

# Gustavus Library Newsletter



Happy holidays from the library! We want to take a moment to thank those in our community who purchased items from our Holiday Wish List. We are so excited to get these brand new books and movies into circulation! (There's still time if you want to buy a holiday gift for the library– see page 5!)

Winter is such a fun time of year at the library, and we are looking forward to diving into some creative activities for all ages. We'll have a full range of events, including a Noon Year's Eve celebration for little ones, boot patching and beading, and up-cycled art projects. We are also really looking forward to the Holiday Book Exchange this Saturday! See page 7 for our full list of upcoming special events at the library. It's nice and warm inside, and we hope to see you here at the library soon!



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## *Holiday Book Exchange* at the library

**When:** Saturday 12/21 at 2pm. Show up early if you need to wrap your book! We'll have extra paper.

**Who:** All ages– we'll sort wrapped books into kid, teen, and adult categories, and wrap up a couple extras just in case.

**Bring:**

- 1 wrapped book to gift.
- A note describing why the book is special.
- Optional: a holiday treat to share.



## 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



**Left:** Children from the Rookery visit the library for story time.

**Below:** Visiting author Linda Buckley from Juneau led several events for all ages at the library, including journal decorating, read-alouds of her new children's book *The Bear in the Blueberry*, a pizza and self-publishing talk, and an all-levels yoga class.





# Library Notices

## Library News

The Library is collaborating with the Rookery to host a showing of the documentary, *No Small Matter* on Friday January 17th at 5pm. *No Small Matter* is a film that highlights the importance of quality early learning and child care. The cost of screening this documentary is \$200, and we will be asking for donations to help cover this cost. Visit <https://www.nosmallmatter.com/> to learn more about the film.

The Library Bike Shed project has been proposed for the Calendar Year 2020 Capital Improvement Project plan. The previous submission has been significantly changed and requires a resubmission. Previous conceptual designs are not being considered as the building will be designed by an engineering firm. The concept is an open area with bike racks to accommodate 40 bikes and at least 1 picnic table. The demand for the bike barn is increasing as the use of the library increases. It is estimated that 20 bikes can assemble at the library during peak times. The intent of the bike shed is to accommodate 40 bikes (allowing for growth) and 1 or 2 picnic tables for people to sit and talk or use the library wi-fi or cell phone coverage. The project will utilize the most cost-effective materials and labor, including volunteers when permitted.

The library roof repair project is ongoing. We will update you when we have new information.

Jen received a \$500 travel scholarship to attend a training in Anchorage to prep for this year's Summer Reading Program theme, *Dig Deeper*. It's still a long way away, but we have lots of ideas already, and hope to bring you an even better Summer Reading Program this year!

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

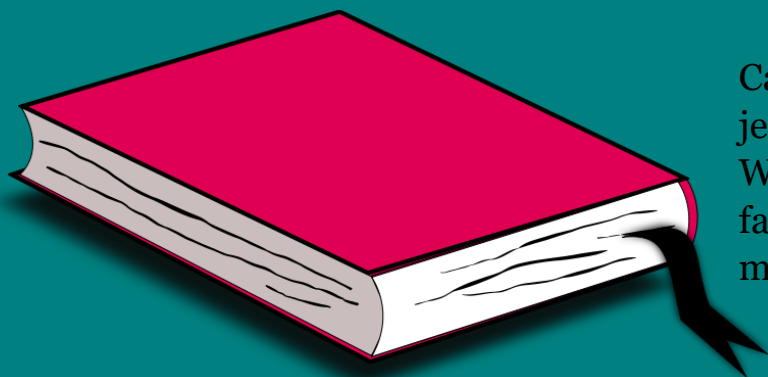


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*Vote for your*

# 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.

## Library 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!



View our full wish list on amazon: <http://a.co/6TstyXx>



### The Goal:

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (you can repeat books!) before your little one starts kindergarten. If you read 1 book a night, you will have read 1,095 books in three years!

### How it works:

1. Sign your child up at the Gustavus Public Library. You'll receive a packet of information, log sheets, and a prize for signing up.
2. Keep track of each book you read on the log sheets. You can track books read to your child by ANYONE (parents, siblings, teachers, librarians, etc).
3. Each time you reach a milestone (100 books), bring your log sheet to the library for a prize!
4. When you reach your final goal (1,000 books), you'll receive our final prize: a Gustavus Public Library tote bag!



**Sign up at the Gustavus Public Library!**

For more information visit <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/>





# This Week— Holiday Crafting at the Library!

## Paper-Making with Brittney

Wednesday 12/18 at 3:30pm

Craft your own homemade paper using recycled materials. Perfect for holiday cards and gifts!

All ages— limited to 10 participants so be on time, and be prepared to get a little messy.



## Upcycled Holiday Cards

Thursday 12/19 at 3:30pm

All ages. We'll provide art supplies, but bring any old cards or other supplies you might want to use.

## Winter Reading at the Library

### For Little Ones

#### Winter Wonderland Story Time

Winter themed songs and stories for children and caregivers. Wear winter-themed clothing!

Monday 12/23 at 10:30am

#### Noon Year's Eve

Make your own confetti—launcher, count down to noon, and have a cup of cider with us!

Tuesday 12/31 at 11:30am

### For Kids and Teens

#### Legos at the Library

Friday 12/20 from 2:30-4pm

#### Marshmallow Tower Building

Friday 12/27 at 2pm  
(Kindergarten and above)

#### Hot Chocolate/Movie Day

Friday 1/3 at 2pm

### For Everyone

#### Bookmark Challenge

Starts 12/18— pick up your bookmark at the library!

#### Paper Making with Brittney

Wednesday 12/18 at 3:30pm— 10 person max

#### Upcycling: Make Your Own Holiday Cards

Thursday 12/19 at 3:30pm

#### Holiday Book Exchange

Sat 12/21 at 2pm

All ages.

Come early if you need to wrap your book!

#### Boot Bling and Patch Workshop

Thursday 1/2 at 2pm

# 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

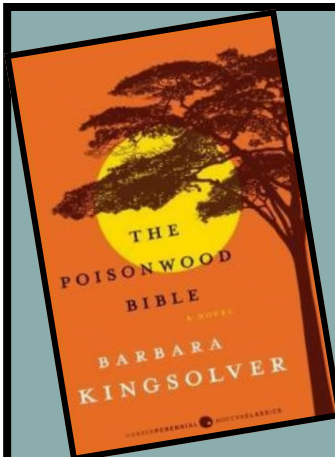
Thursdays at 5:30pm

## 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!

The library will be closed  
Wednesday 12/25 and 1/1.

We will close an hour early (3:30pm)  
on Tuesday 12/24 and 12/31.



Join us for our next  
Book Club read:

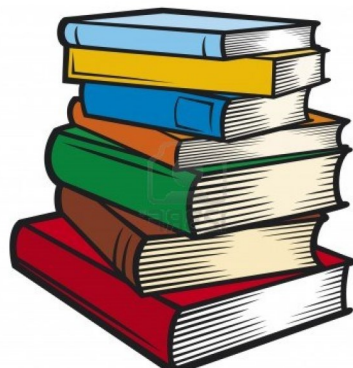
**The Poisonwood Bible**  
By Barbara Kingsolver

## Book Discussion:

*Thursday January 9th at 4:30pm*

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

# Library Statistics November 2019



Library visitors	874
Books checked out	556
Movies checked out	386
Meetings, Programs, and Special Events	39

