

Friends of the Library - Gustavus Library Associates



President's Message

The other day, I picked up a book from the Library that had "seen better days." It had a tattered front cover, stains in the pages, and some dog ears from a previous reader. These are wonderful signs of a well-loved resource used in the pursuit of knowledge. While we encourage students to take good care of their resources, we see these signs all over the Library.

Each desk that has a worn-out spot where students have set their books and laptops over time reminds us of time well spent expanding their minds. Each tattered page in a textbook tells us that knowledge has been secured by countless others before us. Each coffee stain on a library sofa signals that we want to stay awake and learn a little longer. And each used outlet to power a laptop means we, too, need to power up and stay connected as we share our learnings with the wider world.

Gusties are making their lives count one library resource at a time. Next time you are in the Library, look for the signs that tell you we are all learning, growing, and contributing to a better world. They are everywhere, and being a Friend of the Library continues to make that so!

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Co-President

Gustavus Library Associates-Friends of the Library

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY



Library Updates from Jeff Jensen, Associate Professor, Library

Greetings from the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library at one of the most beautiful and hectic times of the year! I wouldn't trade it for anything. There's so much promise and hope. We strive to meet with every First Term Seminar course, and while that's always a lofty goal, we do manage to have face-to-face time with around 90% of incoming students. Imagine if it was 100%. We'd change the world or at a minimum nurture the potential of future Library lovers!

Fall 2024 Library Intern



We welcomed Amanda Hukee (History and Sociology/Anthropology major, class of 2025) as our Library intern this semester, with Anna Hulseberg as site supervisor and Dan Mollner as faculty sponsor. Hukee's special project this semester was focused around the election.

For this project, Amanda documented the fall 2024 election season at Gustavus for the benefit of future researchers. Amanda worked with her internship supervisor (Anna Hulseberg), the College Archivist (Jeff Jensen), and the Archives Collections & Records Manager (Adrianna Darden) to review historical materials on elections in the College Archives, collecting material such as articles, editorials, and letters published in the *Gustavian Weekly* and other news sources. She also reviewed flyers, announcements, and programs from election-related campus events, College resources and communications related to voting and the election season, campus photos (such as election-related sidewalk chalking), and more. In the end, Hukee will create a final report describing the gathered material; her process for collecting and organizing it; and her reflections on the project.

Folke Bernadotte Library Welcomes New Student Advisory Board

The 2024-25 Library Student Advisory Board is composed of six members. They will be meeting regularly with Library staff members Kate Sonstebly and Sonja Timmerman throughout the academic year to plan outreach initiatives and provide valued feedback from the student perspective. To meet the members, [read on...](#)

2024-25 Patricia Lindell Paper Award

This year's award goes to Sophia Nelson, [linked here](#). It originated in Chemistry 360: Proteins and is titled Combinatorial Control of Histone Modifications on Alternative Splicing. We found Nelson's writing engaging and her selection of sources robust. Congratulations, Sophia!

Sincere Thank You to Dana Lamb

For more than 20 years, Dana Lamb has been an essential resource serving as the Executive Director of the GLA-Friends of the Library. Her time as Executive Director ended this past Spring 2024, but her influence, contribution, and commitment continue to be felt. She masterfully managed and handled GLA signature events such as A Royal Affair, Festival of St. Lucia, and Books in Bloom. Her project management was unparalleled, but what set her apart was the relationships with Gusties she built over the years. She knew just about everybody by name and what was going on in their lives, and knew how to connect quickly with people she didn't know. Please thank Dana for her service to GLA by stopping by the Financial Aid Office when you are on campus, where she is now the Student Financial Services Assistant.



Best Wishes to Jeannie Peterson

Having spent the past 14 years as the Library Operations Coordinator, Jeannie took an administrative position with the Gustavus Arboretum this past summer. We continue to realize all the behind-the-scenes things she did at the Library. We wish her the best in her new position!

New Gustie: Beverly Burbach

With Jeannie's departure, the College looked to save money during a tight budget year. This meant we were not able to hire a full-time replacement. However, with the help of Provost Brenda Kelly, we secured a part-time employee with deep budget experience. Beverly Burbach and her family recently moved to St. Peter from Colorado. Beverly is employed full time at Gustavus. Most of her time is spent

in Old Main as Administrative Assistant to the academic departments of Classical Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion. She spends two hours at the Library each afternoon in a role devoted largely to budget and reports. She's juggling many things, and we're thankful to be in the mix.

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY



Giving to Gustavus - Support the Library!

Did you know estate plan gifts give to today as well as for tomorrow?

The Gustavus Library Associates are not just party planners and event coordinators. They are not just active women and men who want to help see Gustavus grow and the Library be the best it can be. While we organize A Royal Affair, Books in Bloom, Author Days, and more, we are also passionate givers to Gustavus through the GLA. It doesn't stop there, though. Many of us plan to support the college even after we're gone.

Many of us have made our estate gifts known to Gustavus. It is important because the College will use our intention to make plans for the future, notify College ratings organizations, and even notify credit bureaus who look at estate gifts to evaluate the credit worthiness of the College. Turns out, your estate gift means a lot for today as well as for tomorrow.

How is it done? Easy. There is a one-page Letter of Intent to complete that indicates your intention to leave an estate gift to your alma mater. There are many financial vehicles that can be used to create this gift like life insurance, bequest in your will, and more. A Gustavus Gift Planner can help you with the products and the process to complete an estate gift. So, talk to one! We are excited about the future of the Gustavus Library and of Gustavus Adolphus College. Join us in leaving a legacy to help ensure this exciting future.

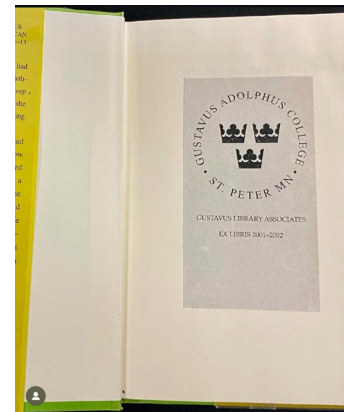
Giving to GLA Honors a Loved One in a Book!

The Gustavus Library Associates work hard at creating opportunities to give. Whether you're giving by sponsoring Books in Bloom or donating a gift basket for A Royal Affair, the GLA provides

opportunities to support the Library and Gustavus. A simple way to give and become a part of the Library in a permanent fashion is to give in honor or memory of a special individual.

Gifts given to honor a friend or family member are used to pay for special acquisitions at the Library. The honor or memorial is placed in the acquired book and becomes a permanent part of that book. Any student, faculty, or staff who reads that book will know it was donated by a loving person to honor a very special individual. It's like having a reminder in place to think of how people affect our lives in wonderful ways.

Any gift amount to the GLA counts for this unique way of honoring a loved one. Books can change people's lives. People can change people's lives. Giving to the GLA honors both!



EVENTS



Lucia Embodies Light, Service, Leadership, and Compassion - Important Qualities Through the Years and Especially Today

Gustavus has celebrated the Festival of St. Lucia since 1941, during which time Lucia activities have taken many different forms. Changes in the academic schedule this year prompted the Friends of the Library-Gustavus Library Associates and campus organizers to reflect on what form Lucia could take to celebrate this beloved tradition in a way that engages current students and a broader Gustavus circle of friends.

On Thursday, December 12, more than 125 guests attended this year's St. Lucia Fika, featuring a light breakfast and reflections from two amazing women leaders, Lupe Olague, our 2023 St. Lucia, and Gustavus Provost Brenda Kelly. The Lucia Court was also introduced and each student shared their favorite book with us!

The Lucia Festival continued with a Chapel service at 11:30 a.m. in Christ Chapel. The celebration highlighted themes of the Lucia story of lifting women up and honoring people who are lights in the world. The Lucia service featured the Lucia Court and reading of the Lucia legend, as well as Swedish

treats, a service project, and socializing. Congratulations to sophomore Zainab Syed '27, who was introduced as this year's St. Lucia.



A Royal Affair Recap

On Saturday, November 16, more than 650 guests attended A Royal Affair. These supporters helped raise more than \$750,000. The A Royal Affair Promise Scholarship will support the dreams of first-generation college students and gifts to the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library Endowment will support all current and future students and faculty.

The event featured the Gustavus alumni group, Bend in the River Big Band, and was emceed by Mike Marcotte '08, Executive Producer of Local Programming for KSTP-TV, the creative genius behind "Give Me The Mike, Exploring Minnesota and Beyond." Mike is also a Gustavus Alumni Association First Decade Award Winner.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Cara Wright '90, Chair of this year's A Royal Affair auction. Additionally, we thank our dedicated GLA board members for their invaluable contributions in securing, organizing, transporting, and setting up silent auction items.



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Thank you!