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# Bookmarks

The Newsletter of the Alden District Library  
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## ***New Titles***

*\*indicates Michigan author or subject*

### **Fiction**

Brothers McKay Craig Johnson  
Do you know a secret? Freida McFadden  
Final target Nora Roberts  
Glory over everything Kathleen Grissom  
The calamity club Kathryn Stockett  
Whistler Ann Patchett  
The bone maker Sarah Beth Durst  
Road trip Mary Kay Andrews  
Summer state of mind Kristy Woodson Harvey  
The ties that bind Jane Bayly Vaughan  
The fourth option Jack Carr  
Deep water Stuart Woods  
Rocket's red glare James Patterson  
Choke point Brad Thor  
A murder in springtime Martin Walker  
It could have been her Lisa Jewell  
Daughters of the sun & moon Lisa See  
Wait and see Iris Johansen  
When you loved me Beatriz Williams  
Weddings Danielle Steel  
A founding mother: a novel about Abigail Adams  
Stephanie Dray

### **Non-Fiction**

Planet money: a guide to the economic forces  
that shape your life Alex Mayyasi  
Sam Houston & the Alamo Avengers: the Texas  
victory that changed American history  
Brian Kilmeade  
How to clean practically anything  
Consumer Reports

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## ***Friends Corner***

*Welcome back to our summer residents, and hello  
to our permanent ones!*

*Check page 3 for a bunch of programs for young,  
and old, including:*

- Story hour and Kids crafts the first 4 Thursdays*
- Book sale*
- Alden Days (we'll have a booth in the Tennis  
Court Park)*

## **Michigan activity pass available with your library card**

Did you know you can get discounted access to hundreds of statewide attractions? Currently, the Michigan Activity Pass has 476 partner destinations.

All you need is a Michigan library card to access discounts for cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds, and recreation areas in the state.

Provide an email address and you can download, print or save the pass to your phone; show it once you reach your destination.

Here's a tutorial on how to use the website.

Examples of coupons you can get are: a free day at a campground or free admission to many museums. A list of all venues, searchable by category, is found here.

There's also a link to Michigan Activity Pass on our website.

Have fun all year 'round. Enjoy your adventures!

## More New Titles

*\*indicates Michigan author or subject*

### Large Print

Hellbenders Richard Prosch

Thursday's bride Patricia Johns

Theo of golden Allen Levi

When justice comes Colleen Coble

Edge of truth Janice Cantore

### DVDs

Homestead, the movie& Homestead, season one

White lotus, season 3

Solo mio

Brokenwood mysteries, season 11

Sentimental value

Soul on fire

Islands

Killers of the flower moon

Send help

Henry David Thoreau

The Count of Monte Cristo

### CDs

The crossroads C. J. Box

Isola Allegra Goodman

The last days of Marilyn Monroe James Patterson

### Young Adult

The faraway inn Sara Beth Durst

Almark, v.2 Hiyoto Yunoki

### Juvenile

The weedy garden: a happy habitat for wild friends Margaret Renkl

Because of a bee Lola M. Schaefer

Wilderness hacks Joslin Brorsen

Marty Moose, first class mischief Claire Powell

Red river rose Lauren Willig

Look up! Izzy B.

Trapped in a video game, the complete series

Dustin Brady

Click, vols. 1-4 Kayla Miller

Ten little dinosaur eggs

How to catch a dinosaur Adam Wallace

The dinosaurs are having a party!

Gareth P. Jones

All the items listed are now in the library.

**To reserve, call 231/331-4318.  
or go to [www.aldenlib.info](http://www.aldenlib.info).**

## Take Back Control of Your Hacked Account

Losing access to your email or social media account can happen to anyone. Hackers can use stolen accounts to access personal information or contact others in your name. Knowing how to recognize the signs and respond quickly can help you take back control and protect your information.

You may be able to tell if your account has been hacked if you cannot log in, receive alerts about changes you did not make or notice messages sent from your account that you did not write. Friends or family might also report strange messages or links coming from you. Unrecognized login alerts or activity from unfamiliar locations are also common warning signs. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends the following steps to recover and secure your account:

- Run a security scan on your device and remove any suspicious software.
- Follow the account recovery steps provided by the platform.
- Change your account password and the password to the account recovery email address to a strong, unique password.
- Sign out of all devices connected to your account. Turn on two step verification if available.
- Review your account settings and remove anything you did not set up.
- Enable account access notifications so you know when anyone logs into your account. Notify your contacts about the incident. For more tips and resources on staying safe online, visit the [FTC Online Security](#)

Source: Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI)



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# PROGRAMS

## Alden District Library

### 8751 Helena Road

### Alden, MI 49612

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## July 2026

Events are free, sponsored by the library, and are held at the Helena Township Community Center *unless otherwise noted.*



**StoryWalk®:** July 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Coy Mountain, 9011 Valley St., Alden. Covers about a 1/2-mile of the trail. Open daily from dawn to dusk. The storybook for the month of July is "Bud Finds Her Gift" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.



**Quilt Square Display:** July 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Quilt square samples by the Torch Area Artisans Guild. Each colorful pattern will be labeled with a name and a brief description or story. In our library display case.



**Children's Activities:** Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am. Story Time - Duck theme & craft (baby-age 5) and Kids' Crafts: Newspaper Kite (ages 6-12).



**Children's Activities:** Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Story Time - Lion theme & craft (baby-age 5) and Kids' Crafts: Tissue Paper Sun Catcher (ages 6-12).



**Books 'n Brie Book Club:** Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.



**Book Sale:** Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm. Friends of the Library Available items: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs & puzzles. Proceeds will benefit Enrichment Programs for adults and children.



**Antrim Photography Workshop:** Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Royal Farms & Winery, 10445 US-31 N. Ellsworth, Mi. With the wide variety of plants and flowers at the farm, this workshop allows you to practice your macro photography skills. Then, visit the gift shop and tasting room for some food & drinks. Contact Lisa for details and to RSVP, 231-313-8820 or [LL.pics44@gmail.com](mailto:LL.pics44@gmail.com)



**Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. Topics of discussion will be plans for Alden Days craft booth and parade, upcoming book sales, and activities. Interested in supporting the library? Please attend.



**Children's Activities:** Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Story Time - Watermelon theme & craft (baby-age 5) and Kids' Crafts: Leaf Rubbing & Watercolor prints (ages 6-12).



**Children's Activities:** Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am. Story Time – Dinosaur theme & activity (baby-age 5) and Kids' Crafts: Pan Pipe (ages 6-12).



**Torch Area Artisans Guild Quilt & Art Show and Market:** Friday & Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm, during Alden Festival. All quilts and art on display, and for sale in the Artisans Market, were crafted by Guild members. Also available are tickets for the "Kaleidoscope" Raffle Quilt, raffle is held November 21 during the Guild's Art & Craft Show.



**Alden Days Parade:** Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm. Help is needed from kids and adults to walk with the Library and Friends entry, "Turner" the Bookworm, in the Alden Days Parade. Patriotic theme. Please dress in Red, White & Blue or wear a patriotic costume. Line-up is at 1:30, location TBD. Please sign-up by calling the library at 231-331-4318.



**Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG):** Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG) Tuesdays, 10am-noon. Creating art and contributing to our community for over 40 years. We are quilters, embroiderers, knitters, weavers, painters, potters, jewelers and more; Newcomers are invited to visit our meetings, contact us by email at [taartisansguild@gmail.com](mailto:taartisansguild@gmail.com) or view our page at [www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild](https://www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild).



**Mah Jongg:** Tuesdays 1-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners are invited to play. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.



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



**299er Bridge Game & Free Lessons:** Every Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, **Except the 3rd Wednesday of each month and July 29.** 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](mailto:ljslyker@gmail.com)