
Gals Read 2011

Program Description:

Gals Read is a program of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library in partnership with the Literacy Council of Alaska and FNSB School District. Gals Read is offered to fourth grade girls and is a companion program to Guys Read, which is working to overcome the loss of interest in reading common among young boys. While on average girls tend to maintain interest in reading while many boys are losing interest, the Gals Read program is being developed to support girls' interest in reading for pleasure while providing a mentorship opportunity with dynamic professional women from the local community. Similar to Guys Read, the Gals Read program books have been selected by local librarians that are fun, accessible and promote reading for pleasure - even among reluctant readers. Teams of volunteer women will read to the girls while projecting images from the books using document cameras and projectors to provide an interactive experience. Multi-copy sets of the books are also given to the participating schools' libraries.

Gals Read in 2011:

The Gals Read program in 2011 will reach ten Fairbanks area schools: Denali, Hunter, University Park, Weller, Pearl Creek, Ticasuk Brown, Woodriver, Badger, Joy, and Anne Wien Elementary Schools.

The Program:

The program runs concurrently with Guys Read during late January and February and will take place on either a Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday schedule. During the fourth grade lunch hour, teams of at least two women will read the program books. Each book will be read over the course of two lunch sessions, and activity sheets pertaining to the books will be handed out for the girls to take home. At the end of the four-week-long program a party will be held for participants at the Noel Wien Library.

Volunteers needed!

We are in need of female volunteers for the Gals Read program this year.

For more Information and to Volunteer:

Contact: Cherie Johnston, Gals Read Coordinator:
cherie@literacycouncilofalaska.org or 456-6212

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2011 Schedule

Training

Wednesday, January 12th 6pm

Saturday, January 15th 1pm

Tuesday, January 18th 6pm

Only required to attend one, hour long training session at the Noel Wien library

Tuesday/Thursday Schedule

1st book – Jan. 25 and Jan. 27

2nd book – Feb. 1 and Feb. 3

3rd book – Feb. 8 and Feb. 10

4th book – Feb. 15 and Feb. 17

Badger, Joy, Pearl Creek, Ticasuk Brown,
Weller, Woodriver

Wednesday/Friday Schedule

1st book – Feb. 2 and Feb. 4

2nd book – Feb. 9 and Feb. 11

3rd book – Feb. 16 and Feb. 18

4th book – Feb.23 and Feb. 25

Anne Wien, Denali, Hunter, U Park

Party

Wrap-up party at Noel Wien Library: Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2pm

Books

- [Akiko on the Planet Smoo](#) – Mark Crilley
- [Baby-Sitters Club: The Truth About Stacey](#) – Ann M. Martin & Raina Telgemeier
- [Amulet: The Stonekeeper](#) – Kazu Kibuishi
- [Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen Will Travel](#) – Ruth McNally Barshaw