

Quarterly Staff Report — September 2024

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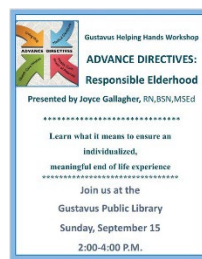
General Library Statistics June, July, August 2024

	June	July	August
Library Visitors	586	898	702
Books Checked Out	681	1,041	608
Movies Checked Out	175	365	234
Interlibrary Loans Checked Out	36	21	13
Digital Materials Checked Out	119	167	172
Other Materials Checked Out	73	83	78
Events Hosted at/by Library	15	19	16

Upcoming, Current/Ongoing, and Past Programming for Fall 2024

Upcoming Programs:

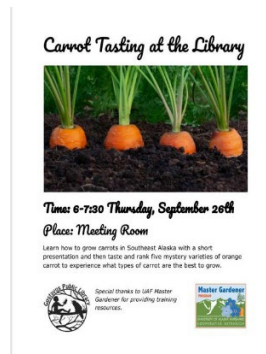
 *Gustavus Helping Hands: Advance Directives – 9/15*



🌈 *Silent Book Club – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at the Library, 4:30 pm – beginning 9/24*

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BOOK CLUB

🌈 *A Carrot Tasting with Southeast Alaska Master Gardener-Geneva Mottet*
-9/26



🌈 Coffee with Laurie Linn, a Coffee Tasting to Celebrate our Gustavus Public Library Volunteers!



Ongoing Programs:

- ✚ The Plein Aire painters Wednesday mornings
- ✚ The Library Band and Banjo Lessons – Thursdays
- ✚ The Maker Meeting s- Wednesday Evenings
- ✚ Story Walk Trail with New Books Monthly
- ✚ AA and other 12 Step Programs – Sunday evenings

Past Programming:

Summer of 2024 was busy and active! Gustavus Stuck Together and it is

Moose-tacular! Summer Reading program, Weekly Story Time in partnership with the Glacier Bay National Park staff, Jewelry Making, Library Literacy Camps, the Gustavus Book Club, and more!



Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

In April 2022, our library was awarded a \$10,000 Alaska Community Foundations Grant. During the Summer of 2024 we hosted two Library Literacy Camps. The funding is being carefully spent each year and will allow us to continue Library Literacy Camps and the Funding of Books for Babies and 1000 Books Before K for possibly one more year.

The two camps all include literacy, literacy lessons, STEM, art, outdoor learning, active learning, time to “Just Read!” and fun!

- Fairy Science and Dragon Art, July 16-19, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)



- Lego's and Literacy Camp, August 13-16, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)



Each year we apply for the PLA (Public Library Assistance) Grant. We were awarded a total of \$7,000 for FY24, which we budget for materials (books, periodicals, 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. *Though note, we are being very cautious in spending our materials budget as it was cut by 40 % overall for Fiscal Year 24 by the Alaska State Legislature.*

The OWL (Online With Libraries) Internet Award was also granted to us this year which, combined with our Library E-rate discount, reduces our monthly internet cost from \$1500 to \$50.

Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings

Melisa attended *WhoFi Suite of Services* webinar on June 24th, *Technology in Public Libraries: Results from PLA's 2023 annual survey* on July 30th and will be attending *Expand Library Digital Equity Services with New Funds Now!* along with *Infopeople's Reader's Advisory Fundamentals: Books and Beyond* in September.

LeAnn attended the Alaska Library Conference in Juneau, August 1-3. *The Stronger Together AkLA + PNLA Conference* was well done and a great tool for networking and learning! Sessions attended: Storytime Plus, Intellectual Freedom Workshop, Special Collections: Amplifying Unique Alaskan Materials, Positioning Your Library to Help Lead the Digital Equity Change, The Power of Picture Books with Michaela Goade, Telling the Library Story: The freedom to Read and Democracy, Trial by Flavor, Building a Community of Play, We're All in this Together-Library Allies, Legal Training with the Freedom to Read Foundation, Finding Common Ground: Productive Conversations Around Difficult Books, Reading the Region: Award Winning Books from the Pacific Northwest

We appreciate our volunteers! Many of them have projects they are working on while they work their shifts at the library. Our library would not be the same without ALL of them. **We are in the season of shifting from summer volunteers to fall and winter volunteers. Many new ones are needed. Please consider volunteering or recruiting a neighbor!**

Thank you to our City Council!

We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Gustavus.

