

Programs are FREE, sponsored by the Library and Friends and held at the Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, unless otherwise noted.

Book Sales Friday, April 4th / 9a-5p and Saturday, April 5th / 9a-2p Saturday, May 24th / 9a-2p Saturday, July 5th / 9a-2p Saturday, August 30th / 9a-2p

Saturday, November 22nd / 9a-3p in Library and Torch Area Artisans Guild Craft Show in gym.

January to June & August to December: Take N' Make Crafts: Each month a new craft kit will be available for pick up at the library.

April-October StoryWalk®, Coy Mountain 9011 Valley Street, Alden. Walk the wooded hillside paths and read an illustrated children's book page by page, posted along the way. New story every month; covers about a 1/2 mile portion of the trail.

Sign-up in **April** for Beginning Bridge, a ten-week course on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, beginning May 6th. Cost: \$10 for book and \$5 suggested donation per lesson. Taught by an ACBL Best Practices certified bridge teacher.

Sunday, February 16th, 2pm. Life on a Reservation. Bob Holtzmann will be discussing his experience of growing up on two different Catholic Missions on reservations in North and South Dakota and telling the story of how his family ended up living there.

Saturday, March 15th, 9am-4pm. Torch Area Artisans Guild Saturday Sew In. Artisans will be working on charity quilts and other projects. For more info, email: taartisansguild@gmail.com or Facebook:facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild.

Sunday, April 6th, 2pm. Isle Royale National Park. Come join us as we visit Isle Royale National Park thru the eyes and experiences of Judy Umlor. After dreaming of hiking the island for many years, she finally made it happen at the age of 62; she's been back three times since. Judy guides you through narrative and pictures of the limited diversity from Rock Harbor to Windigo in the big waters of Lady Superior, as well as tips on how to make your visit there a successful and safe one.

Saturday, May 17th, 9am-4pm. Torch Area Artisans Guild Saturday Sew In. Artisans will be working on charity quilts and other projects. See above for contact info.





Saturday, June 14th, 10am. StoryWalk® with Miss CC. Families will enjoy this interactive StoryWalk®, led by Miss CC, in the woods along a 1/2-mile portion of the trail at Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the library.

Thursday, June 19th – Monday, August 4th: Color Our World! Summer Reading Program. Kids and teens can sign up & pick up their program packets starting June 19th. Sign-up ends June 30th. Program ends on August 4th, when reading logs can be turned in to collect prizes.

Thursday, June 26th, 10am-10:30am. K9 Team Demonstration. Meet Antrim County K9 Lieutenant Bricko and his handler Sgt. Skyler Skrobecki on the lawn of the South Torch Lake Fire Station, 8765 Helena Rd, Alden. This team will be demonstrating Bricko's obedience, agility, detection and article searching skills. Rain location: Helena Twp. Community Center, next door to the Fire Station. Family friendly program, but NO PETS.

Thursday, July 10th, 10am. Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts. (Caterpillar Theme) (Foil Embossing)

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Thursday, July 17th, 10am. Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts. (Penguin Theme) (Balancing Buddies)

Thursday, July 24th, 10am. Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts. (Under the Sea Theme) (Salt Painting)

Friday & Saturday, July 25th & 26th, 10am - 4pm. Torch Area Artisans Guild Quilt and Artisan Show & Boutique Sale. View over 100 quilts and artisan items made by our talented TAAG members. Shop and view quilts, pottery and many other handmade items.

Saturday, July 26th, 10am-4pm. Alden Days; **2pm:** Alden Days Parade. The day starts off with the Alden Run at 9am, followed by live musical entertainment, food and family activities at the tennis court park in Alden and downtown parade. Make sure to stop by the Alden Library & Friends kids craft tent. Sponsored by Downtown Alden Business Association.

Thursday, July 31st, 10am. Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts. (Ice Cream Cone Theme) (Recycled Rubber Band Car)





Monday, August 4. Summer readers can turn in their reading logs for prizes starting today.

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Sunday, August 10th, 2pm. Folk Musician Ben Traverse. Ben is Grand Rapids-based. A member of the <u>Earthwork Music Collective</u>, he'll be performing traditional folk music, which could include old time and Appalachian songs. Outdoor event at the new Alden Village Center downtown. Bring a chair. Rain location: South Torch Lake Fire Station, 8765 Helena Rd, Alden. Family friendly program.

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Sunday, September 21st, 2pm. Aurora Borealis: What is it? Presented by award winning photographer, speaker and member of Michigan Aurora Chasers, Patricia McCleery. She'll discuss the science behind the Aurora Borealis, the best time of year to see it in Northern Michigan and how to photograph it with your cell phone.

Saturday, October 11th, 10am-4pm. Harvest Fest. Chili cook-off, live musical entertainment, family activities, kids crafts and more! Held at the tennis court park in Alden. Make sure to stop by the Alden Library & Friends kids craft tent. Sponsored by Downtown Alden Business Association.

Sunday, October 26th, 2pm. When History Rhymes: Survival and Mystery at White Shoal Lighthouse. Presented by Lighthouse Keeper, Historian, Author and Speaker, Jill Ore. This presentation explores the contrasting fates of ice fishermen Lewis Sweet and George Kruskie, who found themselves adrift on ice floes, seeking refuge at White Shoal Light for survival, the legacy of George Keller, White Shoal's longest serving keeper, and examines how history's patterns echo in the lives of those who braved the ice against the backdrop of Lake Michigan's unforgiving waters.

Sunday, November 16th, 2pm. Bad Treaties & Broken Promises. Robert Downes will be discussing the unfair treaties made with Michigan's Indians. The talk is based on his non-fiction book "Raw Deal-The Indians of the Midwest and the Theft of Native Lands." Robert will be selling & signing copies of his book.

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am - 3pm Torch Area Artisans Guild Arts & Craft Show. Quality arts and crafts from many of our area artisans. Come get your Christmas shopping started! Quilt raffle, bake sale, lunches available, and door prizes will be provided by our vendors.





On-going Adult Activities

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm. Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG) Creating art and contributing to the community for over 40 years. For more info, email taartisansguild@gmail.com

Tuesdays, 1-4pm. Mah Jongg People of all skill levels are invited to play.

Tuesdays, 2-4pm. Alden Knitters & Crocheters People of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome! For more info, contact Sue Archer at 231-944-0013.

Wednesday May 7th, 2025 - Oct 29th, 2025, Except the 3rd Wednesday of each month. 199er Bridge Game & Free Lessons Free lessons at 11:30am. Lunch (bring your own) and bridge talk at Noon. ACBL-sanctioned bridge game for \$5.00 begins at 12:30pm. For more details, contact Lou Slyker at 248-770-6152 or ljslyker@gmail.com

2ndThursday of each month, 3:30pm. Books 'n Brie Book Club Come enjoy the company of fellow book lovers and discuss the book of the month. Copies of the reading list are available in the library.

3rd Thursday of each month, 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Friends of the Library Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.

