

NEWSLETTER

SEEDS TO STARS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to your adventure, Library Legends



Fact of the Month

The term 'bookworm' originates from many different types of insects that cause damage to books by feeding upon bindings and pages. It first became a term for voracious readers in Elizabethan times.



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!

This Month at the Alden Public Library!

Welcome back, Library Legends! Fall After School Program is about to begin. This year our theme is **Seeds to Stars**. Our summer reading program was all about planting a seed & growing a love for reading. This year we will expand & explore everything in our universe from the smallest seeds to the farthest stars and everything in between.

The 2026 - 2027 programming includes NEW tools like the Chop Saw as well as rubber mallets. While we expand our knowledge of our universe we will create, grow, sculpt, sew, cook and build new things each week! Along the way we will explore the books in the library. Literacy is the key to unlocking the Universe and our library has thousands of ways to feed your curiosity, imagination & learning!

Fall programming starts September 8 & 10th with our After School Program Ice Cream Social. Bring your parents and your siblings! This will be our registration day, program orientation, and a tour of the library. Patrons can sign up for their very own library card. Parents with students in both Tuesday and Thursday programming are only required to attend one day of registration.

Newborn - PreK Reading Recs:

- *Hello, World*
- *I am Unstoppable*
- *That's Not My Monkey...*
- *Three Little Mermaids*
- *Good Night, Gorilla*
- *Llama Llama Loves to Read*
- *Five Little Monkeys*
- *The Goodnight Train*
- *My Dad Loves Me!*
- *That's Not My Unicorn...*



Kindergarten - 3rd Reading Recs:

- *The Thingamabob*
- *Pete & Pickles*
- *Help Wanted Must Love Books*
- *Where'd My Giggle Go?*
- *Ursula Upside Down*
- *Monday is a FUN Day!*
- *Can I Join Your Club?*
- *The Elephantom*
- *Luna Loves Library Day*
- *A Brave Bear*

A Message From the Library

Updates & Announcements

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: <https://www.facebook.com/aldenpubliclibrary>

STORY Time

at the Library!

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday morning
from 10:00 to 10:45am!
(for kids ages 0-5, siblings welcome)

Join us for songs,
stories, and fun! This
lively story time builds
early literacy skills and
joy in reading.

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A cartoon illustration of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, sitting and reading a green book to four children. The children are sitting on the floor around her, looking at the book. The children are of various ethnicities and are wearing colorful clothes.

Riley Slauson, a Senior at IF/A High School was our Summer Reading Program Helper for 2026

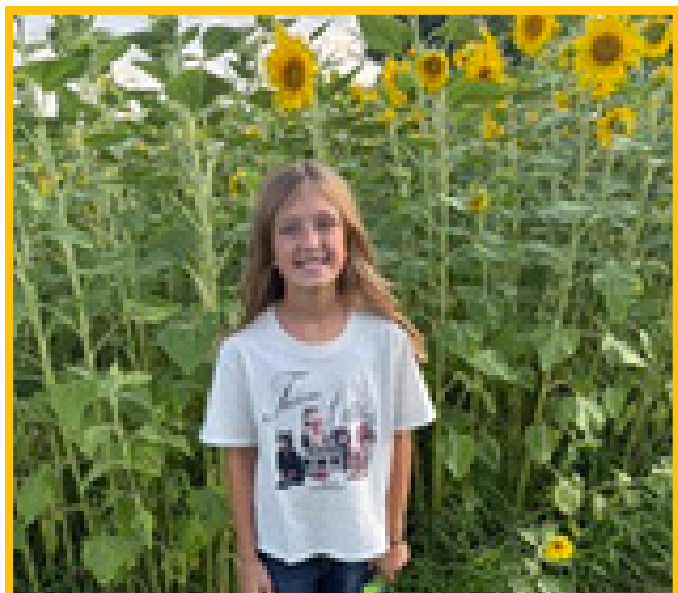
“Slow down, you’re doing find you can’t be everything you wanna be before your time.”
Vienna, Billy Joel

“Enjoy your childhood and realize that the world isn’t on fire. Make the most of it!” -
Riley Slauson

Library Legend Book Review

I recommend *Heartland Breaking Free* by Lauren Brooke. It is about a girl named Amy who lives with her older sister. Their Mom died in an accident and their Dad lives in England. Amy and her sister run a horse stable called Heartland. Amy and their horse named Pegasus have to break through the hard times without Amy's mother. I like reading books about people who are going through hard times and how they make it through.

-Hadley Doering



Children's Corner

The Children's Corner has been specifically curated for children 0 - 11 years old. Interactive play stations, puzzles, Legos, board games, interactive educational computer stations, iPads, Wonderbooks, WhaZoodle Speaker Sidekicks, Launchpads & more. Every square inch has been designed to build a love of literacy, learning, imagination & play. We highly encourage parents and guardians to come and enjoy this space with their children. ***Parents and Guardians of children not yet in Kindergarten must remain with their children at all times while visiting the library.***



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of the Month

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4th - 6th

Book Recs:

- *Chewy Chuckles*
- *I am Amelia Earhart*
- *Razzle Dazzle Unicorn (series)*
- *The Squad (series)*
- *FG TeeV (series)*
- *The Imaginary*
- *The Benefit of Being an Octopus*
- *The Misfits (series)*
- *Space Case (series)*
- *Fairy Ponies (series)*

Teen Zone

The Teen Zone space is specifically designed for ages 12 - 18; which means that you must be at least 12 years old to be in the Teen Zone without a parent or guardian. Rules are posted.

Each month we will feature a few of the things we have for Teens to enjoy in the Teen Zone. The Teen Zone has hundreds of YA books, Comics, Manga, Graphic Novels, board games & puzzles - but wait until you see all the tech! Teen are welcome to use this space daily.

Tech of the Month



3D Printer - Did you know that you can get a free print every month just for visiting the library? Ask how at the front desk!

Teens & Young Adults Book Recs:

- *It Waits in the Forest*
- *Change of Plans*
- *The Nine Moons of Han Yu & Luli*
- *A Sea of Lemon Trees*
- *Tokyo Ghoul*
- *The Lost Hero*
- *A Midsummer Nights Dream*
- *Classic: Aesop's Fables*
- *Classic: Peter Pan*
- *Classic: Heidi*



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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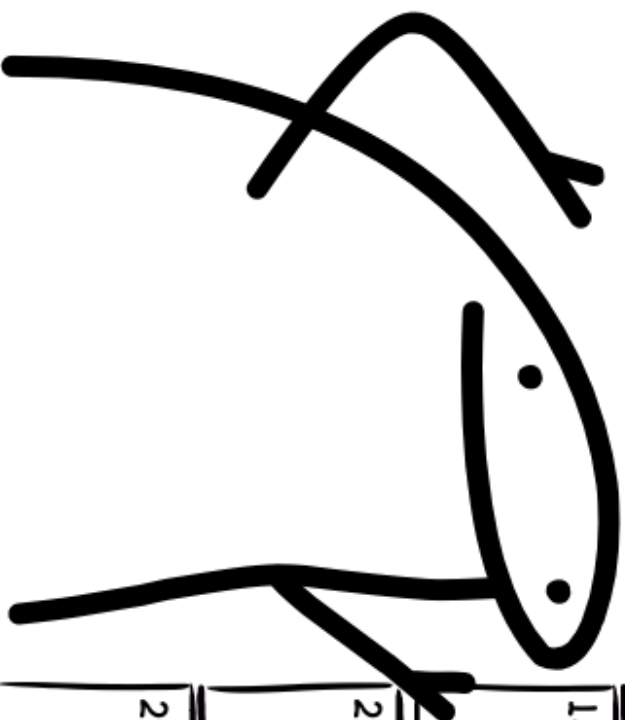
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Registration Day is open to all students entering Kindergarten - 6th grade. Grow-ups and siblings welcome. Orientation, registration, a library tour & more on these days!

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				10:00 - 10:45AM 0-5 Story Time Siblings Welcome		
6	7	8 3:30 - 4:30PM Ice Cream Social Registration Day	9	10 3:30 - 4:30PM Ice Cream Social Registration Day	11	12
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20	21	22 3:30 - 4:30PM Tricky Towers ISU Extension	23	24 3:30 - 4:30PM Flower Engineering Challenge	25	26
27	28	29 3:30 - 4:30PM LEGO Day 	30	Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library P.O. Box 78 - 1012 Water Street Alden, IA 50006 Phone: 515-859-3820 ASP Email: danielle@alden.lib.ia.us		



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FALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 & SEPTEMBER 10TH 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Registration Day is open to ALL student entering Kindergarten - 6th grade.

Grown-ups and siblings welcome. All participants will attend a quick orientation, followed by a photo booth, library tour, library card sign up, volunteer sign ups & more. ALL participants of the ASP and families are highly encouraged to attend the Ice Cream Social.

Door prizes will be awarded to everyone who attends.

Online registration opens August 15th

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