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ALDEN Public Library

Dates closed:

February 17

STORY TIME

EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

AT 10AM

FOR KIDS AGES 0-5



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Senior Fitness

Video Led, self-paced

Tuesday at 10:30am

Thursday at 10:30am

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.

February 2025

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

2/4/25  LEGO & COLORING DAY Lego Zipline	2/11/25  GAME DAY Life Size Sorry	2/18/25 COOKING DAY Mandarin Orange Ice Cream	2/25/25 SPECIAL GUEST DAY STEAM Cart
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ALDEN Public Library Must be Registered to Attend. ALDEN Public Library

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March 2025




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NO SCHOOL MONDAY



Bubble Art

At the Alden Public Library

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

WINTER Reminders

If Iowa Falls/Alden schools are cancelled, the Alden Library will most likely not open.

If school is cancelled or let out early due to inclement weather, the Alden Library will NOT have after school program.

Always best to call ahead to 515-859-3820 if you are unsure.



Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club

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

Starting February 2025

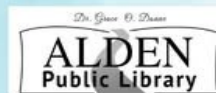


NO SCHOOL MONDAY



Bunny Watercolor Painting
Join Us Monday, April 7th at 1PM

Open to those in grades K-12



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

Open Friday 4:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M.to 11:00 A.M.
Feb. and March 2025

Thank you for donating to the Alden Food Pantry.

Thank you for caring about the hungry families on our area.



Walmart Iowa Falls Hy Vee Iowa Falls Opal Egg Brock and Amanda Puffett Janet Grandgeorge Constance Hoelscher Evie Bird Vernon Gaulke Debi Broadie Keith Bowden Darlene Hulbert Alden Active Achievers 4 H Club Iowa Select Iowa Limestone Company Randy Harding Smithfield	United Church of Christ Alden St. Paul's Lutheran Church Alden United Methodist Church Alden St. Paul's Evan Lutheran Church Williams Seventh Day Adventist Church Hampton St. Paul Lutheran Church Buckeye Cottage Community Church- Iowa Falls Jim Robertson Lloyd and Janice Hurd Dean and Michelle Evans Minnie Cramer Pat Mc Elvania Duane Harding Horizons Church Women United And many unnamed donors
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Thank You for those that commit your time to volunteering and making a difference in families' lives.

Barb Jass Lyle Jass Susan Essing Mitch Essing Char Wilkie Diane Hruby	Duane Harding Jeff Smiley Paula Smiley Dennis Bradley Kurt Wilkie Janet Grandgeorge	Linda Lisle Mary Vaughn Laura Bradley Lavonne Hoversten Amee Jass Ed Wilson
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We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges


“We are an equal opportunity Provider”

NEW BOOKS! How many new books?? Almost 5 feet of new books thanks to the Friends of the Alden Library and the Pilcrow Foundation. Pictured are some of our favorites!

The Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library recently applied and received the Children's Book Project grant through the Pilcrow Foundation. The Pilcrow Foundation is an organization dedicated to providing new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries.

The Pilcrow Foundation provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public library grant recipients who contribute \$400 through Friends of the Library or other local sponsors. The purchases of the Alden Public Library grant books worth over \$1800-was made possible by a \$400 sponsorship provided by the Friends of the Alden Public Library. This qualified our library to receive 82 books from the Pilcrow Foundation geared to ages preschool through junior high. The library was also delighted to receive more than \$400 in additional math and science books from Mr. Hal Berenson and Mrs. Laura Ackerman of Colorado, 17 books related to health and wellness by a generous donation from Drs. Bill Strawbridge and Meg Wallhagen of California, along with two books from Syncretic Press funded by an anonymous donor for a total of 123 new books.





**Monday Monthly Meals
at the
Alden Methodist Church**
1512 Hardin Street, Alden
5:30–6:30
Monday, February 3rd &
Monday, March 3rd

Free & Open to all



*50th
Anniversary*

MARCH 9, 2025

10AM

ALDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
ALDEN, IOWA

The Alden United Methodist Church is celebrating the 50th anniversary of our current building on March 9th, the first Sunday of Lent.

We are planning a special worship service with great music, past pastors, video reflections, and more. After our worship, we will have a wonderful fellowship time to honor our past and to prepare for our future.

Our worship begins at 10:00, and like every Sunday, we welcome all.



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.*

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 FIRE DEPT PRESENTS ANNUAL STAG FUNDRAISER WEEKEND

WOMENS STAG NIGHT

FRIDAY FEB 21, 2024
6:00PM TO MIDNIGHT

\$50 A TICKET
\$60 @ THE DOOR

A TICKET INCLUDES
A MEAL & DRINKS

ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES

MUST BE 21

MENS STAG NIGHT

SATURDAY FEB 22, 2024
6:00PM TO 2 A.M.

\$75 A TICKET

A TICKET INCLUDES
A MEAL & DRINKS

POKER TOURNAMENT

RAFFLE PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES

MUST BE 21

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.

100 NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS!!

Thank you
Brownstone Book Fund!



Our library has received a gift of 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together. Come to the library to explore and enjoy our new collection.



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NUMBERS TO KNOW

City Hall 515-859-3344
Mayor Harley Mourlam
515-859-7704 cell#641-373-3901
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
Lavonne Hoversten 515-859-7564
Barb Jass 641-425-6644
Susan Essing 515-460-2454
Mary Vaughn 515-689-3179
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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