ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY KIDS & TEENS

NEWSLETTER

SEEDS TO STARS NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome to your adventure, Library Legends



Fact of the Month

At the Haskell Free Library, you can stand in the United States and look at a bookshelf located in Canada.



Reading Challenge Corner

Can you read 10 books this month? Complete our reading punch card to exchange for something from the prize box. Punch cards are entered into a monthly giveaway!

From the Mayflower to Alden, Iowa: A Thanksgiving Connection!

Did you know our little town of Alden, Iowa, has a connection to one of the most famous voyages in American history? In 1620, the Mayflower crossed the Atlantic Ocean carrying passengers who would help establish Plymouth Colony. Among them were John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who married & started a family. Fast-forward more than 230 years, & their descendant Henry Alden arrived in Iowa in 1854, looking for land and opportunity. He helped establish a mill town that would eventually take his name: **Alden**! John and Priscilla became pretty famous through the story of their courtship, which inspired a popular poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (a relative).

Have you ever watched *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*? Then you know that Thanksgiving traditions can be a little unusual! While Charlie Brown serves toast, popcorn, and jelly beans instead of a traditional turkey dinner, he reminds us that the holiday is about more than what's on the table—it's about friendship, family, and spending time together. Alden history connection: In *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving,* Linus references John and Priscilla Alden while explaining the history of the first Thanksgiving, bringing Alden's Mayflower connection into a holiday classic! While you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember that Alden's town history stretches all the way back to the Mayflower, connecting our Iowa community to generations of American history.

Newborn - PreK
Reading Recs:

- *Be Thankful Pout-Pout Fish*
- *The Turkey Ball*
- *T is for Thanks*
- *Fuzzy Fuzzy Fuzzy*
- *That's Not My Deer*
- *The Busy Little Squirrel*
- *Bears Loose Tooth*
- *Seven Orange Pumpkins*
- *Five Little Pumpkins*
- *Little Boo*



Kindergarten - 3rd
Reading Recs:

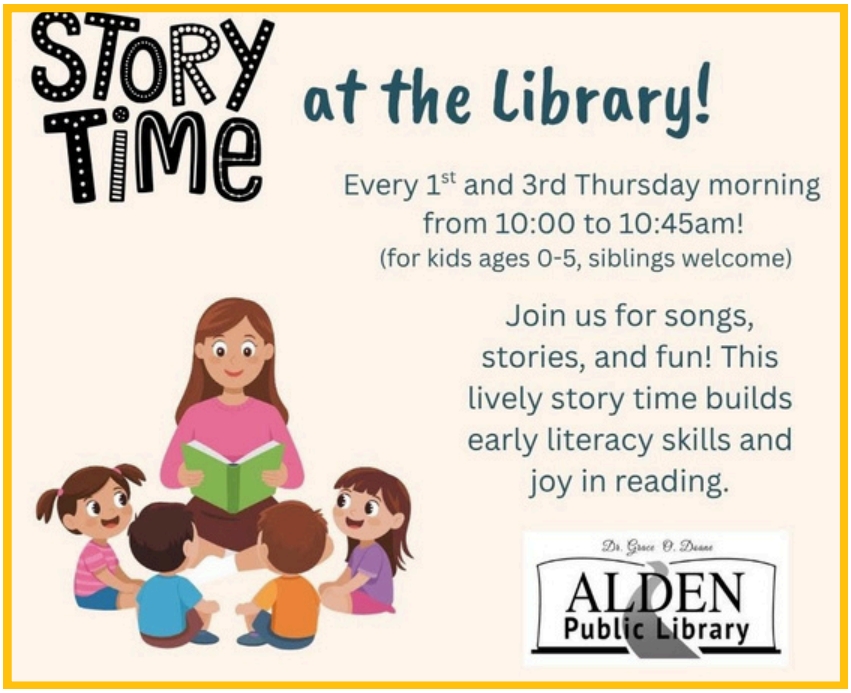
- *Thanksgiving for Emily Ann*
- *Franklin's Thanksgiving*
- *The Great Thanksgiving Escape*
- *Autumn is Here*
- *The Ugly Pumpkin*
- *I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie*
- *Thanksgiving is...*
- *Look and Cook Snacks*
- *Endlessly Ever After*
- *The Cupcake Club Series*

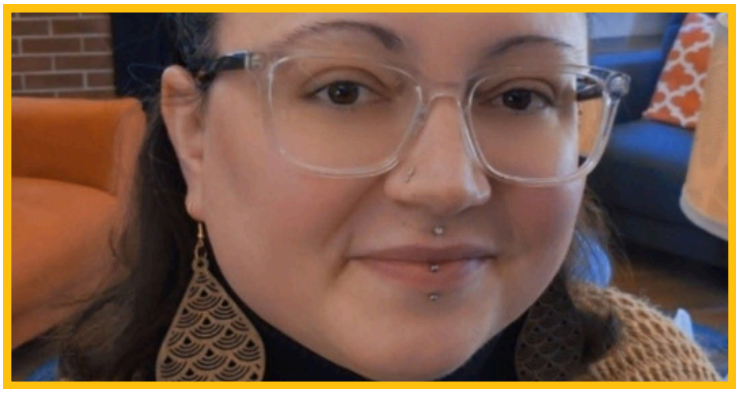
A Message From the Library

Updates & Announcements

The library will be closed November 11th and November 26th for holidays. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Santa & Mrs. Clause will return to the library, December 19th!

The best way to keep up to date on what is happening at the library is to follow us on Facebook and sign up for our newsletters!
Find us on Facebook: /aldenpubliclibrary





Danielle Neubauer, Children's Programming Coordinator

"Did you know that you can schedule time with our library staff? It's true. Whether it is to refresh a resume, practice for an interview, notarize paperwork, get a sewing lesson or learn how to use our tech or knitting machine. The library is so much more than books!"

Library Legend Book Review

Brynlee Swenson is our November Library Legend. She has chosen the book, “Nibbles the Book Monster,” by Emma Yarlett.

Brynlee loves to read but especially loves to read books to little kids, like her siblings. She also likes to read to her parents. She likes this book because it’s funny and she loves the illustrations.



Library Legend of the Month

Children’s Corner

Wonderbooks are print books with a built-in, easy-to-use audio player permanently attached to the inside cover. They are available in the children’s section.



Parents and Guardians of children not yet in Kindergarten must remain with their children at all times while visiting the library.



Brynelee Swenson showcases Nibbles artwork.

> Brynelee Swenson recommends Nibble the Book Monster because “it even has real holes in the book.”

4th - 6th Book Recs:

- *MTT Thanksgiving on Thursday*
- *Pilgrims: A Nonfiction Companion to MTT Thanksgiving on Thursday*
- *Karen's Surprise BSLS #12*
- *Trip to the Pumpkin Farm OD#11*
- *Ferris*
- *Flora & Ulysses*
- *Front Desk*
- *Spiderwick Chronicles*
- *Bridge to Terabitha*
- *Peanut Butter & Jelly*

Tech of the Month



Robot and Circuit Kits

Ask how to check them out at the front desk!

November Book & Movie Combos

Did you know the library has several book and a movie combos to check out? Holiday breaks have begun. Here are a few movies that also have a book series to go along.





Teens & Young Adults Book Recs:

- *The Alchemyst*
- *The Magician*
- *The Sorceress*
- *The Necromancer*
- *The Warlock*
- *The Enchantress*
- *Ash Princess*
- *Be Not Far From Me*
- *Classic: My Friend Flika*
- *Poetry: Throw the Damn Ball*

November Book Series

Looking for a book series that isn't also a movie...yet? This months recommendation is, The Last Kids on Earth



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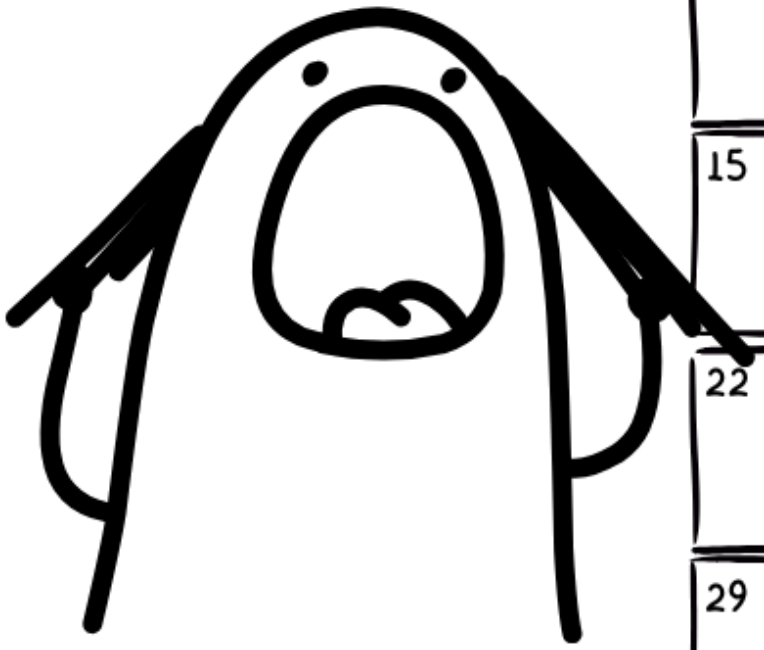
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2026 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

NOVEMBER



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15	16	17 3:30 - 4:30PM Alden History	18	19 3:30 - 4:30PM Alden History	20	21
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Mr. & Mrs. Clause





- Take Pictures
- Bring your letters & lists

9:00 AM
to
11:00 AM

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Saturday, December 19, 2026

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