

May 2025

# Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

## Between the Stacks



### Delayed Opening

May 14th, the  
library will open  
at 10 AM.

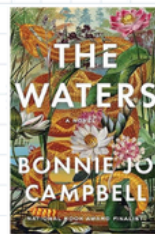
211 N. First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707  
989.356.6188 [www.alpenalibrary.org](http://www.alpenalibrary.org)

### Closed

The Library will be  
closed May 26th.

## AUTHOR EVENT

Michigan Notable Book and best-selling author Bonnie Jo Campbell will be speaking about her book *The Waters: A Novel* on Friday, May 23rd at 11 am. *The Waters* takes place in the fictional Great Massasauga Swamp—an area known as “The Waters” to the residents of nearby Whiteheart, Michigan.



Save the Date!



May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



11:00 AM



211 N 1st Ave, Alpena, MI 49707

BONNIE JO  
CAMPBELL

Author

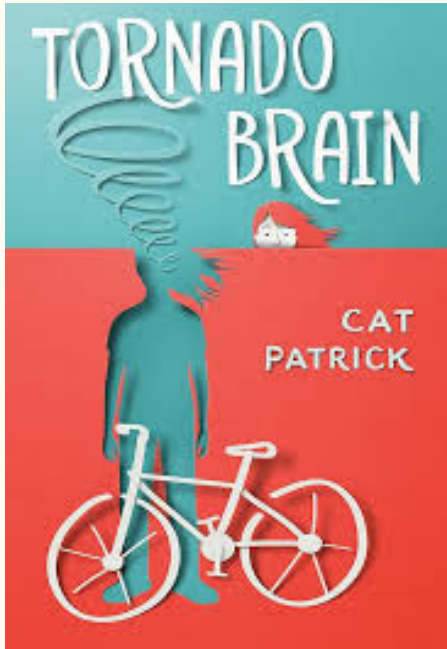




#BigLibraryRead, a digital book club connecting readers to the same ebook & audiobook with no waitlists or holds, starts May 15th! The featured title is 'Uncommon Measure' by Natalie Hodges. Borrow the featured title and join the discussion: <https://link.overdrive.com/biglibraryreadmay2025>



# Autism Representation Recs!



## J Fic:

Frankie, a neurodivergent 7th grader is determined to find her missing best friend before it's too late. A powerful story of friendship, sisters, and forgiveness.

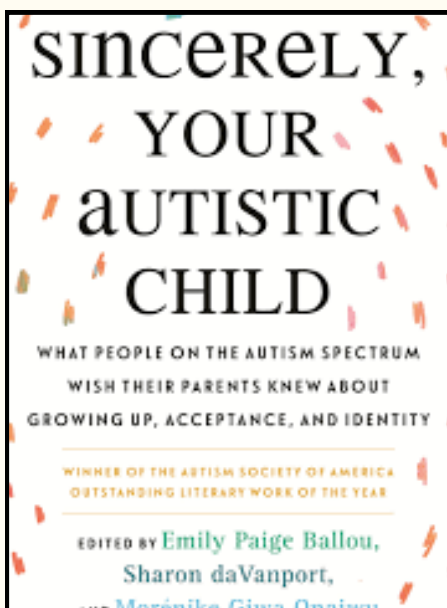
## Adult Fiction:

Opposites become allies to fool their matchmaking friends in this swoony reimagining of Shakespeare's beloved comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*.



## Nonfiction:

A diverse collection of autistic voices that highlights how parents can avoid common mistakes and misconceptions, and make their child feel truly accepted, valued, and celebrated for who they are.





May 2025

# Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library and staff are thrilled to have the children's statue completed again! The steel replacement of the book was crafted by students at the Industrial Arts Institute and installed by Moran Iron Works in Onaway. Moran Ironworks was also kind enough to donate the materials and labor to finish this project.



Thank you to the Industrial Arts Institute for creating our book and a huge thank you for the generosity and time Moran Ironworks showed to the Alpena County Library.

*Thank  
you*

May 2025

# May Programs



COME MAKE A  
**Fascinator!**

MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025 • 5-6:30 PM  
211 N 1ST AVE, ALPENA, MI 49707

Recommended for ages 8+.  
Participants will make a statement with a headband or ball cap they will decorate with a variety of art supplies inspired by Kentucky Derby fashion! While supplies last.



## Character Snack Party

May 10th,  
11:30-1:30  
All ages

Come meet some of your favorite characters and take a picture with them. Crafts, activities, and a small snack will be provided.

211 N 1st Ave, Alpena, MI 49707

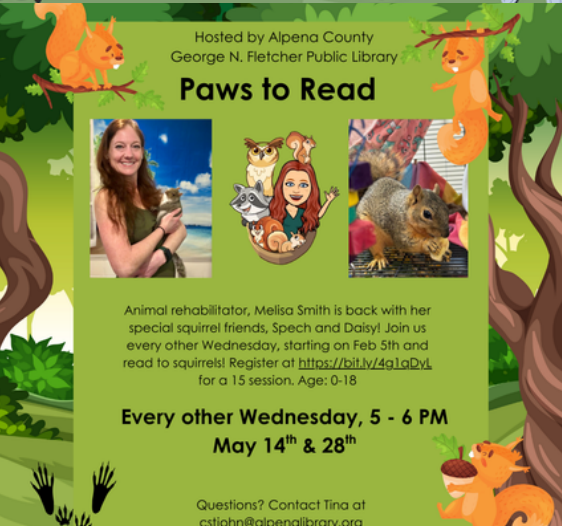


Bring Your Own Lunch and Musical Appetite to join **Dr. Tom** for

**Words & Music**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Noon

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library  
211 N. First Ave, Alpena  
[www.alpenalibrary.org](http://www.alpenalibrary.org)



Hosted by Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

## Paws to Read

Animal rehabilitator, Melissa Smith is back with her special squirrel friends, Speck and Daisy! Join us every other Wednesday, starting on Feb 5th and read to squirrels! Register at <https://bit.ly/4q1aDvL> for a 15 session. Age: 0-18

Every other Wednesday, 5 - 6 PM  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact Tina at [csjohn@alpenalibrary.org](mailto:csjohn@alpenalibrary.org)



## NO SEW PILLOWS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
5 - 6:30 PM

During registration participants will select the fleece fabric they will use during the event. Then during the event participants will cut, knot, and stuff the pillows to their preference. Age 18+

Link: <http://bit.ly/42v0gxD>

11 N 1ST AVE, ALPENA, MI 49707



## DND One-shot

with Cassia

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6:00 pm  
Ages 12-18

Only 6 spots are available: Link to register <https://bit.ly/3BrZir3>

Start and finish a shorter Dungeons and Dragons campaign through one-shot. The program is open to first-time DND players and those who have campaign experience.

211 N 1st Ave, Alpena, MI 49707

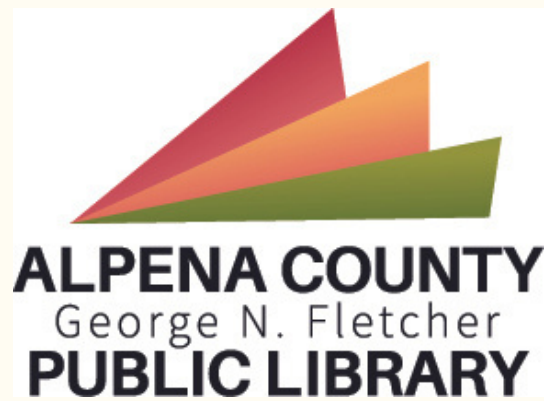


Visit the library events calendar for all of our upcoming programs!

# May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	2 Make a Fascinator 5 - 6:30 PM	3
4	5 Lego Club 5 - 6 PM	6 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	7 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM	8 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	9	10 Character Snack Party 11:30- 1:30
11	12 Pokemon Club 5 - 6 PM	13 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	14 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Words & Music 12 - 1 PM Paws to Read 5 - 6 Library opens @10	15 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	16 Beyond Differences 5 - 6:45 PM	17
18	19 Lego Club 5 - 6 PM	20 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	21 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM	22 Weekly Storytime 9:15 - 10 AM	23 Michigan Notable Author 11AM - 1 PM No Sew Pillows 5 - 6:30 PM	24 Wildlife Education 1:30 - 3:30
25	26 Library Closed	27 Early Connections 10 - 11 AM Tinker Tuesday 4 - 5:30	28 Open MakerLab 10 - 12 PM Paws to Read 5 - 6 PM	29	30 DND Shorts 3:30 - 6	31





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.

**Monday 9-7pm,  
Tuesday 9-7pm  
Wednesday 9-7pm,  
Thursday 9-7pm  
Friday 9-7pm,  
Saturday 9-4pm  
Sunday CLOSED,  
Holidays CLOSED**