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The Newsletter of the Alden District Library
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M, W, Th, F 9:30 am-5 pm
Tu 9:30 am-6 pm
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New Titles

**indicates Michigan author or subject*

Fiction

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 of Abigail Adams
Stephanie Dray

**Finding innocence* John Wemlinger
Do you want to know a secret? Freida McFadden

Our perfect storm Carley Fortune

The last mandarin Louise Penney

Mad Mabel Sally Hepworth

The poetry of flowers Samuel Carr

The chateau on Sunset Natasha Lester

Back to the garden Laurie R. King

The Hawaiian quilt Wanda E. Brunstetter

Denied access Vince Flynn

Non-Fiction

Racing uphill: confronting a life with epilepsy
Stacia Kalinoski

Easy weeknight dinners: 100 fast, flavor-packed meals...

Mediterranean diet for dummies Rachel Berman

The breast advice: all you need to know about breast health, screening, & treatment
Dr. Elisa Port

Large Print

Whistler Ann Patchett

The Texas hill country William W. Johnstone

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Friends Corner

-July 11 book sale netted \$521.71. Yay!

Upcoming September 7 book sale:

- We're accepting donations for the next book sale of September 5: gently used books, audio & music CDs, DVDs, puzzles & games.

- We'll need volunteers for the September book sale; call the library if you can help.

Alden Days Saturday, July 26:

- Friends entered Turner the Book Worm in the Parade.

- Library had a craft booth at the Tennis Court Park. Kids made pinwheels.

- Thanks to people of all ages who helped us put on these wonderful events!

**Alden Library presents musician Nick Veine
2 pm, Sunday, August 30
at Alden Depot!**

Please join us as Nick Veine presents **An Evening of Pre-War Blues Music** under the porch at the Alden Depot. Nick is a blues musician out of Traverse City who lives and breathes music.

He has a Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music along with a Minor in American Roots Music, and a Master of Music from Belmont University. He's uniquely qualified and so excited to educate people on the history of American music, specifically the blues.

Nick has opened for Joel Mabus, Ellis Paul, Blind Boy Paxton, and Foghat, shared the stage with artists like The Accidentals, Josh White, Jr., and the RFD Boys.

For more information about the show, see page 3.

More New Titles

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DVDs

Avatar: fire and ash

Homestead: the movie & Homestead: season 1

She dances

Hoppers

You, me & Tuscany

Magellan/Magalhães

Audio CDs

The fourth option Jack Carr

Suspects Danielle Steel

One rough man Brad Taylor

Music CDs

Pet sounds Beach Boys

Young Adult

Hemlock & silver T. Kingfisher

Juvenile

Troubling tonsils!, Unsettling salad!, & Yarn is everything! Aaron Reynolds

Ten little dinosaur eggs

Dig dig dinosaur Anjali Goswami

How to catch a dinosaur Adam Wallace

The dinosaurs are having a party!

Gareth P. Jones

The Sherlock society James Ponti

All the items listed are now in the library.

To reserve, call 231/331-4318.

or go to www.aldenlib.info.



Friends of the Library donated \$8,000.00 to the library for the new 2026-7 fiscal year! Your dues and generous donations to Friends, as well as regular book sales, helped fund this gift. Thank you all!

[right] FOTL Treasurer, Kathy Amerman presents the check in the library.

Help Your Student Stay Connected This School Year

This month we are highlighting programs that help connect Michigan communities to affordable internet. This week we are featuring a resource for students.

Does your student need internet access at home? [T-Mobile's Project 10Million](https://www.t-mobile.com/project10million) helps eligible K-12 students stay connected for school by providing a free hotspot and 200 GB of mobile data each year for up to five years. One data line is available per eligible household.

Families may qualify if they participate in programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, the National School Lunch Program or other eligible assistance programs. For more information and to apply, visit the [T-Mobile Project 10Million](https://www.t-mobile.com/project10million) website.

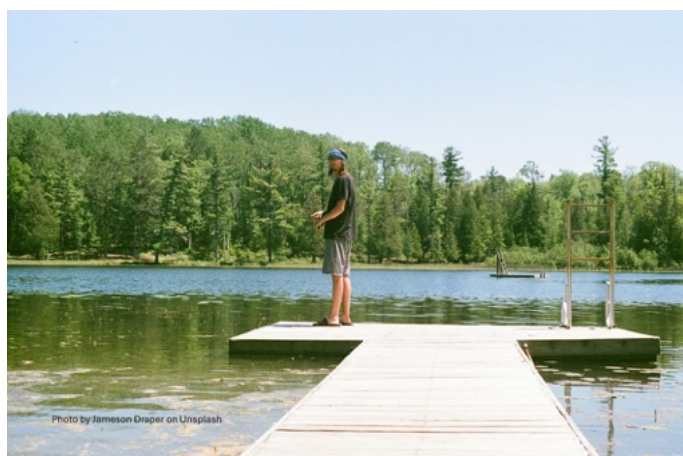


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PROGRAMS

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



Take n' Make Craft Kits: During the month of August, there are a variety of kids' craft kits available for ages 1yr-12yr. Pick yours up at the library, while supplies last.



StoryWalk®: August 1st-30th. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, 9011 Valley Street, Alden. A new story will be placed each month and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. Open daily from dawn to dusk. "Outside In" by Deborah Underwood.



Torch Lake Camps Display: August 1-29. Come to the Alden District Library. The free display at the library features materials from the Alden Depot Museum. View it during library hours.



Summer Reading Program - Prize Pick Up Starts Saturday, August 1st, 9:30am-2pm. Thank you to the kids and teens who participated in this program! Please bring your reading logs to the library to collect your prizes.



LEGO Creation Event: Thursday, August 6th, 10am-11am. Kids of all ages are welcome to this free event. See what you and your imagination can build! Completed works will be displayed in the library.



Antrim Photography Workshop- Harbor Days Fireworks: Saturday, August 8th. This is a great event to learn how to take pictures of fireworks & night light reflections on the water. Please contact Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com for time and location to meet in Elk Rapids.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: Thursday, August 13th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "How To Read A Book" by Monica Wood.



Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting: Thursday, August 20th. 9:30am social time with regular meeting beginning at 10:00am. Topics of discussion will be plans for upcoming programs and activities, as well as volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.



nickveine.com/albums/

Blues Musician Nick Veine: Sunday, August 30, 2pm. 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. Family friendly program held outdoors at Alden Depot Park & Museum; bring a chair. In the event of rain, the musical program will be held at Helena Township Community Center 8751 Helena Rd, Alden.



Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG): Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG) meets every Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Quilters, embroiderers, knitters, weavers, painters, potters, jewelers, and more; all artists welcome! Newcomers are invited to visit our meetings. Contact us by email at taartistsguild@gmail.com, or view our page at www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild.



Mah Jongg: Tuesdays 1-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners are invited to play. Free Event.



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 6th - Oct 28th, 2026, **Except the 3rd Wednesday of each month**. 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. Contact Lou Slyker 248-770-6152 or ljslyker@gmail.com