

Quarterly Staff Report — June
2023

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Libro, the library dog, enjoying a book!

1. General Library Statistics March 2023-May 2023

	March	April	May
Library Visitors	379	392	358
Books Checked Out	423	442	478
Movies Checked Out	169	194	209
Interlibrary Loans Checked Out	24	26	34
Digital Materials Checked Out	124	104	127
Other Materials Checked Out	21	30	29
Events Hosted at/by Library	11	11	7

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

- End of Summer Reading Celebration, August 19th
- Fish Camp, August 15-18, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)
- Chickaloonies Story Workshop, August 12th
- Book Arts Camp, July 18-21, 9-3pm (ages: rising 1st-rising 6th graders)
- Arlene Blum author visit, July 8th, 6pm
- 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, 10-11:30am, starting June 7
- Summer Reading Kick-Off, Saturday June 3rd, 1-3pm
- REACH Learning Program/Story Time, May 26th, 9-11am
- Kim Heacox author visit, May 25th, 6pm
- Dog Vaccine Clinic/Grand Opening of the Dog Library, May 13th, 1-4pm
- April 21, Canote Brothers program with Gustavus students
- April 20, Canote Brothers joined Everybody Welcome Library Band
- March 19, Garden Form/Seed Library Grand Opening (in collaboration with Gustavus Community Garden)
- Art Club Art Show for grades 2-4, April 14th
- Gustavus Virtual Adult Book Club (new books chosen monthly) OPEN TO EVERYONE!
- Everybody Welcome Band
- Gustavus Preschool Class Weekly Visits
- Homeschool Story Time
- Books for Babes and 1000 Books Before K
- Test Proctoring (driver's license, EMT, AK STAR)
- Curbside Services 5 days/week
- Custom-made book boxes on request
- Library Friends and Volunteers Meetings



Let's Stick Together Gustavus! Stop by the library to help us build this picture one sticker at a time. Add one sticker or an entire sheet!



Kayson Eller and his grandpa designed and created a sign for our new Dog Library! Thanks Kayson!



Over 30 people attended Kim Heacox's Author Talk on May 26th.



We've had several visitors, including the Girl Scouts, to our new Seed Library!

2. Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

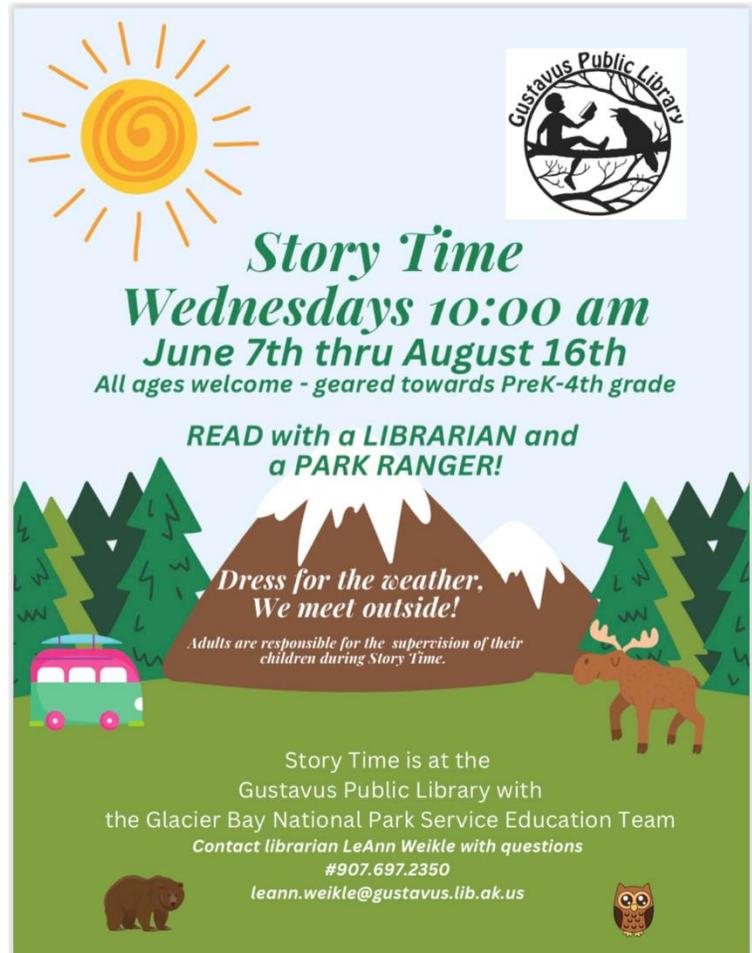
In April 2022, our library was awarded a \$10,000 Alaska Community Foundations Grant. This grant will allow us to host several literacy camps during the next year. These camps will have a literacy, E.S.T.E.A.M., and outdoor education focus and will be available for youth in our community. (E.S.T.E.A.M. = Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Our first camp, held August 15-18, 2022, was a huge success. We have three Library Literacy Camps planned for this summer—a Reader’s Theater camp, a Book Arts camp, and a Fish and Fishing-themed camp.

Each year we apply for the PLA (Public Library Assistance) Grant. We were awarded the grant for FY23, which was \$7,000 which we budgeted for materials (books, DVDs, etc.) We were able to purchase approximately 50 books/DVDs per month using funds from this grant. We have submitted the grant application for FY24 and will hear at the end of June/beginning of July if we will receive it.

We applied for the ILC (Interlibrary Cooperation) Grant which was due April 1. Our proposal was to pay for the replacement of our patron computers. The current patron computers are over ten years old, and we have a lot of problems with them. Like the PLA grant, we will hear at the end of June/beginning of July if we will receive it.

3. Existing Projects and Programming

"Find Your Voice" is the theme for 2023 Summer Reading and on Saturday, June 3rd, we kicked off this program with root beer floats, activities, and prizes. **Summer Reading** is for all ages! When you register, you'll receive a reading log and bingo sheet. Completion of each reading log or a reading bingo earns you a ticket to enter in a drawing at the end of the summer. Also, just for YA readers—vote for your favorite YA book! **Story-Time** with a librarian and a Glacier Bay National Park Ranger started Wednesday, June 7th. This event is every Wednesday from 10-11:30 until August 16th. It's open to all ages, but ideal for Pre-K-4th grade.



We have three **Summer Literacy Camps** planned:

June 13-16: Reader's Theater and Book Character Camp

July 18-21: Nature and Book Arts Camp

August 15-18: Books and Fishing Camp

We are using funds from the Alaska Community Foundation Grant to offset the cost of these camps. The camps are open to children 1st-6th grade (in the Fall of 23).



SUMMER 2023
LIBRARY LITERACY E.S.T.E.A.M.
DAY CAMPS ~ 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
 E.S.T.E.A.M. = Environment, Science, Teachnology, Engineering, Art, Math

June 13-16
Reader's Theater and Book Character Camp!
 We will...
 • find favorite book characters/read
 • do plays
 • be outside
 • be active!

July 18-21
Nature and Book Arts Camp!
 We will...
 • make books
 • do art
 • read
 • be outside
 • be active!

August 15-18
Books and Fish(ing) Camp!
 We will...
 • learn about fish
 • do fishing activities
 • read
 • be outside
 • be active!

The Details:
Ages: rising 1st graders to rising 6th graders
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The Cost:
 • \$45.00 a week per camper
 Scholarships available
 • Registration deadline is noon the Sunday before each camp

The Staff:
 Librarians LeAnn Weikle and Jessie Soder are both experienced educators in literacy, science, nature, and children! A camp intern will also be assisting.

Campers need to bring:
 • a backpack
 • water bottle
 • snack and a lunch
 • outdoor clothing

Melisa continues to work on recataloging the Alaska non-fiction section. She is collecting data on which books circulate the most from our Alaska section so we can make decisions on how to best serve the community with new additions to the collection.

We have new stories planned for the **Story-Walk Trail** for June, July, August, and September. Stop by and walk the trail and enjoy this month's book, *Say Something* by Peter Reynolds.



Our **Hammock Reading Forest** is open! Patrons can check out a hammock during open hours and read and relax outside the library.



We appreciate our volunteers! Many of them have projects they are working on while they work their shifts at the library. Our library wouldn't be the same without all of them.

4. Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings

Jessie and LeAnn are both enrolled in the “Alaska Keys to Beginning Reading” course. This is a course that is required for Alaska teachers through the Alaska Reads Act. It will end on June 28 and 29th. The course focuses on foundational reading skills for teachers K-3 but is applicable for other professionals that work with children to develop their reading skills.

LeAnn and Jessie attended the Alaska Library Association Conference in Fairbanks March 23-25. The theme of this year’s conference is “Rising to Challenges.”

Jessie finished a graduate level online class, “Library Materials for Young Adults” through the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Thank you to our City Council!

We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Gustavus.