## Gustavus Library Newsletter

# Cast your vote for the Winter > Book Club book at the library!



#### The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

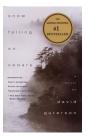
Alaska in the 1920s is a difficult place for Jack and Mabel. Drifting apart, the childless couple discover Faina, a young girl living alone in the wilderness. Soon, Jack and Mabel come to love Faina as their own. But when they learn a surprising truth about the girl, their lives change in profound ways.



#### Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah

The dying wish of a loving father ignites a family drama that brings two sisters and their acid-tongued, Russian-born mother together in a story that reaches back to WWII Leningrad.



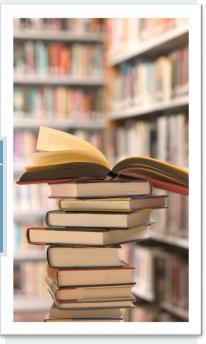


San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder...San Piedro is haunted by the memory of what happened to its Japanese residents during World War II, when an entire community was sent into exile while its neighbors watched.



Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See In nineteenth century China, in a remote Hunan county, a girl named Lily... is paired with a laotong, or "old same," in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. The two women exchange messages written on silk fans and handkerchieves using nu shu, a unique language that women created in order to communicate in secret...but when a misunderstanding arises, their friendship threatens to tear apart.

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#### **Library Hours**

M- 1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm
T- 1:30-4:30 and 7-9pm
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.



## Last Month at a Glance





**Top left:** Kate Boesser and Justin Smith work with students in the 4/5 class who are learning to play guitar at the library. Thank you for your dedication Kate!

Middle left: The main attraction at Halloween. Keet'k the Orca was illuminated for the evening, thanks to Chris Gabriele. Children and teens enjoyed trick-or-treating in the spooky library Halloween night. Thanks to all the volunteers and people who donated treats! We had so much fun!

**Below:** Preschool time at the library!





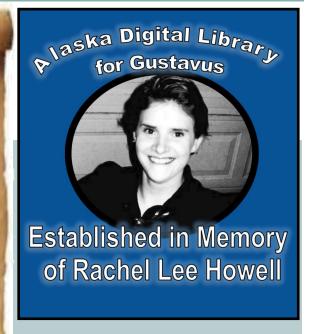
## Library Notices

#### Hi everyone!

First of all, thank you to everyone who has recently donated books and DVDs! We have received lots of great materials lately, including a bunch of new kids' movies. As always, we would love to accept your donations of new/gently used up-to-date books and DVDs. We do not have a need for damaged, outdated, or mildewy materials.

Secondly, we need your help! We depend on you to make sure items leaving the library get checked out before they do. We have spent a lot of time recently looking for books that aren't checked out in our system, but also aren't on the shelf, and we do not like to send people out of the library without being able to help them find what they need. Also, we get rid of books and movies based on their last checkout date, so please make sure that the items you borrow are always stamped and checked out so we don't get rid of them while they are still being used. Before passing a good book or movie on to a friend, please bring it in or give us a call so we make sure we are accurately keeping tracks of the number of times items are checked out!

> Thank you! Jen and Bre



## 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

#### The Hidden Witch (graphic novel, book 2) by Molly Ostertag

"Aster and his family are adjusting to his unconventional talent for witchery; unlike the other boys in his family, he isn't a shapeshifter. He's taking classes with his grandmother and helping to keep an eye on his great-uncle whose corrupted magic wreaked havoc on the family."

Dinosaur Dance! by Sandra Boynton

#### **Squirm** by Carl Hiaasen

"This summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a neighbor's cat, save an endangered panther, and then try to save his own father."

#### 9 from the Nine Worlds (book 4) by Rick Riordan

"The Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard trilogy may have concluded, but we haven't heard the last of our favorite peeps from the Nine Worlds. Join Hearthstone, Blitzen, Samirah, Alex, Jack, T.J., Mallory, Halfborn, and more on a hilarious and unforgettable journey through Rick Riordan's unique take on Norse mythology."

#### The Blood of Olympus (book 5) by Rick Riordan

"Nico had warned them. Going through the House of Hades would stir the demigods' worst memories. Their ghosts would become restless. Nico may actually become a ghost if he has to shadow-travel with Reyna and Coach Hedge one more time. But that might be better than the alternative: allowing someone else to die, as Hades foretold."

The Baby-Sitters Club (graphic novel, books 5 and 6) by Ann M. Martin

#### NEW IN YOUNG ADULT

#### The Iron Flower (book 2) by Laurie Forest

"Elloren Gardner and her friends were only seeking to right a few wrongs, but their actions have propelled them straight into the ranks of the realm-wide Resistance against Gardnerian encroachment. As the Resistance struggles against the harsh rulings of High Priest Marcus Vogel and the Mage Council, Elloren begins to realize that none of the people she cares about will be safe if Gardneria seizes control of the Western Realm."

#### Kingdom of Ash (book 7) by Sarah J. Maas

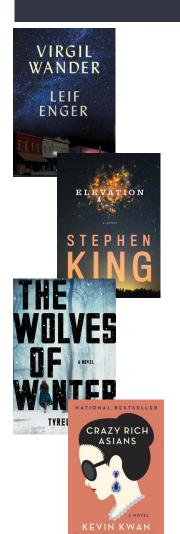
"Aelin Galathynius's journey from slave to king's assassin to the queen of a once-great kingdom reaches its heart-rending finale as war erupts across her world."

#### The Rule of One by Ashley Saunders

"In the near-future United States, a one-child policy is ruthlessly enforced. Everyone follows the Rule of One. But Ava Goodwin, daughter of the head of the Texas Family Planning Division, has a secret—one her mother died to keep and her father has helped to hide for her entire life."



### **NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES!**



#### NEW IN ADULT FICTION

#### Virgil Wander by Leif Enger

"Midwestern movie house owner Virgil Wander is "cruising along at medium altitude" when his car flies off the road into icy Lake Superior. Virgil survives but his language and memory are altered and he emerges into a world no longer familiar to him. Awakening in this new life, Virgil begins to piece together his personal history and the lore of his broken town, with the help of a cast of affable and curious locals..."

#### **Elevation** by Stephen King

"The latest from legendary master storyteller Stephen King, a riveting, extraordinarily eerie, and moving story about a man whose mysterious affliction brings a small town together—a timely, upbeat tale about finding common ground despite deep-rooted differences."

#### The Wolves of Winter by Tyrell Johnson

"Lynn McBride has learned much since society collapsed in the face of nuclear war and the relentless spread of disease. As memories of her old life haunt her, she has been forced to forge ahead in the snow-covered Canadian Yukon, learning how to hunt and trap to survive."

#### Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

"Crazy Rich Asians is the outrageously funny debut novel about three super-rich, pedigreed Chinese families and the gossip, backbiting, and scheming that occurs when the heir to one of the most massive fortunes in Asia brings home his ABC (American-born Chinese) girlfriend to the wedding of the season."

#### NEW IN ADULT NONFICTION

#### The Shock Doctrine by Naomi Klein

"In her ground-breaking reporting from Iraq, Naomi Klein exposed how the trauma of invasion was being exploited to remake the country in the interest of foreign corporations. She called it "disaster capitalism." Covering Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami, and New Orleans post-Katrina, she witnessed something remarkably similar. People still reeling from catastrophe were being hit again, this time with economic "shock treatment" losing their land and homes to rapid-fire corporate makeovers."

**Foundations of Flavor: The Noma Guide to Fermentation** by Rene Redzepi "With more than 750 full-color photographs, most of them step-by-step how-tos, and with every recipe approachably written and meticulously tested, Foundations of Flavor: The Noma Guide to Fermentation takes readers far beyond the typical kimchi and sauerkraut to include koji, kombuchas, shoyus, misos, lacto-ferments, vinegars, garums, and black fruits and vegetables."

#### **Burning Down the Haus** by Tim Mohr

"This secret history of East German punk rock is not just about the music; it is a story of extraordinary bravery in the face of one of the most oppressive regimes in history."

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Images and blurbs from *qoodreads.com* 

### Six Word Book Reviews

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

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

#### Fear

by Bob Woodward

"Holy Moly. This is a disaster!"

-Lori T.

#### Room

**By Emma Donoghue** 

Heartbreakingly innocent. Captivity through child's eyes.

-Jen

Whiskey When We're-Dry by John Larison

Straight-shooting heroine. Power. Violence. Identity.

-Bre

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper I am out of my mind! -Estella The Stranger from the Sea

By Winston Graham

Reading book 8. Still pretty solid.

-Jen

**Arctic Dreams** 

by Barry Lopez

Haunting, beautiful insights into human values.

-Patrick

The Complete Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
Heavy story diffused by humor, drawings.

-Jen

Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein

Probable futuristic parable referencing the divine.

-Van

Evangeline of the Bayou by Jan Elredge

Fun mystical comingof-age story.

-Jen

THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS.



THE LIBRARY
DEPENDS ON YOU!

## Legos at the Library

## with Annie!

When: Fridays 2:30-4pm, Nov 16th – Dec 28th

(except the Friday after Thanksgiving)

Where: The Gustavus Public Library Meeting Room

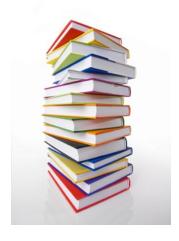
#### **Details:**

Children are encouraged to come to the library after school on Fridays to work on legos! Preschool –aged children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

<u>New for this fall</u>: All kids coming to the library for Legos must stay in the room for the duration of the time except for bathroom breaks. Kids are welcome to bring snacks, a book, or other things to do in case they need a break from Legos. Filtered water is available in the room. If a child is ready to go early, then I will call a parent to come pick them up.

#### Looking forward to seeing what your kids will create!

~ Annie Mackovjak







### **Upcoming Events and Statistics**

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Story Time with Jen

Mondays at 10:30a.m.

Songs, movement, and stories for infant-preschoolers and their parents

or caregivers.

Intermediate Yoga with app Mon/Wed at 5:30pm

#### Knitting/Craft Group

Schedule variable Check in with Bre

#### Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

#### All levels Yoga with Jess

Saturdays at 9:30 am \*by donation



## Creative Writing Workshop

ISLAND INSTITUTE OF SITKA INVITES YOU TO JOIN US!



Gina Cole is a writer from New Zealand, traveling around Southeast Alaska with the Island Institute on their Tidelines tour. Her collection of short stories, *Black Ice Matter*, "explores connections between extremes of heat and cold. Sometimes this is spatial or geographical; sometimes it is metaphorical. Sometimes heat appears where only ice is expected." She is currently working on a science fiction novel and is excited to be in Gustavus to lead a creative writing workshop!

Tuesday Nov 20th, 6-8pm at the Library All ages and writing abilities welcome!

The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thu 11/22 and Fri 11/23. We will be open again on Sat 11/24. Thanks for understanding!

## Want to borrow an item that we don't have in our library? You can request it through Interlibrary Loans!



Ask a librarian for an Interlibrary Loan Request form.

### **Library Statistics Oct. 2018**



Library visitors	1,355
Books checked out	495
Movies checked out	529
Total items checked out	1,037
Number of classes/ groups/events	43