*

## School's Out Movie Party!

Wed 12/19 from 2:30pm-4:30pm

## Holiday Card Making- All ages!

And other crafts. Bring old cards to upcycle, and any materials you have!

Thurs 12/20 from 2-4pm

## Winter Story Time

For infant-preschool

Wed 12/26 and 1/2 10:30am

## Winter Reading Kids' Events (K/1+)

*Pajama Day!* Thurs 12/27 at 11am

*Marshmallow Towers* Thurs 1/3 at 11am

## Legos at the Library

Fri 12/21 and 12/28

2:30-4pm