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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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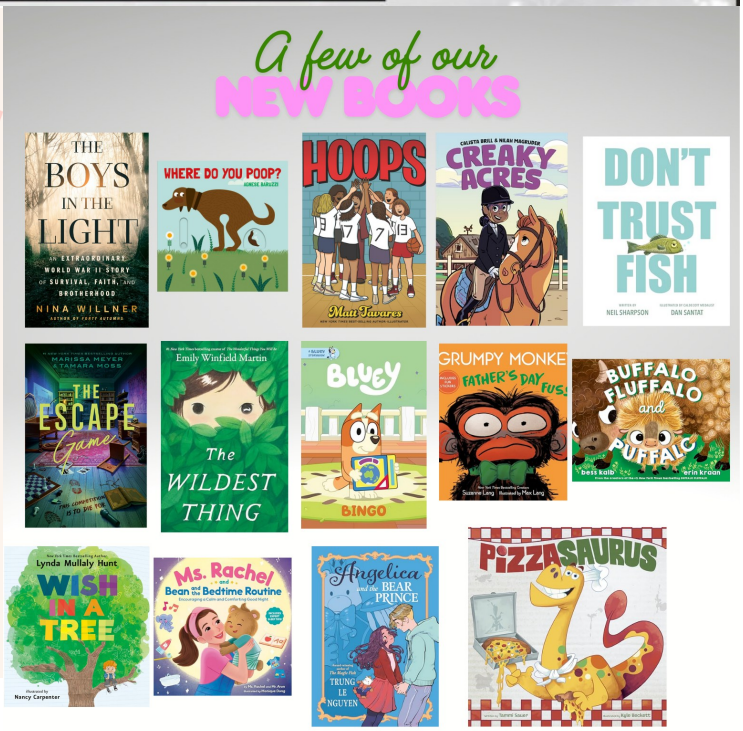

Friends of the Alden Library received a book donation of $500 (26 books) from Penguin Random House. There is something for every-one! Come check them out!

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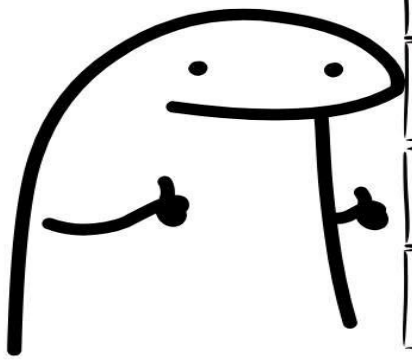
2026 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DECEMBER



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13	14	15 3:30 - 4:30PM Christmas Party	16	17 3:30 - 4:30PM Christmas Party	18	19 9:00 - 11:00 AM Santa & Mrs. Clause
20	21 NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Winter Break December 21, 2026 - January 9, 2027	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 HAPPY KWANZAA
27	28 NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Winter Break December 21, 2026 - January 9, 2027	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR!		

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2027 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM JANUARY



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24 / 31	25	27 3:30 - 4:30PM Connecting to the Earth	27	28 3:30 - 4:30PM Connecting to the Earth	29	30

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.

Dr. Grace O. Doane ALDEN Public Library

Thank You

Thank you to Hearing Associates for your generous donation to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Friends of the Alden Public Library sponsor the program for Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy communities.



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MONDAY	12:30PM-5PM
TUESDAY	10AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY	12:30PM-5PM
THURSDAY	10AM-6PM
FRIDAY	9AM-1PM
SATURDAY	9AM-12PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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Alden Food Pantry
P.O. Box 95, 211 Main St.
Alden, Iowa 50006
Open Friday 4:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

December 2026 and January 2027

The Alden food Pantry provides food for families in need in the **Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy** communities.

Thank you for the Donations

St. Paul's Lutheran -Alden
St. Paul's Evan Lutheran -Buckeye
United Church of Christ UCC
Opal Eggs
Smithfield
Christian Women United
Alden United Methodist Church
Hy Vee Iowa Falls
Walmart Iowa Falls
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Barb Jass
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Darlene Hulbert
Connie Hoelscher
Bruce Moore
Janet Grandgeorge
Janet Solberg
Justin Rieck
Innovative Ag. Services
Keith Bowden
Jill (Lawton) Cretsinger

Thank you for the Donations

All the generous donors who don't want to be mentioned. We can't thank everyone enough for your generosity. It takes a village.

Thank You for the Board Members

Barb Jass
Susan Essing
Mary Vaughn
Linda Lisle
Janet Grandgeorge
Amee Jass
Char Wilke
Diane Hurby
Laura Bradley

Those wonderful volunteers who help unload the truck and do some extra things for the Pantry.

Lyle Jass- Duane Harding-
Kurt Wilke- Dennis Bradley

Thank you to the kids who donate silver cord hours or for Scout credits.

Isabelle, Jag Jass and Rory Reifschneider

Donations always welcome volunteers always welcome

The Alden Pantry board want to wish everyone a Happy Healthy Holiday season.

We are still collecting ink cartridges

"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

Alden Days Fundraiser

Saturday, February 6, 2027

Alden Legion Building



5–6:30 PM • Spaghetti Supper

$5 adults • $2.50 children

5–7:30 PM • Silent Auction

6:30 PM • Live Auction Begins

There will be a raffle for free grocery certificates. Must be present to win

If you would like to donate a pan of bars or a new item for the auction or if you would like to help the committee, please contact Janaan Harding at 515-859-7771.

Thanks so much!

City of Alden

Please put visible house numbers on your homes for public works and emergency services personnel.



REMINDER: ALDEN SNOW ORDINANCE WILL BE IN EFFECT STARTING IMMEDIATELY.

Cars need to be parked off street. Cars will be towed if snow removal is impeded.



Please take garbage receptacles back off the street during winter months to avoid damage and obstruction.



See You at the Community Free 'MMM'

Monthly Monday Meal

Served on the first Monday of each month, except holidays, from 5:30–6:30 by Community at Alden United Methodist Church

2027 SCHEDULE

Monday January 4
Monday February 1
Monday March 1
Monday April 5
Monday May 3
Monday June 7
Monday July 5
Monday August 2
Monday September 13
(Labor Day September 6)
Monday October 4
Monday November 1
Monday December 5
(Christmas meal)
Monday January 3, 2028



ALDEN UCC

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

November 29
First Sunday in Advent
Church decorating • Soup lunch • Mitten tree

December 6
Children's Christmas program: "Christmas Presence" - During worship

December 13
Service of Lessons and Carols • Communion
Mitten tree gifts due back

December 20
Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • 6:30 PM

December 27
No Sunday School or worship

January 3
Communion • No Sunday School

December Concerts

Thursday, December 3rd
Alden 5th grade band performs with the Rock Run concert
Performance at the high school auditorium 5:30
Students arrive at the high school band room by 5:15
Band members wear Nice Looking Clothing

Monday, December 14th
Alden 6th grade band performs with the RMS concert
Performance at the high school auditorium 6:30
Students arrive at the high school choir room at 6:15
Band members wear black on bottom, white on top

Tuesday, December 15th
Alden Elementary Music Concert
Afternoon Preschool Students through 6th Grade
Performance in the Alden Gym at 5:30
Students arrive at 5:15
Students wear Nice Looking Clothing

♥ YOUR LIBRARY

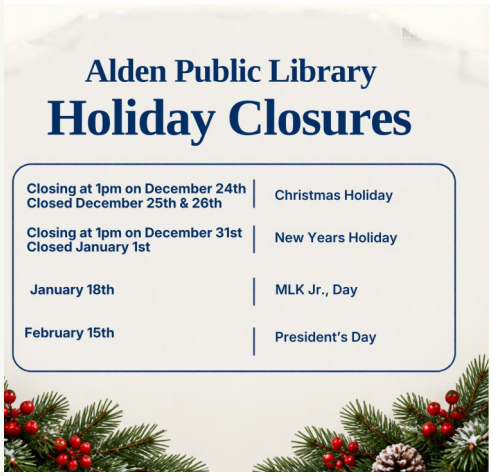
City of Alden Rate Increases

Effective February 1, 2027

Billed March 1, 2027

Service / Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
Water Nonpayment / Disconnect Fee	$7.97/1,000 gallons $25.00	$8.21/1,000 gallons $50.00/$75 after hours
Sewer	Base rate $15.59 $1.22/1,000 gallons	Base rate $16.06 $1.26/1,000 gallons
Garbage	$25.85/month	$26.63/month
Daily camping	$20.00/day	$20.00/day
Long-term camping		
30 AMP	$330.00/month	$450.00/month
50 AMP	$400.00/month	$600.00/month





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Andy Jass 641-373-6422
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Fri 8-12

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Robert Hoversten
Jerry Hartema
Michael Oliver
Mark Oliver

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515-859-7535

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Non-Emergency
641-939-8190

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Saturday 9am-11am

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515-859-3901
United Church of Christ
515-859-7259
United Methodist Church
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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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