

Between the Stacks

Monthly Newsletter

April 2024



“April was just beginning, and after the warm spring day it turned cooler, slightly frosty, and a breath of spring could be felt in the soft, cold air.”
~ Anton Chekhov



Program Spotlight



New Releases



Save the Date!



READ Adult Literacy Program

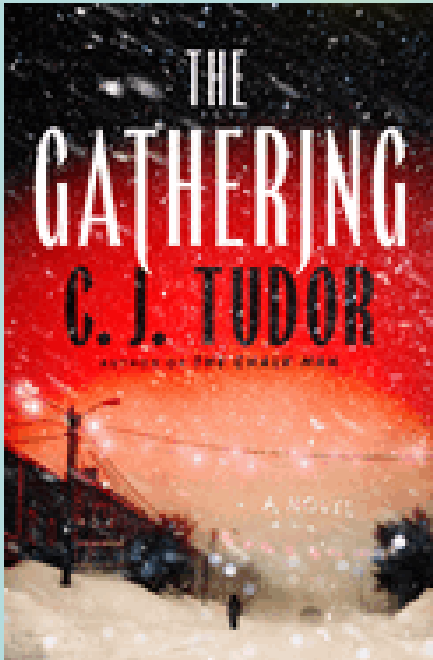
Our amazing READ Coordinators, Leslie and Pat are looking for new tutors to help with English as a Second Language students. READ will provide training to anyone interested, tutoring is a volunteer opportunity to change people's lives with a weekly commitment of 3-4 hours.

Contact the READ office at 989.356.6188 ext 15 or readprogram@alpenalibrary.org to learn how you can make a difference!

The READ Adult Literacy Program provides FREE confidential tutoring to adults needing reading help, learning English as a second language (ESL), or studying for their GED.

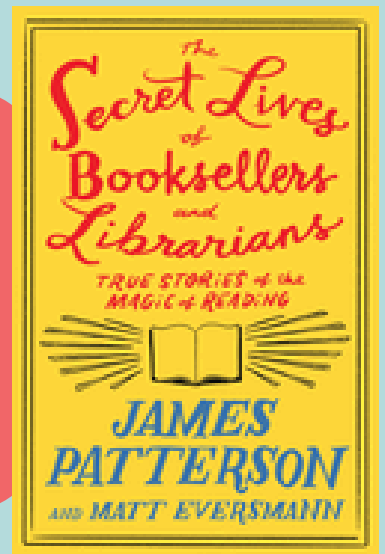


NEW RELEASES AND UPCOMING TITLES!



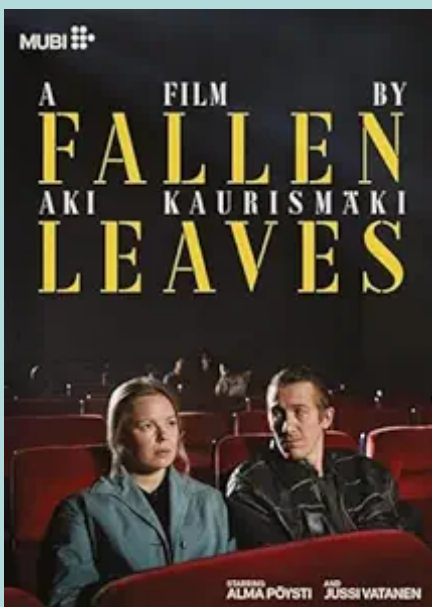
“A detective investigating a grisly crime in rural Alaska finds herself caught up in the dark secrets and superstitions of a small town in this riveting novel from the acclaimed author of *The Chalk Man*.”

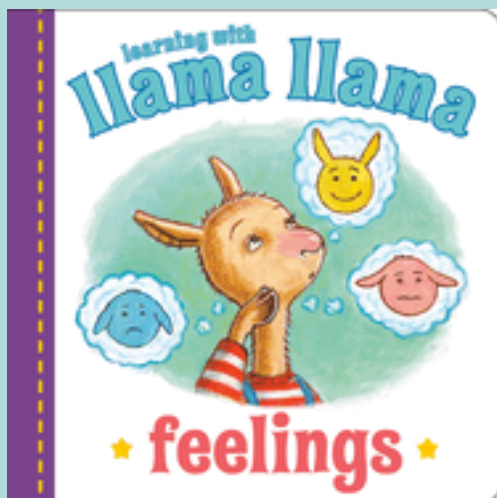
“This “celebration of the world of books” (Kirkus) is filled with true stories from the booksellers and librarians--the superheroes of reading--as told to the greatest storyteller of our time, James Patterson.”



In modern-day Helsinki, two lonely souls in search of love meet by chance in a karaoke bar. However, their path to happiness is beset by obstacles - from lost phone numbers to mistaken addresses, alcoholism, and a charming stray dog.

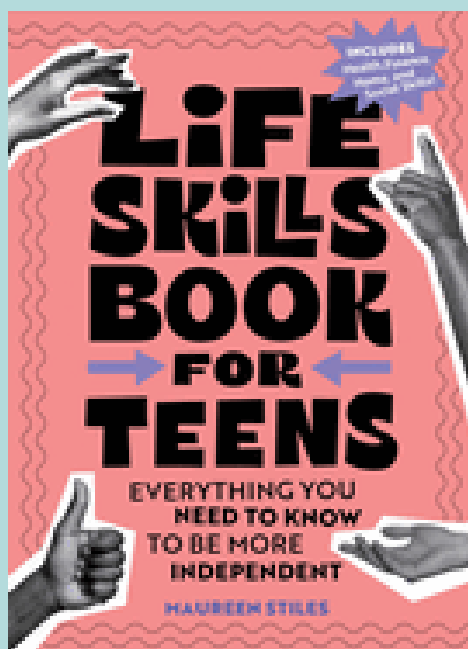
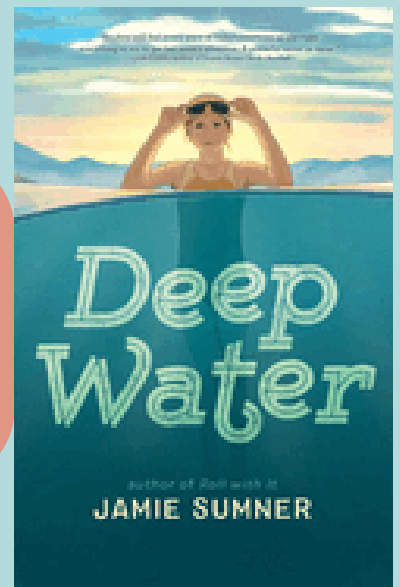
Unrated. Finnish with English subtitles.





"Sometimes Llama Llama feels happy and other times he feels sad. Sometimes he is excited and sometimes angry. Join Llama Llama as he gets ready for bed and experiences the universal highs and lows that all kids get at bedtime"

Twelve-year-old Tully's attempt to swim across Lake Tahoe after a heartbreaking loss and become the youngest person to complete the famous "Godfather swim" takes a dangerous turn, forcing her to choose between safety and a win that could change everything.



"How do you create a budget? Clean a bathroom? Make a doctor's appointment? If you're feeling a little overwhelmed by the responsibilities of growing up, you're not alone--and the Life Skills Book for Teens is here to help! It includes straightforward advice for handling your money, health, home, relationships, and more so you can take on adulthood with confidence.."

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF: MEG

How long have you worked at the Library?

I've worked at the library for around 16 years in various departments, beginning in Special Collections, to Reference, and Technical Processing.

What do you like best about working at the Library?

I love to see all the new books arrive and process them, and I also enjoy meeting the community when I fill in on the public desks. A successful book recommendation or hooking someone up with a Mel database that is particularly useful to their life has always been a happiness to me.

Do you have any hobbies you enjoy?

My hobbies include knitting, spinning wool, reading omnivorously, and listening to YouTube videos in various subject areas such as health, cooking, psychology, history, and literature.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book . . . I have many, but one is a children's book called "A is for Annabelle", by Tasha Tudor. I tend to favor 19th Century British literature..

If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, whom would they be?

If I could invite four people to a dinner party, I would like to ask C.S. Lewis, Charlotte Bronte, Tolkien, and Dorothy Sayers - because I've loved their work, and they were complex people of varied interests and very well-read.



April Program Highlights

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

2024 Solar Eclipse
Pre-celebration!



Crafts,
activities,
and more!
Fun for all
ages!

Saturday, April 6 10AM- 2PM

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Bring Your Own Lunch and Musical
Appetite to Join Dr. Tom for

WORDS
& MUSIC



NOON HOUR DROP-IN CONCERT

ALPENA COUNTY GEORGE N. FLETCHER PUBLIC LIBRARY
211 N. FIRST AVE, ALPENa

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

APRIL 10 THE SONGS OF JOHNNY MERCER

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

SINGING THE GOOD OLD SONGS AGAIN

FEATURING GRAY BRANDT AND
JACKIE DAVIDSON

Saturday, April 27th
1PM-2:30PM

MUSIC!

HUMOR!

FUN!



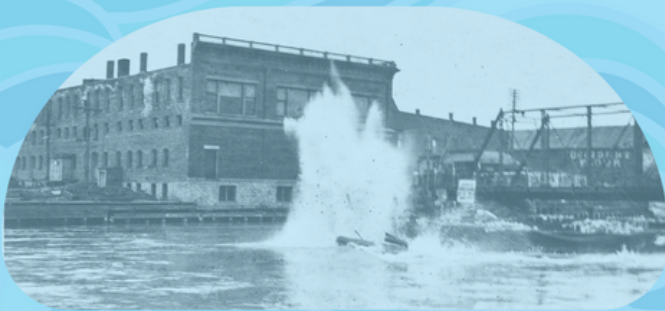
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Questions? cstjohn@alpenalibrary.org

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Alpena Flood of 1923



Join the Library and Besser Museum for
Jim Johnson's captivating story about the
1923 disaster and the environmental
factors that preceded it. Explore the
question: Could history repeat itself? Don't
miss this opportunity to find out!

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6 pm in the Judith Stillion
Room - 211 N First Ave
Alpena, MI

Visit the Library Events Calendar
for all of our upcoming
programs!

Save the Date for these upcoming author events!

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm: Michigan Notable Book

Author John Smolens

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 pm: Author Mike Nagle presents:

E.B. Ward: The Forgotten Iron King of the Great Lakes

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm: Spring into Romance with authors Lyssa Kay Adams, Sonia Hartl, Kelly Ohlert, and

Meryl Wilsner



AN
EVENING
WITH
Shelby Van Pelt

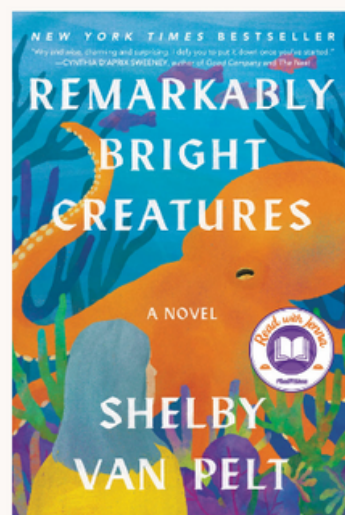
Best-Selling Author
of
"Remarkably Bright
Creatures"

Presented by the Alpena
County George N. Fletcher
Public Library

Monday, June 3, 2024

7:00 pm

Alpena High School
Auditorium



Friends of the Library Update

The Friends of the Library Board will hold their Annual Meeting, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm to elect Officers for the 2024-25 term.

All are welcome!

The Friends Board is always welcoming new members! [Learn more about how to join the Friends.](#)

Upcoming
Closings:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:
OPENING AT 10 AM



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.

**FIND ALL OF THE LATEST
INFO AT
WWW.ALPENALIBRARY.ORG**



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