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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
Sat 9:30 am -2 pm

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New Titles

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Fiction

The crossroads C. J. Box
Heir of Whitestone Catherine Coulter
More than enough Anna Quindlen
Trust no one James Rollins
**She writes in red & *Veil of pines* J. R. Erickson
The rush Beth Lewis
The rarest fruit Gaëlle Bélem
It's not her Mary Kubica
Felicia's favorites Danielle Steel
Judge Stone James Patterson
Served him right Lisa Unger
Heartwood Amity Gaige
The buffalo hunter hunter Stephen Graham Jones
Bury our bones in the midnight soil V. E. Schwab

Non-Fiction

Night watch: poems Kevin Young
Best dog in the world: essays on love
Alice Hoffman
Tyler Mitchell: wish this was real Tyler Mitchell
The gretest sentence ever written
Walter Isaacson
1929: inside the greatest crash in Wall Street
history--and how it shattered a nation
Andrew Ross Sorkin
Careless people: a cautionary tale of power,
greed & lost idealism Sarah Wynn-Williams
Wild thing: a life of Paul Gauguin Sue Prideaux
Empire of AI: dreams & nightmares in Sam Alt-
man's OpenAI Karen Hao

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Friends Corner

Children in Antrim and Kalkaska Counties can receive a new book every month through our Book Buddies program. If you know a child, aged newborn to six years old that lives in our area, we would love to add them as a Book Buddy. All it takes is a phone call or a visit to the library!

We are happy to announce that we will be funding materials and snacks for weekly Kids Crafts and the Story Hour this July.

Please bring in gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles for the April 10 and 11 book sale.

Sunday, April 12, come to our next presentation, The Illustrated History of the Soo Locks, presented by its Chief Park Ranger for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It promises to be an enlightening program.

TECH HELP UPDATE

We had two tech afternoons, one in January and one in February. The patrons that came in appreciated the help they received.

Now we're switching up the program. If you need tech help, we'll put you on a list and call you for an appointment with Jeff Morton, one of our library assistants, when he works next. We hope this will be more efficient.

More New Titles

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Non-Fiction, continued

The call of the honeyguide: what science tells us about how to live well with the rest of life
Rob Dunn

Large Print

The astral library Kate Quinn

The crossroads C. J. Box

The beginner's quilt Wanda Brunstetter

Faithful of heart Tracie Peterson

DVDs

Landman, season one

All creatures great & small, season 6

Grantchester, season 10

Mission impossible: the final reckoning

Zootopia 2

Hamnet

Song sung blue

Juvenile

Amari & the metalwork menace B. B. Alston

Fixey Fox lights the night Jeffray N. Kessler

This watermelon is not round Vicky Y. W. Wong

Mouse's first summer Lauren Thompson

What's the weather? Shelley Rotner

The big cheese & The sour grape Jory John

Dragonborn Struan Murray

All the items listed are now in the library.

To reserve, call 231/331-4318.

or go to www.aldenlib.info.

2026 Michigan Notable Books

The Library of Michigan recently released its list of its most notable books. To qualify, they must be written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes.

Here are the titles from L-M's list that we now own; come in and check them out!

The vacation: a teenage migrant farmworker's experience picking cherries in Michigan
by Robert "Carlos" Fuentes

No human involved: the serial murder of Black women & girls and the deadly cost of police indifference
by Cherly L. Neely

The containment: Detroit, the Supreme Court, & the battle for racial justice in the North
by Michelle Adams

Between the devil & the deep blue sea: a veteran's memoir
by Khadijah Queen

Stepping off the boat: stories from North Manitou Island

by Susan Hollister Wasserman

Miss Betti what is this?: how Detroit's school lunch lady got good food on the menu
by Lela Nargi

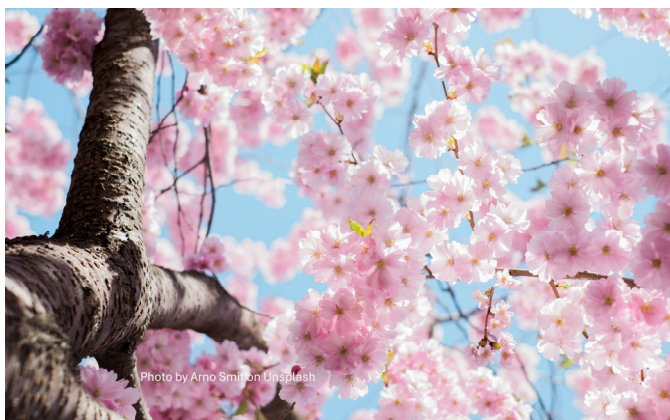
The House of David: salvation, scandal, & survival in a modern American commune
by Evelyn Sterne

Dead moose on Isle Royale: off trail with the citizen scientists of the Wolf-Moose Project
Jeffrey M. Holden

Roy Reuther and the UAW: fighting for workers & civil rights
by Alan Reuther

This magnetic north: candid conversations on a changing Northern Michigan
by Tim Mulherin

Cooler than cool: the life & work of Elmore Leonard
by C. M. Cushins





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 is a Paper Plate Fish. Pick up your kit at the library, while supplies last.



Bunny Rabbit Figurine Display: APRIL 1ST-29TH. Come visit Alden District Library and see Barb VanPelt's collection of bunny rabbit figures & figurines. The display can be viewed during normal library hours.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Wild Dark Shore" by Charlotte McConaghy.



Friends Book Sale: FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 9am-5pm and SATURDAY APRIL 11TH 9am-2pm. Available items: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs & puzzles.



Story Time with Miss Linda: SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 10am. Miss Linda will be reading stories with a Springtime theme and doing simple activities with the kids.



Illustrated History of the Soo Locks: SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2pm-3pm. Join us for a deep dive into the history of the Soo Locks with Chief Park Ranger Michelle Briggs. This presentation uses historic photos dating back to the 1860s to review the construction of the eight U.S. locks built on the St. Marys River and put them into the context of world and US events. This presentation also includes an update on the 9th navigation lock currently being built.



Antrim Photography Workshop Open House: TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 5:30pm. Please join Lisa Lirones and other local photographers for a new workshop season. Enjoy some food, handouts, discussion on settings, and then head out to Alden Depot Park to capture the sunset. Make sure to bring your camera equipment and tripod. Please call Lisa for more information or to RSVP, 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com.



Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH, 9:30am social time & 10am meeting held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. Topics of discussion will be plans for upcoming programs, book sales and activities. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.



Beginning Bridge: Sign-up now for this ten-week course on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, beginning May 5TH. \$10 for book and \$5 suggested donation per lesson. Have fun and meet other bridge players! Taught by Judy Kuiper, an ACBL Best Practices certified bridge teacher. Contact Judy to sign up at judykuiper72@gmail.com or 616-581-4668.



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.