

A Few Facts About Us

Alden District Library

Our service district contains 1,225 people, in Helena and Custer Townships.. If you live elsewhere, you can also become a member for a small annual fee.

We're open to the public 43 hours a week.

The library owns 13,679 books, videos, audio or music CDs, magazines & STEM kits.

Online, patrons have access to 37,000 eBooks, 9,300 eAudios and 32,000 videos.

The director is full-time, and there are six part-time staff.

85% of library income is generated by a millage assessed to residents of Helena Township. The library also receives penal fines, state aid, grants, and donations from patrons and Friends of the Library.

Last year, the library and Friends presented 243 programs, including monthly Sunday talks by authors, historians, environmentalists and travelers. In summer; we have story time for preschoolers and crafts for elementary-aged kids. Bridge for beginners and tournament bridge occur from Spring through Fall. See the other side of this sheet for other ongoing programs, like potluck and a movie and displays.



Friends of the Library number 110 members. They meet monthly, provide financial support (primarily through book sales), volunteer for library projects, help the library maintain a presence in the community by being part of the Downtown Alden Business Association and participating in such events as parades and festivals.

Our website was viewed over 1,100 times last year. The homepage features a calendar of events, mobile printing, catalog (where you can reserve items), links to online content: Transparent Language (over 100 world languages) and the OverDrive apps: Libby, for eBooks, eAudios and eMagazines, and Kanopy for videos. Other pages on our site contain videos of our onsite displays (which change monthly), programs, and story time; book club, monthly newsletter, Friends of the Library news and photos, local history and genealogy, career and college information, and more.

We post our news and events on Facebook and Instagram.

If you're not already a patron, stop by and open an account. With all these benefits, a library card will open doors of opportunity for you, your family and friends!

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