

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

***Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy***

*Alden Newsletter Association  
Compiled by the Alden Public Library*

*August/September 2026  
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### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM WINNERS**



**1st Place Adult: Julie Abbas**

**Prize: Large Tote Bag**

**2nd Place Adult: Jolene French**

**Prize: Small Tote Bag**

**1st Place Youth: Hadley Doering**

**Prize: Prize Basket & 2027 Pool Party**

**2nd Place Youth: Emmerson Inks**

**Prize: 2027 Family Pool Pass**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **NORMAL HOURS**

RESUME AUGUST 24TH

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 12:30PM-5PM |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 10AM-6PM    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 12:30PM-5PM |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 10AM-6PM    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 9AM-1PM     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 9AM-12PM    |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | CLOSED      |

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### **Spice Club is at the Library in 2026!**

Get ready to explore a world of flavor! 🌍  
Each month, the Spice Club will feature a new spice —  
complete with recipes, fun facts, and cooking inspiration 📖💬

Share your tasty creations with us on Facebook and see what  
others are cooking up! 📺👁️

👉 Registration is required so we know how much to buy —  
everyone's welcome to join the fun!

Get ready to spice up your year! 🔥🇺🇸

3 ways to register:

- 1) Call us at 515-859-3820
- 2) Email Erin at [erin@alden.lib.ia.us](mailto:erin@alden.lib.ia.us)
- 3) Facebook message us!



Dr. Grace O. Doane

**Dates closed:**

September 7th, 2026



Contact your library:  
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# STORY TIME

## at the Library!

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

Starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>



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

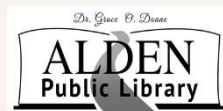


## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND PURCHASES AT THE BAKE AUCTION!

*The Friends of the  
Alden Public Library  
raised over \$2600 at the bake  
auction!*



THE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM! THANK YOU!!



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CARGILL  
IOWA FALLS/ ALDEN COMMUNITY CHEST  
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CASEYS (ALDEN)  
MCDONALDS (IOWA FALLS)  
IOWA CUBS &  
THE HOME RUN READER PROGRAM

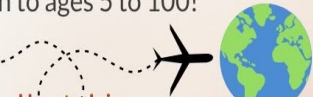
## International Library to Library

### Pen Pal Club

Connect. Write. Discover.

Join library patrons from around the world in exchanging letters, stories, and friendship

Open to ages 5 to 100!



#### How to Join:

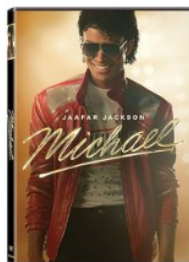
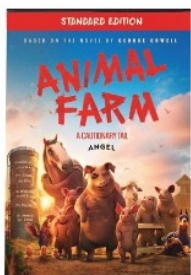
Ask your librarian • Sign up at the front desk • Start writing!

Open to all ages • All languages welcome • Friendships across borders

For more information email:  
[danielle@alden.lib.ia.us](mailto:danielle@alden.lib.ia.us)

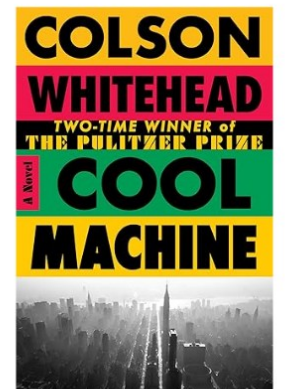
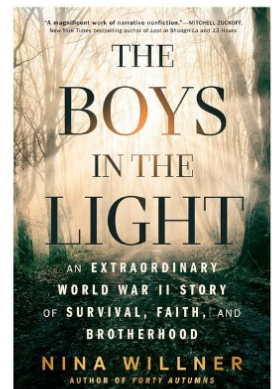
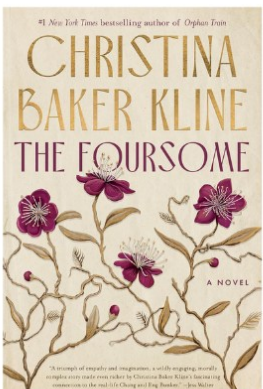
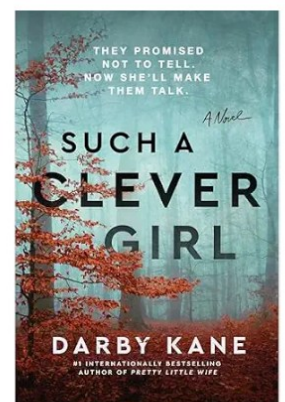
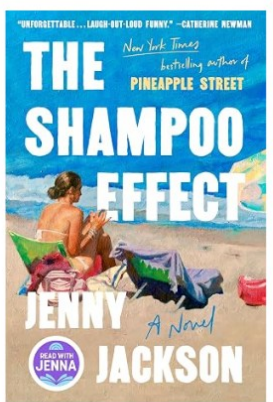
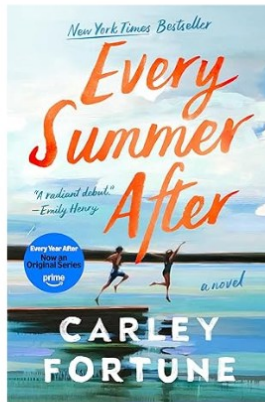
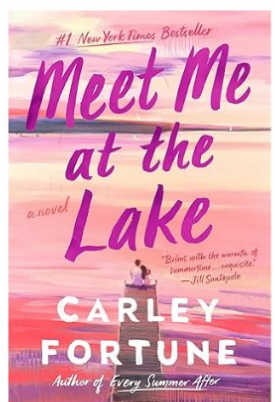
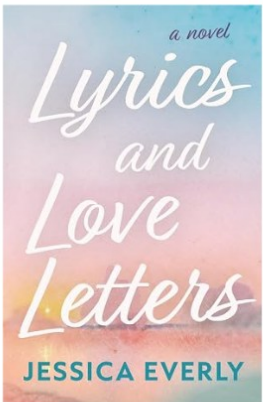
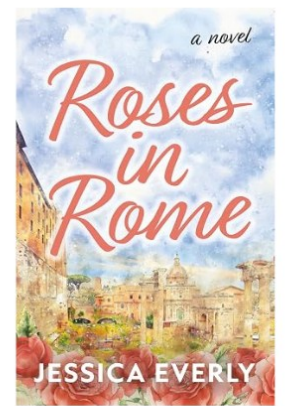
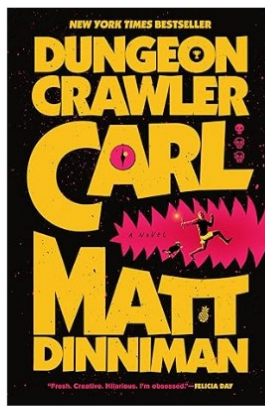
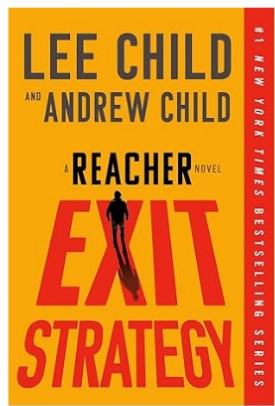
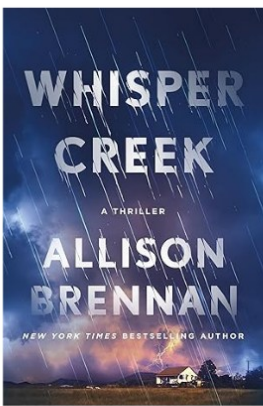
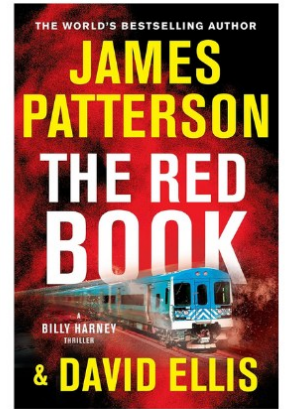
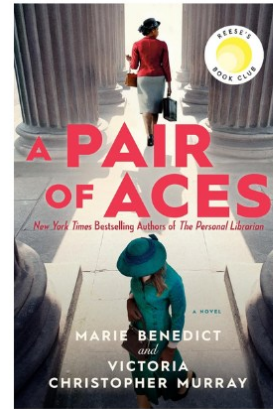
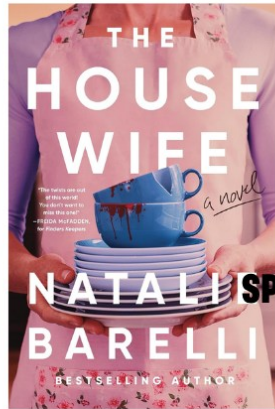
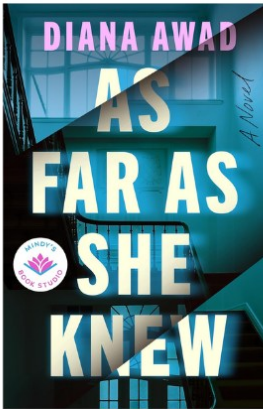
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## New DVD's available for checkout





# A few of our NEW BOOKS





The Alden Public Library is trying to improve access for all to the library. Please take a moment to visit our website at [www.alden.lib.ia.us](http://www.alden.lib.ia.us) and complete this short survey.



## Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library

\*\*\*\*\*Community Needs Survey regarding library accessibility\*\*\*\*\*

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## FALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 & SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Registration Day is open to ALL student entering Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> 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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2026

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SEPTEMBER

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10:00 - 10:45AM  
0-5 Story Time  
Siblings welcome

3:30 - 4:30PM  
Ice Cream Social  
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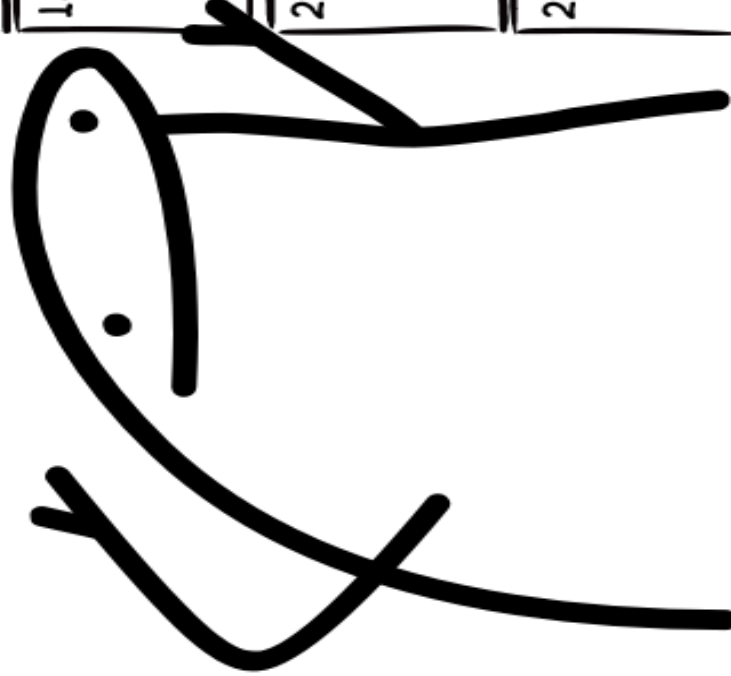
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Tricky Towers  
ISU Extension

3:30 - 4:30PM  
Flower Engineering  
Challenge

3:30 - 4:30PM  
LEGO Day

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Save the Date!

# FALL

## Vendor & Craft Show

★ OCTOBER 17 ★

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ALDEN LEGION

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT LOCAL • LOVE LOCAL

Save the Date!

# ALDEN DAYS

## LAUNCH PARTY

## FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 17, 2026

★ STARTS AT 5PM ★

ALDEN LEGION

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.



### Legion Community Center Rental Wedding Receptions:

Big Event Fee: Thursday- Sunday Use \$600.00,  
plus \$600.00 Security Deposit

Big Event Fee: Friday-Sunday Use \$500.00,  
plus \$600.00 Security Deposit

Alcohol Service requires a Host Liability Insurance Policy

Small Event: \$100.00 Reunions, Meetings, Graduations, Birthdays, Showers, etc.  
Small Event Security Deposit of \$100.00

**\*Cleaning Fee: \$125.00/for every event-no exceptions**

\*Inside is a Smoke Free Zone/forfeiture of deposit applies if violations occur.

\* Smoking area outside with tables and receptacles for disposal.

\*7 Big Screen TV's/State of the Art Media System, Wireless Microphones

\*Use of full kitchen, roasters, coffee makers, etc.

Contact City Hall to reserve.

### Alden Scout Hall/Cabin-Alden Park

\$50.00/per event plus \$30.00 Key Deposit  
Contact City Hall to reserve.

**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.**  
**August and September 2026**

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

**Thank you for your donations**

St. Paul Lutheran -Alden ---United Church of Christ UCC Alden -  
Alden United Methodist Church Alden---Opal Eggs--- Smithfield---Christian Women United  
Hy Vee Iowa Falls ---Walmart Iowa Falls---Vern Gaulke---Lorrie Watts- Darlene Hulbert -Janet Solberg  
Barb Jass ---Sarah Balvanz- Iowa Falls Alden Community Chest- Constance Hoelscher  
Alden Girl Scouts---Barb Jass--- Betty Thomas memorial- Sherry Goodnight- Nimrod Meats- Jo  
French- Keith Bowden- Bethany Lutheran Church Iowa Falls  
And the many people who give and don't want there names mentioned.  
Thank you Thank You it takes a village. You all make it possible for us to serve those who need our  
service.

**Thank You for the Board Members**

Barb Jass President Susan Essing Vice President  
Mary Vaughn Linda Lisle Janet Grandgeorge  
Aimee Jass Char Wilke Diane Hurby  
Laura Bradley secretary/treasurer  
Those wonderful volunteers who help unload the truck and do some extra things for the Pantry.  
Lyle Jass- Duane Harding- Kurt Wilke- Dennis Bradley- Crystal Inks

**Types of things we need: Volunteers**

We can always use cleaners, laundry soap, dryer sheets, soap , shampoo, body wash, mouth wash,  
toilet paper, paper towels, as far as food: hamburger helpers, scalloped potatoes, cheesy potatoes.  
Chili beans pork and beans, refried beans. We accept financial donations. Please keep packages  
small we are not allowed to repackage unwrapped foods. We are so thankful for community support.

If you need help feeding your family Please come and see if we can help.  
**"We are an equal opportunity Provider"**

**Together**  
**Alden Community**  
**Bible School 2026**

**Celebrating our**  
**faith and the ways**  
**we make Christian**  
**community---**  
**together!**



**August 3, 4 and 5, 6-8:30 pm**  
**Monday:**

Alden United Methodist Church  
Supper served by the  
Alden Fire Department.

**Tuesday:**

Calkins Nature Center

**Wednesday:**

Alden UCC

Closing activities and campfire  
at the Alden Campground.

**Mission projects:** creating quilts to be  
presented to the Hardin County Sheriff's  
department and sent to area homeless  
shelters, and building owl houses for Calkins  
Nature Center.

Activities for kids 3 years of age and up.  
Families are invited to attend together! All  
ages are welcome. .





# Thanks for Being Amazing!

1. Special thanks to Marlys Thomas for her countless hours of watering and caring for the flowers downtown.
2. Thanks to Duane Harding for trimming all the volunteer trees out of the bushes around town and at the park and for continuing to empty all the waste from the dog waste stations.
3. Thanks to the Hardin County Community Endowment Fund for the Schiller Grants received for the town of Alden this year. They included \$15,500 for new waterlines at the campground, \$2,300 for poly coatings on the floors in the park restrooms, \$4,000 for new lifeguard chairs and other safety items at the swimming pool, and \$18,000 for new security and access systems at the Library. Without these grants these items would not have been possible.



## NUMBERS TO KNOW

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

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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

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**PO Box 95**  
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**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

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T & Th 10:00 am—6pm  
F 9am -1pm  
S 9am-12pm  
Closed Sundays

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