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The Newsletter of the Alden District Library
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Hours

M, W, Th, F 9:30 am-5 pm
Tu 9:30 am-6 pm
Sat 9:30 am –2 pm

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New Titles

**indicates Michigan author or subject*

Fiction

- Chasing the clouds away* Debbie Macomber
- Vigil* George Saunders
- The girl from Greenwich Street* Jodi Kantor
- Yesteryear* Caro Claire Burke
- Revenge prey* John Sandford
- A woman's place* Danielle Steel
- The book witch* Meg Shaffer
- Last one out* Jane Harper
- We burned so bright* T. J. Klune
- The magician of Tiger Castle* Louis Sachar
- *Troubled spirits vols. 1-3* J. R. Erickson
- Ward D* Freida McFadden
- The maid's secret* Nita Prose
- The river has roots* Amal El-Mohtar
- Ironwood* Michael Connelly
- Things we never say* Elizabeth Strout
- 26 beauties* James Patterson

Non-Fiction

- True crime* Patricia Daniels Cornwell
- How to start: discovering your life's work*
Jodi Kantor

Large Print

- Second chance on Huckleberry Hill*
Jennifer Beckstrand
- The housemaid's secret* Freida McFadden
- Thunder of the Mountain Man* William W. Johnstone
- Prowl* Colleen Coble
- Chase the light* Suzanne Woods Fisher
- Where we belong* Kim Vogel Sawyer

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Friends Corner

We hope you'll join us Thursday, June 21 at 11:30 for the annual Friends Spring luncheon! See page 3 for details.

Welcome to new members! Current members, please consider putting your name on the ballot in late 2026 for our 2027 officers slate. The present president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer have served diligently for many years and would welcome other interested people to take a turn :)

As always, we are accepting gently used books, DVDs, audio CDs, puzzles and games for coming book sales. Bring them to the library during open hours, listed in the masthead above.



More New Titles

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DVDs

F1 the movie

Bugonia

Landman, season 2

Thunderbolts

Eddington

Good luck, have fun, don't die

Green planet [Sir David Attenborough]

Leonardo da Vinci [Ken Burns]

Young Adult

Almark Hiyoto Yunoki

Juvenile

A visit with the birds Sara Levine

Hope in a jar Deborah Marcera

America the beautiful Wendell Minor

Mr. Lepron's mystery soup Giovanna Zoboli

The baker dragon Devin Elle Kurtz

I love my daddy! Sebastien Braun

Summer color! Diana Murray

All the items listed are now in the library.

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



Digital Spring Cleaning Tips

Digital spring cleaning is a simple way to take control of your online life by reviewing

your accounts, organizing your files and improving your online security. Over time, unused apps, old passwords and extra data can build up and create risks. Cleaning up your digital space helps protect your personal information, makes your devices run better and keeps your data easier to manage.

The National Cybersecurity Alliance recommends taking the following steps to keep your digital life secure: Update your passwords and use a [password manager](#).

Enable [multi factor authentication](#) on important accounts.

- Review app permissions and delete apps or accounts you no longer use
- Keep your software updated and turn on automatic updates.
- Back up important data.
- Securely dispose of old devices after [wiping them](#).
- Clean up your email inbox and unsubscribe from newsletters you no longer read.
- Organize files and remove duplicates.
- Review your social media accounts and activity.
- Cancel unused subscriptions.

Taking a few minutes to clean up your digital life can make a big difference in protecting your information and staying organized. For more tips and resources on staying safe online, visit the [National Cybersecurity Alliance website](#).

Source: Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI)

We partner with Helena Township in presenting seasonal StoryWalks® at Coy Mountain. Here's how you can support this wonderful property:

COY MOUNTAIN – ALDEN, MICHIGAN Reuben Coy donated the property around 1895. Many changes have happened over the years. A more complete history is available at the trailhead in Alden.

Now it is a great dog friendly hiking loop with a view of Torch Lake from the top. It is approximately two miles in length. If you park at Tennis Courts you can tour Alden on your way to the trail head on Valley Road. Also, there are very nice bathrooms at the Tennis Courts. You can also park at the trail head.

IF YOU SUMMIT COY MOUNTAIN YOU NEED A TEE SHIRT!

All the profit generated from the sale of tee shirts goes into a fund controlled by the Helena Township Parks and Recreation committee. Trail maintenance and enhancement are always needed. Tree Falls and invasive species are always a challenge. We sometimes have to hire professionals to deal with problems that are out of the job description of volunteer labor.

Shirts are available at the Torch Conservation Center Artisan Market – 9046 Helena Rd. Alden, Michigan 49612. Price for this fundraiser tee shirt is \$25 + tax.

Thank you, Friends of Coy Mountain.



PROGRAMS

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June 2026

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 June is a Monster Wind Sock. Pick up your kit at the library, while supplies last.



StoryWalk®: June 1st-29th. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, which covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail and is open from dawn to dusk. The storybook for this month is "The Home Builders" by Varsha Bajaj.



Rubber Duck Display: June 2nd-29th. Come visit Alden District Library and see a collection of rubber ducks. The display can be viewed during normal library hours.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: Thursday, June 11th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood" by Alexandra Fuller.



Story Time with Miss Lona: Saturday, June 13th, 10am. Miss Lona will be reading stories with a Father's Day theme and making Father's Day cards with the kids.



Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program. Thursday, June 18 – Saturday, August 1. 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.



Joel's Jurassic Magic Show: Thursday, June 18, 2:30pm. 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.



Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting & Spring Luncheon: Thursday, June 18th. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. Meeting is being held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751. Luncheon is 11:30am held at the Dockside, 6340 Old Torch Lake Dr, Bellaire. Contact the library at 231-331-4318 to RSVP by June 16th.



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 taartisansguild@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.



299er Bridge Game & Free Lessons: Every Wednesday May 6th, 2026 - Oct 28th, 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