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New Titles

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Fiction

**Apostle's cove William Kent Krueger*

How to read a book Monica Wood

Welcome to Cottonmouth Scott Bell

Blackbird Jess Mielbiek

So far gone Jess Walter

Emma on fire & Billion-dollar ransom

James Patterson

For richer for poorer Danielle Steel

Darling girls Sally Hepworth

The push Ashley Audrain

The little wartime library Kate Thompson

Non-Fiction

Third coast : America's Great Lakes shoreline

David Zurick

The salt stones: secrets of a shepherd's life

Helen Whybrow

Antoni: let's do dinner Antoni Porowski

Wild dyeing: from the garden to color – an

introduction to natural vegetable dyes

Céline Philippe

Phoenix revival: the aftermath of naval

aviation's fastest ejection Kegan Gill

Hate won't win: find your power & leave this

place better than you found it Mallory McMorrow

Making the presidency: John Adams & the

precedents that forged the republic

Lindsay M. Chervinsky

By the second spring: seven lives & one year of

the War in Ukraine Danielle Leavitt

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Friends Corner

In the month of October, there will be an ever-changing landscape outside each day. Time for more reading indoors, also. Check out new arrivals and others at the library waiting for your reading pleasure.

Your book sale donations, along with other contributions, allowed us to give two gifts to the Library: a new canopy with sides for outside activities and a new computer for the children's area that features educational programs. The library will purchase a second children's computer.

The new canopy, along with the one the library currently owns, will be used for the Harvest Festival library booth on October 11th that will feature a children's craft. Lots of fun is planned that day for Alden, so come and enjoy.

The library's Book Buddies program continues each month. Friends is so proud to help with its cost! If you have a child under age six living in the area, contact the library to register them. They are mailed an age-appropriate book each month until they turn six, at no cost.

Gently used books for all ages are needed for the November 22 book sale taking place simultaneously with the Torch Area Artisans Guild arts and craft show. We would also like puzzles, games, audio CDs and video DVDs.

We are always looking for new members to join Friends to sustain the group in the future. If you are new to the area, this is a great way to meet new friends.

Mary Ann Stimpson

More New Titles

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The café with no name Robert Seethaler

Of silver & secrets Michelle Griep

One sharp stitch Allie Pleiter

Dawn of grace: Mary Magdalene's story

Jill Eileen Smith

The sands of Sea Blue Beach Rachel Hauck

Where secrets lie Colleen Coble

Designed with love Tracie Peterson

The mailman Andrew Welsh-Huggins

DVDs

Bletchley circle: San Francisco

Ballerina: from the world of John Wick

Grantchester, season 9

The apprentice

Audio CDs

Natchez burning series: Natchez burning, The

bone tree, Mississippi blood Greg Iles

The guest B. A. Paris

Juvenile

Trick or treat on Scary Street Lance Bass

Pumpkin day! Candice Ransom

Minecraft: trouble brewing Arie Kaplan

The firefly with no glow Rebecca Smallberg

Grumpy monkey: too many bugs

Suzanne Lang

Shampoodle Jane Holub

The gingerbread pup Maribeth Boelts

Trains! Susan E. Goodman

Meercats, Polar bears, Tigers &

Adorable animals National Geographic Kids

Splat the cat & the lemonade stand James Dean

The giant jelly bean jar Marcie Aboff

You can be...Barbie story collection

Harold hates to hibernate Vern Kousky

Nothing special Desiree Cooper

Adventures in Flatfrost Jordan Quinn

Ada and the goat Heidi Aubrey

The Frindle files Andrew Clements

All the items listed are now in the library.

To reserve, call 231/331-4318.

or go to www.aldenlib.info.

Our very own library board vice president, Jodie Balhorn, has written a book! It's entitled, *Stay True To You: Healthy Minds, Healthy Futures: A Guided Workbook for Teens to Build Confidence, Make Healthy Choices, and Navigate Real-Life Challenges*.

The library has a copy, but if you'd like to buy one, it's also available on

Amazon.com.

Congratulations, Jodie!



Access over 2,000 kid-friendly shows, films, and readalong storybooks on Kanopy Kids for free using your Alden District Library card! Go to kanopy.com to get started. today.

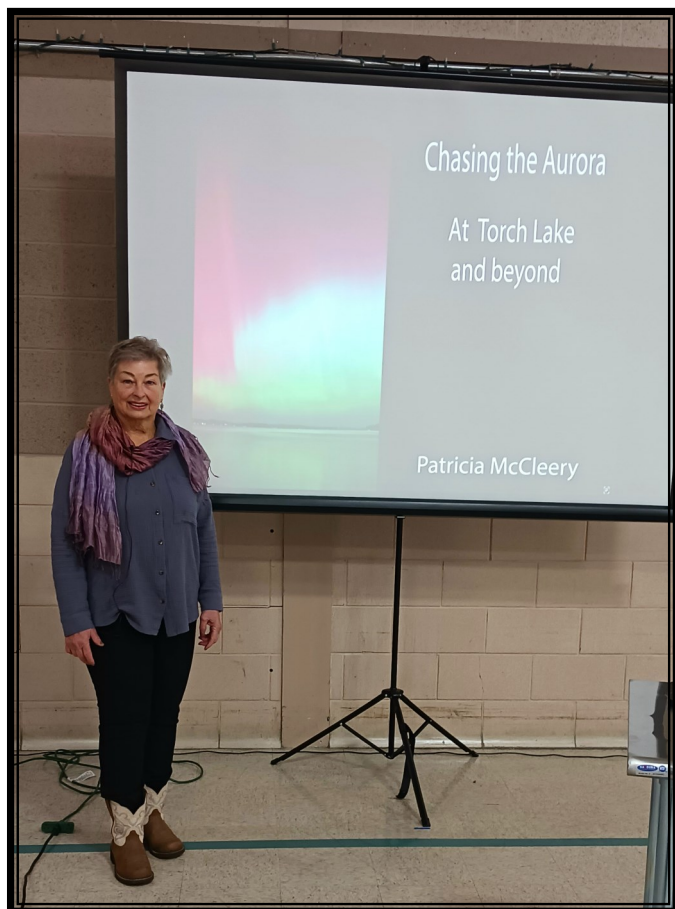
Village Market Community Cash

Our library turned in the 10th-highest total value of Village Market Community Cash slips! It gave us an extra \$100.00 for a total cash award of \$1,118.71!

We encourage you to start, or continue, to bring us your Community Cash receipts. The program runs from Labor Day to Memorial Day, so it's on now.

If you pay for gas at the pump, please have your slip stamped inside the gas station part of the store with a square "CC" stamp to qualify as Community Cash.

We encourages you to turn slips in several times throughout the year, Then we turn them in to Village Market so they don't have to count everything at the end of the program. Thanks!!



On Sunday, September 21st, over 50 people came to hear local artist and photographer Patricia McCleery discuss the Aurora Borealis: what it is and how to best photograph it in our beautiful area at the south end of Torch Lake. She presented a lot of interesting info about the phenomenon and, of course, showed lots of pictures she has taken, some from as recent as the previous week.



Michigan Dept. of Labor and Opportunity advises: Think twice before storing your credit card online

Online shopping is convenient, but if you save your credit card information on retail websites you may be at risk of having your information accessed or stolen. If a criminal gains access to your account, they can use stored payment details to make purchases or steal your card information for use elsewhere. Once one account is compromised, attackers may use the same information to break into other accounts.

The Michigan Cyber Command Center (MC3) recommends the following best practices to keep your information safe:

- Do not store credit cards online. The easiest way to prevent misuse is to avoid saving card or bank information with retailers. Enable multifactor authentication (MFA) to add an extra layer of security, such as a text code or fingerprint scan, before purchases are approved.
- Set up alerts to receive notifications from both your bank and the retailer when purchases are made.
- Use unique, complex passwords and never reuse passwords across accounts.

Following these recommendations helps reduce the chance of fraud and keeps your financial information secure. For more tips and resources, visit the MC3 website [Michigan State Police]





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 October, we have a Lighthouse Nightlight craft. Pick up your kit at the library, while supplies last.



StoryWalk®: OCTOBER 1st-31st. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, at 9011 Valley St. in Alden. Enjoy a romp in the woods on a 1/2-mile portion of the trail while reading a good book along the way. The book for the month of October is "Acorn Was a Little Wild" by Jen Arena.



Whimsical Halloween Witches Display: OCTOBER 2nd-31st. Come visit the library and see Carolyn Buxenstein's collection of Whimsical Halloween Witch Figures. The display can be viewed during normal library hours. At a later date, a video of the collection can be viewed on the library's website.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Becoming Madam Secretary" by Stephanie Dray.



Alden Harvest Festival: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 10am-4pm. Come over to Tennis Court Park in Downtown Alden for a day of family fun! Be sure to stop by the Alden Library & Friends kids craft tent. This event is presented by the Downtown Alden Business Association.



Storytime with Miss Bri: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 10am. She will be reading stories with a Halloween theme and doing a simple craft. Everyone is welcome to wear costumes! This program will be held in the library.



Antrim Photography Workshop Jordan River Rafting Adventure: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1:30-4pm. 1:30pm meet at Webster Bridge Rd access site off M-66. MI Rec Pass required, or park along roadside. Bus will take us to the boats on Old State Rd. Boats leave at 2pm. Trip ends back at Webster Bridge Rd access site. Cost per person is \$55 (\$50 fee + \$5 tip for guide). Cash preferred. Must RSVP with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com.



Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.



Trunk or Treat in Alden: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 12pm-2pm. Alden United Methodist Church is hosting this event at the church parking lot, where they will have a list of other participating Alden businesses, including the library. Make sure to wear your favorite costume and we hope to see you up at the library!



When History Rhymes: Survival and Mystery at White Shoal Lighthouse: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 2pm. Presented by Lighthouse Keeper, Historian and Author, Jill Ore. Jill will explore the contrasting fates of two ice fisherman who found themselves adrift on ice floes in Lake Michigan, seeking refuge at White Shoal Light for survival. She will also highlight the legacy of White Shoal's longest serving keeper.



Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG): TUESDAYS, 10am-12pm. This artisans group has been creating art and contributing to the community for over 40 years. Newcomers are always welcome! For more info, email taarti-sansguild@gmail.com



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



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.



199er Bridge Game & Free Lessons: Every Wednesday May 7th, 2025 - Oct 22nd, 2025, 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. For more details, contact Lou Slyker at 248-770-6152 or ljslyker@gmail.