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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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STORY TIME

at the Library!

Every Thursday morning
from 9:30-10:15!

(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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YOUR LIBRARY



Sewing Saturdays at the Library



Offered every other Saturday starting Saturday, Sept. 13th

Need help mending your favorite jeans? Stuck on a sewing project? Or just want a cozy space to stitch and chat? Join us for Sewing Saturdays! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, our sewing expert will be on hand to offer advice, guidance, and encouragement.

★ Sewing machines are limited — call ahead to reserve your spot!

Bring your own project or start something new. We can't wait to sew with you!



Alden Public Library/ 1012 Water St

📞 515-859-3820

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



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

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MOVIE NIGHT



New Releases
Available at the
Alden Library

- **ELIO**
- **LILO & STITCH**
- **LIVE**
- **1923: SEASON 2**
- **VENOM: THE LAST DANCE**

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Dates closed:

October 13th

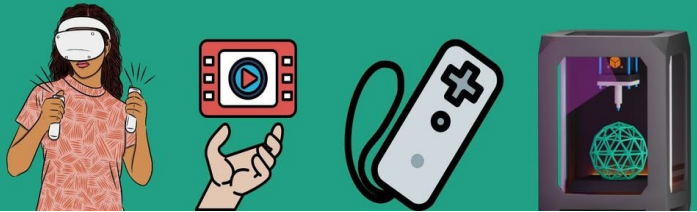
November 11th, 27th



Tech Saturday

The First & Third Saturday's of the Month

Sign up required for most of the devices available.



Halloween Costume Workshop

Who: All Ages

When: October 11 & 25

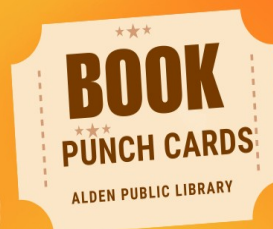
When: 9AM-Noon

Where: Alden Public Library

Bring your own supplies or use what we have to build THE BEST COSTUME EVER! Help with simple sewing, cardboard crafting & basic supplies.



DR. GRACE O. DOANE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTS



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!



Did You Know?

Discover our amazing library staff contributions

ERIN

Our Assistant Director, Erin, secured a generous donation from Nextera Energy to purchase STEM related items for the Alden Public Library. Thanks to Erin, we now have several new hands-on items available at the library with several available for checkout. We also have a 3-D printer and Virtual Reality headsets (must call ahead and make an appointment for these two specific resources). These are not just for kids as we encourage adults to explore these resources as well. Erin also updates our creative library displays and decorations. Stop in the library to admire her creativity and find out more!



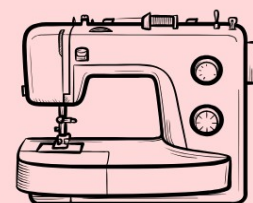
DANIELLE

Our fearless children's leader, Danielle, has completed her Youth Services Endorsement from the State Library of Iowa. Danielle has also brought many new features to our After School and School Out Day programs. She recently conducted a workshop for youth making their own AM/FM radios they were able to take home with them! She is also bringing "Skype with a Scientist" to the Alden Library. Our After School Program participants will be able to talk to a real scientist. Danielle is also bringing Tech Saturdays/Lego Club on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the Alden Library. Check out our Facebook page, newsletter, or call for more information.

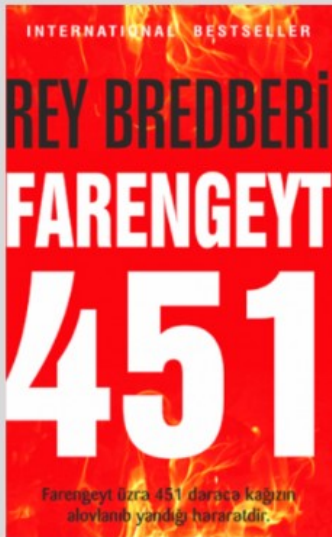


LAURA

Laura, our Library Clerk, goes way beyond her job description by offering her sewing skills to our patrons. She updated our chair slip covers in our teen area, recovered our window seat cushions, taught a three-part beginning sewing class over the summer and is providing sewing Saturdays at the Alden Public Library (2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month). You may bring in any sewing project you are working on, and she can try to assist you with completing it. It can be as simple as sewing on a button or creating a costume, Laura is here to attempt to assist and help you with your sewing needs.



Visit us to learn more today!



Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* is an intriguing novel that combines strong writing with thoughtful character development. The author skillfully builds a dystopian world that feels both unsettling and believable. The struggles of characters such as Montag highlight important themes of conformity, censorship, and individuality.

However, the novel at times seems more concerned with delivering its political and social message than with providing entertainment or a fully engaging story. Because of this, the narrative can feel heavy-handed, which somewhat undermines the very point Bradbury is trying to make about the value of books and storytelling. While the novel succeeds in sparking discussion about freedom of thought, it does not always balance this purpose with narrative enjoyment.

Bradbury's work also shares thematic similarities with George Orwell's *1984* and *Animal Farm*. All three novels explore the dangers of corruption, manipulation, and the suppression of individual freedoms under authoritarian systems. While Orwell's works focus more on political structures, propaganda, and the abuse of power, *Fahrenheit 451* addresses a different facet of totalitarianism: cultural control through censorship and the elimination of independent thought. Together, these texts highlight how totalitarian regimes can take many forms, whether through direct political oppression or through the more subtle erosion of intellectual freedom.

Overall, *Fahrenheit 451* is a decent novel that is worth reading for its themes and ideas, but it did not fully capture my interest as a story. For that reason, I would rate it three out of five stars.

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NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
October 6
1:00 - 2:00 PM



KNITTING WORKSHOP



October 2025

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

10/7/25
MYSTERY DAY



Who
Dunnit

10/14/25
LEGO DAY



Boat
Races

10/21/25
PUZZLE DAY



Puzzle
Day

10/28/25
PARTY DAY



Halloween
Party

October 2025

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

10/2/25
ART DAY



Reverse
Coloring

10/9/25
MYSTERY DAY



Who
Dunnit

10/16/25
LEGO DAY



Boat
Races

10/23/25
PUZZLE DAY



Puzzles

10/30/26
PARTY DAY



Halloween
Party

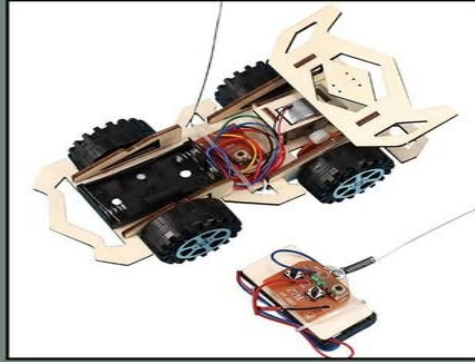


Must be Registered to Attend.



NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
November 3
1:00 - 2:00 PM



RC RACE CAR KITS



November 2025

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

11/4/25

ART DAY



Pony Bead
Bracelets

11/11/25

★★★★★
VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

No
Program

11/18/25

PARTY DAY



Gobble
Gobble
Party

11/25/25



No
Program

November 2025

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

11/6/25

CRAFT DAY



Pony
Bead
Bracelets

11/13/25



NO
PROGRAM

11/20/25

PARTY DAY



Gobble
Gobble
Party

11/27/25



NO
PROGRAM



Must be Registered to Attend.



HALLOWEEN

ALDEN

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHILI/SOUP SUPPER
GRILL CHEESE/COOKIE
DRINK/TREAT
FREE WILL
OFFERING**



**OCTOBER 30TH
5:00-7:30 PM**

CITY OF ALDEN



**TRICK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 30TH
5:30-7:30 PM**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th
NOON – 3:00 PM
ALDEN CITY PARK**

FREE LUNCH – NOON - 2:00 PM

**1:00 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST & PARADE
(ALL AGES) – WITH CASH PRIZES
NOON – 2:00 MUSIC BY LIV MCNAIR
2:00 FIRE TRUCK RIDES & HAYRIDES**

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY IN THE PARK 😊
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS
SPONSORED BY ALDEN HORIZONS GROUP & CITY OF ALDEN**

FREE MEAL

**COMMUNITY FREE “MMM”
(MONDAY MONTHLY MEAL)**

**AT ALDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1512 HARDIN STREET
5:30PM-6:30PM**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
OCTOBER 6, 2025
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
DECEMBER 1, 2025**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

October and November 2025

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

If you find it hard to feed your family stop at the Alden Food Pantry and see if we can help.

<u>Thank you for the Donations</u>	Thank You for the Volunteers
Darlene Hulbert St. Paul Lutheran -Alden St. Paul's Evan Lutheran -Buckeye Opal Eggs Vern Gaulke Jolene French Pastor Jason Alden Girl Scouts Christian Women United Janet Grandgeorge Alden United Methodist Church Evie Bird Aimee Jass Janet Grudger Phillip Jass Family Roger and Barb Harkin West side Several Anonymous Julia Hall	Barb Jass Susan Essing Mary Vaughn Linda Lisle Janet Grandgeorge Aimee Jass Char Wilke Diane Hurby Lavonne Hoversten 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 Paula Smiley

We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

thank you



Special thanks to the following people:

- Kelly Hartema and Marlys Thomas for taking care of the flower planters around town and for the countless hours of watering them.
- Dallas Malloy for trimming the low hanging trees along the sidewalk in the park.
- Duane Harding for taking care of emptying the dog waste stations around town.



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Steve 641-373-6423
Andy Jass 641-373-6422

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Fri 8-12

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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
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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

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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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