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★ JOIN US FOR OUR
HOLIDAY
Open House ★
FOR THE
DR. GRACE O. DOANE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
★ COOKIES AND HOT DRINKS WILL
BE PROVIDED, ALONG WITH A
DIY BOOK ORNAMENT! ★
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
• 11:00AM - 1:00PM



Presents:



Cyber Security Class
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December 4th at 1:00pm

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ALDEN Public Library

Dates closed:

December 25

January 1

January 20

STORY TIME

EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

AT 10AM

FOR KIDS AGES 0-5



Dr. Grace O. Doane

ALDEN
Public Library

Silent Reading Club
Meeting the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month
10:00am - 11:00 a.m.

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YARN CLUB

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH FROM
1-2PM AT THE ALDEN
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Alden Public Library

Tuesdays are for students in grades K-3rd from 3:30-4:30.

Thursdays are for students in **grades 4th-6th** from 3:30-4:30.

Please visit alden.lib.ia.us to register OR stop in the library for forms.

December 2024

After School Program For Kids In Grades K-3rd
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

12/3/24 COOKING DAY Healthy Chocolate Pudding	12/10/24 SPECIAL GUEST DAY STEAM Cart	12/17/24 SPA DAY Kool-Aid Lip Gloss	12/24/24 No Program	12/31/24 <i>Happy New Year 2025</i> No Program
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Must be Registered to Attend.

December 2024

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

12/5/24 COOKING DAY Healthy Chocolate Pudding	12/12/24 SPECIAL GUEST DAY STEAM Cart	12/19/24 SPA DAY Kool-Aid Lip Gloss	12/26/24 No Program	1/2/25 <i>Happy New Year 2025</i> No Program
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Must be Registered to Attend.

January 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades K-3rd
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1/7/25 <i>TIME FOR A BREAK</i> NO PROGRAM	1/14/25 MYSTERY BAG DAY 	1/21/25 Paper Spinner	1/28/25 CRAFT DAY Paper Fish
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Must be Registered to Attend.


January 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1/9/25 <i>TIME FOR A BREAK</i> NO PROGRAM	1/16/25 MYSTERY BAG DAY 	1/23/25 Paper Spinner	1/30/25 CRAFT DAY Paper Fish
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Must be Registered to Attend.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY



Bubble Art

At the Alden Public Library

Join Us Monday, February 3rd at 1pm
Open to those in grades K-12




MOVIE WEEK at the Alden Public Library (December 23rd-27th)

Are you looking for something fun, free and for all ages for holiday break?
See below for movie dates and times. Children who are not yet in Kindergarten must have someone 16+ accompany them.



MOVIE DAY

December 23, 2024
1:00 P.M.

Wear Something Green.
Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in Kindergarten must have someone 16 or older with them to attend.

Includes: Jim Carrey, The Grinch, Popcorn, Clapperboard, 3D Glasses, Cinema Tickets

THE Grinch!

Monday, December 23rd at 1pm.
Wear something GREEN!



The Polar Express
with special guest...
MR. CONDUCTOR!

December 24th @ 10am
Wear your pajamas!



MOVIE DAY

December 24, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Wear Your Pajamas!
Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in Kindergarten must have someone 16 or older with them to attend.

SPECIAL GUEST: Mr. Conductor

Includes: Tom Hanks, The Polar Express, Popcorn, Clapperboard, 3D Glasses, Cinema Tickets



MOVIE DAY

December 26, 2024
1:00 P.M.

Bring Your Favorite Stuff.
Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in Kindergarten must have someone 16 or older with them to attend.

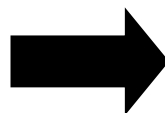
Includes: IF, Popcorn, Clapperboard, 3D Glasses, Cinema Tickets

IF



Thursday, December 26th at
1pm
Bring your favorite stuffy!

Tiger's Apprentice
Friday, December 27th at 10am
Wear bright colors!



MOVIE DAY

December 27, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Wear Bright Colors
Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in Kindergarten must have someone 16 or older with them to attend.

Includes: Tiger's Apprentice, Popcorn, Clapperboard, 3D Glasses, Cinema Tickets

Alden Elementary Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 17th
5:30 PM

Alden Elementary Gymnasium

Afternoon Preschool Students
through 6th Grade will Perform

Family, Friends, and Community Welcome!

Join us for
**MONTHLY
MEALS**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ALDEN

December 2 serving 5:30-6:30
Christmas Meal. Ham, cheesy potatoes,
green beans, and Christmas cookies.

January 6 serving 5:30-6:30

EVERYONE WELCOME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Alden Days FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Alden Legion Building
506 West Street, Alden

5 - 6:30 PM Spaghetti Supper

\$5 for adults & \$2.⁵⁰ for children

5 - 7:30 PM..... Silent Auction

6:30 PM..... Live Auction Begins

*There will also be a raffle for free grocery certificates.
Must be present to win.*

Alden Food Pantry
P.O. Box 95 211 Main St
Alden Iowa 50006

Open Friday 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

December 2024 and January 2025

Thank You for your donations!

Evie Bird Sarah Briggs	UMC and UCC	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Michelle Jaeger
Vernon Guelke	Darlene Hulbert	Keith Bowden	Julia Hall
Lorraine Kolterman	Derwin Anderson	Nimrod Meats	Constance Hoelscher
Church of Women United	Aaron Van Lagen	Rachel Sweeny	Barb Jass
Delta Kappa Gamma: Beta Theta Chapter	John and Colleen Ross	Karli Hager	Century Egg

All donations are welcome. Some people ask what we need. Here is a list of requested items

Taco shells- Hamburger helper- chicken helper-au gratin potatoes- Scalloped potatoes- tomato juice- elbow macaroni—egg noodles- soups – soup crackers - chili beans- pork and beans -refried beans. We also like to keep cleaning supplies and body products like soaps -shampoos, lotions, paper towels, toilet paper, and Kleenex

We want to thank the UCC TGIF youth for packing the meals for the families holiday meal.

Thank you so much for our volunteers. Without your help we wouldn't be able to do what we do. We hire truck unloaders and people who pick up bread, meat, eggs and other items that need to be purchased. We have volunteers who work the pantry weekly.

If you are interested in volunteering contact a board member.

Our continued Thanks go out to these faithful volunteers:

Barb and Lyle Jass, Susan and Mitch Essing, Jeff Smiley , Duane Harding, Kurt Wilkie, Dennis Bradley, Char Wilkie , Linda Lisle, Lavonne Hoversten, Mary Vaughn, Diane Hruby Laura Bradley



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.



We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges.

“We are an equal opportunity provider.”



Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library
February 14 · 🌐

Thank you to the Schiller Fund (Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation) for the two new Awe Learning Stations in our children's area. These stations are loaded with educational games for pre-K through 6th grade, however, staff discovered they were also fun for adults. Stop in and try out our new Awe Learning Stations!



THE ALDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Answer the call to serve!
Contact Brandon Gehrke, Fire Chief, or any other department member for applications.

Alden Fire Department *Stagette/Stag*

FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND

Tickets will be available from your local Alden Fire Department members!

Food, Drinks, Raffle Items, Prizes, Music and tons of fun! All money raised supports your Alden Volunteer Fire Department.

HORIZONS

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE POVERTY

Horizons is a program sponsored by the Northwest Area Foundation and Iowa State University Extension that provides a community with a process designed to develop leaders who can help the community assess needs, develop plans, and carry out projects. Alden is one of 15 Iowa communities that answered the invitation in the fall of 2008 to strengthen their community and reduce poverty in the process.

Many great things have happened since Horizons came to Alden such as renovating the Alden Swimming Pool, revitalizing Alden Days, the Alden Newsletter, the Community Gardens, the Food Pantry relocation and expansion, area beautification projects, hosting the yearly Alden Days fundraiser at the Alden Legion and the yearly Fall Festival in the park, supporting backpack buddies, donating milk money for the school kids, pool passes for low income families, etc.

Horizons is open to anyone in the community and we always welcome new members. **Horizons meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Alden UCC Church at 5:30 pm. PLEASE JOIN US!**

ALDEN

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NUMBERS TO KNOW

City Hall 515-859-3344
Mayor Harley Mourlam
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Steve 641-373-6423
Andy Jass 641-373-6422

City Hall Hours
M-Th 8-12, 1-5
Fri 8-12

Council Members:

Janaan Harding
Robert Hoversten
Jerry Hartema
Michael Oliver
Mark Oliver

Laude Alden Memorial Pool
515-859-7535

**Hardin County Sheriff Emergency
911**

Non-Emergency
641-939-8190

Alden Food Pantry
PO Box 95
Board Members
Linda Lisle 515-689-1164
Charlene Wilke
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Diane Hruby
Laura Bradley 515-859-7582
Hours— Friday 4pm-6pm
Saturday 9am-11am

Churches

St. Paul Lutheran
515-859-3901

United Church of Christ
515-859-7259

United Methodist Church
515-859-7338

Alden Library
515-859-3820
Alden.lib.ia.us
lisa@alden.lib.ia.us

Hours

M & W 12:30pm—5pm
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm
F 9am -1pm
S 9am-12pm
Closed Sundays

Summer Hours

M & W 10am-3pm
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm
F 10am -1pm
S 9am-12pm

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