

Alpena County George N. Fletcher
Public Library

Beyond the Stacks

Delayed Opening

The Library will open at
10 AM Feb. 4th due to a
staff meeting.

Closed

The library will be closed
for a staff in-service day
on the 13th and Feb. 16th
due to the holiday.



February 2026

211 N. First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707

989.356.6188 www.alpenalibrary.org

Lunar New Year Book Recs

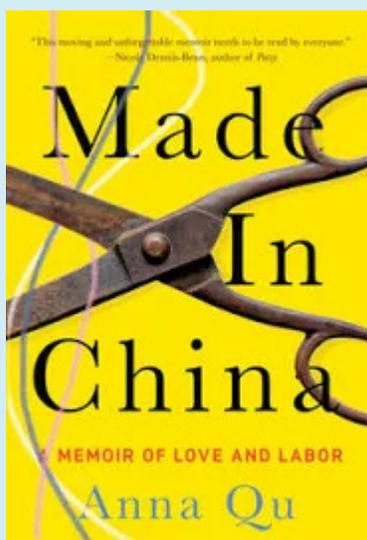
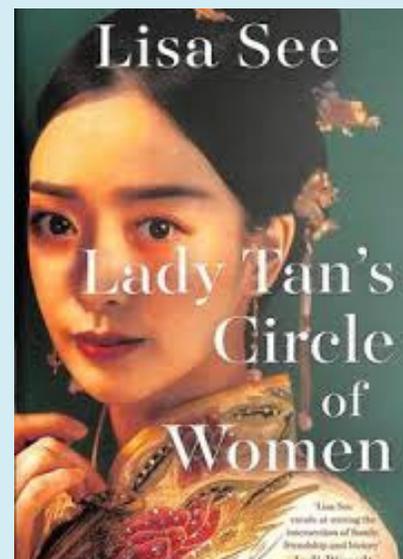


J Fic

Little Ren looks forward to the preparation for and festivities of the Lunar New Year. She watches family members rolling out the dough and loves the mouth-watering smell. Watching and waiting, when will Ren be old enough to help?

Fic

Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine.



Non-Fic

A young girl forced to work in a Queens sweatshop calls child services on her mother in this powerful debut memoir about labor and self-worth that traces a Chinese immigrant's journey to an American future.

SESTERCENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

The Alpena Sestercentennial Celebration Commission is conducting a logo contest for the creation of a graphic to commemorate two important milestones: the nation's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the 50th Anniversary of the Alpena Bi-Path.

Contest deadline is February 20th by 7 PM. Must submit art with contest entry form. For rules and entry forms check out the Alpena County Library's website or stop by the front desk.

Questions? Contact cstjohn@alpenalibrary.org



Library News

The family and friends of Paul Bray, a treasured library patron, generously donated to the Library in his memory. He will be honored with this plaque and statue located on the first floor of the main library building, serving as a symbol of his love of books and the library.



February Programs

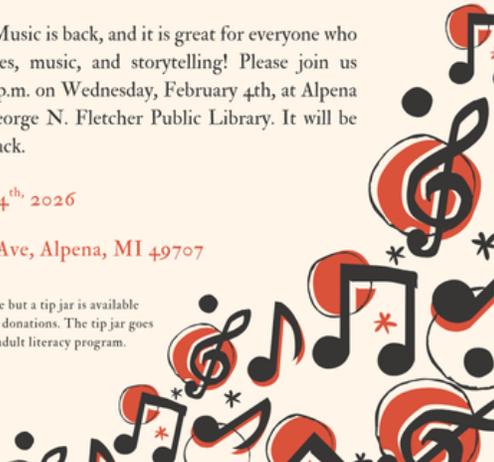
WE ARE INVITING YOU!

Dr. Tom's Words & Music

Words & Music is back, and it is great for everyone who loves movies, music, and storytelling! Please join us from 1 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4th, at Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. It will be very laid-back.

February 4th, 2026
1 - 2 p.m.
211 N 1st Ave, Alpena, MI 49707

The event is free but a tip jar is available for any free will donations. The tip jar goes to the library's adult literacy program.



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Presents

TWEEN LASER TAG

SPACE IS LIMITED

Meet in Stillion
211 N. First Ave
www.alpenalibrary.org
Questions Contact
989-356-6188 ext. 23

Link: bit.ly/40CSk

5 - 6 PM

AGES 9-17
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FEB. 5TH

AN APS SPONSORED EVENT

WATERCOLOR CONNECTIONS

Live Portraiture Experiences

A unique live portraiture experience where those attending can step up and have a watercolor portrait painted. Guests are immersed in the artistic journey as the process is projected on a TV for all to see. Those who get portraits leave with a 5x7 framed painting of themselves, kids, or their partner! Come to the library to make a memory and leave with a souvenir to remember this Valentine's Day!

For more information on the artists, check out their website at www.watercolorconnections.com



This event is free to attend, but a tip jar will be available for at-will donations that benefit the artists.

Feb. 14th
11 AM - 12 PM
All Ages



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Thunder Bay Audubon Society Presents

UPPER PENINSULA OWL BANDING

Join Chris Neri and Nova Mackentley at the Alpena County Library for a presentation about the owl research they are conducting in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As founders of the new non-profit Friends of Whitefish Point and over 25 years of experience banding migrating owls, they will share captivating stories and valuable insights into the trends of these nocturnal raptors. Public invited and free of charge.



February 14th
2 PM

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Floral* MOOD BOOSTERS

FEB. 20TH
5 - 6:30 PM
ALL AGES

Floral mood boosters is an event where all ages can join and make some belated holiday or seasonal crafts. Stations include making a paper flower or two, a kiss box, and a temporary indoor garden.



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Killing the Buzz: The Lost Story of Yaupon Tea

Join Claire Evans, author of High Tea and the Low Down, former journalist, attorney, college lecturer, and business owner of Tea with Claire, as she showcases the Yaupon Tea. The yaupon tea, native to the southeastern United States is a delicious alternative to coffee and much revered by Native Americans. Refreshments of the yaupon tea will be available for participants to try. Age: 18+



THURSDAY,
FEB. 26TH,
5:30PM - 6:30PM

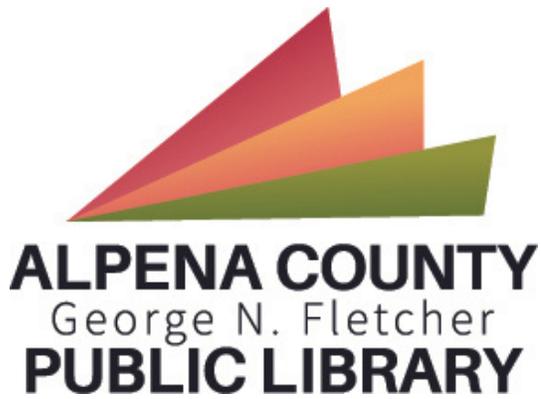
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Visit the library events calendar for all of our upcoming programs!

February 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 Sewing Club 1 - 3 PM Pokémon Club 5 - 6 PM | 3 Early Conn. 10 - 11 AM Weekly Storytime 4 - 4:30 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30 PM | 4 Library opens @ 10 AM Tot Spot 10 - 11 AM Words & Music 1 - 2 PM | 5 Weekly Storytime 9:30 - 10 AM Teen/Tween Laser Tag 5 - 6 PM | 6 Beyond Differences 4:15 - 5:30 PM | 7 Take Your Child to the Library Day 10 - 11:30 AM |
| 8 | 9 Sewing Club 1 - 3 PM Lego Club 5 - 6 PM | 10 Early Conn. 10 - 11 AM Weekly Storytime 4 - 4:30 PM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30 PM | 11 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM FOL Bookstore 10 AM - 2 PM | 12 Weekly Storytime 9:30 - 10 AM | 13 Inservice Day | 14  Watercolor Connections 11 AM - 12 PM Owl Banding 2 PM |
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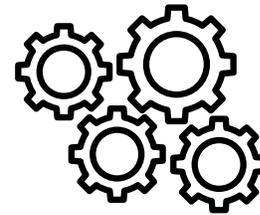
Located in downtown Alpena, the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library was established in 1967 as a county library. Dedicated to serving as a regional gathering place for learning and quality cultural experiences, the Library also acts as a primary resource for historical research, enrichment 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.

Makerlab Hours

Tuesday: 4 - 5:30 PM
Wednesday: 10 am-12 pm

Outside lab hours
available with a
scheduled appointment.

CALL (989)356-6188 EXT 20



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