

# ***"BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"***

***Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy***

Alden Newsletter Association  
Compiled by the Alden Public Library

June/July 2025  
Volume 106



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# ***Save the Date!***

Donations of baked items request  
for Alden Days 2025!

Please drop off at library  
June 19th from 10am-5pm  
or June 20th from 10am-1pm.  
May also drop off at the park on  
June 20th from 5:30-6:15

*Friends of the Alden Public Library*



**NEW  
HOURS**

Alden Public Library  
**Summer Hours  
Begin June 2nd**

Monday	10am - 3pm
Tuesday	10am - 6pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm
Sunday	Closed



Thank You  
*Green Belt Bank & Trust*  
for your donation of these award  
winning books to the Alden Library!

# LEVEL UP

Sign UP for Summer Reading  
at [www.alden.lib.ia.us](http://www.alden.lib.ia.us) & click on the link



*Working to enrich the lives  
of our patrons  
through education,  
information, technology  
and services.*

Standing atop the palisades on the  
bank of the Iowa River in the town of  
Alden is the unique Alden Public  
Library. The town has the distinction  
of being the smallest community in

## Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library

SUMMER READING REGISTRATION is open! Please click [HERE](#) to register.

SUMMER calendar is available [HERE](#).

[Miss Alden Information](#) and [Miss Alden Application](#) - both documents need to be  
downloaded. Due by May 30th, 2025.

### April/May 2025 Newsletter

Need a library card? Print this out below:



## SENIOR FITNESS

### AT THE LIBRARY!

JOIN OUR SELF-LED SENIOR FITNESS GROUP  
AT THE LIBRARY! STAY ACTIVE, SOCIALIZE,  
AND ENJOY A LOW-IMPACT WORKOUT AT YOUR  
OWN PACE.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HAND WEIGHTS.  
OPEN TO ALL SENIORS — THIS IS A VIDEO LEAD  
EVENT WITH FRIENDLY MOTIVATION!

**EVERY TUESDAY AND  
THURSDAY AT 1:00PM**  
**DURING THE SUMMER**

CLASS ABOUT COMPLETING JOB  
APPLICATIONS FOR TEENS

## PIZZA & POSSIBILITIES

June 3rd | 12:30 pm | Alden Library  
1012 Water Street, Alden, IA

RSVP TO (515) 859-3820,  
EMAIL [LISA@ALDEN.LIB.IA.US](mailto:LISA@ALDEN.LIB.IA.US) OR MESSENGER

# Wednesdays are for the littles at the library!

Wednesdays will alternate between a structured story time and a free play time.

A colorful poster for 'Play Time at the Library!'. The background is white with scattered geometric shapes like triangles and circles. In the top corners, there are clusters of colorful puzzle pieces (red, yellow, blue, green). On the left, there's a large, multi-colored circular ring and a smaller, colorful woven ball. On the right, there's a yellow rocking horse and a small pinwheel. The text is centered and reads: 'Play Time at the Library!' in large red letters, followed by 'For ages 0 - 5 (siblings welcome)' in teal, '10:00am on' in teal, and the dates 'June 25th', 'July 9th', 'July 23rd', and 'August 13th' in red. The Alden Public Library logo is in the top right corner.

**Play Time  
at the  
Library!**

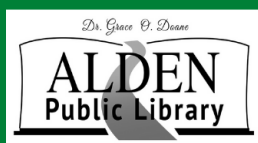
For ages 0 - 5  
(siblings welcome)

**10:00am  
on**

**June 25th  
July 9th  
July 23rd  
August 13th**

*Dr. Grace O. Deane*  
**ALDEN**  
Public Library

## STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY!



For ages 0-5  
(Siblings welcome)

June 18th at 10am  
July 2nd at 10am  
July 16th at 10am  
August 6th at 10am





Dr. Grace O. Doane

**Dates closed:**

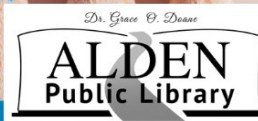
June 23rd close at 1pm  
July 4th CLOSED



# Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club

Meeting the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Starting February 2025



*Cidni Phipps*

Congratulations for being selected the recipient of the 2025 Dr.  
Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library Foundation Scholarship.



## YARN CLUB

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH FROM  
1-2PM AT THE ALDEN  
PUBLIC LIBRARY





Tuesday programs are open to anyone and all ages. Children who have not yet completed Kindergarten must be accompanied by a caretaker over the age of 16.

# June 2025

## Summer Reading Program

Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am

6/3/25  <b>No Program</b>	6/10/25  <b>No Program</b>	6/17/25  <b>Alden Fire Department</b>	6/24/25  <b>River City Kids</b>
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 **Must be Registered to Attend.** 

Thursday programs are open to those who have completed Kindergarten-6th grade.

# June 2025

## Summer Reading Program

Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am

6/5/25  <b>No Program</b>	6/12/25  <b>No Program</b>	6/19/25  <b>Adults vs. Kids</b>	6/26/25  <b>Mario Bingo</b>
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 **Must be Registered to Attend.** 



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# July 2025

Summer Reading Program  
Tuesdays from 11:30 - 12:30 am

7/1/25  <b>Calkins Nature Area</b>	7/8/25  <b>Earth Drummers</b>	7/15/25  <b>Anchored Canine</b>	7/22/25  <b>Tim Read</b>
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 **Must be Registered to Attend.** 

Thursday programs are open to those who have completed Kindergarten-6th grade.

# July 2025

Summer Reading Program  
Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am


7/3/25  <b>Minecraft Day</b>	7/10/25  <b>Escape Room</b>	7/17/25  <b>Secret Codes</b>	7/24/25  <b>Ducking Foam Party</b>
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 **Must be Registered to Attend.** 

# JUNE 2025

## Alden Public Library Summer Reading Program

# LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 <b>Teen/Adult Summer Reading Bingo starts! Pick up your bingo card today!!</b>	3 12:30-2:00 p.m. Pizza & Possibilities Teen Job Application Class 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	4 1:00 p.m. Yarn Club (adults only)	5 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	6	7
8	9	10 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	11	12 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	13	14 10:00a.m. Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club
15	16	17 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Meet the Machines Alden Fire Department Open to all 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	18 10:00a.m. Story Time for 0-5 year olds 1:00 p.m. Yarn Club (adults only)	19 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Adults vs Kids at the Alden City Park Grades K-6 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	20 6:30pm Alden Days Bake Sale at Alden City Park	21 <b>CLOSED</b> Alden Days Alden City Park
22	23	24 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. River City Kids Open to all 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	25 10a.m. Play Time for 0-5 year olds 6p.m.-8p.m. Music on the Patio J. Jeffery Messerole (Adult only event)	26 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Mario Bingo Grades K-6th 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	27	28 10:00a.m. Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club
29	30					
<b>Outdoor Reading:</b> Summer is a great time to enjoy the Alden Public Library Storywalk.  The story starts outside the Alden Public Library and leads all the way through our beautiful city park!		<b>Food Truck: Janey's Heart Attack Shack will be on site!</b>				



# JULY 2025

## Alden Public Library Summer Reading Program



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Calkins Nature Area <b>Open to all</b> 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	2 10:00a.m. Story Time for 0-5 year olds 1:00 p.m. Yarn Club <b>(adults only)</b>	3 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Minecraft Grades K-6th 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	4 <b>CLOSED</b> 4th of July	5
6	7	8 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Earth Drummers with Fonziiba Koster <b>Open to all</b> 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	9 10:00a.m. Play Time for 0-5 year olds	10 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Escape Room Grades K-6th 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	11	12 10:00a.m. Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club
13	14 10:00a.m. Beginner Sewing Workshop <b>(must be registered to attend)</b>	15 10:30 am - 11:30 am Anchored Canine <b>Open to all</b> 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	16 10:00a.m. Story Time for 0-5 year olds 1:00 p.m. Yarn Club <b>(adults only)</b>	17 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Secret Codes Grades K-6th 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	18	19
20	21	22 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Drawing Workshop Tim Read <b>Open to all</b> 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	23 10:00a.m. Play Time for 0-5 year olds	24 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ducking Foam Party <b>at the Alden City Park</b> <b>Open to all</b> 1:00pm -Senior Fitness	25	26 10:00a.m. Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club
27	28 10:00a.m. Beginner Sewing Workshop <b>(must be registered to attend)</b>	29	30	31 Summer Reading Prize Entries DUE! Turn in reading logs at the front desk		
						



# August 2025 Alden Public Library Summer Reading Program

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30-Noon : Pizza and Board Games (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)**

This is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade only event! Come for pizza, stay for board games.

**Wednesday 6th:**

**10:00am : Story Time for 0-5 year olds**

**1:00pm : Yarn Club (for adults)**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm : Music on the**

**Patio with Tank Anthony**

*This is an adult only event!* Please bring lawn chair as seating is limited. Free event/no registration needed.

**Food Truck: TBA**



**Looking ahead>**

## September 2025

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am:**

**Inside the Lines : Adult Coloring Social Club**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am : Beginner Sewing**

**Workshop**

This is the last sewing class of three classes offered over the summer. *Must be registered to attend.*

**Wednesday 13th:**

**10:00am : Play Time for 0-5 year olds**

**Wednesday 20th:**

**1:00pm : Yarn Club (for adults)**

**Saturday 23rd at 10am:**

**Inside the Lines : Adult Coloring Social Club**



**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> : Music on the**

**Patio with Brian Herrin**

*This is an adult only event!* Please bring lawn chair as seating is limited. Free event/no registration needed.

**Food Truck: Funky Pepperoni will be on site!**

### How to Sign Up for Summer Reading

All Summer Reading Program participants are encouraged to enroll ahead of time. This helps us prepare materials for each class.

Scan the QR code below to access the Alden Public Library website, the link is on the main page right above the Newsletter Link. Parents/Guardians can also sign up in person at the Alden Public Library.

**SCAN ME**



### Summer Hours

Monday 10am-3pm  
Tuesday 10am - 6pm  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm  
Thursday 10am - 6pm  
Friday 10am - 1pm  
Saturday 9am - 12pm

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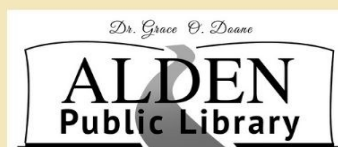
# Beginner Sewing Workshop

(Class 1 out of 3)

Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
at the Alden Public Library

Project : Toadstool Wrist  
Pincushion

Limited  
space!  
Only 10 spots  
per class are  
available



For ages  
10+



Must be registered to attend!

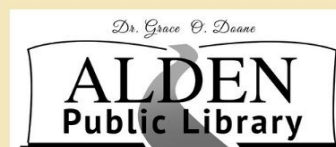
# Beginner Sewing Workshop

(Class 2 out of 3)

Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
at the Alden Public Library

Project : Pillowcase

Limited  
space!  
Only 10 spots  
per class are  
available



For ages  
10+



Must be registered to attend!

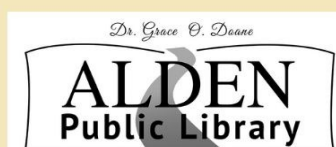
# Beginner Sewing Workshop

(Class 3 out of 3)

Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
at the Alden Public Library

Project : Tote bag

Limited  
space!  
Only 10 spots  
per class are  
available



For ages  
10+





DR. GRACE O. DOANE  
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PRESENTS

★★★  
**BOOK  
PUNCH CARDS**  
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
★★★

**GET YOUR CARD PUNCHED FOR EACH  
TIME YOU CHECK OUT A BOOK! ONCE  
YOU FILL YOUR CARD (10 PUNCHES)  
YOU CAN PICK FROM THE GOODIE BOX!**

For kids and adults!!

Dr. Grace O. Doane  
**ALDEN  
Public Library**

**Pizza & Boardgames**

Grab a slice and get your game on! Join us for a fun time of board games, laughs, and pizza—just for 6th grade and up.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FROM 10:30 TO 12:00**

**AT THE  
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

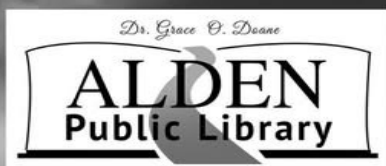
HOSTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OPEN TO ALL (AND ALL AGES)

**FOAM  
PARTY**

At the Alden Park

JULY 24 | 10:30-12





FRIENDS OF THE ALDEN PUBLIC  
LIBRARY PRESENT

Music on the Patio  
with  
**J. Jeffery  
Messerole**

Wednesday, June 25th  
from 6pm-8pm

This is a FREE event.  
Adults only please!  
Seating is limited, bring  
lawn chairs.

# TANK ANTHONY

ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY PATIO  
1012 WATER STREET

AUGUST 8TH  
6PM-8PM

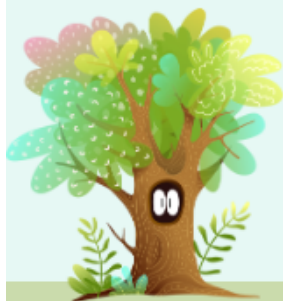
Adults Only  
Free Event  
Seating limited, bring  
lawnchairs



WELCOME TO OUR

# LIBRARY

Starting July 1, 2025, residents of  
Popejoy will be contracting with the  
Alden Public Library and be eligible for  
all services including Hoopla.





# ALDEN DAYS

## JUNE 20 & 21 2025

### FRIDAY

#### Park Schedule

- 5:00pm- Food Trucks in Park Open
- 5:45pm- Singing of National Anthem
  - Flag Ceremony- Elk's Lodge #1674
- 6:00pm- Kiddie Parade Starts at Food Court
- 6-7:30pm- Meal In The Park
  - \*\*Sponsored By: The Horizons Group\*\*
- 6:30pm- Baked Goods Auction
  - \*\*Sponsored By: Friends of Library\*\*
  - \*\*Auctioned Off By: Travis Schutt\*\*
- 7:00pm- Citizen of the Year Award
- 7:15pm- Little Miss & Mister Alden
- 7:30pm- Miss Alden Pageant
  - Food Trucks CLOSE

#### Beer Garden Schedule

- 6:00pm- Beer Garden Opens
  - Food Court Opens
  - Yard Games in Food Court Opens
- 6:30 pm- Jordan Beem
- 9:00pm- Recoil
- 10:30pm- Food Trucks Close
- 12:00am- Beer Garden Closes

#### Alden Days



### SATURDAY

#### Fire Department

- 7-9 am- Breakfast
  - \*\*Sponsored By: The UCC Church\*\*

#### Downtown Alden

- 11 am- Parade
  - \*\* Parade Line-up Starts at 10:30 at ILC\*\*
  - \*\* Same Parade Route as Last Year\*\*

#### City Park

- 7 am- National Anthem
  - 5K Run Begins
    - \*\* Registration Starts at 6:30am\*\*
  - Smoking Competition starts
    - \*\* Located in Park Behind the Stage\*\*
- 11 am- Food Trucks Open
- 12pm- Lunch Served in Park
  - \*\* Sponsored By: St. Paul Lutheran Church\*\*
- 12-2pm- Liv McNair
- 12-6pm- Inflatables are Open
  - \*\* Wristbands are \$10\*\*
  - \*\*Parents must sign a Waiver\*\*
- 12- 5pm- Free Train Rides
- 1:00 pm- Raffle Drawings Begin
- 1:00pm- Kiddie Tractor Pull Begins
  - \*\* Located at the entrance of the park towards the EAST\*\*
- 2:30-6:00 pm- Fisher + Luther
- 6:15- 7:00 pm- Jesse Benton
- 6-7:30 pm- Dinner in the Park
  - \*\* Sponsored By: Methodist Church\*\*
- 7:30- 9:30pm- Derek Randall
- 8:00 pm - Food Trucks Close
- 8:00pm- IFA Dance Team Snack Shack Opens
- 9:30pm- Alden Days Finale Fireworks Spectacular
  - \*\* Located in the Park\*\*

## HORIZONS FRIDAY MEAL

Friday, June 20th

6pm-7:30pm

at the Alden Park during Alden Days

Hot dogs with all the fixings, chips,  
cookies, and a drink.

Please Support the Horizons Group

## THANKS TO THE HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

We want to give special thanks to the Hardin County Community Endowment Fund (HCCEF) through the Schiller Grants for their generous donation of \$18,000 for the new covered shelter at the swimming pool, \$2500 for new grave markers to replace broken or missing ones at the cemetery and for the 2 cardinal tree carvings to honor Eleanor and Evelyn Schiller for their huge donation to our community.

### PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS at Alden City Hall



City Hall has a container inside near the front door for all your unwanted plastic bags. These bags are then taken to Plastics Recycling in Iowa Falls so they can be recycled into useable items such as picnic tables, benches, etc. Please don't throw them in the garbage. Through the Build with Bags grant we have received benches and picnic tables for the park, pool and the downtown welcome center.

Please remember to recycle!

### REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Please remember to recycle to help keep the amount of trash from going into our landfill. In Alden we offer curbside recycling in the red bins every other Thursday and the large recycling container located downtown is there every other week. This large container takes glass, tin, plastic, newspaper, and cardboard.

If you have these items in your trash please consider recycling to help our environment.





Alden Food Pantry  
P.O. Box 95 211 Main St  
Alden Iowa 50006

Open Friday 4:00 P.M. -6:00.PM and Saturday 9:00 A.M.to 11:00 A.M.

**June and July 2025**

The Alden food Pantry provides food for families in need in the **Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy** communities. If you find it hard to feed yourself or your family stop into the Alden Food Pantry and see if we can help.

A special Thank You to those who bless us with donations.

<u>Walmart Iowa Falls</u> Hy Vee Iowa Falls Opal Egg St. Mary's of Williams Alden-Iowa Falls Community Chest Darlene Hulbert Joe and Chris Slauson Jace Krogh Janet Grandgeorge Barb Jass Alden Fire Department	United Church of Christ Alden St. Paul's Lutheran Church Alden United Methodist Church Alden St. Paul Ev. Church Buckeye Christian Women United Vernon Gaulke Martin Marietta Nimrod Meats Sue Harper Horizon Shawn and Renee Loughren Tim Robertson
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Thank You for those that volunteer and make a difference in families lives.

Barb Jass Lyle Jass Susan Essing Mitch Essing Char Wilkie Diane Hruby	Duane Harding Jeff Smiley Paula Smiley Dennis Bradley Kurt Wilkie Janet Grandgeorge	Linda Lisle Mary Vaughn Laura Bradley Lavonne Hoversten Amea Jass
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We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

# Alden City Wide Clean Up

**NO TV's, COMPUTER  
MONITORS, TIRES,  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**\*No afterhours dumping,  
parking lot is under video  
surveillance.**

**Appliances are \$10.00/each**

**June 13th from  
8am-5pm &**

**June 4th from  
8am-11am**



**ALDEN**  
*The Best Town by a Dam Site*

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

**City Hall** 515-859-3344  
Mayor Harley Mourlam  
515-859-7704 cell#641-373-3901  
Steve 641-373-6423  
Andy Jass 641-373-6422

**City Hall Hours**  
M-Th 8-12, 1-5  
Fri 8-12

**Council Members:**

Janaan Harding  
Robert Hoversten  
Jerry Hartema  
Michael Oliver  
Mark Oliver

**Laude Alden Memorial Pool**  
515-859-7535

**Hardin County Sheriff Emergency  
911**

Non-Emergency  
641-939-8190

**Alden Food Pantry**  
**PO Box 95**  
**Board Members**  
Linda Lisle 515-689-1164  
Charlene Wilke  
Lavonne Hoversten 515-859-7564  
Barb Jass 641-425-6644  
Susan Essing 515-460-2454  
Mary Vaughn 515-689-3179  
Diane Hruby  
Laura Bradley 515-859-7582  
**Hours**— Friday 4pm-6pm  
Saturday 9am-11am

**Churches**  
**St. Paul Lutheran**  
515-859-3901  
**United Church of Christ**  
515-859-7259  
**United Methodist Church**  
515-859-7338

**Alden Library**  
515-859-3820  
Alden.lib.ia.us  
lisa@alden.lib.ia.us

**Hours**  
M & W 12:30pm—5pm  
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm  
F 9am -1pm  
S 9am-12pm  
Closed Sundays

**Summer Hours**  
M & W 10am-3pm  
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm  
F 10am -1pm  
S 9am-12pm

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