

**Gustavus Library Associates
Crown Council Report
April 2015**

During the academic year, the Board of the Gustavus Library Associates meets four times and also convenes meetings of the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Membership Committee and various event committees. The GLA National Advisory Board consists of the Executive Committee plus three at large members. The primary difference between the agenda of the GLA National Advisory Board and a regular GLA Board meeting is the NAB focuses specifically on the needs of the Library and how GLA can help the Library meet its needs.

The National Advisory Board met in November. The focus of the meeting was interacting with the Library staff and an opportunity to better understand the roles of the staff and inner workings of the library. Here are some interesting facts the members learned:

Librarians

- The focus of the librarians is on student learning and instruction
- Librarians created a course guide for 56 classes this fall semester
- Each of these classes visits the library at least once to learn about doing research for the class
- Librarians have developed subjected guides for majors

Library Collection

- GLA funds are used to purchase items for 30 different disciplines
- For the last four years an average 4,700 items were purchased with GLA and other library funds
- Currently there are 314,252 titles in the Gustavus catalog in a wide variety of formats
- 14,486 print books/reserves/zines/reference titles circulated annually
- Currently, 5300 items have been digitized from the music library with only 600 more items needed to finish the collection
- The Library manages 35 students who work 100 hours of shift per week at the circulation desk

Library Usage

- The Library is the busiest from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- There are approximately 1000 chairs in the library, yet during peak study times, it is hard to find an open chair
- 191,000 people entered the library last year

Inner Library Loan

- If Gustavus does not have an item, a patron can request the item from a library in our consortium
- In 2013-2014 there were over 9,900 requests
- Gustavus obtained 86% of the materials requested

College Archives

- Currently 1500 of the 8000 photos have been digitized in the College Archives
- Currently the door to the rare books collection room must remain locked because the items are not secure
- The ideal would be to put doors on each of the shelves so the room could be open for studying and viewing the collection
- Gustavus may be the only library in the United States owning some of the books
- Typically a book older than 1850 would be in this collection
- Other books may be first edition, signed copies

The NAB members support the idea of a Fund-a-Need at the next Royal Affair to focus on the Archives classroom and Special Collections and Rare Books displays

The Advancement Office continues to lead the effort in raising funds for the library renovation, with GLA serving in a supporting role when called upon.

GLA Updates

In September the GLA Founders Celebration was held

In October we hosted an Author Day with Kristin Swenson, author of *Bible Babel*

In December the St. Lucia Festival and Luncheon with Lori Evert, author of *The Christmas Wish* was held

In March we hosted an Author Day with Eric Dregni, author of *In God We Trust*

May 1-3, 2015 is Books in Bloom with floral arrangements around the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library inspired by items from the libraries collection

November 14, 2015 is A Royal Affair at the Radisson Blu, Mall of America