

QUARTERLY STAFF REPORT – APRIL 2021
Gustavus Public Library

Library Statistics January - March 2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Books Checked out:	640	608	613
Movies Checked out:	208	160	155
Interlibrary Loans	44	32	18
WiFi Uses	169	159	259
Virtual Events and Programs	2	2	1

Highlights:

- Jen has resigned. The library is asking the council for a restructure of positions so there is one Library Director and one Program Coordinator.
- Grab & Go Activity Kits: through CARES funding we were able to create and distribute all-ages activity kits through the fall.

Kit:	# Distributed:
MLK	31
Rubber Duck	11
Friendship February	30
Valentine's Luminaries	31
Owl Pellets	30
Nature Journals	29
	Total: 162

- Other Winter Activities:

Film Club 10/10/2021	3 participants
Film Club 01/31/2021	10 participants
Film Club 02/01/2021	7 participants
Film Club 02/21/2021	10 participants
Virtual Book Club 03/18/2021	6 participants

Upcoming:

- April Virtual Book Club: The book club will be reading The Lost by Daniel Mendelsohn on 04/22/2021 viz Zoom.
- Stay tuned for Kits during Easter and Earth Day in April.

Status of Active or Upcoming Grants:

- Continuing Education (CE) grant through the Alaska State Library. A non-competitive grant for librarians to use for continuing education. Grant application has been approved.
- Michelle applied for the Public Library Assistance (PLA) Grant which provides money to purchase materials. We received an informal email accepting the grant application. An official award letter will be distributed soon, and funds will be available for FY22.
- Michelle and Phoebe worked to select an ISP through the E-Rate contract for FY22.

Existing projects:

- Restructuring of library positions
- The Library Open-Hours Survey was available for a month. We are using the responses to aid in creating a new schedule that the library will be open. A new schedule will start no later than May 1.

Past, Current & Upcoming Trainings:

- Michelle is finishing the Basic Public Library Administration course. She received a Continuing Education grant through the state which will reimburse most of the cost.
- Jen attended a free training called Workforce Basics led through the Alaska State Library. The training is specifically designed to help Alaskan libraries understand the most up-to-date tools and resources to support patrons in job hunting, resume building, interview skills, and more.
- Both Jen and Michelle attended Alaska Library Association virtual conference.

Thank you all for being such a great Council - we all appreciate your work!