

Gustavus Library Newsletter



It's the start of a new year; a time to reflect back on where we've been, and look ahead toward what's to come. How can the library help you achieve your goals in the coming year? Want to learn about boat building? Take your driver's test? Start an online class? Read a book every month? Learn a new language? Tell us what you need to succeed! We would love to help you get the resources you need, show you how to access information, or work with you to start something new and awesome for the community at the library.

Here's a look back at 2019 at the library:

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| Total Visitors in 2019 | 15,119 |
| Total Items Checked Out in 2019 | 12,885 |
| Total Books Checked Out in 2019 | 7,209 |
| Total Events/Classes/ Meetings Held at the | 630 |



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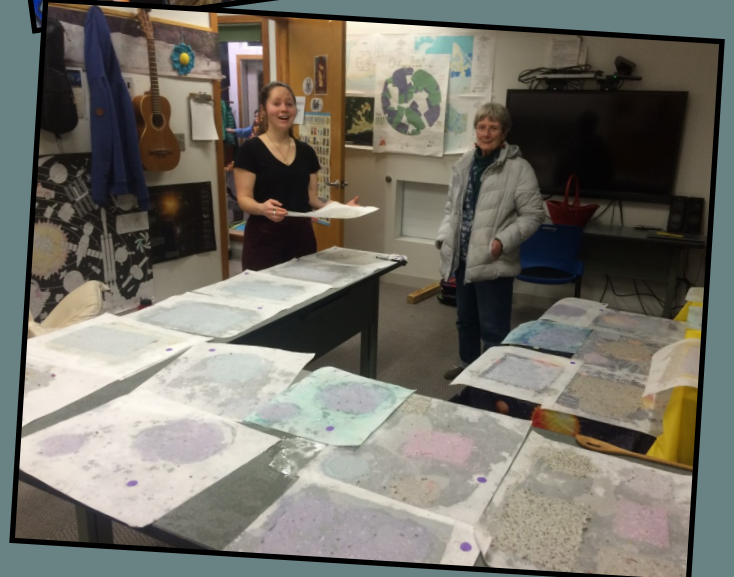
Library Hours

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



December was full of events at the library, including a Noon Year's Eve celebration for kids and caregivers (top left), the Marshmallow Tower Challenge (top right and middle left), a visiting author read-aloud, and paper-making with Brittney using recycled material and herbs (below right). Opportunities like these gave people of all ages a chance to connect, learn, and have fun at the library!



Library Notices

Library News

This month, we are working with the elementary teachers to celebrate Martin Luther King Day at the library. The event will be an opportunity for elementary students to learn, reflect, and share their own dreams for the world.

Thank you to all of our 2019 library volunteers, including:

Desk Volunteers

Kate Boesser
John Doyle
John Hawley
Julie Howell
Kathy Hocker
Sylvia Martinez
Shelley Owens
Karen Sargent
Ann Daniels
Sky Starnes
Patrick Hanson
Kelsey Parco
Sybil VanDerhoff
Laura Marcus

Maintenance

Jeff Irwin
Artemis BonaDea
Sylvia Martinez
Karen Sargent
Sasha Smith
Cheryl Cook
Nat Casipit
Jake Ohlson

Special Events

Lea Houston
Greg Streveler
Kelly McLaughlin
LeAnn Weikle
Kathy Hocker
Kyler Zink
Lynne Jensen
Jess Mulligan
Deja Jarvis
Patrick Hanson
Freya Doyle Week
Amanda Williams
Jen Landry
Brittney Cannamore
Jared Rossman
Estella Ohlson
Coral Williams
Yarrow Platt

Intern

Faith Wagner

Alaska Digital Library
for Gustavus



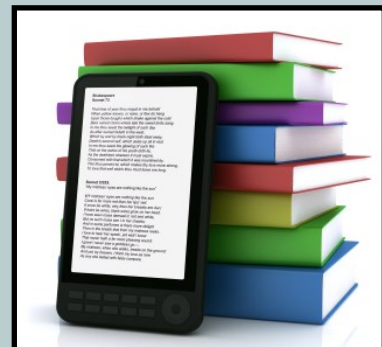
Established in Memory
of Rachel Lee Howell

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.



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Favorite Reads of 2019

Juvenile

Beverly Right Here by Kate DiCamillo

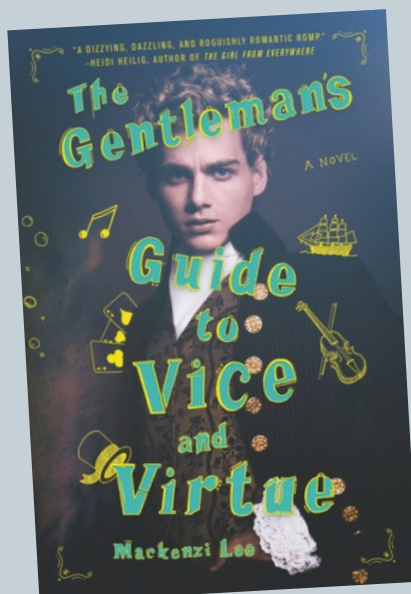
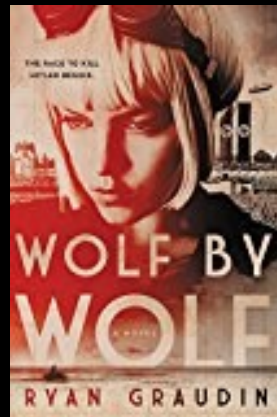
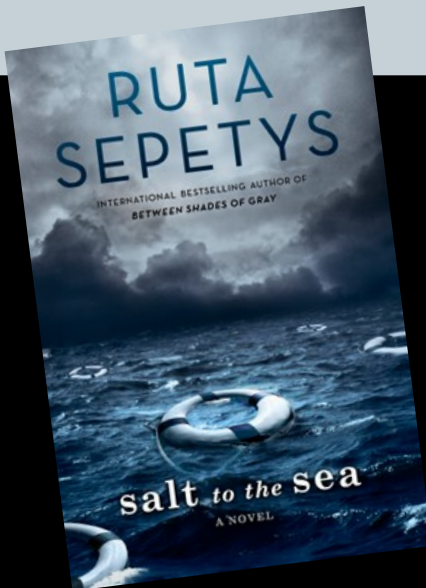
Hate that Cat by Sharon Creech

Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry

Beautiful Blue World by Suzanne LaFleur

Ocean Meets Sky by The Fan Brothers

The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers



Young Adult

Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzie Lee

Carry On by Rainbow Rowell

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Wolf by Wolf by Ryan Graudin

Cicada by Shaun Tan

Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman

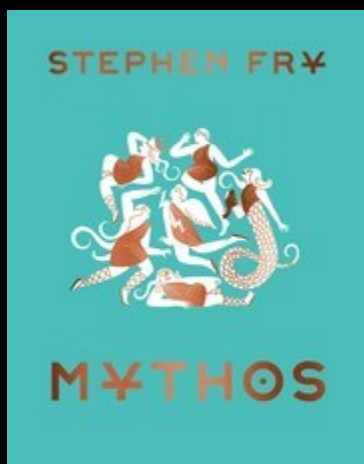
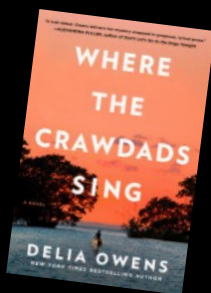
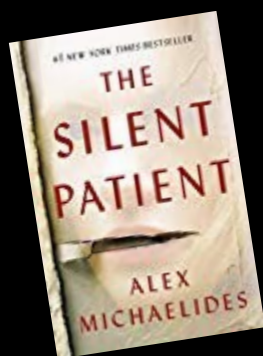
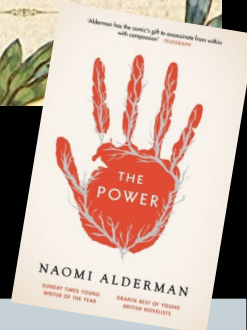
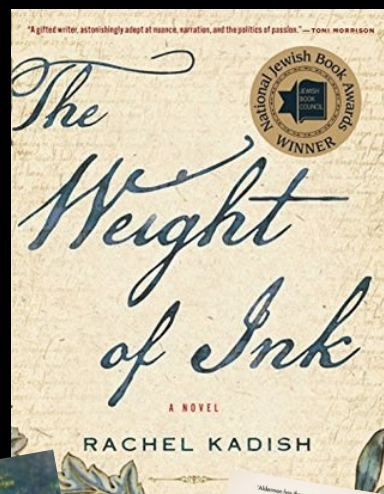


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Favorite Reads of 2019

Adult

An Unkindness of Ghosts by Rivers Solomon
Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich
The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni
Less by Andrew Sean Greer
Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides



The Box Man by Kobo Abe
The World of Simon Rich by Simon Rich
The Scent Keeper by Erica Bauermeister
The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Tropic of Serpents by Marie Brennan
Outlander by Diana Gabaldon
The Power by Naomi Alderman
The Testaments by Margaret Atwood
The Institute by Stephen King
Quite a Year for Plums by Bailey White
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Mythos by Stephen Fry

New at the Library



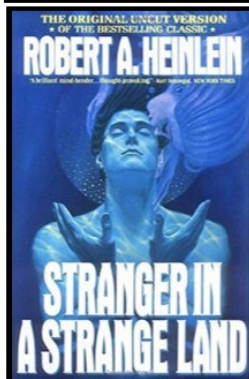
Images from Resource Mate.

Winter Book Club– Classic SCI-FI



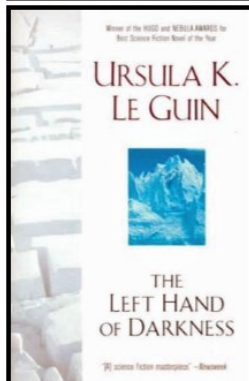
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip K. Dick

It was January 2021, and Rick Deckard had a license to kill. Somewhere among the hordes of humans out there, lurked several rogue androids. Deckard's assignment--find them and then..."retire" them. Trouble was, the androids all looked exactly like humans, and they didn't want to be found!



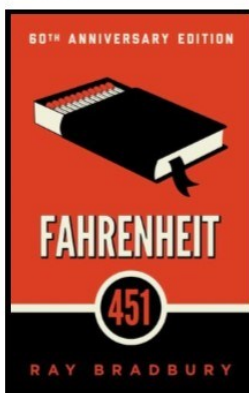
Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein

Valentine Michael Smith is a human being raised on Mars, newly returned to Earth. Among his people for the first time, he struggles to understand the social mores and prejudices of human nature that are so alien to him, while teaching them his own fundamental beliefs in grokking, watersharing, and love.



The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula Le Guin

A groundbreaking work of science fiction, *The Left Hand of Darkness* tells the story of a lone human emissary to Winter, an alien world whose inhabitants can choose—and change—their gender. His goal is to facilitate Winter's inclusion in a growing intergalactic civilization. But to do so he must bridge the gulf between his own views and those of the completely dissimilar culture that he encounters.



Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television 'family'. But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people did not live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.

Vote by Thursday 1/16

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

Upcoming Special Events

Documentary Screening

Brought to you by the Rookery at Gustavus

Friday 1/17

5-6pm

Gustavus Public
Library



This 2019 documentary highlights the nationwide market failure of early childhood services and why our local government helps subsidize them here in Gustavus.

Suggested donation of \$10 per person to cover filmmakers' showing fee.



An program for children who
are pre-kindergarten and their
caregivers!



Sign up today at the library!

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!

Life drawing group (adults)



Come practice your figure drawing skills!

Where: Gustavus Library

Time: Tuesdays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

- Suggested donation \$5 to contribute to model fee
- Bring sketchbook, paper, pencils, charcoal, paint- whatever you would like to use
- All skill levels are welcome. This is not a formal class; it's an informal drawing group

Call Betty Hanson 907-843-0623 or Kathy Hocker at 907-500-2898 for more info



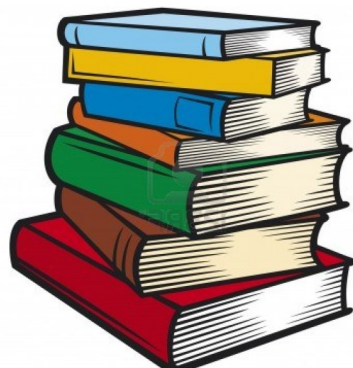
Legos at the Library

with Annie!

- Fridays in January and February from 2:30-4pm.
- Preschool-age and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- If you're there for legos, please stay in the lego room! You're welcome to come out and use the library when you are done as long as you are respectful of others.



Library Statistics December 2019



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| Library visitors | 1173 |
| Books checked out | 561 |
| Movies checked out | 419 |
| Meetings, Programs, and Special Events | 51 |

