ALPENA COUNTY GEORGE N. FLETCHER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Between the Stacks

May 2024

Save the Date

Spring Into Romance Panel

May 8th Library opens at 10 AM
THE INSIGHTS

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library is pleased to announce that New York Times best-selling author Shelby Van Pelt will be the 2024 Spring Author. Van Pelt, the author of the runaway bestseller "Remarkably Bright Creatures" aka “That Octopus Book”, will appear on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The event will be held in the Stanley Beck Auditorium at Alpena High School. Van Pelt will be available immediately following the event for signing. Books will be available for purchase from Parallel 45 Books and Gifts. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" is the author’s debut novel and was published in 2022.

The novel has received widespread recognition for its portrayal of grief, loneliness, and the need for connection. Tickets are available to purchase through the Library’s website www.alpenalibrary.org beginning Wednesday, January 17th. Tickets are $30 for the main floor and mezzanine and $20 for balcony seating.
**NEW RELEASES**

**Picture Book:** New York Times–bestselling author Rosanne Parry and award-winning artist Jennifer Thermes explore the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone National Park—and the trophic cascade effect they caused—in this informative, timely, and reader-friendly picture book. Features a map and extensive backmatter, as well as comic panels.

**Adult Fiction:** *Real Americans* is a family epic about identity, sacrifice, choices and fate. It is a wildly imaginative and profound story of betrayal and forgiveness that asks us how far we should go for those we love.

**Adult Nonfiction:** The forgotten story of a pioneering group of five Black ballerinas, the first principals in the Dance Theatre of Harlem, who traveled the world as highly celebrated stars in their field and whose legacy was erased from history until now.
Looking to find a new hobby? Can we suggest finding a pasta cookbook in our collection and our pasta maker to have a fun day learning to make homemade pasta?

Rent a game to play giant yard Yahtzee with friends or family as the weather gets warmer!

Looking to upgrade how you have a summer movie night? Well, you can check out an outdoor movie kit from us too!
MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF:

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How long have you worked at the Library?
It'll be five years in January.

What do you like best about working at the Library?
Every day is a unique experience for me. I feel privileged to work with the community's history and assist individuals and groups in accessing our collections. One day, I might be helping a patron with researching their house, and the next day, I could be collaborating with producers for National Geographic. You never know who will call, and that is what makes my job exciting.

Do you have any hobbies you enjoy? What are they?
I'm a fairly keen gardener, an avid cross-country skier, and a lover of all types of water sports (kayaking, paddleboarding, prone boarding).

What is your favorite book? Why?
Dante's The Divine Comedy. I read it for a college course in Western literature. It was interesting to read something that was so symbolically and politically rich.

If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, who would they be? Why?
I would love to reconnect with some of my friends from my graduate program. We came from diverse backgrounds and nationalities, and they were the ones who made me feel welcome when I moved to Australia. However, since our graduation, we have all returned to our respective countries, and I haven't seen them in seven years.
Upcoming Events

Join us for an honored Michigan author talking about his recent release, A Cold, Hard Prayer May 2nd and 6:30 PM

In person or virtual May 9th, 6 - 7 PM

E.B. Ward: Michigan’s Wealthiest Industrialist
Thursday, May 9th | 6 pm - 7 pm
Learn about E.B. Ward, the richest person in 19th century Michigan, at the Alpena County Library event with author Michael Nagle discussing “The Forgotten Iron King of the Great Lakes” virtually, with both in-person and virtual attendance options offered.

Love Romance?
Join us for a fun spring panel from four Michigan romance authors! Wednesday, May 18th, Free Entry, 18+

MAY PROGRAMS

Minecraft Party
May 4th, 1:30-3:30 PM
Youth ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a Minecraft IRL Party!

Garden Celebration
Storytime & Seed Planting
May 11th
10 - 11 AM
City Hall
Seed Swap
11 AM - 12 PM
At the Library
Mini planting kits available for families with seeds and small pots to plant at home after the program.

DIY Squishies
May 17th
4:30-5:30 PM
Youth ages 6-12 are invited to create and keep their own

Cricut 101 Class
May 10th
May 17th
4:30 - 6:30 PM
Participants will gain a rudimentary understanding of the Cricut Design Space and the tools available. Participants will use the knowledge they gain to create their own design for a tote bag. All materials included. Register at https://forms.gle/.8xZd9d2FZ1.

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

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