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M, W, Th, F 9:30 am-5 pm
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Sat 9:30 am-2 pm

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New Titles

**indicates Michigan author or subject*

Fiction

Bonded in death J. D. Robb
Paranoia & The writer James Patterson
The Medici return Steve Berry
Midnight black Mark Greaney
Battle mountain C. J. Box
Close your eyes & count to ten Lisa Unger
Shanghai Joseph Canon
Guide me home Attica Locke
Vera Wong's unsolicited advice for murderers
Jesse Q. Sutanto
A dragon of black glass James Rollins
Blood moon Sandra Brown
Far from home Danielle Steel
The summer guests Tess Gerritsen
Lethal prey John Sandford
Mother of Rome Lauren J. A. Bear
Wild dark shore Margaret McConaghy
Homeseeking Karissa Chen

Non-Fiction

Soldiers & kings: survival & hope in the world of
human smuggling Jason De León
Free the land : how we can fight pov-
erty and climate chaos Audria Lim
Follow the science: how Big Pharma misleads,
obscures & prevails Sharyl Attkisson
Shock values: prices & inflation in American
Democracy Carola Binder
Meet the neighbors: animal minds & life in a
more-than-human world Brandon Keim

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Federal Executive Order Diminishes Services at Local Public Libraries

For twenty years, Michigan residents have enjoyed use of the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL). This critical library service and adjacent programs are about to be eliminated due to a federal Executive Order (EO).

The EO signed by President Trump on March 14, 2025 seeks to eliminate the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the nation's only federal agency for America's libraries. IMLS dollars routed to Michigan fund MeL, as well as a state-wide interlibrary loan service called MeLCat. If IMLS funding is eliminated, local library users will have less access to books and other library materials.

In a small library such as ours, inter-library loans are crucial. Patrons can request books, videos and audio materials from other Michigan libraries that we don't have. The process is easy, and usually items arrive here a few days after they're ordered.

In 2024, the MeLCat program saw Michigan libraries lend over one million books and other materials that are not locally available. Through MeL, students and other residents last year accessed over 19 million electronic articles, journals and other online resources to do homework, research, prepare for tests and more. Residents also benefited from MeL's authoritative sources on education, medicine, business, and history, among other topics that help people make informed decisions.

While the majority of revenue for public libraries in Michigan comes from local property taxes, the most significant impact of the potential loss of IMLS funding could be the elimination of MeL and MeLCat.

In Michigan, these federally funded programs provide a hard return on investment of \$27 per tax dollar. This means for every \$1 invested in libraries across the state, Michiganders see \$27 in received value.

You can read more about the impact of the elimination of IMLS in a press release from the Michigan Department of Education, published on March 20, 2025 and available here:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/news-and-information/press-releases/2025/03/20/michigan-library-users-will-be-harmed-by-order-to-abolish-federal-agency>

More New Titles

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Non-Fiction, cont.

The immortal Irishman: the Irish revolutionary who became an American hero Timothy Egan
Madness: race & insanity in a Jim Crow asylum
Antonia Hyllton

Large Print

The peacemaker Wanda E. Brunstetter
Welcome to the Honey B&B Melody Carlson
Ambush Colleen Coble
An Amish healing & Ollie's story Beth Wiseman

DVDs

Juror #2
Wicked
Mallow murder club, season 1
Vienna blood, season 4
Miss Scarlett, season 5
Anatomy of a fall

Audio CDs

Magic hour Kristin Hannah
Six years Harlan Coben

Young Adult

Chain of thorns Cassandra Clare
Sheine lende Darcie Little Badger
These infinite threads Taherah Mafi
Castle ever dark Sarah Knightly

Juvenile

Grumpy monkey & Grumpy monkey Spring fever
Suzanne Lang
Spring is here! Will Hillenbrand
Unico: awakening Osamu Tezuka
The mystery of locked rooms Lyndsay Currie
The way things work now : from levers to lasers, windmills to Wi-Fi, a visual guide to the world of machines David Macaulay
Chickenpox Remi Lai
Seven little ducklings Annette LeBlanc Cate

All the items listed are now in the library.

**To reserve, call 331-4318.
or go to www.aldenlib.info.**



Children's Book Series

Author Lauren Tarshis began the juvenile series, "I Survived" in 2010. She continues writing these books today. We have had multiple requests recently from kids and parents for these books. So, in addition to the three we had on our shelves, we've purchased eight more.

If someone aged about nine to twelve in your family is curious about disasters, natural and otherwise, check them out on our shelves soon.—You may enjoy reading along with them!

[See our catalog for more details.](#)

Friends Corner

Spring has arrived, but has had a difficult time settling in. The snow will leave in time and the welcome shades of green will appear.

A book sale will be held April 5 & 6. We hope there will be good sales to continue the summer programs.

An interesting program about Isle Royale will be held here Sunday April 6th at 2:00 pm. This faraway, unique national park is a Michigan gem for us, and others throughout the world, to enjoy.

Mary Ann Stimpson



PROGRAMS

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April 2025

Events are free, sponsored by the library, and are held at the Helena Township Community Center *unless otherwise noted*.



Take n' Make Craft: During April we have Earth Day Paper Plates.



StoryWalk®: APRIL 1st-29th. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain in Alden, where you will enjoy a walk in the woods and reading a good book along the way. The storybook for the month of April is "Spring is Here!" by Will Hillenbrand.



Fishing Lures & Reels Display: APRIL 2nd- 29th. Come see Jeff VanCompernelle's collection of fishing lures and reels. At a later date, a video of the display can be viewed on the library's website. Look for "On Display."



Book Sale: FRIDAY, APRIL 4th and SATURDAY APRIL 5th, Available items: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs & puzzles. Fri 9am-5pm / Sat 9am-2pm.



Isle Royale National Park: SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 2pm. Come take a journey with Judy Umlor as she guides us through narrative and pictures of the limited diversity of the national park, as well as tips on how to make your visit there a successful and safe one.



Antrim Photography Workshop Open House: TUESDAY, APRIL 8th, 6pm, Join local photographers Lisa Lirones and Andrea Teboe to create your own decorative picture frame, get new photo composition handouts, and sign up for the new workshop season. \$15 for craft. Seasonal membership \$50.00 or non-members \$10 per workshop. Contact Lisa 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com for more information.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: THURSDAY, APRIL 10th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Island and Main" by Joshua Veith.



Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 17th. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.



Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG): TUESDAYS, 10am-12pm. Creating art and contributing to the community for over 40 years. For more info, email taartistsguild@gmail.com



Mah Jongg: TUESDAYS, 1-4pm. People of all skill levels are invited to play.



Alden Knitters & Crocheters: TUESDAYS, 2-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome! For more info, contact Sue Archer at 231-944-0013.



Beginning Bridge: Sign-up now for this 10-week course held on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, beginning May 6th. Cost: \$10 for book and \$5 suggested donation per lesson. Lessons taught by Judy Kuiper, an ACBL Best Practices certified bridge teacher. Contact Judy at 616-581-4668 or jkuiper@learnselfcompassion.com. Co-sponsored by Antrim County Bridge Club.