

## Quarterly Staff Report — September 2024

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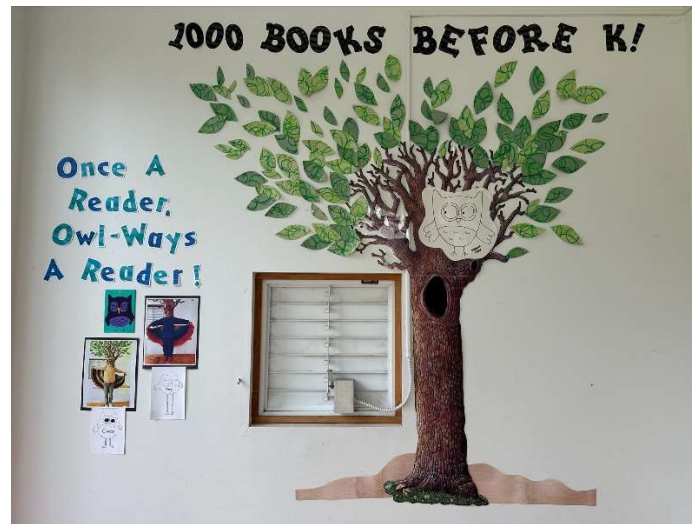
### Fourth quarter general Library statistics

	September	October	November
<b>Library Visitors</b>	506	257	282
<b>Books Checked Out</b>	323	418	277
<b>Movies Checked Out</b>	175	130	169
<b>Interlibrary Loans Checked Out</b>	11	18	12
<b>Digital Materials Checked Out</b>	1914	1925	1922
<b>Other Materials Checked Out</b>	29	27	22
<b>Events Hosted at/by Library</b>	23	30	24

### Programming/Events for Fall 2024

- Silent Book Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at the Library, 4:30 pm
- The Plein Aire painters Wednesday mornings
- The Library Band and Banjo Lessons – Thursdays
- The Maker Meetings- Wednesday Evenings
- Story Walk Trail with New Books Monthly
- AA and other 12 Step Programs – Sunday evenings
- Babies Read (newborn to 36 months) with Kate!
- Story hour for K-2—Wednesdays
- Story hour for 3-5—Thursdays
- Lego’s with Annie!—Fridays during September and October
- Piano lessons
- Coffee with Laurie Lamm
- Halloween story hour

Congratulations to Amy Mulligan and Owen Robichaud completed their **1000 books before Kindergarten Challenge**.



### **Status of Active or Upcoming Grants**

In April 2022, our library was awarded a \$10,000 Alaska Community Foundations Grant. 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. We currently have just over \$5,200 left in this grant and we look forward to Nina expanding these programs.

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.

This year we have been granted \$1800 rather than \$1500 from the OWL (Online With Libraries) Internet Award. Combined with our Library E-rate discount, reduces our monthly internet cost from \$1800 to \$30.

### **Trainings for Fall 2024**

- PLA seminar: Expand Library Digital Equity Services With New Funds Now!
- Readers' Advisory Fundamentals: Books and Beyond
- E-Rate Program fall training
- Universal Service Administrative Company's fall training
- Booklist Webinar: Necessary Nonfiction
- PBS Books Free For All webinar
- Library Trends' Indigenous Librarianship webinar

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.**