



# Friends of the Alpena County Library Newsletter



## Used Book Sale

After two years without a Used Book Sale, the Friends of the Library are happy to tell you that the 2022 sale is on. If you haven't yet gathered up the books you want to donate, now is the time to go through your bookcases and make room for what you plan to buy at the sale. The Friends will be selling canvas library bags at the regular price of \$5.00 but we will also have free biodegradable bags to put your purchases in.

Here are the dates you need to know:

**July 25<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>** - We'll be collecting books during this time. Stop in to the library desk to donate your used books.

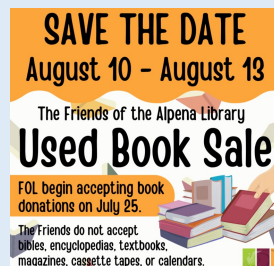
**August 6, 8 & 9** is when we will be sorting the books. We will need volunteers for sorting! Volunteering at the sorting tables will give you a sneak peek of what's available. Being a member of the Friends of the Library will allow you to shop on the Pre-Sale date. If you aren't already a member, it only costs \$10 so be sure to join and sign up to volunteer to sort books so you can get early access to purchase.

**August 10 from 6 to 8 pm.** The Pre-Sale date is Wednesday.

**August 11, 9 am to 7 pm.** The first full sale day is Thursday.

**August 12, 9 am to 6 pm.** The second full sale day is Friday.

**August 13, 9 am to noon.** The last sale day - also Bag Day - is Saturday.



Prices have not increased from the last book sale. We hope you will come to the sale for some bargains! Pegg Thomas, Spinners & Knitters club, is donating a handspun and knitted shawl. Tune in to find out how it could be yours.



## All Ages Summer Reading Program!

The Alpena County Library's Summer Reading Program ends Saturday, July 23 with a Summer Reading Celebration for children and teens! The festivities kick off at 10:00am with a puppet performance by MellyPop! Productions followed by crafts, games, and treats from 10:45am to 2:00p. The puppet show is ideal for children ages 3 to 10, but all are welcome and no registration is necessary.

There's still time to sign up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program! Youth (ages 3-9) earn a free drawstring backpack after logging 800 minutes read; tweens (ages 9-12) and teens (ages 12-18) earn a free book after 800 minutes read. Help Alpena reach 200,000 total minutes read by July 22 to unlock the Community Prizes! Get started today by downloading the FREE Beanstack app to your smartphone or device or by visiting <https://alpenalibrary.beanstack.org>. Once you've created an account, join the 2022 Summer Reading Program that best fits your age and interests! If you already have a Beanstack account, you do not need to create another; simply log in to your account and join the 2022 challenge!

Please contact Sara with questions at [sgrochowski@alpenalibrary.org](mailto:sgrochowski@alpenalibrary.org) or (989) 356-6188 ext 25."

# Do you want to participate in some free library classes and clubs?

## Here are some great ideas for you!

Every youth participant will earn a Dav Pilkey Dragon drawstring bag after reading 800 minutes!

### Summer Reading Celebration!



Saturday, July 23  
10:00am - 2:00pm

MellyPop! Puppet Show  
10:00 - 10:45am



Tweens & teens earn a free book for 800 minutes read.

If Alpena reaches 200,000 TOTAL MINUTES READ in 6 weeks, each age group will earn ONE community prize!

#### Youth Community Prizes

Magic Show	Character Visit	Animal Visit
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#### Tween Community Prizes

Laser Tag Night	After Hours Lock-in	Escape Room
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#### Teen Community Prizes

Gaming Tournament	Overnight Lock-in	Laser Tag Night
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#### Adult Community Prizes

Outdoor Reading Nook	Outdoor Game Kit	Outdoor Movie Kit
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### How do I vote for community prizes?

Each participant automatically receives one virtual community prize ticket in Beanstack to vote for their #1 choice.

Participants may earn extra community prize tickets by reading more than 800 minutes and by attending library programs!

Find the full calendar of events on our website and Facebook.



Alpena County Library presents

# Family Storytime

at Alpena Farmers' Market  
Mich-E-Ke-Wis Park

Visit the Library's tent to hear stories, participate in movement and songs, and complete an activity or craft.

Bring your own blanket or chairs!

Saturdays from 10:00am - 11:00am

June 18	July 16	August 13
July 2	July 30	August 27

Best for children ages 3-7. No registration necessary!

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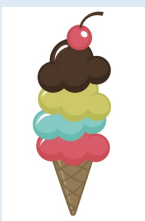
# Anime Club

Every Thursday  
3:15pm - 4:30pm

in the Stillion Conference Room  
Free and open to teens ages 12 to 18!

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**Anime Club** – Every Thursday at 3 pm in the Stillion Conference Room. This club is open to ages 12 to 18. No club meeting on July 28.



GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

# PLAYGROUP

AT ALPENA COUNTY LIBRARY

FREE AND OPEN TO AGES 0-5!

CAREGIVERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SHORT STORYTIME, CRAFTS, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, SOCIAL/PLAY ACTIVITIES, AND MATH ACTIVITIES WITH THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN!

TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM  
JULY 19 AND AUGUST 9 & 23

CALL (989) 356-6188 EXT 24 WITH QUESTIONS  
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Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library presents

Beginners welcome! Registration required.

# Sewing Club

Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Makerspace



The Friends of the Library want to give a big thank you to the Alpena Garden Club for their extraordinary efforts to beautify the library grounds. We appreciate all of the hard work you do to improve our community. Below are just some of the beautiful plantings.



Friends of the Library Members 2022 ~ We need and appreciate your support very much. Please check the listing below. If you don't see your name, you may have forgotten to send your dues for 2022. It's not too late – please use the form on the back page. If you have sent your 2022 dues but don't see your name here, please email the FOL at [alpenafol@yahoo.com](mailto:alpenafol@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Angela Addington  
Carolyn Anderson  
Janet & Dennis Artley  
Eulah Benson  
Margie & Dan Betoski  
Ruth Bregge  
William & Vicki Bridge  
Thomas & Karen Brindley  
Joan Chappa  
Theresa Ciarkowski  
Mary A. Comar  
Jodene Compton  
Bruce & Midge Connon  
Eric & Shelly Cornish  
Barbara Crittenden  
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Lois Ann Gibbs & Dan Kibbe  
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Michelle & Tom Greko  
Karen Grochowski  
Doug & Kathleen Hall  
Gerald & Ann Hardesty  
Audrey Heath  
Jackie Herbert  
Bradley Imhoff & Sarah Waters  
Kendra Kearly  
Carol Kindt  
Herb & Carol Knowlton  
Lew & Kathryn Kunze

Ellen LaCross  
Bernie & Nancy Lamp  
Ilene Larson  
Tom & Joan Lavoie  
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Debbie Ludwiczak  
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Marian Prieur-Bastow  
Carey Rapin  
Judy Reimann

Gregg Resnick & Yuko Fellows  
Sharon Rickard  
Margaret Ricker  
Audrey Seguin  
Pat & Jim Shaffer  
Steve & Meredith Sheridan  
Joyce Sobek  
Susan & Carl St. John  
Jere & Diana Standen  
Don & Jean Steward  
Lynn Stewart  
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**Join the Friends of the Library!**

*Take this form to the library, or mail it, with **your check payable to:***

**Friends of the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library**

211 North First Avenue Alpena, MI 49707      Membership Dues for January—December 2022

Individual.....\$10    Family.....\$20    Benefactor....\$50    Patron....\$100

Additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support program \_\_\_\_\_ (or will use "as needed")

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check your interests:**

Blizzard of Books     Used Book Sale     Receptions     Gardening (library beds)     Serve on FOL Board

**Don't forget you can support the Friends of the Library by signing up for AmazonSmile at zero cost to you!**  
The Friends of the Library have joined with AmazonSmile. Note that when you shop with AmazonSmile, Amazon will be donating 0.5% of every purchase you make to the **Friends of Alpena County Library**. This is at no additional cost to you.  
Please visit [smile.amazon.com/onthegeo](https://smile.amazon.com/onthegeo) to learn more.

The Friends of the Library board members are always looking for enthusiastic, knowledgeable people to help us help our Library. If this is something that interests you, we would love to have you join us. We meet the first Wednesday of each month in person but if you can't join us that way, you can join via a Zoom meeting. Please email the Friends at [alpenafol@aol.com](mailto:alpenafol@aol.com) if you have any questions. Thank you, and we hope to see some new faces!

**FOL GOALS**

- Secure materials beyond the library budget    - Provide library volunteers    - Present programs and activities    -Expand library offerings