

## **"BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"**

### **Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy**

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# Alden Days Fundraiser

**FEBRUARY 3, 2024  
ALDEN LEGION BUILDING**

**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**

The Alden Horizons Group is planning a meal, silent auction and live auction on February 3, 2024 to help defray the costs of Alden Days. This year many extra events are being planned for a fun-filled weekend on June 14th and 15th, 2024.

This fund raiser will be a community effort and we hope for a huge crowd. The event will be held in the Alden Legion building. If you would like to help with the event, please contact a committee member. If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction or live auction on February 3rd, please contact us and we will be happy to pick up the item. Monetary donations can be mailed to Alden Days 2024, P.O. Box 434, Alden, IA 50006.

We want to make Alden Days 2024 a very special celebration. If you have any questions or would like more information on our fund raiser, please contact one of the following people:

Rev. Bob Miller (515) 859-3855  
Janaan Harding (515) 859-7771


Sincerely,  
The Alden Horizons Group

Dr. Grace O. Doane



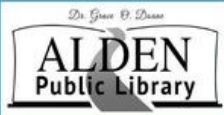
**Dates closed:**

February 19, 2024



# YARN CLUB

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



**Join us for  
Senior Fitness  
at 10:30am on  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
at the Alden Public Library!**

\*This is a DVD led class.  
Weights and bands are not  
provided.



**Tap into Discovery.**  
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# 2023-2024 ALDEN LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades K-3rd TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30

Grades 4th-6th Thursdays 3:30-4:30

## February 2024

### After School Program for kids in grades 4th - 6th

Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm

1st - Game Day!

8th - Valentine's Craft

15th - Lego/Coloring

22nd - STEM/STEAM

29th - Game Day

**Must be registered to attend.**



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## March 2024

After School Program  
for kids in grades K - 3rd  
Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

5th - Lego/Coloring Day

**12th - No Programming/Spring Break**

19th - Craft Day

26th - Game Day

**Must be registered to attend.**

## March 2024

After School Program  
for kids in grades 4th - 6th  
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

7th - Lego/Coloring Day

14th - No Program/Spring Break!

21th - Craft Day

28th - Game Day

**Must be registered to attend.**

## STORY TIME

EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

AT 10AM

FOR KIDS AGES 0-5

No Storytime on March  
13th for Spring Break!



# FY2023 Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library

10,048



## DOOR COUNT

Number of people visiting the Alden Public Library from July 1 2022- June 30, 2023.

1158

## NUMBER OF ITEMS ADDED

New books, dvds, puzzles, games, etc. added to our inventory.



8477



## TOTAL CIRCULATION

Number of all items checked out from the library including books, movies, puzzles, kits, etc.

2658

## NUMBER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Total count for participants in programs that the library hosted.

1732



## NUMBER OF WIRELESS SESSION

Number of wifi users that we were able to count who used our free wifi which is available 24hours per day seven days per week.

551



## NUMBER OF LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

Number of individuals with active library cards.

285



## NUMBER OF PROGRAMS OFFERED

Total number of programs offered at the library for kids, teens and adults.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- New teen area
- Fed kids lunch once per week during summer reading program & sent home weekly food bags to help supplement for the summer.
- Received Henry's Heros Stem Cart
- Received Teacher Geek HUGE Stem Cart
- LARGE increase in Storytime attendees
- 18 children enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program
- Fines collected \$314



# TEEN TIME

for 7th - 12th Graders



**Monday, February 5th**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Cooking Lesson: Puppy Chow**

**Activity: Minute to Win It**

TEEN TIME has a brand new look! Taking place on Professional Development-No School Day. There will be a cooking lesson followed by a group activity.

## Alden Food Pantry News



Now the people who wanted snow for Christmas finally received it. It looks nice.

Thank you to our donors:

**Individuals** -Darlene Hulbert, Vernon Gaulke, Sandy Hoversten, Tracie Zoske, Amber Lee, Tracy McKinley, Julie Reynolds, Kinsey Aldinger, Motty Acheison, Raymond Moore family, Joe Scholte, Lloyd and Jan Hurd, Minnie Cramer, Pat McElvanie, Connie Hoelscher, Duane and Janaan Harding, Bernice, Lancaster, Jamela Kaple, Evie Bird, Janet Grandgeorge, Keith Bowden and Anonymous.

**Churches**—St. Mary's, Cottage Community Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Buckeye St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Aid, Buckeye Lutheran Church, Alden United Methodist Church, Alden UCC, Williams St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Alden St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Businesses**— Iowa Lime Inc., Stockdale Law PLC, Greenbelt Bank and Trust, CYD Hustle, Inc. AKA Timbukbru, 4-H Club, Iowa Select, and Opal Eggs.

Thank you all very much. We couldn't continue without you.

-Betty Thomas

This business is an equal opportunity provider.

*Thank you*

Upcoming

# ALDEN EVENTS

Feb  
3

Alden Days Fundraiser at  
Alden Legion Community Center

Feb  
16

Alden Fire Department Stagette  
Tickets Available in January 2024 from an  
Alden Fire Department Member

Feb  
17

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## ALDEN

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### NUMBERS TO KNOW

**City Hall** 515-859-3344  
Mayor Harley Mourlam  
515-859-7704 cell#641-373-3901  
Eric Eugenio 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  
Betty Thomas 641-640-8087  
Nancy McKinley  
Charlene Wilke  
Lavonne Hoversten 515-859-7564  
Barb Jass 641-425-6644  
Susan Essing 515-460-2454  
Janet Grandgeorge 515-859-3036  
Diane Hruby  
**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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