

Between the Stacks

Monthly Newsletter

January 2024



"In January
it's so nice
while slipping
on the sliding ice
to sip hot chicken soup with rice.
Sipping once
Sipping twice" —Maurice Sendak



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Youth Program Spotlight



Stuffie Storytime and Sleepover



Children ages 3-7 are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to a Stuffie Storytime at the Public Library on Friday, January 26th from 6-7 pm. After storytime, their fuzzy friends will stay for overnight adventures at the Library! The stuffies can be picked up the next day and will have a fun scrapbook from their sleepover to share with their human family.

No registration is required.

For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 989.356.6188 ext. 23.



BAD ART NIGHT

Friday, January 19th 4-5 pm

Teens and tweens ages 9-17 are invited to a Bad Art Night to create the most ridiculous and ugliest “art” they can imagine at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. Supplies and tools will be provided. The worst of the worst will be awarded a “Bad Art Prize.”

Free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 989.356.6188 ext. 23

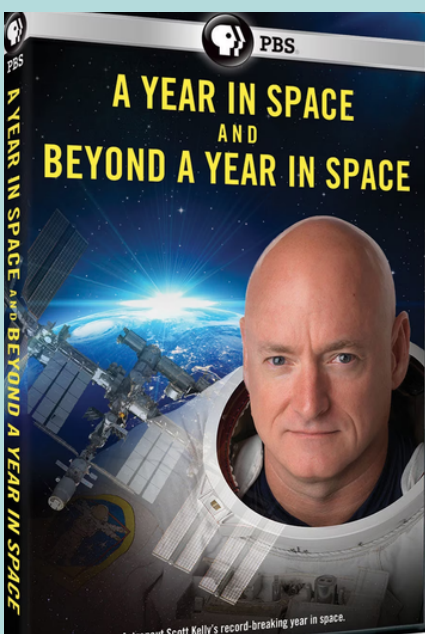
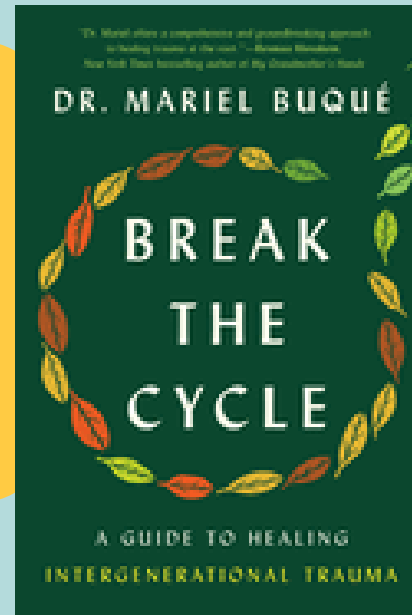


New Releases



“A masterfully paced thriller about a reclusive ex-movie star and her famous friends whose spontaneous trip to a private Greek island is upended by a murder — from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Silent Patient*.” (Jan 16)

“A "guide to healing intergenerational trauma, weaving together scientific research with practical exercises and stories from the therapy room from Dr. Mariel Buqué, PhD, a Columbia University-trained trauma-informed psychologist and practitioner of holistic healing”
(Jan 2)



“A Year in Space, adapted from TIME's original digital video series, takes viewers behind-the-scenes of astronaut Scott Kelly's 12-month stay on the International Space Station where he tests human limits for space travel and lays the groundwork for a manned mission to Mars.

Beyond A Year in Space traces the steps of human space flight from the first animals sent into space to Scott Kelly's historic flight, and into the future of humanity finding its place in the cosmos. On March 2nd, 2016, Scott Kelly returned to earth from the International Space Station after spending a record-breaking year in outer space. Now, scientists are studying Scott to answer the pressing questions: How did space change him? And how can we keep future astronauts safe on long journeys to deep space and beyond?”

New Releases



“Tween actress Mia Armstrong celebrates her fun, funny, beautiful childhood living with Down syndrome in this debut picture book.

Mia likes many of the things other people like--going to the beach, the color blue, drawing. But she doesn't like when strangers stare at her because she looks different from them.

Down syndrome allows Mia to see and understand the world in a way that may not make sense to others. She considers it her superpower--and instead of it making her strange, she considers herself a masterpiece. As we all are.

In this sparkling picture book, Mia offers a glimpse into the life of a child with Down syndrome, helping some readers see themselves in a book and helping others understand those friends, classmates, and family members who are neurodivergent.”

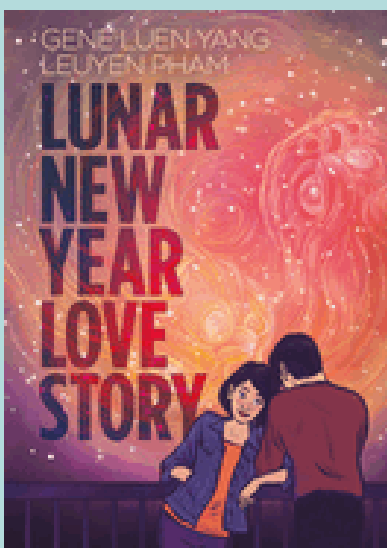
“When a notorious thief is out for priceless treasure (gems! cats! general decorum!)—who're you gonna call? An elite team of crime-fighting underdogs, that's who! The Misfits are on the case in this hilarious illustrated series from Newbery Honoree Lisa Yee and Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat!”



“Graphic novel superstars Gene Luen Yang and LeUyen Pham join forces in this heartwarming rom-com about fate, family, and falling in love.

She was destined for heartbreak. Then fate handed her love. Val is ready to give up on love. It's led to nothing but secrets and heartbreak, and she's pretty sure she's cursed--no one in her family, for generations, has ever had any luck with love.

But then a chance encounter with a pair of cute lion dancers sparks something in Val. Is it real love? Could this be her chance to break the family curse? Or is she destined to live with a broken heart forever?”





Thanks to generous donations from the First Federal Legacy Foundation, Northland Credit Union, and an anonymous donor we are continually adding items to our Library of Things!

Library cardholders can borrow ukeleles, telescopes, cake pans, sewing machines, and crackpots! For the warmer months, our outdoor movie screening kit is a popular choice.

In the past year, we have added a pasta maker, electric roasters, STEAM kits, Kindle Fires, a green screen, and a Cricut set.

You can browse our collection [here](#) or stop by during library hours to explore what is available!



Meet Your Library Staff: Jessica

How long have you worked at the Library?

I have been at the Library since 2015, so just over eight years.

What do you like best about working at the Library?

My absolutely favorite thing was spending the evening with David Sedaris, I don't know how I could top that. I love connecting people to the different resources we offer, being of service to everyone who walks through our doors, and partnering with other organizations to make Alpena a better place.

Do you have any hobbies you enjoy?

I love cooking as long as someone else does the clean up. I've just started to learn to box in the past year and I've been having so much fun.

What is your favorite book?

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving has been my favorite book since my early 20s. I reread it every year and it hits differently every time. The story is timeless and heartbreaking.

If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, whom would they be?

This may be the toughest question I've ever had to answer. I would invite Lin-Manuel Miranda, he's insanely talented and is an amazing human, yet he's humble and has a great sense of humor. My oldest daughter met him in NYC and said he was one of the most joyful people she's ever met. Princess Diana because she would have a lot to teach about demonstrating grace under pressure and pushing through difficult times with dignity. She also loved to dance and an after-dinner dance party is a must. Julia Child for her love of everything food and French. I would love to learn how to properly debone a chicken without making a mess of it. I don't know if I would be confident enough to cook for her but I would be starstruck to cook with her. Finally, I think I would invite Martin Short, a little out of left field and if I could have a bonus person it would be Steve Martin so I could listen to them banter all night, but four people it is. He cracks me up in everything I've ever seen him in, movies, TV, and interviews, he's never not funny.



January Programs

Youth Programs

- Early Connections Ages 0-5: Tuesdays, 10 -11 am
- Tinker Tuesday Ages 5-18: Tuesdays, 4-5:30 pm
- Pokemon Club Ages 8-18: Monday, January 8, 5-6 pm
- Teen Anime Club, Ages 12-18: Thursday, January 11 and 25, 3 pm
- Family Storytime Ages 3-7: Saturday, January 13 and 27, 10-11 am
- Bad Art Night, Ages 9-17, Friday, January 19, 4-5 pm
- LEGO Club, Ages 6-13: Monday, January 29, 5-6 pm
- Stuffie Craft and Sleepover, Ages 3-7, Friday, January 26, 6-7 pm

*Calendar is subject to change,
please check our website for the
current event listings.*

January Programs

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Adult Programs

- National Day of Action for Stalking Awareness, Thursday, January 18, 6-7 pm
- History Hounds: Why Do Fools Fall in Love?, Tuesday, January 23, 12-1 pm

All Ages

- Tinker Tuesdays, Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm
- Open MakerLab: Wednesdays, 10 am-noon
- Puzzle Swap, Saturday, January 6, 11 am-12 pm
- Family Bingo Night, Friday, January 19, 5:30-6:30 pm

Upcoming
Closings:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10:
OPENING AT 10 AM
MONDAY, JANUARY 15
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



AN EVENING WITH Shelby Van Pelt

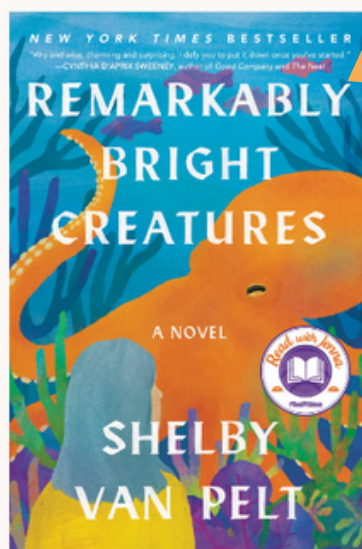
Best-Selling Author
of
"Remarkably Bright
Creatures"

Presented by the Alpena
County George N. Fletcher
Public Library

Monday, June 3, 2024

7:00 pm

Alpena High School
Auditorium



On Sale
January 17!

Interested in supporting Library programs?

Email Assistant Director Jessica
Luther at
jluther@alpenalibrary.org for
sponsorship or donor
opportunities



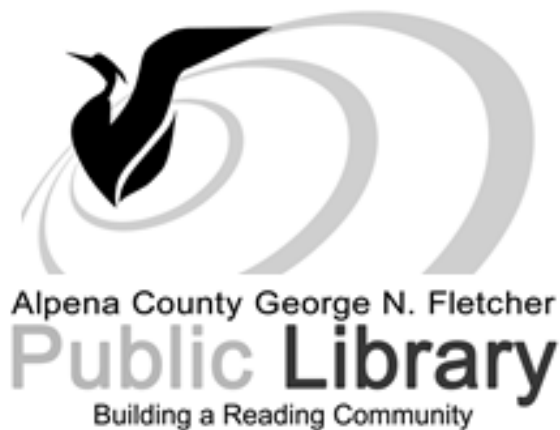
Lost Buildings of Downtown Alpena

Open to the Public until
March 1, 2024

Hosted by the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library
& Alpena Downtown Development Authority

Join the Friends of the Library!





Located in downtown Alpena, the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library was established in 1967 as a county library. Dedicated to serving as a regional gathering place for learning and quality cultural experiences, the Library also acts as a primary resource for historical research, enrichment opportunities, and educational support. The Library is committed to building a reading community while providing quality arts, culture, STEM, and humanities programming unique to this area of the state.

**FIND ALL OF THE LATEST
INFO AT
WWW.ALPENALIBRARY.ORG**



HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS