

Quarterly Staff Report—December 2022—Gustavus Public Library



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1. General Library Statistics Sept.-Nov. 2022

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Library Visitors	493	308	350
Books Checked Out	596	616	566
Movies Checked Out	248	210	189
Interlibrary Loans Checked Out	32	47	15
Digital Materials Checked Out	139	171	127
Other Materials Checked Out	38	28	38
Events Hosted at/by Library	14	12	22





Letters to Santa

When: December 10, from 11am- 2pm

Come to the Gustavus Public Library, write a letter to Santa and other holiday greetings! We'll mail your letter and Santa will write back!

Parents please bring 1 festive stamp, we will have envelopes.

Light holiday refreshments will be provided but feel free to bring extra cheer for all to share.





Past, Current, and Upcoming Programming for Fall/Winter 2022

- Write a Letter to Santa, Dec. 10
- Book and Cookie Swap, Dec. 3 (collaboration with GCC)
- Halloween Trick & Treats at the Library, Oct. 31
- Spooky Read with the Book Witches, Oct. 22
- Reading Club, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (started in October)
- Everybody Welcome Band, Thursdays at 5:15
- Gustavus School Class visits (preschool, K-1, 2-5, middle school)
- Art Club, 2-5, Nov. 3-Dec. 14 (once a week/6 weeks)
- Art Club, K-1, Sept. 22-Oct. 27 (once a week/6 weeks)
- Paul Greci author visit, Oct. 18 (two presentations—student and public)
- Kid's Night Partnership at Gustavus Community Center once a month
- Gustavus Virtual Adult Book Club (new books chosen monthly) OPEN TO EVERYONE!
- Books for Babies and 1000 Books Before K
- Test Proctoring (driver's license, EMT, AK STAR)
- Curbside Services 5 days/week
- Grab and Go Activity Kits
- Custom-made book boxes – please let us know if there are any requests
- Library Friends Meetings





2nd-5th Grade Art Club



K-1 Art Club

2. Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

In April 2022, our library was awarded a \$10,000 Alaska Community Foundations Grant. This grant will allow us to host several literacy camps during the next year. These camps will have a literacy, E.S.T.E.A.M., and outdoor education focus and will be available for youth in our community. (E.S.T.E.A.M. = Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Our first camp, held Aug. 15-18, was a huge success! We are in the planning stages for upcoming camps.

Each year we apply for the PLA (Public Library Assistance) Grant. We were awarded the grant for FY23, so we have a total of \$7,000 which we budget for materials (books, DVDs, etc.) We purchase approximately 50 books/DVDs per month using funds from this grant. Please let us know if you have a book or DVD request!

3. Existing Projects

We met with Chatham School District Superintendent Ralph Watkins on December 2, and offered our support and cooperation in building a partnership between the Chatham School District and the City of Gustavus and Gustavus Public Library. We shared a draft of an MOA between the district and the city that was started in 2016, but never finalized. We will be working with the Superintendent and the district to build the partnership and finalize the MOA between the Chatham School District and the City of Gustavus. This partnership and MOA will support the Strategic Plan of the Chatham School District and help to fulfill the mission of the library.

We are working on forming a TACO (Teen Advisory Council) beginning with middle school age children. We are collaborating with Brittney Cannamore, the Gustavus Community Center Operations Manager, Morgan Park, a paraprofessional from the Gustavus School, and Megan Bishop, a teacher from the Gustavus School. We are

hoping to offer programs, support and fun at the GCC and/or Library for the 5th-8th grade age group in Gustavus. The idea of a TACO group came from an online webinar we both attended in August.

Our Library Assistant, Melisa Gomb is still working on recataloging the picture books section—a BIG, but much needed, task. We love seeing the progress she is making.

We have a lot of projects in progress including Books for Babes and 1000 Books Before K. These programs support children birth to 5 years old. We are continuing to work to support the Gustavus School and Gustavus homeschool populations. We are also adding more STEM kits to our collection and maintaining the Story-Walk Trail with new stories.

Our volunteers are taking on projects of their own! Some of the projects they are working on include getting our seed library up and running, organizing and finding a method to publicly share our historical library photos, organizing the start of newspaper subscriptions and which magazines are read and relevant by our patrons, planning events, and giving ALL of the plants in our library lots of TLC! We love our volunteers and our library benefits so much from them!

4. Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings

Jessie completed *Library Supervision and Management* online course on Oct. 31. This course was paid for through the Alaska State Library.

LeAnn completed the *Early Literacy & Family Engagement* online course. This course was paid for through the Alaska State Library.

Thank you to our City Council! We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Gustavus.