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New Titles

*indicates Michigan author or subject

Fiction

The last days of Marilyn Monroe
James Patterson

Sharpe's storm: Richard Sharpe & the Invasion of Southern France, 1813 Bernard Cornwell

Spasm Robin Cook

White wolf Eric Lustbader

Isola Allegra Goodman

*To be Marquette Sharon Dilworth

Woman down Colleen Hoover

Holy city Henry Wise

The outlaw Noble Salt Amy Harmon

The enchanted greenhouse Sarah Beth Durst

Non-Fiction

Family of spies : a World War II story of Nazi espionage, betrayal, and the secret history behind Pearl Harbor Christine Kuehn
The accidental reef & other ecological odysseys in the Great Lakes Lynne Heasley

*How to hike the North Country Trail: not quite a guide Joan H. Young

*Make it go in the snow: people & ideas in the history of snowmobiles

Larry E. Jorgensen

A flower traveled in my blood: the incredible true story of the grandmothers who fought to find a stolen generation of children

Haley Cohen Gilliland

Poems & prayers Matthew McConaughey

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Friends Corner

Friends officers put the 2026 budget together in January and with approval this month will be donating \$8,000 to the library.

Our next book sale will be April 10 and 11. We are accepting donations and will be looking for workers.

We welcome interested people to our monthly meetings on the third Thursdays. Have coffee with us at 9:30 am and stay for the 10:00 am meeting.

Village Market grocery and gas receipts are being collected now until Memorial Day. Thanks to you, we received over \$1,100 last year from this program!

The library has become Grandparents Central!

More and more grandmas and grandpas have been picking up monthly Take and Make craft kits to send or give visiting grandkids.

They choose books from the children's area to read on video calls or to record and send; check out STEM kits/games when kids visit, or just bring the kiddos in to use the AWE learning computers and choose books to check out themselves.

Then they may stop to shoot some hoops, play pickleball, or just run around if the gym is open.

Many are already making plans for summer visits, when they can bring the littles to weekly preschool story hour and elementary-age crafts, or explore the Coy Mountain trails as they read our monthly StoryWalk® selection installed there.

And now we have story hour the second Saturday of each month, as well. So welcome to all who find our children's resources useful!

More New Titles

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Non-Fiction, continued

A marriage at sea: a true story of love, obsession & shipwreck Sophie Elmhirst

Large Print

The Amish nanny's secret Amy Lillard
Robert B. Parker's Showdown Mike Lupica
The pretender Wanda Brunstetter
Gone dark Ryan Steck

DVDs

Downton Abbey [movie]: a new era

Young Adult

Spectacular Stephanie Garber

Juvenile

**The story of Journey: the great horned owl & Maizie, a Canadian goose in Wisconsin*
Carol Schultz
Wheels on the fire truck Jeffrey Burton
Duck & goose: a gift for goose Tad Hills
When I am kind Paula Bowles

All the items listed are now in the library.

**To reserve, call 231/331-4318.
or go to www.aldenlib.info.**

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Brianna Byard, our library assistant, has moved to another job.

Her pleasant attitude, proficient abilities and helpful manner have been welcome here by staff, board and patrons. We will miss her and wish her well!

Find Your Next Winter Read on ReadMichigan.org

Looking for something to read during the cold winter months? Be sure to check out the selection of titles on ReadMichigan.org. ReadMichigan is the Library of Michigan's eBook platform that includes a wide-selection of fiction and non-fiction titles that connect with the Great Lakes state. All ReadMichigan titles allow for immediate access, with no wait lists or holds.

ReadMichigan.org cooperative effort between Library of Michigan, Michigan Humanities, and the presses of University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University.





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: The craft during the month of February is a Rainbow Felt Heart Banner. Pick up your kit at the library, while supplies last.



Vintage Sewing Notions Display: February 3rd-28th. Come visit Alden District Library and see the variety of sewing notions collected by members of the Torch Area Artisans Guild. The display can be viewed during normal library hours.



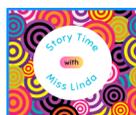
Author Mardi Jo Link on Writing & Investigating - How the Two Come Together: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2pm. Crime has always captured our imaginations, whether in non-fiction books or mass media. But how do these true stories come together? NYT bestselling author and award-winning newspaper reporter Mardi Link shares some of her behind-the-scenes discoveries.



Drop in Tech Help at Alden District Library: Thursday, FEBRUARY 12th, 1pm-4:30pm. If you need help setting up your new phone or tablet, troubleshooting problems with your current devices, or navigating the internet, drop by the library for 30 minutes of free help from staff member Jeff Morton.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "The Little Wartime Library" by Kate Thompson.



Storytime with Linda: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 10am. She will be reading stories with a Valentine's Day theme and doing simple activities with the kids.



Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Topics of discussion will be plans for upcoming programs and book sales. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.



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 welcome! For more info, email taartistsguild@gmail.com



Mah Jongg: TUESDAYS, 1-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners, 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.