

Quarterly Staff Report—September 2022



Gustavus Public Library

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1. General Library Statistics July-Sept. 2022

	July	August	September (as of 9/10)
Library Visitors	612	551	203
Books Checked Out	737	755	193
Movies Checked Out	329	244	88
Digital Materials Checked Out	142	132	49
Other Materials Checked Out	19	22	3
Events Hosted at/by Library	11	6	8



Our fine work crew from our Community Build Day—we installed the Story-Walk and posts for the Reading Hammock Forest.

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

- Gustavus School Class visits (preschool, K-1)
- Art Club, K-1, starting Sept. 22 (once a week/6 weeks)
- Art Club, 2-5, starting Nov. 3 (once a week/6 weeks)
- Tween Maker Nights, starting Sept. 14
- Harvest Fest at GCC, Sept. 17
- Homeschool Library Event, Sept. 10
- Linda Buckley author visit (student presentations, self-publish event, open mic at GCC), Sept. 9-10
- Gustavus School student art from the Haines Fair—currently on display
- Harry Potter Birthday Celebration, July 31
- Summer Reading Celebration, Aug. 20
- Summer Reading, June 4-Aug 20
- Literacy ESTEAM Day Camp for 1st-5th grade, Aug. 15-18
- Grand Opening of Story Walk Trail, July 23
- Co-hosted film showing of The Singing Planet at GCC, July 23
- Community Build Day for Story-Walk Trail & Hammock Reading Forest, July 21
- 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
- Curbside distribution of COVID-19 tests
- Grab and Go Monthly Activity Kits
- Custom-made book boxes
- Library Friends Meetings

The Gustavus Public Library is excited to announce a visit from AUTHOR, LINDA BUCKLEY, September 9th and 10th

Linda Buckley has lived in Alaska for over fifty years. She taught music, outdoor education, yoga and anthropology. She published two children's books about the interconnectedness of everything. Recently, her collection of prose was published by Wild Rising Press out of Colorado. These pieces reflect her love and deep observation of Southeast Alaska. Her songs, photographs and books can be found on her website: lindabuckleyalaska.com

Gustavus School Preschool, K-5, 6, 7, and 8th graders will attend a story telling, and music event at the Gustavus Library on Friday, September 9th with their teachers and classmates. *Homeschoolers are welcome to attend! Contact the library for details.

Join Us!
Learn how to...
"Self-Publish Your Work" with author Linda Buckley!
Saturday, Sept 10, 3:00-4:00 pm
Blueberry dessert and tea will be served! YUM!

Open Mic Night
Music and Spoken Word
Saturday, Sept. 10
7:30 pm G.C.C.

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Music & Spoken Word
Saturday, Sept 10
Starts at 7:30 pm, guest artist Linda Buckley will kick things off at 8:00 pm

Literacy ESTEAM Day Camp, August 15-18, 2022



2. Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

In April, 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! Please see the photos on the previous page.

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/other items per month using funds from this grant. Please let us know if you have a book or DVD request!

In November 2021, we received about \$6000 from an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant. A requirement of the grant was to use \$3,500 to buy supplies and equipment to respond to COVID impacts within the community. We have used these funds to purchase materials and supplies to assemble STEM kits for all ages and to build and install a Story-Walk Trail. The deadline for spending these funds is Sept. 30, with the final report due on Oct. 31.

3. Existing Projects

We have been working hard to bring patrons back to library after COVID-19 impacted the visitation. We've modified our policies to remain safely open during COVID-19 outbreaks, we've adjusted our open hours to accommodate our patrons, we've offered more and more programming, and have added a variety of resources and services for our patrons. Our visitation has almost doubled compared to last year at this same time!

Patron Visits to the Gustavus Library			
	July	August	Sept (as of 9/10)
2021	374	292	37
2022	612	551	203

Our Library Assistant, Melisa Gomb, has started a new contract. She has recataloged all the foreign language materials, so they are easy to find and all in one location. She is currently working on recataloging the picture books section—a BIG, but much needed, task. We are so happy to have her back.

We have a lot of projects in progress including Books for Babes and 1000 Books Before K. These two programs support literacy in children birth to 5 years old. We are working 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. Additionally, we'd love to start a seed library and are working to get that project off the ground (in the ground?!).

4. Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings

Jessie completed a Basic Cataloguing and Classification online course on July 4. She will start a Library Supervision and Management online course on Sept. 20, that runs through Oct. 31. Both of these courses are paid for through the Alaska State Library.

This fall, LeAnn will be participating in online trainings focused on early childhood literacy.

LeAnn and Jessie both attended the webinar, Good Kids, Bad Behaviors, in September.

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

Homeschool Library Information Event

Date: Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 am
Location: Gustavus Public Library ~ Meeting Room
Who: Parents and Guardians of Homeschool Students
What: Librarians, Jessie Soder and LeAnn Weikle, will share about the services, materials, and opportunities that our library has to support your homeschool needs.



Questions:
Contact the librarians by email:
LeAnn Weikle at leann.weikle@gustavus.lib.ak.us
Jessie Soder at jessie.soder@gustavus.lib.ak.us
Or call the library #907.697.2350

2022 HARVEST FEST PRESENTS

STRAWBERRY JAM WALK

THINK 'CAKE WALK' BUT GUSTAVUS STYLE!

DONATE A HARVEST THEMED PRIZE FOR WALK WINNERS:
PRESERVES, LIQUEUR, CAKE, PIE, CUPCAKES, AND MORE!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
2-5 PM**

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS OFF AT THE GCC BY 1 PM ON SATURDAY, SEPT 17TH.

Art Club K-1st Grades

Come make art after school at the library! Join Jessie and LeAnn for Art Club on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm. We'll learn about the elements of art, create art, and read books together.

Space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible.
An after school snack will be served.

**September 22th, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
3:30-5:00 pm**

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Sign up locations:
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