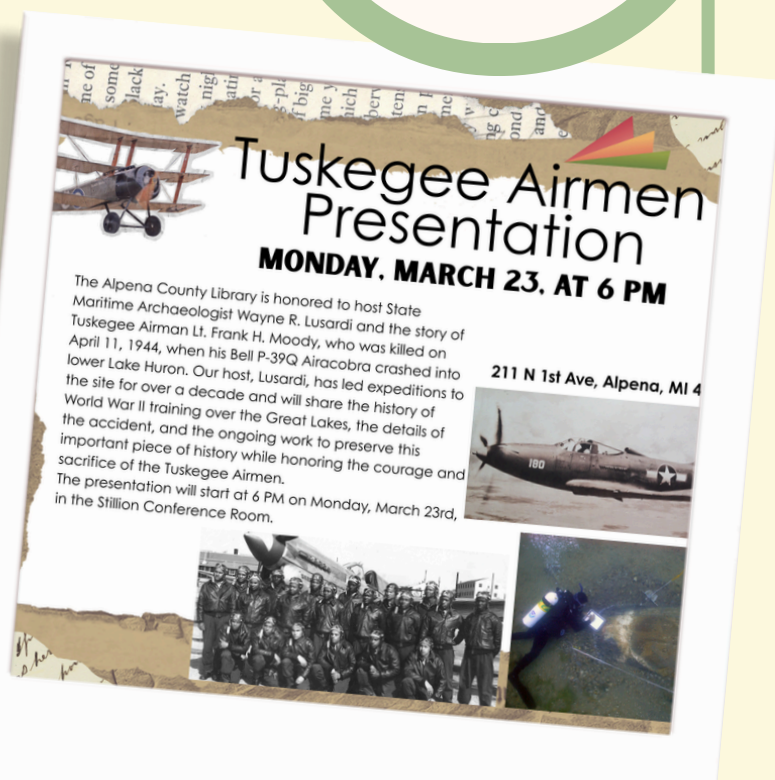


Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

Beyond the Stacks

Delayed Opening

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



February 2026

211 N. First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707

989.356.6188 www.alpenalibrary.org

Library News

The Alpena County Library's website is currently migrating to a new platform! During March, updates will not appear on the site as we complete this transition. We're working behind the scenes to bring you an improved online experience. For the most up-to-date information on programs and events, please follow us on social media or call the library directly.





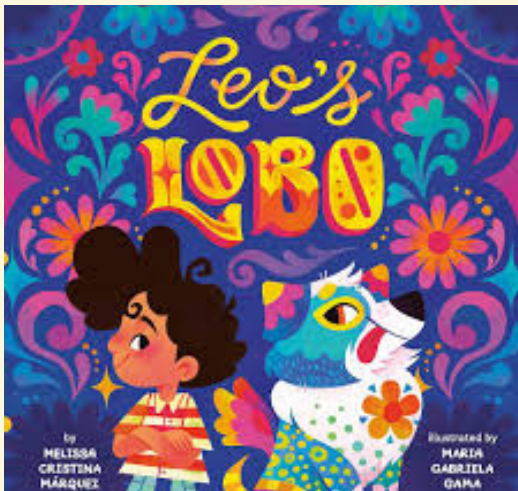
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We've missed you! In 2025 the Alpena Friends of the Library went to an email newsletter through the Alpena Library newsletter. It appears this email effort has not reached all our prior members and if you are one of those members, we apologize. Please reconsider your membership with the Friends of the Library for 2026. Our group works hard to support our library as a valuable community resource and we hope you will want to join us. Here are some of the ways that the FOL contributed to our library in the past year.

- We opened the Hidden Book Store that is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 2:00.
- We fund Kanopy, Bookpage Magazine, Mango, and ComicsPlus
- We transitioned Blizzard of Books into "Spring into Reading" which supplies books to underprivileged children in the school district.
- We supported the summer reading program with various activities and books including the foam party which was a big hit!
- We fund the Alpena Garden Club to maintain the beautiful gardens at the library.
- We supported the Library staff with Downtown Dollars gift cards at Christmas in appreciation of all their hard work.
- We purchased over \$2000 of new much needed equipment for the library (book carts, shelving carts, label maker and printer).
- We held our annual used book sale which puts used books back into readers hands and raises money to support our various projects.
- We replaced the missing book on the children's garden sculpture.

We have been able to accomplish these things through the sales at our Hidden Book Store and our annual used book sale and most importantly the membership dues and support of our members. We are also looking for additional members for the FOL Board. Please consider your membership for 2026 as we look forward to an exciting year in working to support our library.

March Recs

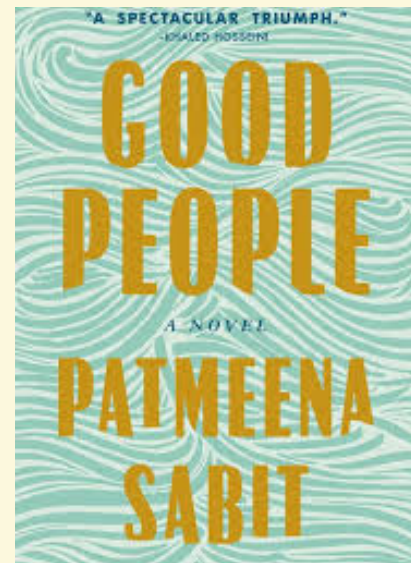


J Fic

Leo is on the search for the "perfect" pet and stumbles upon one in an unexpected place. But in this colorful and quirky picture book, he quickly learns that sometimes raising a pet requires a village.

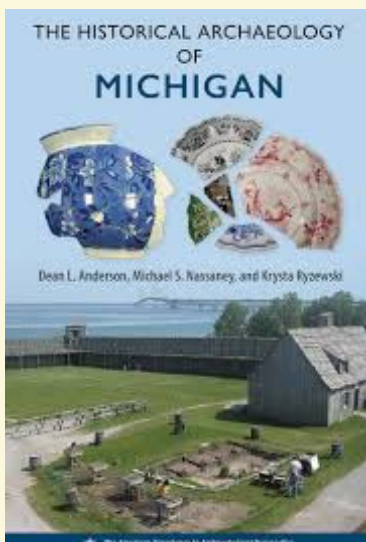
Fic

In the wake of an unthinkable tragedy, an immigrant family with a bright future is left reeling as their idea of the American dream is crushed.



Non-Fic

Michigan has long been an incubator for invention, technology, and creativity. This book explores this legacy through the historical archaeology of the past four hundred years in the state, illustrating how Michigan's history reflects the broader American experience through themes of entrepreneurship, immigration, capitalism, and civil rights.



March Programs

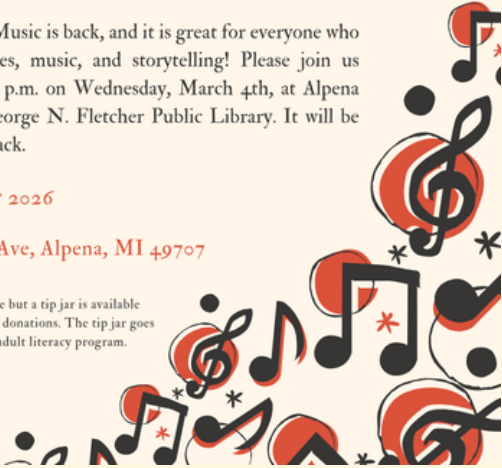
WE ARE INVITING YOU!

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, March 4th, at Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. It will be very laid-back.

March 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.



Beyond Differences

A friendship club for all promoting kindness, inclusion, and acceptance.
Ages 12-21



Friday, March 6th

4:15-5:30 pm

Stillion Conference Room at the Alpena County Library

Registration appreciated but not required!



<https://bit.ly/48YH>

PAC is a group of adults who are passionate about improving library programs and services. Members meet quarterly to discuss ideas and plan events and programs centered around making the library a friendly space in our community.

Registration required.
Link: <http://bit.ly/3IHv1rQ>

5:30 - 6:30 PM

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DIY POP ART STYLE SELF-PORTRAITS

AGES 12-17

REGISTER AT
BIT.LY/45YP7LC

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
1:30-3:30 PM

CONTACT JHODGES@ALPENALIBRARY.ORG
FOR MORE INFO!

AN EVENING OF PRE-WAR BLUES MUSIC

5:30 - 7:30 PM
MARCH 19TH

An Evening of Pre-War Blues Music is a musical and historical survey of the Blues from the turn of the 20th Century until World War II. It covers the heavy hitters of acoustic blues music from Blind Lemon Jefferson to Charley Patton, Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, and more. Discover the artist on Facebook!
<https://bit.ly/3OcfLku>



DIY BEESWAX FOOD WRAPS

Ditch the plastic and try a simple, eco-friendly alternative! In this hands-on program, participants will learn how to make their own reusable beeswax wraps—perfect for wrapping sandwiches, covering bowls, or storing snacks. All materials will be provided.
Ages 18+, Free
Registration Required: <https://bit.ly/4ttJpqc>

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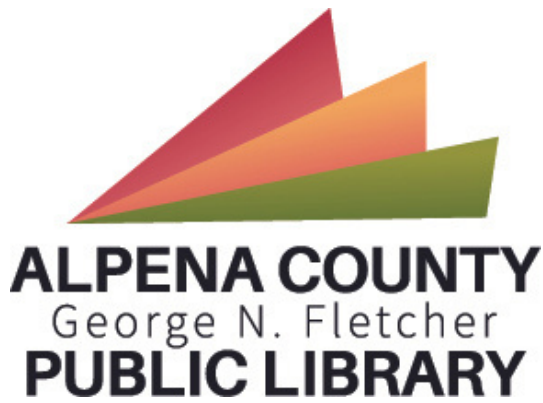
Visit the [library events calendar](#) for all of our upcoming programs!

MARCH



2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p>Sewing Club: 1 - 3 PM</p> <p>Pokémon Club 5 - 6 PM</p>	<p>Early Connections. 10 - 11 AM</p> <p>Puppet Show 4 - 4:30 PM</p> <p>Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Library opens @ 10 AM</p> <p>Tot Spot 10 - 11 AM</p> <p>Words and Music 1 - 2 PM</p>	<p>Weekly Storytime 9:30 - 10 AM</p>	<p>Beyond Differences 4:15 - 5:30 PM</p>	
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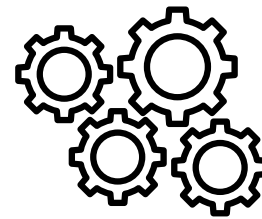
Located in downtown Alpena, the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library was established in 1967 as a county library. Dedicated to serving as a regional gathering place for learning and quality cultural experiences, the Library also acts as a primary resource for historical research, enrichment 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**