



# Gustavus Library Newsletter



We had a great turnout for our *Lights On Afterschool* event, Slime Day at the library! 38 people came to the library to mix, squelch, and glitter-ize their very own slime concoctions, complete with Halloween-themed essential oils. As you can imagine, this was so much fun and a HUGE mess, so thank you so much to all the parents who stayed afterward and helped scrub slime off every surface of the meeting room. Slime Day was one of several Halloween-themed offerings

at the library, including Creepy Haikus (see page 5), scary movie showings, and literary themed Trick-or-Treating at the library. Thanks to all the volunteers who brought treats, donated to the candy fund, or dressed up and helped us out on Halloween night.



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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.**



# Last Month at a Glance



**Above and left:** Slime Day at the library.

**Below:** volunteers dress as literary characters for Halloween.





# Library Notices

## *Library News*

This month, Jen received a travel grant to attend the Alaska Afterschool Conference in Juneau. Through this, Jen had the opportunity to visit a volunteer-led program for middle-schoolers, network with other professionals who run afterschool programs, and attend workshop sessions about developing successful programs.

The conference was inspiring, and highlighted the importance of this kind of programming for kids and teens. The reality is, it is difficult to develop high quality and sustainable programs as one individual.

So, we are looking for community involvement. Do you have a passion for art? Want to help students get their homework done? Interested in leading lego-time at the library? We are looking for adults or teens in the community who want to collaborate on making engaging afterschool programs happen at the library.

**Consider volunteering once a week for 4-6 weeks!** The type of program could be up to you, and we'd be happy to work with you to make it happen.

Talk to Jen if you are interested!

Alaska Digital Library  
for Gustavus



Established in Memory  
of Rachel Lee Howell

## Check out eBooks and audiobooks for free!

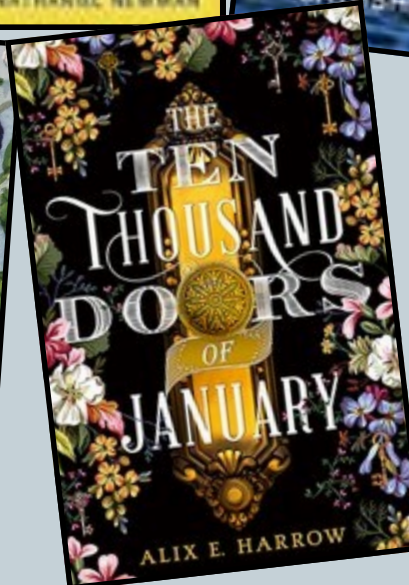
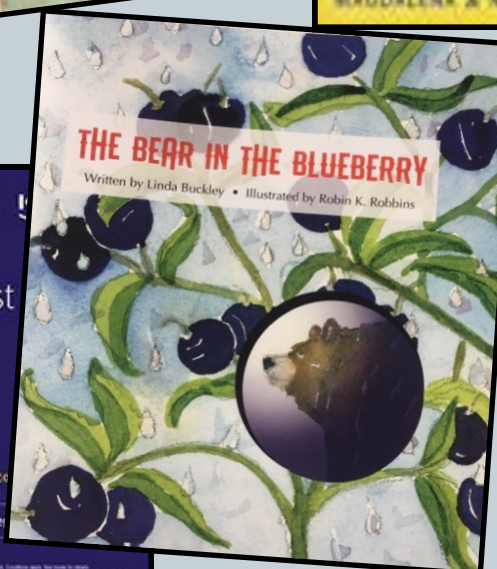
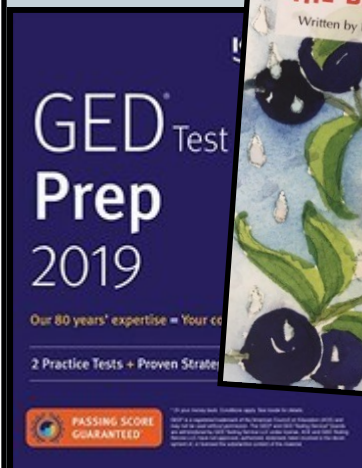
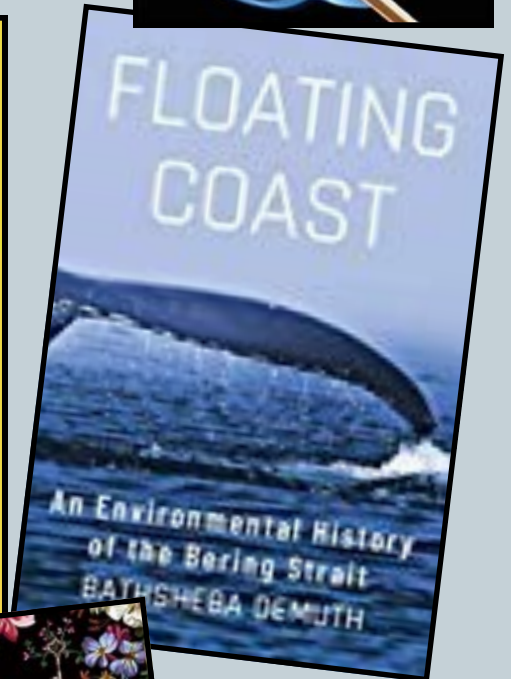
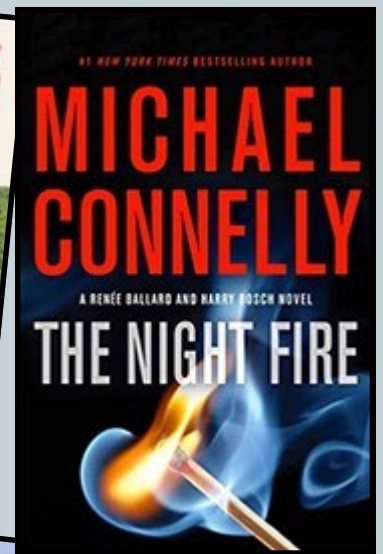
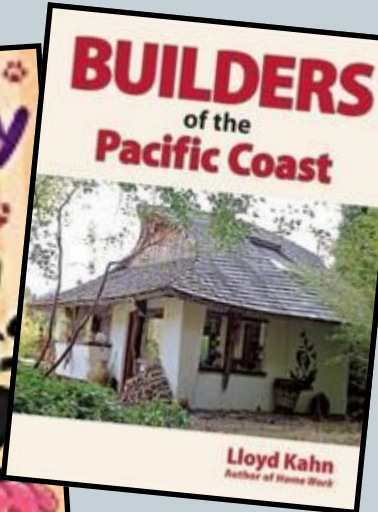
***Did you know that you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks free of charge?*** Thanks to generous donors in our community, this service is available to all Gustavus library patrons in honor of Rachel Lee Howell.

Ask your librarians for assistance in setting up an account or checking out these resources.





# New at the Library



Images from Resource Mate.

# Creepy Haiku Winners of 2019

Trees reach in darkness

As I walk the winding path

Dead voices calling

-Brenna McLaughlin



Ghosts are so scary

Spooky ghosts are made of fog

They creep down the hall

-Heidi Bercaw

Blood thirsty zombies

Arise from their dirt filled grave

To feed and frighten

-Brittney Cannamore



To those who write of

Spooky sights and gruesome frights,

My praise growing bright

-Tracy Lowell



Ghosts hover around

They are creepy and spooky

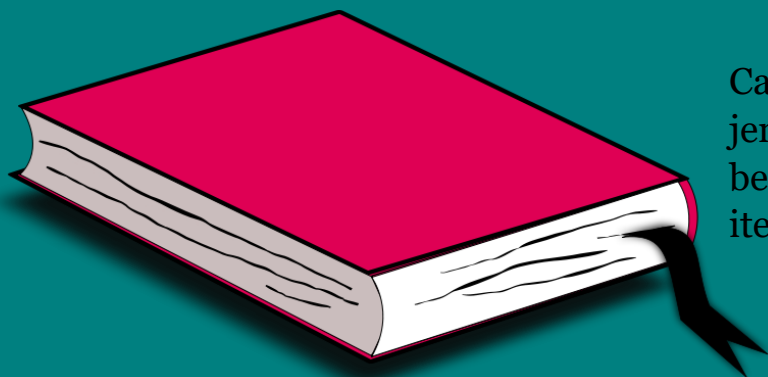
They say Boo! To you

-Wesley Swanson



*Vote for your*

# Favorite Read of 2019!



Cast your vote at the library, or email [jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us](mailto:jen.gardner@gustavus.lib.ak.us). We'll be compiling a list of Gustavus' favorite reads of the year next month.

## Baby/Toddler Play Group!



Tuesdays from 9-10am at the library with Deja .

All young children and their caregivers are welcome.

## Holiday Wish List

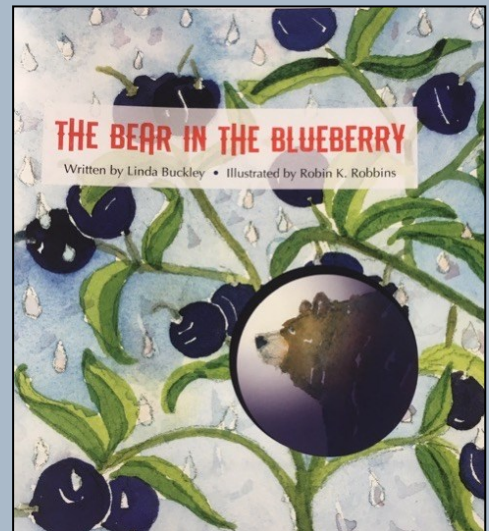
Want to give a present to the whole community this holiday season? Consider purchasing one of these wish list items, or giving a special donation to the library so we can buy them!

- Homeland Season 7
- Call the Midwife Season 7 and 8
- House of Cards Season 1
- Ken Burns: Country Music DVD
- Stranger Things Season 1 and 2
- Killing Eve Season 2
- Downton Abbey the movie

## Upcoming Special Events

### Author Visit

Linda Buckley is planning to visit Gustavus December 12-14 to share her new children's book *The Bear in the Blueberry!* Linda would like to do a read-aloud for children, a public talk and book signing, and a yoga class. We'll be offering some additional writing-themed events during her visit. Times to be announced soon!



### Movie: Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse

*Friday December 6th at 7pm*

**Winter Reading** starts December 20th. Stay tuned for details.

## Weekly Events

### Story Time

Mondays at 10:30am

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

### Yoga

Mondays at 5:30pm

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Saturdays at 9:30 am

### Knitting/Craft Group

Schedule variable

Check in with Bre

### Everybody's Welcome Band

Thursdays at 5:30pm

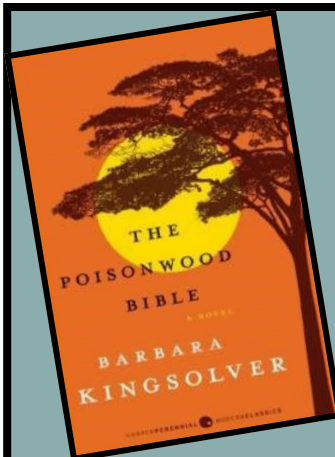
### No-Pressure Book Club (monthly)

Check in at the library to see our latest read. Anyone is welcome to join, no commitment required. Read the book, come to the discussion, or don't!

## Volunteers Needed

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the library? We need help Saturdays between 11am and 3pm!

Talk to Jen or Bre if you are interested in applying!



Join us for our next Book Club read:

**The Poisonwood Bible**  
By Barbara Kingsolver

### *Book Discussion:*

*Thursday January 9th at 4:30pm*

*Bring a mug for tea and snack to share!*

## Library Statistics October 2019



Library visitors	1625
Books checked out	554
Movies checked out	416
Meetings, Programs, and Special Events	55

