

Quarterly Staff Report — September 2023

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General Library Statistics June, July, August 2023

	June	July	August
Library Visitors	640	533	452
Books Checked Out	967	769	577
Movies Checked Out	278	184	245
Interlibrary Loans Checked Out	26	26	41
Digital Materials Checked Out	134	143	144
Other Materials Checked Out	105	60	53
Events Hosted at/by Library	9	9	8

Upcoming, Current, and Past Programming for Summer/Fall 2023

- Halloween Tricks & Treats and Library Harvest Photo Booth -
Tuesday, October 31st It may be a combined event with the Gustavus Community Center and the Gustavus School.
- Spooky Read on the *Story Walk Trail* – October
- “Book Tasting” Gustavus Public School classes – dates TBD



- Art Club 3.0 is coming this fall for elementary age students.
- Request for more adult programming options! Lots of leads on Travel Share Events and a History of Gustavus Photo Essay. Will continue to follow up. The Everybody Library Band is on pause.
- Gustavus Book Club “Finding Dorothy” met August 22. The next book is, The Island of Sea Women, meeting September 26
- Seed Library and Harvest Books and other displays - ongoing



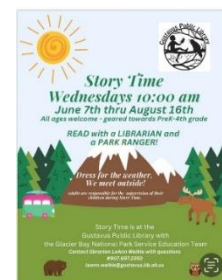
- *Let's Stick Together Gustavus* is complete!



- End of Summer Reading Celebration, August 19

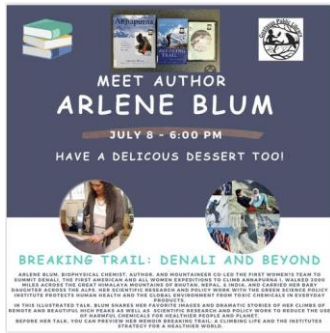


- Fishing Day with Glacier Day National Park, August 16
- Books and Fish(ing)Camp, August 15-18, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)
- Chickaloonies Story Workshop, August 12 for Adults/Teens-Tweens/Kids
- *Color with Lu* for Teens and Tweens, August 9th



- Author/illustrator event: Sean Neilson/Kathy Hocker - Kids to Adults
- *"Lamplugh the Glacier Dog,"* August 8th
- Book Making by Artemis, August 16th – Adults
- Nature and Book Arts Camp, July 18-21, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)

- Arlene Blum author visit, *Annapurna, a Women's Place and Breaking Trail, a Climbing Story* July 8, 6pm – Adults



- 4th of July Parade—we handed out 200+ popsicles and library bookmarks
- July Grab and Go Kits: Beaded name bracelets - 40 kits - Kids to Adults
- Reader's Theater and Book Character Camp, June 13-16, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)
- Library Volunteer/Friends Work Party, June 10, 4-7
- Summer Reading Story-Time, every Wednesday. June 7 to August 16
- Summer Reading Kick-Off, Saturday June 3rd, 1-3pm
- Gustavus Preschool Class Weekly Visits date and time TBD
- Homeschool Story Time - starting September 13 - 12:30 pm
- Class visits TBD
- Books for Babies and 1000 Books Before K – ongoing
- Test Proctoring (driver's license, EMT, AK STAR)
- Curbside Services 5 days/week
- Custom-made book boxes on request
- Library Friends and Volunteers Meetings -quarterly

Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

In April 2022, our library was awarded a \$10,000 Alaska Community Foundations Grant. During the Summer of 2023 we hosted three Library Literacy Camps and added to the Books for Babies program. 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 several more years.

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

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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.

We applied for the ILC (Interlibrary Cooperation) Grant which was due April 1. We have not received word on the status.

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.

Existing Projects and Programming

The ***Outdoor Library Shelter*** is nearly complete! It serves as a great space to give Gustavus Library patrons protection from the crazy Gustavus weather!



Upcoming is an art mural by Gustavus resident Jess Mulligan. The mural will highlight the Orca Whale skeleton, Keet'k that is hosted at the library. The white wall above the entrance to the Children's Room is where the mural will be painted. A HUGE THANK YOU to Alice Waverley. She made the Gustavus Library the benefactor of Brian Waverley's memorial. The cost of this project is being paid for by memorial donations. Thank you to all that contributed!

New! Gustavus Library T-Shirts are available to purchase for \$25.



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!

Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings

For continuing education, Melisa is registered to attend Candid Learning's *Introduction to Finding Grants* webinar on September 6th, the *Grants for Public Libraries (Indiana State Library)* webinar on September 12th, and *Data Can Make the Difference! (Texas State Library and Archives Commission)* on September 14th.

LeAnn completed the *Alaska Reads ~ Keys to Literacy* summer class and is registered for the September 6th "Learn Libby" eBook app updates and training.

Thank you to our City Council!

We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Gustavus.