

**Staff Report — June 2024**  
**Gustavus Public Library**  
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**General Library Statistics March 2024 – May 2024**

|                                       | March | April | May  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Library Visitors</b>               | 389   | 358   | 450  |
| <b>Books Checked Out</b>              | 475   | 312   | 457  |
| <b>Movies Checked Out</b>             | 129   | 168   | 118  |
| <b>Interlibrary Loans Checked Out</b> | 21    | 24    | 29   |
| <b>Digital Materials Checked Out</b>  | 1816  | 1823  | 1852 |
| <b>Other Materials Checked Out</b>    | 52    | 53    | 47   |
| <b>Events Hosted at/by Library</b>    | 30    | 13    | 21   |

**Statistics**

At the beginning of FY24 I was asked to present statistics that both demonstrate how the Library spends our materials budget and the PLA Grant monies, and supports the importance and need of our yearly budget requests. The library had not been asked for this sort of breakdown in the past and as a new employee who had just started in the final days of the close of FY 23, I didn't have the ability to mine this data from systems the library had not yet set up. I have since implemented some new methods in hopes that at the end of this fiscal year, we can evaluate the Libraries' successes and misses with our current collection development policy and use this data to make changes to best support the community. I look forward to presenting our conclusions to the administration and council in the coming fiscal year.

## Public Outreach

The Wishes and Wants Survey mentioned in our last report is moving forward. When ready, the survey will be emailed out with links to access it online and we will post it on our social media platforms. We will have paper copies available at the library and at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Second Saturday Market, along with a laptop there for anyone wanting to fill it out then. Additionally, we will have designated times at the library for anyone requiring assistance.

Once the survey is closed and the results tallied, we will work to enact suggested positive change to better serve our community. We look forward to hearing from Gustavus.

In the next two weeks, we would like to ask the Gustavus City Council to take a minute to consider what they would like to learn from the public and our patrons and email your thoughts and ideas to LeAnn Weikle, Library Services Director by Tuesday, June 25, 2024. I will do my best to include them.



We ❤️ Our Volunteers

## Volunteers

Our long-time mission reflects our volunteer appreciation and gratitude!

***GPL Mission Statement:*** *The mission of the Gustavus Public Library is to provide community members and visitors of all ages with a welcoming and supportive environment to freely access information, materials, and programming; to support literacy and life-long learning, facilitate connection to place and culture, and meet the recreational, social, intellectual, and cultural needs of the community.*

***At the Gustavus Public Library, Volunteers Are Our Foundation.***

Our library volunteers work a combined total of 27 hours a week, which translates to about 1,400 hours a year. This is the equivalent of an entire staff position.

In addition, on June 1<sup>st</sup> the volunteers came together for a one-hour Volunteer Gathering and we are grateful. LeAnn provided some treats. They worked to learn the new I.L.L. (Interlibrary Loan) procedure and our new format for tracking data. They also offered great feedback and suggestions. They are appreciated!

## Status of Active or Upcoming Grants

The 2022 Alaska Community Foundations Grant of \$10,000 continues to help us host incredibly popular and valuable programs. This grant is still being used to support **Books for Babes** and **1000 Books Before K** programs, which are integral to our community, especially with how many newborns we will have in Gustavus in the next year! This grant will help parents with a free resource to be sure their children are on track for early literacy, which gives families the tools they need to prepare their children for later reading success. We will continue to use this money throughout FY24 for this and other programming.



The PLA (Public Library Assistance) Grant application was applied for and we should be seeing the amount we are granted in early FY25.

In our last report we mentioned Kanopy, an on-demand streaming video platform for public and academic libraries that offers over 30,000 popular videos, TV series, independent films, documentaries and more. All you need is a library card to create an account and enjoy Kanopy. The service is free for users, and the contract includes Public Performance Rights which allows us to show them at the library. We planned to have a Kickoff Celebration in April but because of travel we missed that opportunity. We will instead work to introduce Gustavus to this new program with a public announcement and tutorial later in July. We will also be available to anyone needing help getting started. We believe this platform will be extremely popular now that Gustavus has better internet for streaming at home and on personal devices, and I look forward to seeing what kind of stats we can collect on patron usage.

Melisa is currently looking for a grant to help us replace our aging patron computers that we have a lot of trouble with. There will be an update in our next quarterly report.



- Mother's Day Mini-Make event with Morgan Park Art



- Meditative Doodling with Laurie Lynn
- Plein Aire Painters, Wednesdays 10:00 -12:00
- Passive Programming: Popsicle Art
- Pizza, Puzzles & Games, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 3:30-6:00 pm
- Library Volunteer Appreciation event twice a year!
- Maker Meetings begun at the request of the organizers of the GCC's Fiberpalooza, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- Art Club, Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and the Art Club Shows
- NPS Meetings and Trainings utilizing the Meeting Room which gains library revenue.
- TACO (Teen Advisory Council organization) Meetings –beginning again in partnership with the new G.C.C. Operations Manager
- Gustavus Virtual Adult Book Club (new books chosen monthly) OPEN TO EVERYONE!
- Everybody Welcome Devilsclub Contra Band, Thursdays at 5:30 and Banjo Classes 5:00

- Story Walk with new books often
- Gustavus Preschool and Elementary Class Weekly Visits: Ms. Quynn’s preschool and Ms. Jessie’s 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Homeschool Library Learning Time, Wednesdays at 12:30 pm
- Books for Babes - Friday’s at 10:00 am and 1000 Books Before K
- Test Proctoring (including driver’s permit and license, college classes, EMT, AK STAR)
- Curbside Services 5 days/week
- Custom-made book boxes – please let us know if there are any requests.
- Library Friends and Volunteers Meetings every 2 or 3 months. Library Gatherings for trainings purposes.
- Seed Library is available and well used.


## Programs and Services in the Spotlight

- Technology Training with a Librarian! Reserve the Support You Need!

### Technology Training with a Librarian

Training opportunities are available for:

- Learning Libby
- Navigating the City Website
- Library Online Catalog



**Last Name \***

**First Name \***

**Best Contact Number \***

**Email Address (optional)**

**What are you seeking help with? \***

- The Juneau Empire Newspaper delivered 3 times a week



## **Past, Current, or Upcoming Trainings**

LeAnn is attending the:

### **2024 Conference “Stronger Together: Amplifying Voices, Strengthening Communities”**

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) and the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) are hosting a joint conference to be held August 1-3, 2024 in Juneau, Alaska.

**Thank you to our City Council!**

**We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Gustavus.**