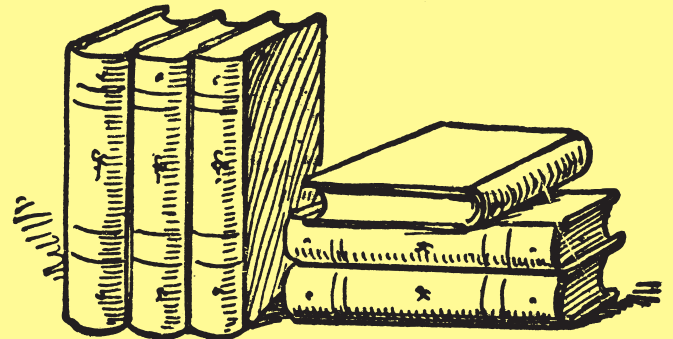




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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

My Dear Galactic Glamazons,

2020 was a rollercoaster ride!

There are days I still can't believe we opened the Gal's Guide Library to the public. For years I struggled to raise money. I sent hundreds of emails and spent thousands of hours in meetings trying to find a location. When nearly all hope was lost, a social media post of mine went viral. Within weeks we had the money we needed and a place to call home.

Our opening night on March 9, 2020, was amazing! Our small-but-mighty space was packed with news reporters and visitors from around the state. The vibe was electrifying and welcoming at the same time.

Then COVID-19 became a pandemic. After only 11 days of being open to the public, the Gal's Guide Library closed. All that work would not be in vain. I wrangled my gals, Katie Harris and Bonnie Fillenwarth, and we went to work creating online programs. It was painful not to be in our new location but I'm proud of the work we did during the lockdown. Wonder Woman Academy and Short Story Club connected the Gal's Guide staff with our patrons and made the world a little more fun one hour at a time.

With so many ups and downs in 2020, I'm happy to say that because of donors we were able to ride out the storm while still providing new content and events. Because of our donors, we were able to still add over 1,000 new books to the collection. The galaxy is massive, but one thing is for sure, we've got a lovely spot in this galaxy, and we can't wait for you to come to visit.

Books & Love,

Leah Leach



Dr. Leah Leach
Founder of Gal's Guide
Executive Director

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OUR MISSION



Our mission is to provide the first independent women's history library in the United States to preserve, collect, share and champion women's achievements and lessons learned. We will act as a catalyst to creators who utilize our resources to guide others to these amazing role models who have been waiting in the shadows of history for too long.

Keep the doors open!



2,500+

**Women's History Books
in the Gal's Guide
Collection**

230

**Podcast Eps
Released**

**Gal's Guide is the first lending
library dedicated to women's
history in the United States.**

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS



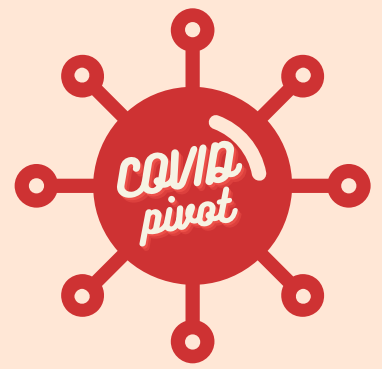
Get to know some of our popular programs of 2020



GAL'S GUIDE PODCAST

Hitting its 100th episode this year, the Gal's Guide podcast features a roundtable discussion where each guest brings one cool thing about women's history. The podcast continued during the pandemic moving to an online recording which opened the show up to out-of-state guests like acclaimed artist Klaire Lockheart.

AUDIOBOOKS



FRANKENSTEIN

Amber Jones offered to volunteer her services to read a chapter of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* once a week. We aired each chapter on our Gal's Guide podcast channel & YouTube channel. The timing was perfect because we were able to complete the book the week before Halloween and on October 30th, air a round table book talk.

Most Downloads

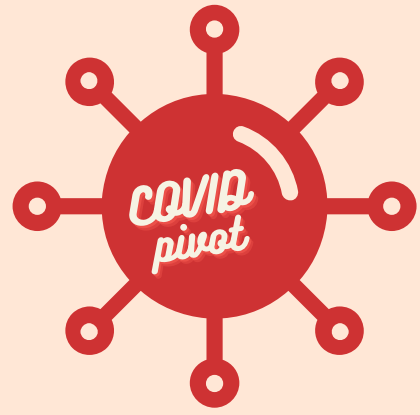
KRISTIN LAVRENSDATTER

Michelle Hammond volunteered to do our next audiobook. Airing from 2020-2021 is the Nobel Prize winner Sigrid Undset and her book *Kristin Lavransdatter*. Feedback has been amazing so far.



Most comments

ONLINE ACADEMY'S



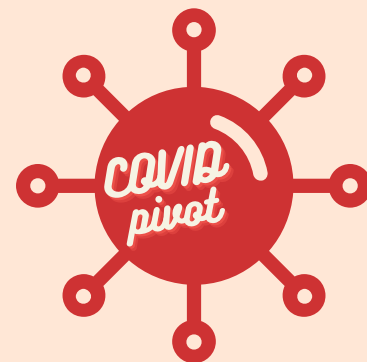
UHURA TRAINING ACADEMY

Even though Starbase Indy was canceled for 2020, Gal's Guide brought the program online during the pandemic. 15 classes over the month of June celebrated the skills and talents of Uhura from Star Trek which gave this program a STEM focus plus a women-of-color focus. Dr. Leah Leach revamped her presentations from years past plus gathered special speakers, Aili McGill, Paula Scott-Frantz, Dr. Erin Macdonald, and the Klingon Pop Warrior.

WONDER WOMAN ACADEMY

When we got word that the new Wonder Woman movie was being postponed with the pandemic we flew into action and created an online program Wonder Woman Academy. Designed to give audiences their own warrior training. Dr. Leah Leach rapidly put this program into action and gathered special speakers, Bonnie Fillenwarth, Cheryl Rickman, Beth Ann Broadhurst, and Angie Klink.

FAIRYVILLE

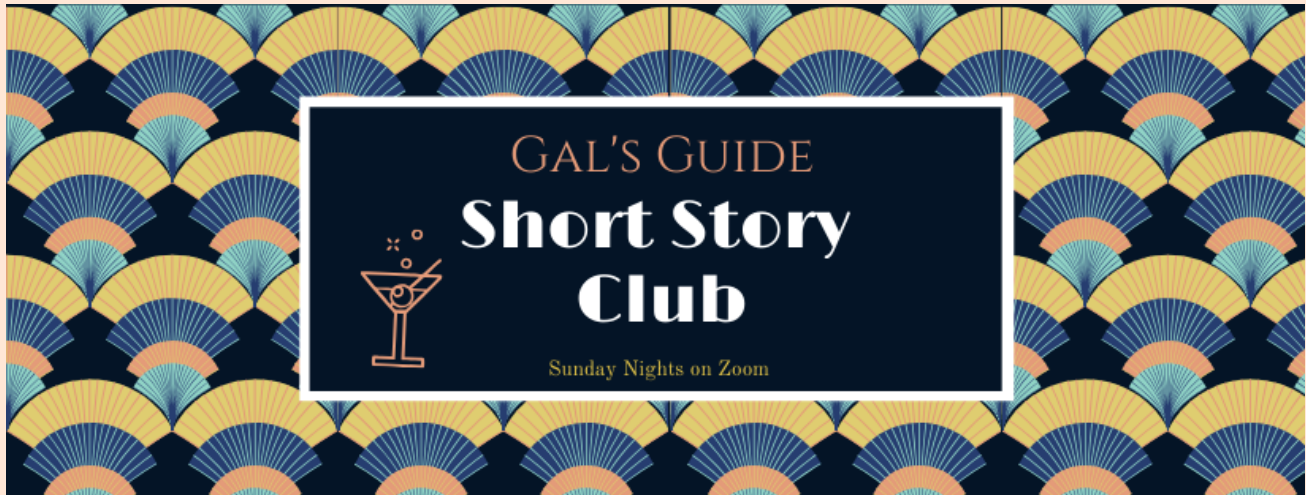
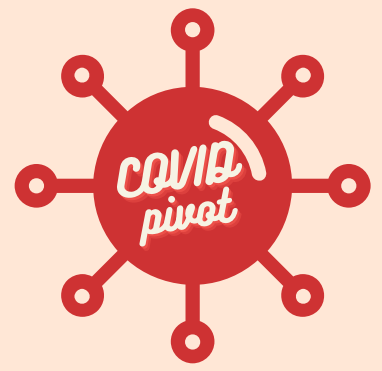


Gal's Guide made an award-winning Fairyhouse this year!

We participated in Nickel Plate Arts Fairyville activities from August - October. Dr. Leah Leach built a Fairy Library inspired by our own small-but-mighty library and taught us all how to make mini books and decorate them in our own personal style. The community was encouraged to make their own fairy books for inclusion in the Gal's Guide Fairy Library entry. We made over a hundred little fairy books and gave away little kits to the colorful fairy visitors of Fairyville.



SHORT STORY CLUB



Library Assistant Manager, Katie Harris created a fun way to get us reading and talking during the pandemic. Short Story Club was a weekly online meeting where attendees were given a link to a female written short story and a cocktail that paired nicely. From May – September we enjoyed a wide range of material from gals around the world.

In 2021 Katie is hosting Gal's Guide Book Club.

More of our 2020 Programs

- NaNoWriMo Write Nights
- Frankenstein Halloween
- Directed by Women Live Show
- First Fridays
- Opening Night of the Gal's Guide Library
- Galentine's Day Sticker Party

SUPPORTERS



Individual Donors

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**Klaire
Lockheart**



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Rebecca Berfanger
Trey Just
Bonnie Fillenwarth
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Carol Jones
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Jennifer Usellis
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*Thank
you!*

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Netflix

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Noblesville Chamber of Commerce

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Starbase Indy

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Night**

Book Donors

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Indianapolis Public Library

Colleen

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Sandra Pallante

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Jill

Erin Boland

Samantha Leach

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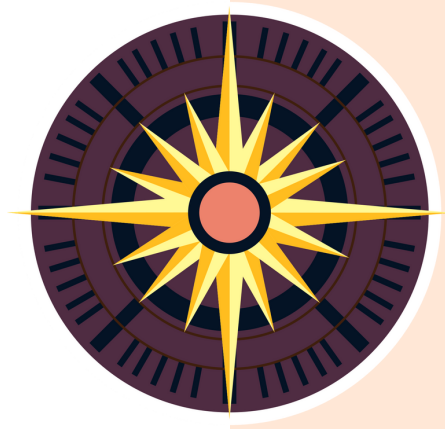
Nicole Amsler

Rebecca Berfanger

Sage Appleby

NUMBERS

2020 Financials



Total Revenue: \$16,199

Expenses:

Program: \$1,640

Management & General: \$5,465

Fundraising: \$1,060

Total Expenses: \$8,191

Net: \$8,008

Total Net Assets: \$10,117

PEOPLE

2020 Gal's Guide Board and Staff



Gal's Guide Board

Dr. Leah Leach, President/Treasurer

Katie Harris, Vice President

Bonnie Fillenwarth, Secretary

Sean Woods, Board Member at Large

Heidi Yost, Board Member at Large

Gal's Guide Staff

Dr. Leah Leach, Executive Director

Bonnie Fillenwarth, Library Manager

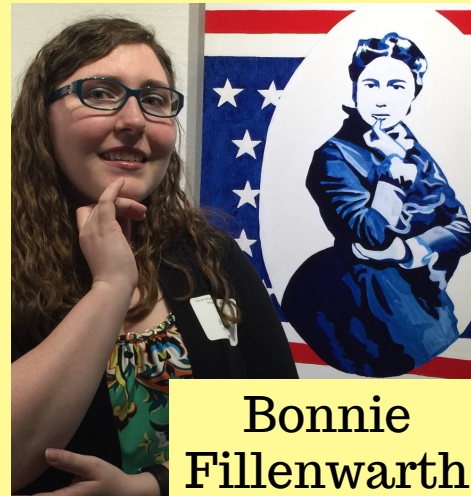
Katie Harris, Library Assistant Manager

Lisa Cardona, Marketing Director

Mona Mehas, Head Volunteer

Amber Jones, Franken' Friday Narrator

Michelle Hammond, Frigg Friday Narrator



**Bonnie
Fillenwarth**



**Katie
Harris**



**Michelle
Hammond**



**Mona
Mehas**

VOLUNTEERS



Move-In Day

Joshua Leach
Kami Leach
Samantha Leach
Mona Mehas
Suzanne Oaks
Lisa Cardona
Colleen Raymond Curie
Miranda Montooth
Amber Jones
Debbi Sponsler
Joshua Young

Sarah Gott-Helton
Brian Helton
Lisa Meece
David Mott
Shelley Johnson
J. Scott Johnson
Hal Cardona
Trey Just
Hanna Marie
Blake Bush
Angie Klink

VOLUNTEERS PRESENTERS

Online Gal's Guide Camp

Uhura Training Academy

Special Speaker Classes

<u>Wednesday 6/24</u>	Paula R. Scott-Frantz
<u>Thursday 6/25</u>	Dr. Erin Macdonald
<u>Friday 6/26</u>	Aili McGill
<u>Saturday 6/27</u>	Klingon Pop Warrior

Register at galsguide.org

Online Gal's Guide Camp

Wonder Woman Academy

Special Speaker Classes

<u>Thurs & Fri 7/2-7/3</u>	Bonnie Fillenwarth
<u>Wednesday 7/29</u>	Angie Klink
<u>Thursday 7/30</u>	Cheryl Rickman
<u>Friday 7/31</u>	Beth Ann Broadhurst

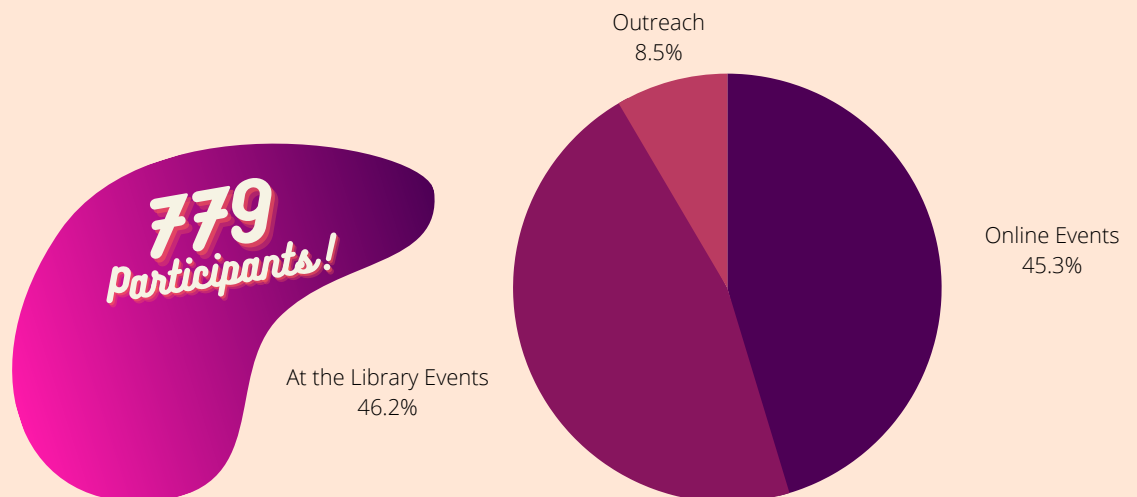
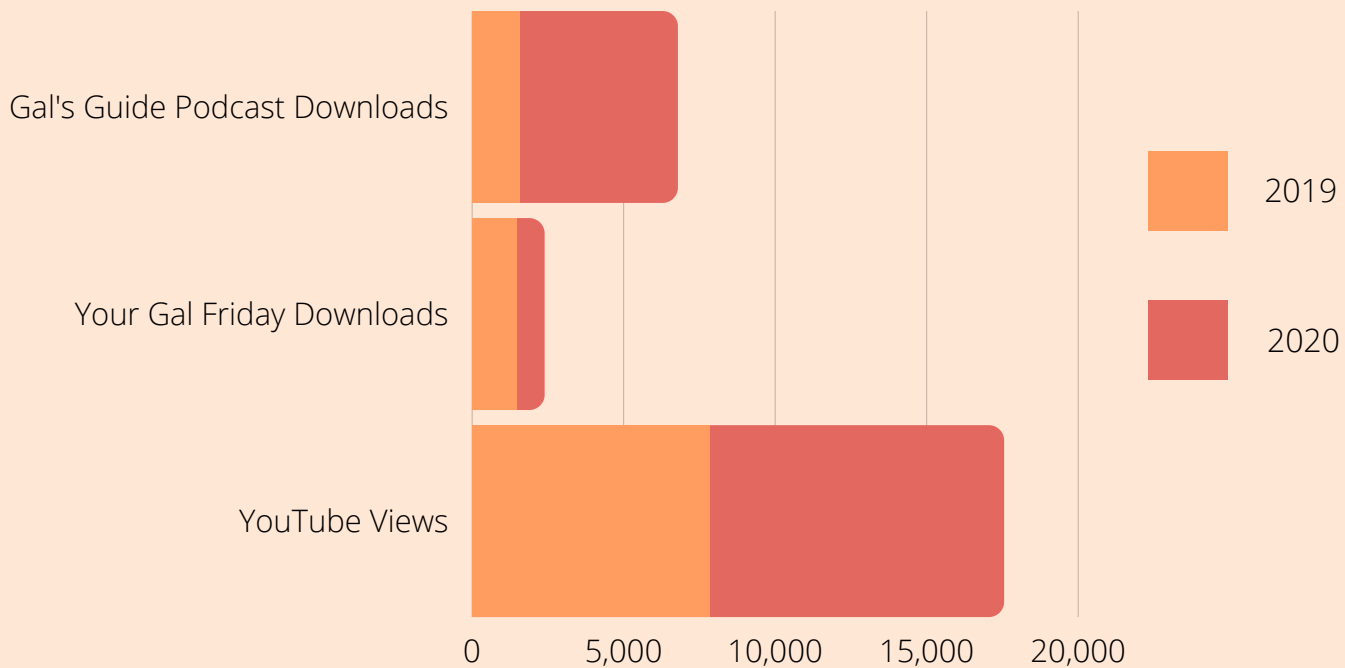
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Podcast Guests

Debbi Sponsler
Edan Evans de Roziere
Lisa Meece
Rebecca Berfanger
Kerra Wagenger
Denise Jaeckel
Michelle Hammond
Klaire Lockheart
Mary Miller



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Book Purchases	114
Book Donations	1063+

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