IT’S NOT JUST FOR BOOKS

Through both fund-raising and friend-raising events, membership dues, remembrances, and special gifts, GLA helps provide a wide range of library resources, including:

- Books and scholarly journals and databases
- Technology resources
- Historical documents and archival materials
- Special collections
- Recorded music and movies

Additionally, GLA underwrites two important student ventures emphasizing the use of library resources. Given in alternate years, both of these awards are named in honor of the founder and first president of GLA.

- The Patricia Lindell Scholarship provides an opportunity for a Gustavus student to work under the guidance of a librarian on a research project “of value to the Library and/or the College.”
- The Patricia Lindell Research Prize is awarded by the library faculty for a Gustavus academic course paper that demonstrates excellent use of source material.

GIFTS OF CELEBRATION

Celebrate life—birthdays, memorials, libraries, book clubs, and graduations—with a gift to Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. Gifts of Celebration provide funding for the acquisition budget and are recognized with a bookplate that remembers your celebration for years to come! Visit online at gustavus.edu/gla.
WHY WE DO IT

Benefits of GLA membership are valued and varied. Your membership provides all of this and more!

- Knowing all membership gifts (100%) go directly to fund library acquisitions
- Joy and satisfaction as you support young men and women who are being prepared for lives of leadership and service
- Partnership in creating an academic climate of excellence at Gustavus Adolphus College

WHO WE ARE

Established in 1977, Gustavus Library Associates (GLA) continues to promote learning, literature, and Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. This preeminent academic library-support group has an active membership of over 300 and has built an endowment nearing $3 million. It is led by a dedicated board of directors who plan and host an array of cultural, educational, and social events.

Membership is open to all who care about young people, libraries, education, and Gustavus Adolphus College. Current members include students, parents, alumni, faculty and administrators, friends of the College, and more.

WHAT WE DO

GLA's programs offer its membership and guests a variety of opportunities to connect with one another and the greater Gustavus community. In addition, you will receive advance notice of events and speakers, as well as a subscription to Ex Libris, the GLA newsletter. Major events are highlighted here.

A ROYAL AFFAIR

This biennial gala benefit features both silent and live auctions, a formal dinner, and outstanding entertainment. All proceeds are directed to the GLA library endowment fund. More than a 100 people work on this spectacular evening event.

AUTHOR DAY

Each year, GLA welcomes noted novelists such as William Kent Krueger, Sarah Stonich, Pete Hautman, and Mary Logue; columnists like Thomas Friedman of the New York Times and book editor Laurie Hertzel of the Minneapolis StarTribune; respected writers and poets like Pulitzer-prize winner James McPherson ’58 and Minnesota Poet laureate Joyce Sutphen. A lovely morning brunch setting in the Twin Cities enhances this opportunity to connect with great writers and interesting ideas, as well as good friends.

BOOKS IN BLOOM

Books in Bloom is a unique spring event hosted annually at the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. It is a must-see literary event, featuring over 20 stunningly designed floral arrangements reflecting a book, film, or journal, selected from the library’s holdings. The exhibition is sponsored by friends of GLA and supports the library endowment fund.

“Look forward to Books in Bloom…the gorgeous flower arrangements liven up the library at a time when my schedule starts to get crazy and I need some encouragement.”

~ Reisa Johnson ’16

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. LUCIA

Honoring Gustavus’s Swedish heritage each December, GLA hosts a bountiful Scandinavian buffet on the College campus following the crowning of St. Lucia in Christ Chapel. This incredibly popular brunch has featured entertainers from a variety of disciplines, including author Tom Hegg, gospel vocalist Jearyln Steele, folk duo Neal and Leandra, and children’s writer Lori Evert. Who can resist Swedish pancakes, meatballs and gravy, rice pudding, and of course, lutefisk.

“I spent a great amount of time in the library... and I knew even before I graduated that I wanted to join GLA as a way to give back to the place that always provided me with books to read, sources to research, a friend to bump into, and history to explore.”

~ Anna Johnson ’14

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A GLA membership year is twelve months from the date we receive your membership dues.

Graduation Year ___ Parent ___ Friend ___

Name __________________________ __________________________

Address __________________________ __________________________

City __________________________ State __________ ZIP __________

Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

- Research Member: $1,000 and above
- Patron Member: $500–999
- Associate Member: $250–499
- Circulation Member: $125–249
- Acquisition Member: $75*
- Browser Member: $45
- Library Card Member: $30**

* This membership gift is determined by the average cost of one acquisition for the Library
** Available to graduates of the last decade

Please complete this tear-off membership application, and mail it along with your membership dues to:

Gustavus Library Associates
Office of Marketing and Communication
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Sign up today. We’d be delighted to welcome you to GLA membership, and we look forward to your participation in our exciting and enriching activities!

Join online at gustavus.edu/gla