

# Between the Stacks

Monthly Newsletter

March 2024



“One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring.”  
~ Aldo Leopold



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# Try it Before You Buy it: Cricut Machine



Are you thinking about getting a Cricut machine? Are you undecided and want to try it out first? Our new series, Try it Before You Buy it, begins March 16th, 9:30- 12 pm! Participants can customize a tote bag while learning how to use the Cricut machine!

Space is limited, and registration is required. Register online: <https://forms.gle/Fz8RCnZMWsJTrJJp6> or call 989-356-6188 x 11.

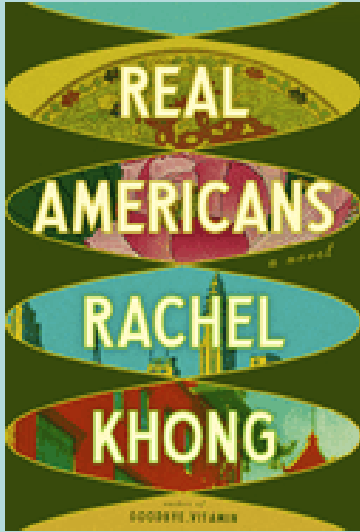


## February Highlights!





# NEW RELEASES AND UPCOMING TITLES!

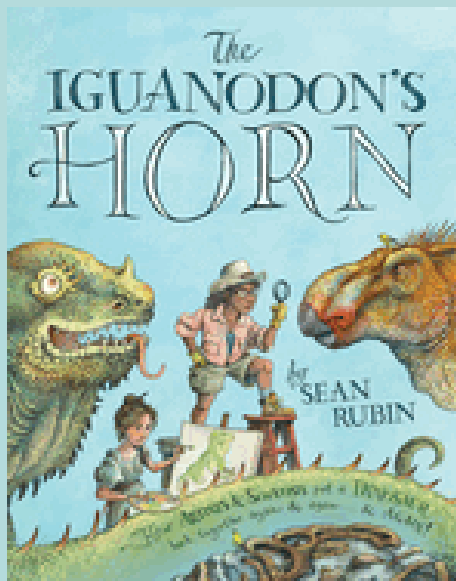


“An exhilarating novel of American identity that spans three generations in one family, and asks: What makes us who we are? And how inevitable are our futures?”

“A damning portrait of the dire realities of retirement in the United States—and how we can fix it.”

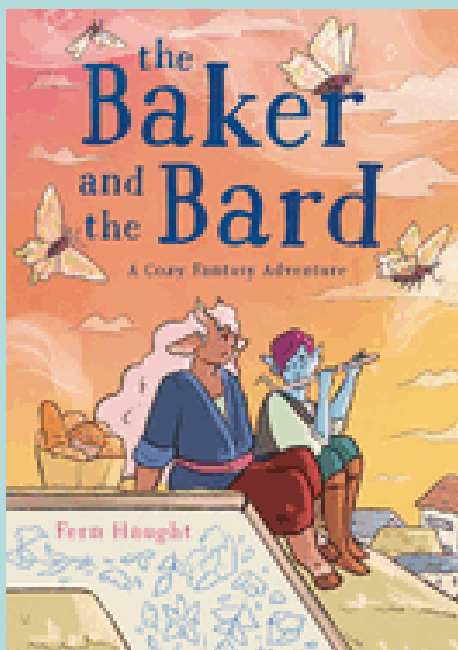
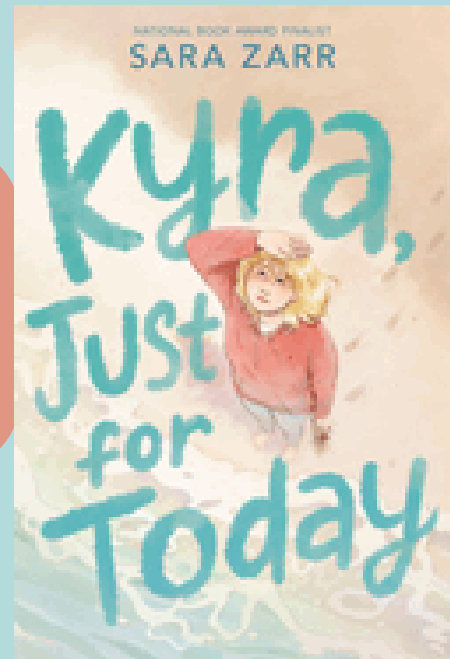


In “Wish,” Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force—a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe—the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico—to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.



“Highlighting the role of artists in the scientific process, this crowd-pleasing look at dinosaurs explores how new discoveries deepen our understanding of the world.”

“From award-winning author Sara Zarr comes a gorgeously crafted and deeply personal story about a young girl, her alcoholic mother, and the hope that ties them together.”



"In this debut YA graphic novel, two best friends set out on an errand, only to instead find a magical adventure involving an odd fey creature and a herd of giant caterpillars.."

# **MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF: JAMES**

## **How long have you worked at the Library?**

I have worked at the Library since July 2022

## **What do you like best about working at the Library?**

I enjoy interacting and making connections with our patrons. Especially fun is being able to recommend and point out books I believe they would enjoy. I also lead the Pokemon Club for kids here at the library and that is a lot of fun for all involved.

## **Do you have any hobbies you enjoy?**

My hobbies are of course books, mainly fantasy and some sci-fi. I also play video games on my Xbox Series X, mostly RPG games and shooters. Of course, I enjoy everything Pokemon and have since I was 10. My last main hobby would be to collect and play Magic: the Gathering, which is a trading card game.

## **What is your favorite book?**

Favorite book is a tough one. So many have influenced me and I have loved so many stories. But if I have to choose I would say the Belgariad series by David Eddings, as well as the sequel series the Mallorean. I love it because it is a fantasy adventure with the typical trope of the chosen one slaying evil. It also is much more than that. I read it at around 14, and the story is about growing up, finding one's place in the world, and finding one's family. The series has magic, adventure, humor, heart, some terror/horror, and very memorable characters.

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

Well, I would love to see my passed grandparents again so that's two. I think that Sir Isaac Newton may be fun, for both me and my grandfather, who was a physicist with Dow Chemical. I think the last person would be my girlfriend so she could meet my grandparents as she never knew them, only the influence they had on me. I think they'd like her a lot.



# March Programs



## Youth Programs

- Early Connections Ages 0–5: Tuesdays, 10 –11 am
- Prom Attire Swap: March 1, 3–6 pm and March 2, 12–3 pm
- Teen Murder Mystery Dinner: Ages 13–18: March 8, 5–6:30 pm
- Family Storytime: Ages 3–7, March 9, 10–11 am
- TAB Meeting: Ages 12–18, March 13, 5:30–6:30 pm
- Teen/Tween Laser Tag\*: March 23, Ages 9–18, 10–11:30 am
- Graphic Novel Club: ages 9–12, March 28, 5–6 pm
- Lego Club: Ages 6–12 March 11 & 25, 5–6 pm

## Adult Programs

- Puzzle Swap: March 2, 9 am–4 pm
- Try Before You Buy: Cricut Workshop\*: March 16, 9:30 am–12 pm
- The Women Who Shaped Alpena: March 18, 7–8:30 pm

## All-Ages

- Family Yoga: March 30, 10–11 am
- Tinker Tuesday: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 4:00 p.m. –5:30 pm
- Open MakerLab: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 a.m.– 12:00 pm
- Tech Help: Monday–Thursday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

\*Registration Required





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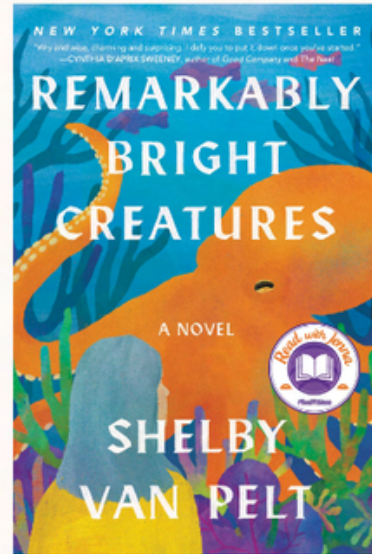
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of  
"Remarkably Bright  
Creatures"

Presented by the Alpena  
County George N. Fletcher  
Public Library

Monday, June 3, 2024

7:00 pm

Alpena High School  
Auditorium



# MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS



Take a look at the 2024 Selections!

# WE ARE HIRING

Are you a creative and organized individual with a passion for libraries, books, and community engagement? The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library is on the lookout for a dynamic Marketing and Programming Coordinator to join our dedicated team and help us make the library a vibrant hub for our community!

The role of the Library Marketing and Program Coordinator involves a commitment of 29 hours per week, with a requirement for availability during evenings and weekends. The initial compensation for this position ranges from \$16.75 to \$18.26, determined by a combination of education and experience. The comprehensive benefits package encompasses paid time off and health, vision, and dental coverage.

If you're excited about the prospect of being a crucial part of our library's success, please submit your resume and cover letter to [dgreenacre@alpenalibrary.org](mailto:dgreenacre@alpenalibrary.org). Applications will be accepted until March 5, 2024. A full job description can be found here: <https://bit.ly/49y7OQY>.

Join us in creating a library that's not just a place with books, but a dynamic center for learning, discovery, and community connection!

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Upcoming  
Closings:

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13: 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](http://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**