

"BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"

Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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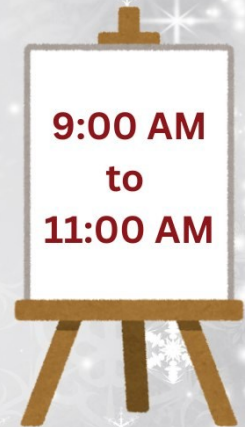
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Mr. & Mrs. Claus



📸 Take Pictures
📧 Bring your
letters & lists



Saturday, December 20, 2025

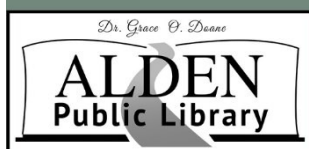


NO SCHOOL DAY

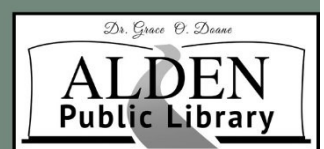
Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
January 5th
1:00 - 2:00 PM



KNITTING WORKSHOP



Dr. Grace O. Doane

Dates closed:

December 25th-28th

December 31

January 1st & 19th

ALDEN
Public Library

Contact your library:

515-859-3820

lisa@alden.lib.ia.us

alden.lib.ia.us

STORY TIME FOR 0-5 AT THE ALDEN LIBRARY

Thursdays 9:30am-10:15am

alternate schedule due to holidays

December 4th

December 11th

January 15th

January 22nd

January 29th

Join us for songs, stories, and fun!



VIRTUAL REALITY

HAS COME TO
THE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY!



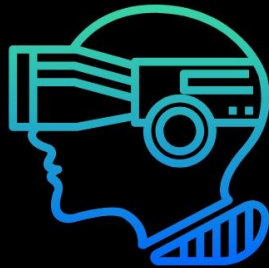
COME IN AND CHECK OUT
OUR CATALOG OF GAMES
TO CHOOSE FROM!



USE OF OUR VR HEADSETS ARE BY
APPOINTMENT & AVAILABILITY
ONLY.

A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL
PATRONS AND/OR GUARDIANS OF
PATRONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.
CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE
MAY ONLY USE THE VR HEADSET
WITH DIRECT PARENT/GUARDIAN
SUPERVISION AT THE LIBRARY.
A TIME LIMIT OF 1 HOUR PER
SESSION IS ENFORCED.

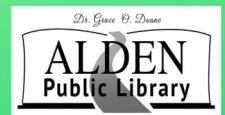
PLEASE CONTACT THE LIBRARY
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Join us for
Senior Fitness
at 10:30am on
Tuesdays & Thursdays
the Alden Public Library!



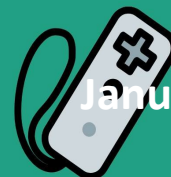
*This is a DVD led class.
Weights and bands are not
provided.



Tech Saturday

The First & Third Saturday's of the Month

Sign up required for most of the devices available.



January 17th

LEGO CLUB

DECEMBER 6th

Open to kids ages K-12th
No registration required,
just drop in and build!
10:00-11:00 AM



♥ **YOUR
LIBRARY**

December 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades K-3rd
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

12/2/25 LEGO DAY Minecraft	12/9/25 PARTY DAY Jingle Bells Party	12/16/25 No Program	12/23/25 No Program	12/30/25 No Program
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December 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

12/4/25 LEGO DAY Minecraft	12/11/25 PARTY DAY Jingle Bells Party	12/18/25 No Program	12/25/25 No Program
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January 2026

After School Program For Kids In Grades K - 3rd
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1/6/26 NO PROGRAM	1/13/26 MYSTERY DAY Who Dunnit	1/20/26 FREE PLAY DAY Free Play	1/27/26 ART DAY Butterfly Art
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January 2026

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th - 6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1/1/26 NO PROGRAM	1/8/26 NO PROGRAM	1/15/26 MYSTERY DAY Who Dunnit	1/22/26 SPECIAL EVENT ADMIT ONE David Smith Next Era™ Energy	1/29/26 ART DAY Butterfly Art
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What is BingePass?

Access to tons of TV, movies, puzzles, kids' content, and more for a week of bingeing with just one borrow!

Why use it?

- ✓ Free with library card
- ✓ One borrow = tons of content
- ✓ Available instantly
- ✓ Never any ads
- ✓ Something for everyone
- ✓ Excellent value for your borrow

hoopla
BingePass
Read. Listen. Watch. Play. Unlimited.

Most borrowed books in October

Celebrate Your Birthday with a FREE Book!

Brought to you by the Friends of the Alden Library starting January 1, 2026.

Must reside in Alden, Buckeye, or Popejoy and have a library card in good standing. May pick up your free book at the library anytime during your birth month. Open to children who are turning 1 to 17.

NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
February 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM

ELECTROMAGNETIC CRANE

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Public Library

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NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
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Students
K - 12th



Monday
March 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM

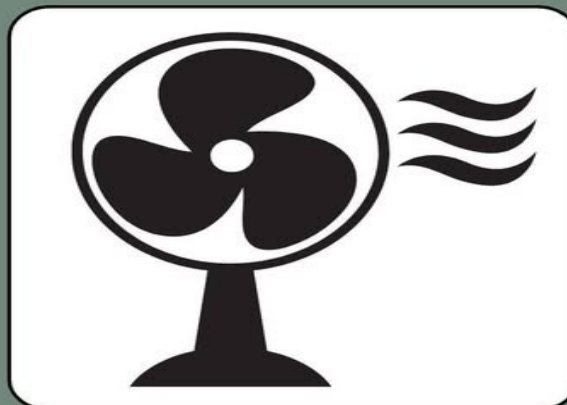
SEWING WORKSHOP

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NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
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Students
K - 12th



Monday
April 6
1:00 - 2:00 PM

SELF PROPELLING FAN

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ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please help us improve our services for the Alden community by completing this short two-sided survey and returning to the library. You may put in our book drop box or you may visit www.alden.lib.ia.us to complete our online form.

1. Do you have a library card? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. How often do you visit the Alden Library?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Rarely
☐ Never

3. Which services do you currently use at the library (select all that apply)?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Borrowing books and/or materials
☐ Using computers
☐ Attending programs/events
☐ Study space/reading space
☐ Reading Newspapers
☐ Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
☐ Copies, scanning, and/or faxing
☐ Internet Access
☐ Rental of facility
☐ Visiting children's play area
☐ Work on community puzzle
☐ Visiting teen area
☐ Reference services (helping with questions)
☐ None of the above
☐ Other: _____

4. How do you usually find out about library programs and/or events?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Library website
☐ Social Media
☐ Flyers/posters
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Library staff
☐ Times Citizen Newspaper
☐ Alden Newsletter
☐ Wednesday folders through Alden Elementary School
☐ Emails from school

5. How would you rate the overall quality of the library's services?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Average
☐ Poor
☐ Very poor

6. What services are you interested in using? Please check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Print books
☐ Audiobooks
☐ Reference materials
☐ DVDs/Movies
☐ Hoopla
☐ Libby

7. What day and time works best for you to attend adult programs?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Weekdays in the evenings
☐ Weekdays during the day
☐ Saturday mornings
☐ Saturday afternoons
☐ Other: _____

What is your preferred language?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ English
☐ Spanish
☐ French
☐ Other: _____

What age group do you belong to?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 0-12
☐ 13-18
☐ 19-30
☐ 31-50
☐ 51-65
☐ 66+

8. What new programs or services would you like to see offered at the library?

9. What improvements would you suggest for the library to better serve our community?

10. What do you value most about the library including our services, programs, and spaces?

11. Have you faced any barriers in accessing the library including our services, programs, and spaces? If so, please share as much as you're comfortable.



Excitement is brewing as Alden Days 2026 approaches, set to take place from June 18-20, 2026. This year promises to be the biggest and best yet, featuring an exhilarating lineup that is sure to entertain all ages!

We're thrilled to announce the introduction of new rides, an exciting Foam Party, and a Kids Fishing Tournament, making this year's festival more engaging for families and kids. The entertainment lineup is set to bring a taste of Nashville right to Alden, featuring some of the most talented performers who will keep the crowd roaring with excitement!

In keeping with the lively spirit of Alden Days, this year's theme, "Kicking' Up Dust," reflects our commitment to delivering thrilling experiences. We are also pleased to announce an additional kickoff day on Thursday, bringing an entire extra day of festivities to attendees. For the first time, we will have a real stage to host our star-studded entertainment lineup, ensuring that every performance is one to remember.

So, dust off your boots, grab your hats, and get ready to make history at Alden Days 2026!

For press inquiries, please contact: Tim Klaffke, 515-851-5578, Aldendays2024@gmail.com



December MMM will be the 1st.

Serving 5:30-6:30

Ham, Baked Potato, Sweet Corn Salad, Dessert

Bring a carload -Everyone Welcome

The Community Monthly Monday Meals are held at the Alden UMC
(No steps)

The Community MMM always first Monday.
January MMM will be the 5th.



City of Alden Office Holiday Schedule

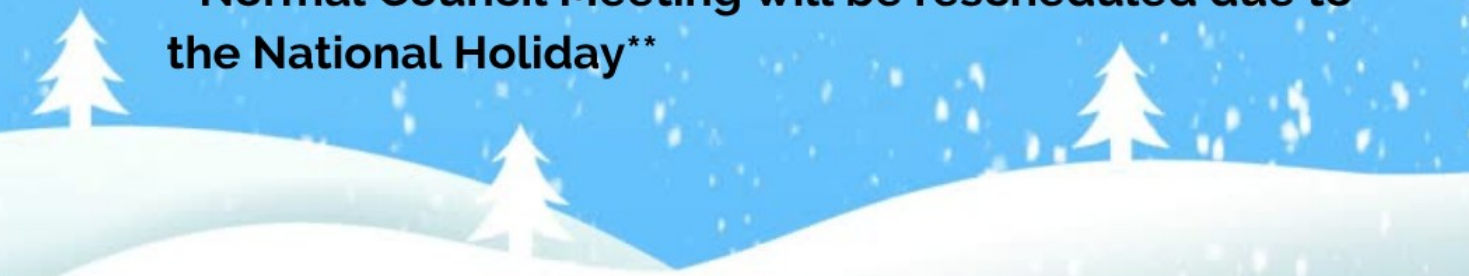
December 24, 25, 31st & January 1st
CLOSED

January 19th - CLOSED for MLK Jr's Birthday

****Normal Council Meeting will be rescheduled due to
the National Holiday****

February 16th - CLOSED for President's Day

****Normal Council Meeting will be rescheduled due to
the National Holiday****



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.
Dec. 2025 and Jan. 2026

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

<u>Thank you for the Donations</u>	Thank You for the board Members
St. Paul Lutheran -Alden St. Paul's Evan Lutheran -Buckeye Opal Eggs Smithfield Christian Women United Alden United Methodist Church Hy Vee Iowa Falls Walmart Iowa Falls Alden Fire Department Vern Gaulke Janet Grandgeorge Darlene Hulbert Evie Bird Nic and Nicole State Sherri Goodnight Debi Broudie Barb Jass Constance Hoelscher Moss Roger and Barbra Harken Keith Bowden Several Anonymous Memorial from LaVonne Hoversten	Barb Jass Susan Essing Mary Vaughn Linda Lisle Janet Grandgeorge Aimee 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 Jeff and Paula Smiley

We will always remember LaVonne Hoversten. We are so thankful for her many years of service volunteering here at the Alden Food pantry. She will be missed.

Donations always welcome volunteers always welcome

We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

"We are an equal opportunity Provider"



December Concerts

Tuesday, December 9th

Alden 5th grade band performs with the Rock Run concert
Performance at the high school auditorium 5:30 PM

Monday, December 15th

Alden 6th grade band performs with the RMS concert
Performance at the high school auditorium 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 16th

Alden Elementary Music Concert
Afternoon Preschool Students
through 6th Grade

Performance in the Alden Gym at 5:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



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
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
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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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