“February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer.”
—Shirley Jackson
The Library offers classes for all skill levels! Curious about how to use Library services like Libby? Need help setting up your smartphone or tablet? Want to learn how to use Google Suite or Windows? We’ve got you covered!

Dates and class descriptions can be found here.

Registration is required. To register fill out this form or call 356-6188 Ext #20. Classes begin at 5:30 PM, unless otherwise noted, in the MakerLab. Classes are free of charge.

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**Prom Attire Swap**

Do you have a prom, bridesmaid, or other formal dress taking up space in your closet? Do you have a suit or tux that just doesn’t fit anymore? Bring them to the library for our prom attire swap! Clothes must be clean and not damaged. Items can be brought to the library during regular hours from February 20 through 27. Teens wanting to browse and pick up items can “shop” from February 29 through March 2.
“From the Dagger Award–winning author of Norwegian by Night comes a vivid, thrilling, and moving World War II art-heist-adventure tale where enemies become heroes, allies become villains, and a child learns what it means to become an adult—for fans of All the Light We Cannot See.”

“International bestselling author The Hebridean Baker shares stories and adventures alongside his best selection of recipes yet. Be whisked away to his island home where he brings delightful dishes to fill your kitchen and beautiful photography that will inspire your next visit to the Hebrides." (Feb 13)

“In this prequel to The Hunger Games, a young Coriolanus Snow - decades before becoming the tyrannical President of Panem - battles his instincts between good and evil as he mentors Lucy Gray Baird in the 10th Hunger Games. PG-13
“December 6, 1941: Best friends Frank and Stanley have it good. With their dads stationed at the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii, the boys get to soak up the sunshine while writing and drawing their own comic books. World War II might be raging overseas, but so far America has stayed out of the fight. There’s nothing to fear, right?

December 7th, 1941: Everything implodes.”

"As he attempts to fulfill a list left behind by his deceased best friend, nineteen-year-old Case meets eighteen-year-old Winnie, a hardworking ranch hand with aspirations of her own, and together they embark on an unexpected journey as they chase down their rodeo dreams."

“Teeny-Weeny Unicorn feels like the world is not made for his small stature and one day it bothers him so much he runs off, but soon after meeting a salty gnome he starts to wonder if he might just be the right size after all.”
2023 Popular Books in Public Libraries

Click the image for an animated bar chart showing the most popular books in US public libraries month by month.
Meet Your Library Staff: Marlo

How long have you worked at the Library?
22 yrs!

What do you like best about working at the Library?
The patrons and keeping history alive.

Do you have any hobbies you enjoy?
Home improvement projects. I don't want flowers or jewelry for presents... give me power tools!

What is your favorite book?
Frank McCourt's Angela's Ashes (and his other two - 'Tis: A Memoir and Teacher Man) -- all his books are based on his life. He is so descriptive that you can feel the raw survival he and his siblings faced, and yet he was still able to find humor and beauty in life.

If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, whom would they be?
My brother, my dad, my grandmother... and an ancestor from long ago. I just really miss them... and I would love to see the significant (or maybe just ordinary) moment in time when life brought two people together that would eventually lead to "me" and to see a "fast-forward" of their life.
February Programs

Youth Programs

- Tween/Teen Laser Tag, Ages 9-17: Saturday, February 3, 10–11:30 am
- Take Your Child to the Library Day, All Ages: Saturday, February 3, 12–3 pm
- Early Connections Ages 0-5: Tuesdays, 10–11 am
- Tinker Tuesday Ages 5-18: Tuesdays, 4–5:30 pm
- Barbie Storytime and Crafts, Saturday, February 10, 3–4 pm
- LEGO Club, Ages 6-13: Monday, February 13 & 26, 5–6 pm
- Teen Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 5:30–6:30 pm
- Beyond Differences Friendship Club, Friday, February 23, 5:30–6:30 pm
- Family Storytime and Craft, Ages 0-7: Saturday, February 24, 10–11 am
- Tween Escape Room*, Ages 9-12: Saturday, February 24, 12–3 pm
- Graphic Novel Club, Ages 9-12: Wednesday, February 28, 5–6 pm
- Prom Attire Swap Drop Off, February 20-27

*Registration Required
History Hounds: Bodyguards of the Cumberland: The Story of the 9th Michigan Infantry, Tuesday, February 6, 12-1 pm

History Hounds: An Auto Disaster: The 1927 Briggs Manufacturing Tragedy, Tuesday, February 20, 12-1 pm

Tinker Tuesdays, Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm
Open MakerLab: Wednesdays, 10 am-Noon

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

Upcoming Closings:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
PRESIDENTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:
OPENING AT 10 AM
Interested in supporting Library programs?

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

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.

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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