

2026 Events & Activities at Alden District Library

Book Sales

Saturday, May 23 / 9a-2p

Saturday, July 11 /9a-2p

Saturday, September 5 / 9a-2p

Saturday, November 21 / 9a-3p (held in library and TAAG Craft Show in gym)

FRIENDS of the Library are accepting donations of gently used books, puzzles, games, CD's and DVD's, during library hours. M, W, Th, F, 9:30am-5:00pm / Tu, 9:30am-6:00pm / Sat, 9:30am-2:00pm.

Enrichment Programs

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

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

Beginning Bridge: Sign up now for this ten-week course on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, beginning May 5. \$10 for book and \$5 suggested donation per lesson. Come, have fun, and meet some bridge players! Lessons taught by Judy Kuiper, an ACBL Best Practices certified bridge teacher. To sign up, contact Judy at judykuiper72@gmail.com or 616-581-4668.

StoryWalk® will be returning for the months of May-October. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and a good book along the way. New stories each month, and covers about a 1/2 mile portion of the trail. The library thanks Helena Township for allowing us to put up the Walk.

Sunday, May 3, 2pm. Mardi Jo Link, award winning author, presents **Writing & Investigating: How the Two Come Together.** Crime has always captured our imaginations, whether in non-fiction books or mass media. But how do these true stories come together? Where do crime writers get their ideas? Step into the research and writing process with NYT bestselling author and award-winning newspaper reporter Mardi Link, as she shares some of her behind-the-scenes discoveries.

Thursday, June 18 – Saturday, August 1. "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program. Kids and teens sign up & receive their reading logs from June 18th to June 30th. Starting August 1st, reading logs can be turned in to collect prizes.

Thursday, June 18, 2:30pm. Joel's Jurassic Magic Show. Joel will stomp, chomp, and roar into the summer reading program with Dinosaur-themed books of all sorts that he brings to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

Thursday, July 2, 10am. [Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts.](#)

Thursday, July 9, 10am. [Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 10am. [Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts.](#)

Thursday, July 23, 10am. [Preschool Story Hour and Elementary Kids Crafts.](#)

Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25, 10am - 4pm. [Torch Area Artisans Guild Quilt and Artisan Show & Boutique Sale.](#) View over 100 quilts and artisan items made by their talented TAAG members. Shop their boutique with quilts, pottery and many other handmade items. Purchase raffle tickets for their "Spring Beauty" quilt drawing to be held November 21, 2026, at the annual TAAG Arts and Crafts Show.

Saturday, July 25, 9am-4pm. [Alden Days.](#) The day starts off at Helena Twp. Community Center with the Alden Run at 9am, followed by live musical entertainment, food and family activities at the tennis court park in Alden, and a parade downtown at 2pm. Make sure to stop by the Alden Library & Friends kids craft tent in the park. This event is presented by Downtown Alden Business Association.

Saturday, July 25, 2pm. [Alden Days Parade.](#) Help is needed from families & individuals of all ages to walk with the library's entry in the Alden Days Parade. Formation at 1pm, Helena Twp. Parking lot. To sign-up and get more details, please call the Library at 231-331-4318. Organized by Friends of the Library.

Thursday, August 6, 10am-11am. [Lego Creation Event.](#) Kids of all ages are welcome to this free event. Come see what you and your imagination can create! Completed Lego Creations will be displayed in the library.

Sunday, August 30, 2pm. [Blues Musician Nick Veine.](#) Nick presents Pre-War Blues Music. His program is a musical and historical survey of the Blues from the turn of the 20th Century until World War II. It covers the heavy hitters of acoustic blues music from Blind Lemon Jefferson to Charley Patton, Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and more. This is an outdoor event at Alden Depot Park & Museum; bring a chair. In the event of rain, the musical program will be held at Helena Twp. Community Center 8765 Helena Rd, Alden. This is a family friendly program.

Sunday, September 13, 2pm. [Keep Torch Lake Blue.](#) Thomas Joseph from the Torch Lake Protection Alliance will be sharing the findings of a study done in 2020 by ECT (Environmental Testing and Consulting) to identify any special causes for the development and progression of the benthic algae commonly called GBA (Golden Brown Algae) along the shore of Torch Lake and how it affects the Chain of Lakes.

Sunday, October 4, 2pm. [Alden Historical Program.](#) Paul DeLange, president of the Helena Twp. Historical Society will be presenting a pictorial history of the residential additions to the Northern Alden area, circa 1900.

Saturday, October 10th, 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. This event is presented by Downtown Alden Business Association.

Sunday, November 8, 2pm. Songs of the American Rail. Folk musician Ben Traverse will be performing songs from one of America's most iconic music themes and will discuss how the golden age of rail impacted music.

Saturday, November 21st, 9am - 3pm. Torch Area Artisans Guild Arts & Craft Show. Helena Township Community Center will be filled with quality arts and crafts from many of our area artisans. Come get your Christmas shopping started, enter their quilt raffle, and shop their yummy bake sale! Lunch is available and door prizes will be provided by their vendors.

Ongoing 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 taartisanguild@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.

Wednesdays, May 6 - Oct 28, (Except the 3rd Wednesday of each month and July 29) 11:30am-4pm. 299er Bridge Game & Free Lessons. Free lessons at 11:30am. 12:00pm lunch (bring your own) and bridge talk. 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

The 2nd Thursday 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.

The 3rd Thursday of each month. Friends of the Library. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Topics of discussion include, but are not limited to, plans for upcoming programs, book sales and activities.

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