

April 2025

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

Between the Stacks



Delayed Opening

April 9th, the
library will open
at 10 AM.

211 N. First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707
989.356.6188 www.alpenalibrary.org

Closed

April 18th & 19th
the Alpena
Library will be
closed.



THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF EMMETT TILL

The story of Emmett Till was silenced for over 50 years after his brutal murder on August 2, 1955. Discover the untold history of the injustice that followed fourteen-year-old Emmett's trip to buy candy at Bryant's Grocery in Money, Mississippi, where he whistled at the white store clerk. In this presentation, retired Portage Public School history teacher Jim Herm will share his research into the post-Civil War South, the legacy of Emmett Till, and the start of the Civil Rights movement.

Wednesday,
April 23rd
5:30 - 7 PM
Free



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SAVE THE DATE

Level Up Your Reading

Summer Reading Program

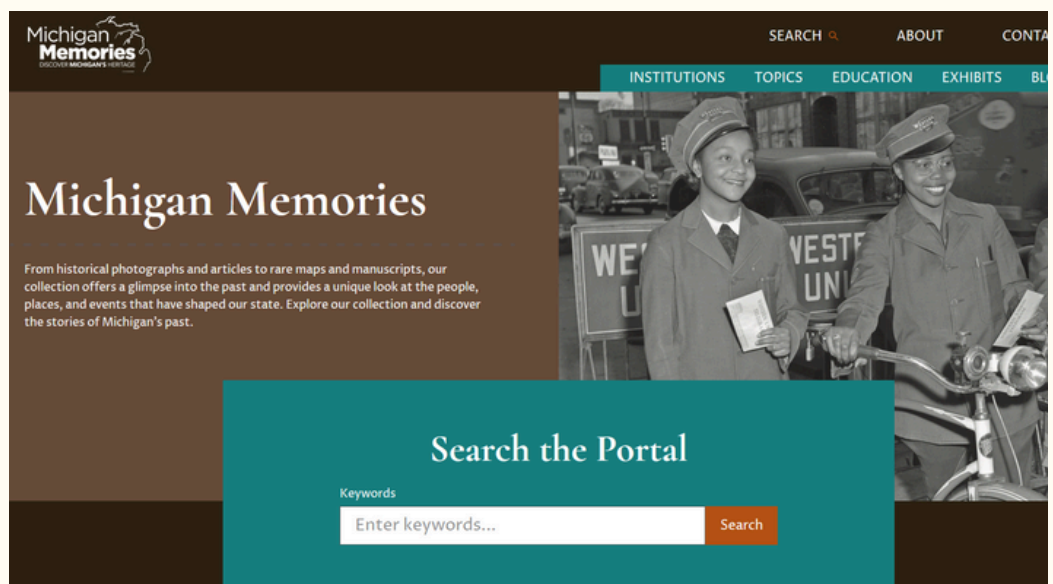
START

JUNE 21 - AUG. 9

Michigan Memories

Michigan Memories is the Michigan-centric counterpart to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), with access to over one million records.

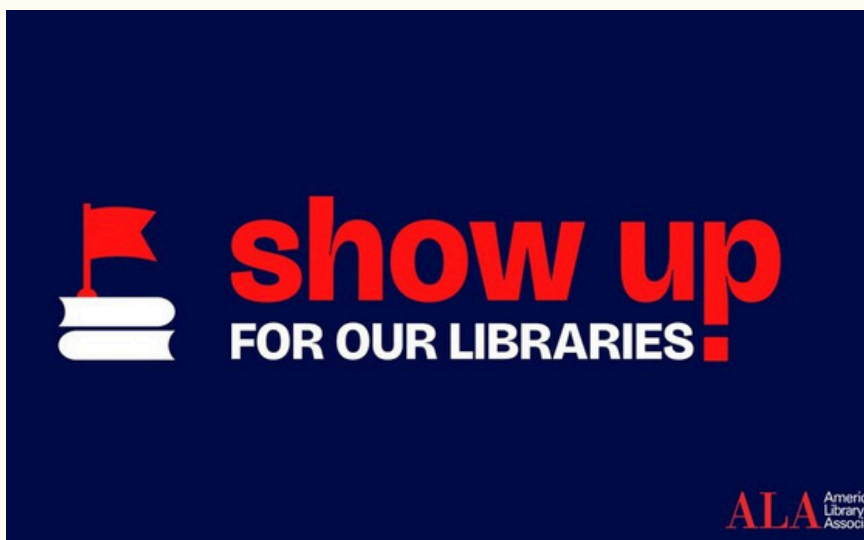
- A new blog with RSS support;
- An Exhibits section that highlights interesting and memorable photographs and other records while exploring Michigan's history;
- An Education section that explores different themes in our state's history with resources to help teachers use primary sources in their classrooms.
- Archives, libraries, museums, and historical societies around Michigan share their publicly accessible, online collections more widely through the DPLA and Michigan Memories.



The Alpena County Library wanted to give our community a breakdown of what to expect with an executive order eliminating IMLS Funding and what this will likely do to Michigan libraries. On March 14th, there was a Federal Executive Order signed to dismantle the Institute of Museum & Library Services. Many of you may have never heard of that organization before. You may have heard it mentioned in passing as IMLS. While the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library does not receive funds directly from any federal source; IMLS is the federal-level organization that sends funds to the Library of Michigan to purchase, provide, and disperse their funds across Michigan. IMLS's funding is responsible for covering **75%** of the cost of the services listed below.

Services Include:

- Michigan eLibrary databases
- MelCat
- Interlibrary loan service
- Wifi connections and more



On March 14th, the Senate passed and the president signed a continuing resolution for fiscal year 2025, which provides the approval for IMLS to fund these services through September 2025. Although this continuing resolution provides funding for IMLS, on the same day President Trump ordered the elimination of this agency. The newest Executive Order usurps the intent of Congress's decision to provide funding for IMLS, which President Trump had agreed to earlier.

It is hard to know where we will be in 6 months as things seem to change minute by minute, but being informed is the best defense. We also know the Michigan Library Association is mobilizing support to try and mitigate this and keep our wonderful statewide services that so many students, patrons, and Michigan residents rely on.

If you would like to support your local library and advocate for your access to these resources we encourage the community to call, write, and email our federally elected officials and advocate that this is a service widely and continually used and that we do not agree with the dismantling of this organization.

Listed below are links to organizations' resources that assemble the ways the community can make their voices heard.

American Library Association:

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=9CyapZUB9sorxFLO4J0c&lang=en>

EveryLibrary:

<https://action.everylibrary.org/saveimls2025>

American Association for State and Local History:

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/94/>

American Alliance of Museums:

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/95/>

Recommendations



J Non-Fiction:

A semi-truck extravaganza, and Corey can't believe it! But the crowd of classmates quickly leaves him feeling overwhelmed. Corey must find the courage to be his unique, enthusiastic self before missing the opportunity to have his very own big truck playdate.

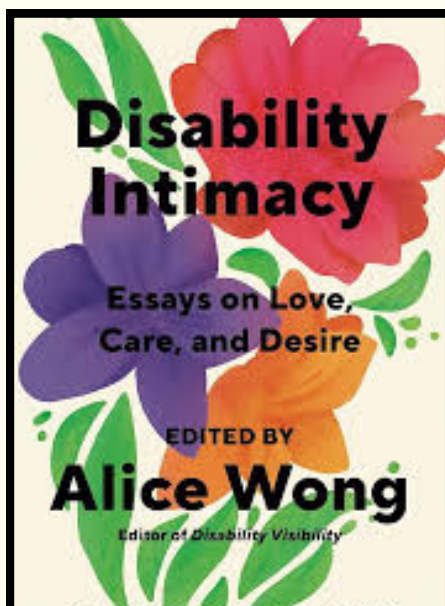
Young Adult Fiction:

A da Vinci-esque teen girl inventor on a Dante-esque journey through hell to save her best friend.



Nonfiction:

Alice Wong—include essays, photo essays, poetry, drama, and a full spectrum of the dreams, fantasies, and deeply personal realities of a wide range of beautiful bodies and minds.



Friends of the Library

Did you know? Our amazing Friends of the Library provide the services from Kanopy, Book Page subscription, the care of the gardens around the building, our book giveaways for summer reading, and support other library programs that everyone has access too.




Volunteer Appreciation Week **April 20 - 26, 2025**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated tutors of the READ Adult Literacy Program. Their commitment and compassion transform lives. Our Volunteers generously share their time and expertise, helping adult learners develop essential personal and professional goals - whether it's learning English as a second language, working toward GED achievement, or studying basic literacy skills. Thanks to their patience and encouragement, our learners grow in confidence and independence. We celebrate our READ Program volunteers' invaluable contributions and the lasting impact they make in our community.

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April Programs



**SMART MONEY WITH
NORTHLAND CREDIT UNION**

**April 5th,
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

A Northland Area Federal Credit Union representative will read "Save It!" by Cinder Mcleod. Crafts and activities! Each family will receive a copy of the book. While supplies last.
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SAVE IT!
Cinder Mcleod



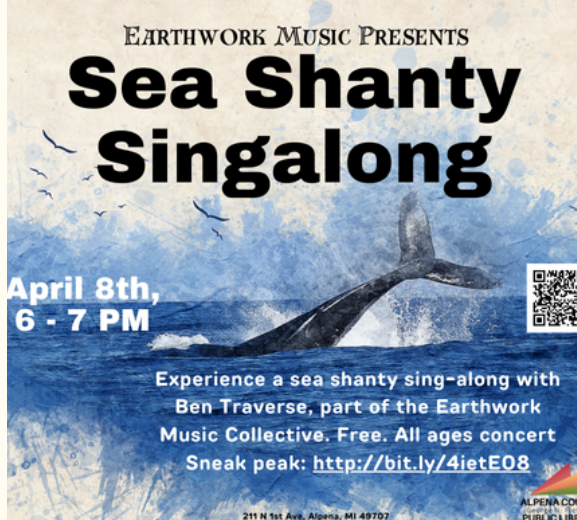
Tween Puzzle Challenge

April 5th, 1 - 2 PM

Get together with friends. Be the first team to put together the puzzle and win a prize.

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EARTHWORK MUSIC PRESENTS

Sea Shanty Singalong

**April 8th,
6 - 7 PM**

Experience a sea shanty sing-along with Ben Traverse, part of the Earthwork Music Collective. Free. All ages concert
Sneak peak: <http://bit.ly/4ietE08>

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**ANYTHING
but a Paintbrush**

**April 9th,
5 - 6:30 PM**

For adults

Use any wacky tool except for a paintbrush to make art on a 4x4 canvas.

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**STORYTIME WITH
Miss Sunrise Side**
Mary Kamara-Hagemeyer

**APRIL 26TH
11:00 AM**



**TEEN KARAOKE
NIGHT**

APR. 26

1 PM

FREE ENTRY

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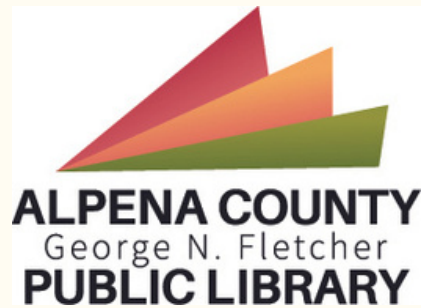
Visit the library events calendar for all of our upcoming programs!

APRIL 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Sewing Club 1:30 - 3 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	2 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Tot Spot 10:30 - 11:30 Paws to Read 5 - 6 PM	3 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	4 Beyond Differences 5 - 6:45 PM	5 Smart Money with Northland 11:30 - 12:30 Tween Puzzle Challenge 1 - 2 PM	6
7 Lego Club 5 - 6 PM	8 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Sewing Club 1:30 - 3 PM Sea Shanty Singalong 6 - 7 PM	Library opens @ 10 AM Words & Music 12 - 1 PM Anything but a Paintbrush 5 - 6:30 PM	10 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	11	12 Community Lead Egg Decor Craft 1 - 2 PM	13
14 Pokemon Club 5 - 6 PM	15 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Sewing Club 1:30 - 3 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	16 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Paws to Read 5 - 6 PM	17 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM Hockey Storytime 6 - 6:30 PM	18 Library Closed	19 Library Closed	20
21 Lego Club 5 - 6 PM	22 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Sewing Club 1:30 - 3 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30 TAB Meeting 4 - 5 PM	23 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Special Collections Tour 12:15 - 1:15 Memory and Legacy of Emmett Till 5:30 - 7 PM	24 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	25 DND Shorts 3:30 - 6 PM	26 Miss Sunrise Side Storytime 11 - 12 PM Teen Karaoke Party 1 - 2 PM	27
28 Pokemon Club 5 - 6 PM	29 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Sewing Club 1:30 - 3 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	30 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Paws to Read 5 - 6 PM	<div>Adult Programs</div> <div>Teen/ Tween Programs</div> <div>Youth Programs</div> <div>Everyone!</div>			

Thank you!

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.



**Monday 9-7pm,
Tuesday 9-7pm
Wednesday 9-7pm,
Thursday 9-7pm
Friday 9-7pm,
Saturday 9-4pm
Sunday CLOSED,
Holidays CLOSED**