July 2024

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library

Between the Stacks

Delayed Opening

July 10th
The library will open at 10 AM due to a staff meeting.

Closed

July 4th
The library will be closed in observance of the fourth of July.

Save the Date

Climb, run, and leap to celebrate the end of Summer Reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show! Open to everyone.
July 27th

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

Adventure Begins at YOUR Library! Mark your calendars we will have a fantastic program finale for all-ages on July 27th! This year’s program is still filled with fun activities for all ages! You don’t want to miss it! Help us reach our community goal of 300,000 minutes of reading. For more information you can contact the Youth Services Department at 989.356.6188 Ext 23.

Still open for registration!

July 27th stop by and enjoy our kickoff performer Joel Tacey and his “Indiana Joel’s Magic Show” at 1 - 2 PM.

Climb, run, and leap to celebrate the end of summer reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show! Adventure is brought to an end at the library through amazing magic, wacky stunts, upbeat music, and lots of audience participation. Stop by to enjoy our grand finale to the summer reading program. Open to everyone!

- Outdoor games
- VR experiences
- Book Bucks Store
- Live music
- Food trucks

Make sure your reading log is up to date by July 27th. Prizes will still be open for redemption through August.
New Releases

**Picture Book:**

A joyful, encouraging ode to a mother and son's relationship and a child's first swimming lessons. Because jumping into the water can be more than a little scary!

**Adult Fiction:**

A delightful Caribbean-set romcom about an ambitious designer of apocalyptic video games with a strategy for (almost) everything who discovers what happens when her best-laid plans go off course.

**Adult Nonfiction:**

The definitive, dramatic, minute-by-minute story of the Challenger disaster based on new archival research and in-depth reporting.
How long have you worked at the Library?
I started working at the library in 2018.

What do you like best about working at the Library?
The best part about working at the Library is its accessibility for anyone to learn, read, research, and relax. It’s a highlight of my day to see children show off a craft they made upstairs, viewing people’s faces light up when they find a particular book or movie, and being able to help people with technology questions.

Do you have any hobbies you enjoy? What are they?
I love taking walks, kayaking, swimming, and yoga. To unwind, I also enjoy watching movies, reading books, and collecting hats.

What is your favorite book? Why?
There are simply too many wonderful books that have impacted my life over the years to choose only one. My fascination with Greek mythology stems from reading Rick Riordan’s Percy Jackson and the Olympians series as a child but as an adult, I was riveted reading Madeline Miller’s The Song of Achilles and Costanza Casati’s Clytemnestra.

If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, who would they be? Why?
I would invite Abraham Lincoln, Leonardo da Vinci, Jane Austen, and Mary Shelley. Abraham Lincoln because he seemed to have a quick wit, a good sense of humor, and incalculable perseverance in the midst of overwhelming tragedy. Leonardo da Vinci because I would want to learn more about his life, his inventions, but mostly his art. Jane Austen and Mary Shelley because they were female pioneers whose literary masterpieces pushed the boundaries of societal expectations.
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Library of Things

**Adventure Backpack:** step into nature with binoculars, magnifier, flower press, and bug catchers

**Sorry! Game Giant Edition**

**Monopoly:** a multiplayer economics-themed board game. In the game, players roll the dice to move around the game board, buying and trading properties. Then developing them with houses and hotels.
Community Partnership

Community Partnership with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. **Thursday, July 11th,** at the Maritime Heritage Center. **Doors open at 6:30 PM,** and the presentation **begins at 7 PM.** Then on Friday, at 10 AM, join the author, Barb Barton, at the library for coffee and doughnuts to get to know her better and ask any questions from Thursday’s lecture.

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**Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan**

**Presented by Barb Barton**

*“Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan”*

Author Barb Barton presents her award-winning book about the rich tradition of wild rice in Michigan and its importance to the Anishinaabek people who live here.

*Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan* focuses on the biology, history, and culture surrounding the State of Michigan’s native grain and the efforts to restore and protect it across the landscape. The story travels through time from the days before European colonization and winds its way forward in and out of the logging and industrialization eras. It weaves between the worlds of the Anishinaabek and the colonizers, contrasting their different perspectives and divergent relationships with Manoomin. Barton discusses historic wild rice beds that once existed in Michigan, why many disappeared, and the efforts of tribal and nontribal people with a common goal of restoring and protecting Manoomin across the landscape.

“Barton brings us the untold story of one of Michigan’s iconic natural resources—its cultural and historical importance, its mistreatment and demise, and the seeds of hope for its future recovery. She writes with deep reverence and careful scholarship, in a warm style that makes me want to paddle the backwaters of Michigan’s rivers and lakes, searching for lost stands of this amazing grass.” —Samuel Thayer, author of *The Forager’s Harvest: A Guide to Identifying, Harvesting, and Preparing Edible Wild Plants, Nature’s Garden: A Guide to Identifying, Harvesting, and Preparing Edible Wild Plants, and Incredible Wild Edibles: 36 Plants That Can Change Your Life*

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Barb Barton, photo taken by Myrna Jacobs

**FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, July 11th

6:30pm Doors Open
7:00pm Presentation

at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

thunderbay.noaa.gov
July Programs

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

The Friends of the Alpena Library have opened their used book store. They are open Wednesday’s 10 AM - 2 PM. They are accepting donations for the Friends of the Library book sale in August.

The Friends Board is always welcoming new members! Learn more about how to join the Friends.
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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