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# Bookmarks

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

Exit strategy Lee Child  
The lady on Esplanade Karen White  
A slowly dying cause Elizabeth George  
The girl from Devil's Lake J. A. Jance  
Coyote Hills Jonathan Kellerman  
Nash falls David Baldacci  
The king's ransom Janet Evanovich  
Wild instinct T. Jefferson Parker  
Return of the spider James Patterson  
Evil bones Kathy Reichs  
From cradle to grave Rhys Bowen  
The color of hope Danielle Steel  
The seven rings Nora Roberts  
A savage war of empire: a novel of the French & Indian War Harold Coyle  
Framed in death J. D. Robb  
The lost story of Eva Fuentes Chanel Cleeton  
Skylark Paula McLain  
The spellshop Sarah Beth Durst  
The man who planted trees Jean Giono  
Leave no trace Jo Callaghan  
*\*The scouring Joshua Veith*

### Non-Fiction

Giving up is unforgivable: a manual for keeping a democracy Joyce Vance

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## Friends Corner

*We'd like to remember all the Friends and patrons that passed away in 2025. May their families be consoled in knowing that the Friends, library trustees and staff cherish their loved ones' memories.*

*Here's hoping that 2026 will be a wonderful year for all!*

## New STEM Kits

Check out the following recently-purchased kits:  
Catan the game (ages 10 and up)  
Qwirkle  
Gears! Gears! Gears!  
Q-ba-maze 2.0 super race set



## More New Titles

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### Non-Fiction, continued

*\*Devouring time: Jim Harrison, a writer's life Todd Goddard*

### Large Print

*The cowboy's wedding proposal  
Melinda Curtis*

*A slowly dying cause Elizabeth George  
My beloved Jan Karon*

*Bitter end birding society Amanda Cox  
The French kitchen Kristy Cambron*

### DVDs

*Elio*

*The last rodeo*

*Nobody 2*

*Good fortune*

*The naked gun (2025)*

*Downton Abbey: the grand finale  
Mudbound*

### Young Adult

*The book of dust Philip Pullman*

### Juvenile

*Dog man: Big Jim believes Dav Pilkey*

*Lucia morning in Sweden Ewa Rydaker*

*Just in case: saving seeds in the Svalbard*

*Global Seed Vault Megan Clendenan*

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).**



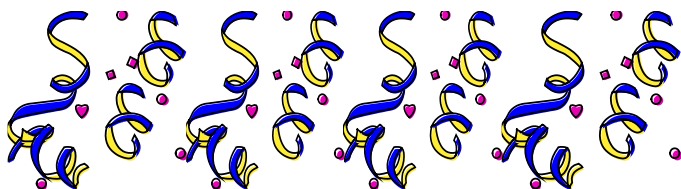
As kids head back to school in January, remember that Britannica School from MeL.org includes built-in accessibility features such as Open Dyslexic font and translation into over 100 languages. [Ctrl +Click the photo above to visit the page.](#)

## Parents & Grandparents:

Kids' Take 'N Make Craft Kits are available at the circulation desk!

There's a new theme every month. See page 3.

Stop in and grab a craft for your little one. (Most are suited for ages three and up.)





## PROGRAMS

### Alden District Library

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## January 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 January is a Paper Plate Snowman Mask. Pick up your kit at the library, while supplies last.



**Torch Area Artisans Guild New Year's Day Sew-In:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 9am-4pm. Working on charity quilts and other projects. Newcomers are always welcome! For more info, email: [taartisansguild@gmail.com](mailto:taartisansguild@gmail.com) or Facebook: [facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild](https://www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild).



**Vintage Pyrex Dishware Display:** January 3rd-30th Come visit Alden District Library and see Karen Movsesian's collection of vintage Pyrex dishware. The display can be viewed during normal library hours.



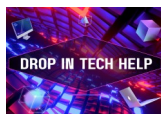
**Books 'n Brie Book Club:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "My Friends" by Frederik Backman.



**Storytime with Miss Bri:** SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 10am. She will be reading stories with a Winter theme and doing simple activities with the kids.



**Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th. 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.



**Drop in Tech Help at Alden District Library:** WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st, 12:30pm-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.



**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 [taartisansguild@gmail.com](mailto: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.