

LIBRARY NEWS

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Library Renovation



The Alpena County Library now uses the upstairs of the adjoining Currier Building (above—mostly completed exterior renovation) as additional space for offices, a kitchen, rest rooms, the conference room and storage.

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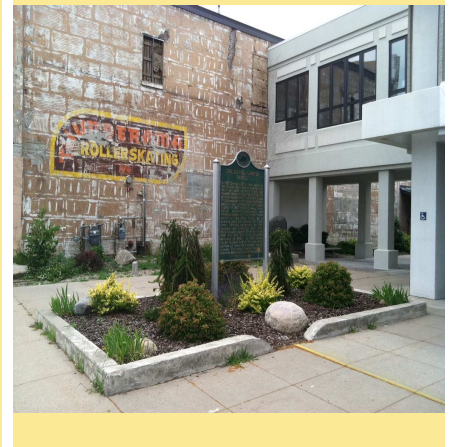
brary/Currier Building has been undergoing a facelift as you see here, with most of the work concentrated on the building shared with Dr. Currier.

The old insulating finish on the building was damaged and starting to fall off, so the Library and Dr. Currier shared the costs to replace the exterior.

In the photo to the right, you see the old surface removed, revealing an old sign that used to identify the roller-skating rink located on the second floor (now the library conference room). This surface will, of course, be refinished and soon look like the rest of the Currier Building, to the left.

Hunter Construction is doing the work for this project and plans to finish slightly ahead of schedule in late September.

Some minor repair will also be made on the second-story bridge connecting the second floor of the library to the second floor of the Currier Building.



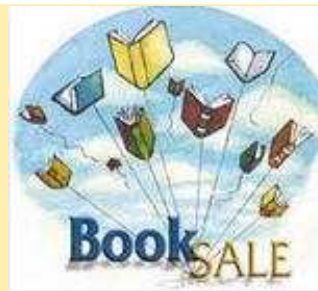
Used Book Sale 2011: Another Success

For the third year in a row the Friends Used Book Sale raised over \$6500! AMAZING AND WONDERFUL!

Credit goes to diligent workers, generous community donations of books and all the Alpena natives who satisfied their passion for reading by buying books at bargain prices. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

A special addition to this year's Book Sale was a presale time for members of Friends of the Library. It was a great incentive to current members and they loved it. Additionally, it encouraged eager book shoppers to join Friends so they could take advantage of that opportunity—30 new members!

Looks like this should be an annual addition to the Book Sale!



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Authors in the Fall

Times and Places

Jeff "Doc" Fletcher

Sept. 29 at 7:00 pm

Library Conference Room

Margaret Wiley

Oct. 6 at 7:00 pm

Library Conference Room

Bob Woodward

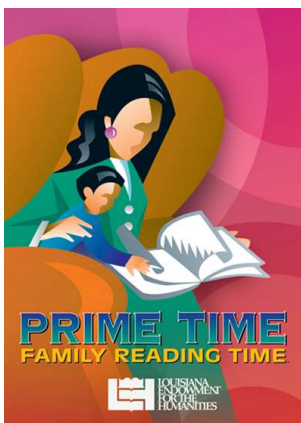
Oct. 13 at 7:00 pm

High School Auditorium

Jerry Dennis

Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm

Library Conference Room



AUTHORS IN THE FALL

Jeff "Doc" Fletcher writes about canoeing and kayaking in Michigan and has appeared on Michigan Out of Doors in a two-day trip down the Sturgeon River. His talk will cover his favorite river trips, hazards and landscapes, regional history, and local taverns along the way. He will give away a river canoe trip at his presentation.

Margaret Willey, a southeast Michigan writer, has written nine books for children and young adults. Her *Clever Beatrice* series explores the world of a spunky heroine from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and was awarded the Charlotte Zolotow Award. Willey's books have appeared on the American Library Association's *Best Books for Young Adults* list.

Bob Woodward, as an outstanding *Washington Post* reporter since 1971, has won nearly every American journalism award, particularly the 1973 Pulitzer Prize.

Bob Schieffer of CBS News said, "Woodward has established himself as the best reporter of our time." Woodward worked with fellow reporter Carl Bernstein to investigate the burglary at the Watergate Hotel. The two turned their award-winning series into a book, *All The Presi-*

dent's Men, a 1974 bestseller just before President Nixon's resignation.

Woodward won the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency in 2003. *The Weekly Standard* called Woodward "the best pure reporter of his generation, perhaps ever." In 2003, Albert Hunt of *The Wall Street Journal* called Woodward "the most celebrated journalist of our age." Woodward has gone on to write 15 more national non-fiction bestsellers in the past 36 years. Twelve of them were #1 bestsellers; more national nonfiction best sellers than any other contemporary author.

Jerry Dennis is an acclaimed writer of ten books about Michigan and nature. His essays and stories appear in *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Wildlife Conservation*, and *National Geographic Traveler*. They have won numerous awards. The Michigan Library Association named Dennis the Michigan Author of the Year in 1999. Mr. Dennis' book, *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas*, explores the Great Lakes from several perspectives: historical, environmental, geological, and personal.

Prime Time: Family Reading Program

The Library will launch its second Prime Time Family Reading program this month. Prime Time is designed for families and helps develop a love of reading.

The goals of Prime Time are to

1. Bond parents and children around reading.
2. Encourage reading and discussion of history, literature and ethics.
3. Encourage low-literacy, low-income

parents to continue their education.

4. Help parents and children to select books and become active library users.

Prime Time is open to families with children ages 6 to 10 and includes a meal with time for parents and children to share stories together. Families can bring younger siblings along for free preschool activities. Registration is required.

Families will meet in the Library conference room.



Autumn Film Series

Nixon

A 1995 American biographical film, *Nixon*, directed by Oliver Stone is the story of the political and personal life of President Richard Nixon, played by Anthony Hopkins.

The film portrays Nixon as a complex and, in many respects, admirable person, though deeply flawed.

Stone suggests the U. S. conducts assassinations, secret under-the-table deals, etc., much as any South American country.

When: Sun Sept. 18
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Frost/Nixon

This movie is a dramatization of the revealing post-Watergate television interviews between British



talk-show host David Frost and former president Richard Nixon.

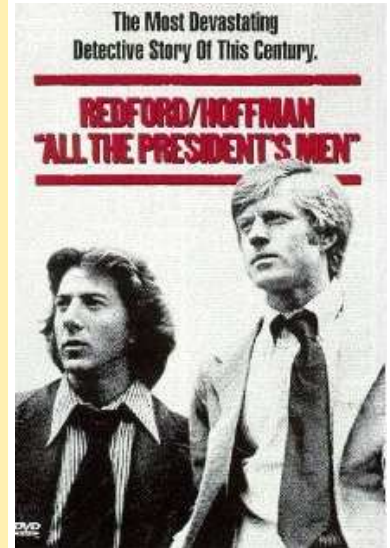
When: Sun Sept. 25
2 pm - 4:30 pm

All the President's Men

This 1976 Academy Award-winning political thriller was based on the 1974 nonfiction book of the same name. The authors were Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, two journalists who investigated the Watergate scandal.

The film stars Robert Redford as Bob Woodward and Dustin Hoffman as Carl Bernstein.

When: Sun, October 2,
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm



PLEASE NOTE

1. You can watch trailers of all three films on youtube.com.
2. All three films will be shown in the Alpena Library Conference room

Summer Book Club Carnival

The Friends of the Library gave away about 530 books to Summer Book Club members at the 26th annual Summer Book Club Carnival in July.

The Carnival was held at the Alpena County Fairgrounds where children enjoyed many activities. The Alpena County Horseman's Club offered pony rides. Book Club members who read at least 15 books received a free hot dog lunch, and First Federal of

Northern Michigan was on hand with delicious cotton candy and slushies.

More than 1500 children attended the carnival. Over 90% read fifteen books or more. Summer Book Club shows once again how to build a reading community.

Jeanne Ludlow pointed out, "We've had such wonderful support throughout the summer; the community really makes it possible for us to offer Alpena kids a great day to celebrate

reading."

The following businesses support the library's Summer Book Club:

Neiman's
Burger King
Clem's Bait Shop
LaFarge Cement Plant
Paxton Quarry
Staples
Blue Phoenix Books
First Federal of
N. Michigan
Walgreens

Library Hours

Books & Circulation

Mon-Thurs: 9:30 - 9:00 pm
Fri-Sat: 9:30 - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Computer Lab Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:30 - 8:45 pm
Fri-Sat: 9:30 - 4:45 pm

Special Collection Hours

Mon-Thurs: 10—8:00 pm
Fri-Sat: 10 - 4:00 pm

Phone: 989 356-6188



Alpena's First Community Spelling Bee

Kindermusic

Jayne Lusardi presents this music program for children ages 1 to 5. The goal is for young children to become better learners. Registration is required and limited to 20 children with a parent/adult.

Time: Sept. 24 from 11:00 to noon.

Place: Library Conference Room

Please call 356-6188 for more information and registration.

Friends of the Library and the READ Adult Literacy Program are jointly sponsoring a community spelling bee at the library!

There will be three divisions: junior high school, high school and adult, and each team will be made up of four spellers.

Dr. Olin Joynton will serve as moderator, with the honorable judges Thomas LaCross, Theodore Johnson and Michael Mack ruling.

What can you win? Win-

ners will receive Blue Phoenix gift certificates and bragging rights as champs of the first Alpena Commu-

their favorite fictional characters, if they choose.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

The cost to watch locals put their proficiency to the test will be a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army food pantry.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

To enter please call the READ office at 356-6188 x15 or complete a registration form available at the library.



nity Spelling Bee !

Participants are invited to dress for the event as

Thinking Ahead — Blizzard of Books

Last year, your generous donations to the Donna M. Garber Blizzard of Books provided learning opportunities and fun for five hundred children!

The Friends of the Library worked with the Salvation Army at the Alpena Mall to help parents choose books appropriate for their children, infants through teens.

We are already thinking ahead, hoping to exceed last year's success by giving even more families the

gifts reading can bring.

Again we look to supplement the Salvation Army's food basket distribution with a selection of children's books for qualifying families.

Donations will be accepted at the library as well as Blue Phoenix Book Store from October 17 until December 5, when volunteers will wrap and ready them for distribution.

Please consider purchasing a new children's book

(or two!) while at your local book store for donation to this worthwhile project. This is also a great opportunity for a local book club or service organization to have a positive effect on literacy in Alpena. It is yet another way we can help to build a reading community.

Not a shopper? The Friends are happy to make selections on your behalf. Simply mail a check made out to FOL to:

Friends of the Library
211 N. First Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707



Current Members: Friends of the Library

Adair, Carrie	Decker, James & Marga	Kautz, Judy	Meneghel, Rose & Ron	Stevens, Ronnie
Agius, Barb	Dietlin, Shirley	Kelley, William	Moore, David & Cathy	Stewart, Jim & Lynne
Ahrens, Patricia	Dietlin, Lisa M.	Kelly, Diana & Bob	Moran, Maxine	Stewart, Don & Jean
Alexander, Margaret	Dietz, Julie	Kelly, Anna	Mouthaan, Barbara	Stibitz, Henry & Florence
Aliferis, Carlene	Discher, Bob & Wanda	Kerr, Jennie	Mullen, Donna	Stillion, Judi & Bill
Anderson, Carolyn	Dorn, Margot	Kett, Barb	Murch, Billi & Mike	Stoner, Mary Jane
Apsey, Nancy & Jim	Doubek, Dennis & Sandra	Kindt, Carol	Nelson, Elaine	Straley, Cindy & Jim
Artley, Janet & Dennis	Dowd, Mr. & Mrs. Walter	Kirchoff, Leslie	Nethercut, Gordon & Vernie	Sullivan, Bob
Aten, Marcia	Dully, Ken & Marie	Kowalski, Jill	Nunneley, Marcy	Suszek, M. Joel
Beamish, Barb	Eller, Bob & Sue	Kozlowski, Sharlene	Nye, Leslie	Szatkowski, Carolyn A.
Beckeney, Bruce	Engstrom, Rick & Sharon	Krans, Jerry & Debbie	O'Connor, Diane	Szatkowski, Carolyn
Behnke, Elizabeth	Essex, Amy	Kroll, Ann	Ogger, Kathryn	Szczukowski, James
Beland, Joe & Kay	Eubank, Bob & Connie	Kunze, Kathryn	Ohmart, Don & Dorothy	Szymanski, Karen
Bennett, Lorraine	Faylor, Jane	Kurzenhauser, Carla	Oliver, John	Taylor, Cynthia
Berles, Kristin & Jim	Ferguson, Carol	LaCross, Ellen	Parseghian, Vergine	Taylor, Theresa
Bessler, Judy	Ferguson, Marc & Amy	Lahti, Howard	Pfeiffenberger, Lucas & Janet	Thompson, Jim
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Blanton, Shannon	Florip, Jim & Ann	LaMarre, Elaine	Phillips, Roger M. & Sue	Tretinik, Delilah & Steve
Bloom, Connie	French, Ginny	Lamp, Nancy & Bernie	Phillips, Kate	Upham, Karen & Mark
Boughton, Jack & Janet	Furtaw, Mike & Kirstine	Lance, Dodi	Priebe, Elizabeth	Urlaub, Loren & Bonnie
Boyce, Jeannine & Dick	Garant, Kathy	Larson, Ilene	Prieur-Bastow, Marian	Vivian, Judie
Brandenburg, Ray & Marj	Gehrke, Darrell & Ann	Lavoie, Tom & Joan	Rapin, Jim & Carey	Bpohjy, Mary M.
Bray, Paul & Mary	Genschaw, Phyllis & ich	Lavoie, Tom Wm.	Reimann, Judy	Walker, Bill & Judi
Breckenridge, Gordon & Kaye	Gibbs, Lois	Lawson, Suzanne	Resnick, Dr. Gregg	Wallace, Keith & Joyce
Brousseau, Joan	Granlund, Ben & Marge	Leonard, Michael & Janet	Rickard, Sharon	Walmsley, Darwin & Marie
Brown, Judy	Gray, Gary	Lewandowski, Mary & Ed	Rossman-Brossard, Carol	Warren, Austin
Buchner, Pauline	Hall, Nan & Terry	Londo, Don & Evelyn	Rousseau, Denise	Wedge, Christine & Tim
Burke Engineering Co.	Hall, Mary & Ed	Ludlow, Jeanne	Salacata, Abraham & Ana	Weeks, Mary
Burton, Ann	Hanna, Belinda & Dr. Brian	Lund, Quentin & Elsa	Sexton, Sue & Shawn	Wells, Mildred
Carnahan, Dorothy & Terry	Hardesty, Gerald & Ann	Lyngos, Robert	Shafto, Carol	Wiesen, Chuck & Julie
Carney, Maureen & Tom	Harter, Sarah	Mack, Eleanor	Shuler, Wm. & Mary Lou	Williams, Geri & Mike
Carpenter, Ruth	Hasse, Dottie	Magness-Eubank, Eric & Karen	Silver, Alice	Wills, Krystie
Case, Bob & Judy	Heath, Elbert & Audrey	Manitz, Phyllis	Silver, Jane	Willyard, Barb
Cole, Esther	Herbert, Bill & Jackie	Martens, Geri	Smith, Vicki	Wilson, Cindy
Comar, Mary	Herring, Charles & Janice	Masters, Betty	Snow, Gordon	Wilson, Kim
Compton, Jodene	Hurd, Greg	Matuzak, Augie & Peggy	Speer, Donald & Jane	Wisniewski, Leona
Connon, Bruce & Midge	Joseph, Mabel	Matuzak, Anne	Speer, Diane	Wisniewski, Gerald
Cornish, Eric & Michelle	Joynton, Pat	Maxwell, Sue	Spencer, Cathy	Witherbee, Roger & Carol
Crittenden, Barbara	Kaiser, Susan	McDonnell, Bill & Betty	Springer, Lloyd & Mary Jo	Wright, Burt & Toni
Currier, Dr. Robert	Kaminski, Marie	Melville, Kenneth & Janice	Standen, Jere & Diana	Young, Ron & Gail
Davison, Jim & Mary	Kasubowski, Cathy	Mendel, Roger & June		Zeller, Dolly



Getting to Know Library Staff: Norma Alexander



I have always enjoyed taking pictures, but when I got a digital camera, I really fell in love with photography. My first published picture was of Robert Haltiner, found on the title page of "Alpena Gleanings and Stones from Her Granite Gardens" Book Five.

I am this summer's "Student Select" for Alpena Community College at

Art in the Loft.

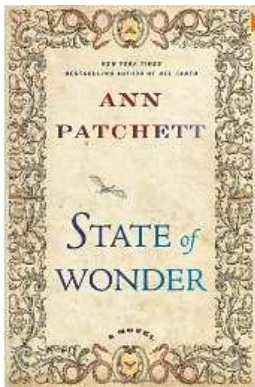
Alpena and its surrounding areas are my favorite places to take pictures. I have lived here all but three years of my life. My biggest supporters are my husband, John and my two children, Tim and Felicia, who go with me finding new things to see and photograph.

I have been known to

take portraits of people, although my favorite subjects are nature subjects. I look for things that are not obvious.

Both library and ACC staff members have been very encouraging with regards to my art. Erv and Mary Lewandowski have also been great advisors. I will always be grateful for everyone's support.

Book Review: State of Wonder by Ann Patchett



We are in the Brazilian jungle. Imagine a pharmaceutical company funding research on a drug to replicate the natives' ability to conceive and bear children into their seventies—then unknowingly develop a vaccine for malaria. Imagine a pharmacologist finding her way into the heart of darkness to rescue a colleague,

perform caesarean deliveries under extreme conditions, adapt to the primitive culture and even face cannibals.

The seasoned and accomplished writer, Ann Patchett, can and does it well in *State of Wonder*.

This author of *The Magician's Assistant* and *Bel*

Canto goes a bit beyond reality in this book but stays this side of fantasy and magic realism.

Her pharmacologist, Dr. Marina Singh, turns the questions of medical ethics and morality itself on their heads. Patchett's world and the characters in it are convincing, holding the reader to the very end.

The Library's New Drop Box

When Convenience Counts

Library drop boxes provide convenient return of checked out library materials when the library is not open. They also protect fragile materials in all kinds of weather.

For many years a little blue drop box has graced the Alpena News-side entry to the library. This easy-to-use drop box allows people to return items when in a hurry or when the library is closed.

Friends of the Library will be replacing the old



drop box with a brand new stainless steel, specially weatherized one. This drop box will be slightly larger than the current one and designed to protect our books better than earlier drop boxes. It also has a protective coating to prevent a person from writing graffiti on it.



Please Note:
Memberships extend
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Help Our Library

Join Friends of the Library Now!

We want you! . . . to join Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library is not a club with regular meetings, but rather a support to the library with our actions and our money. We purchase equipment and books, help organize special programs and projects for adults and children and we advocate for the library's needs.

As a small-town library we are fortunate to have a strong collection, a great library building and wonderful staff. Our library has over 91,000 books as well as CD audio books, eBooks and DVD movies.

Many patrons use the computers and free Wi-Fi internet to access information and friends around the world.

Volunteering is desirable

but optional. Sign up for as many as you like or none at all.

If you think the library is a highly valuable community asset, we are asking you to join us. It only takes \$10.00 to join and by doing so you promote the interest and welfare of our library.

Bring along or send the attached form below to the Alpena Public Library.



Membership Form

Take or mail this form with your check, payable to:

Friends of the Alpena County Library

211 North First Avenue

Alpena, MI 49707

Dues: Individual. . . . \$10 Sustaining. . . . \$30

Family. . . . \$20 Patron. . . . \$100

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Street _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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What to Read Next?

Staff at the library circulation desk certainly know what's popular right now and what they like to read in their own spare time. Here's a roundup of their suggestions.

Janet Kieliszewski: *Still Alice*, a novel by Lisa Genova, tracks the tragic decline of a 50-year-old woman suffering from Alzheimer's and its impact on her family.

Leslie Kirchoff: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. I really liked it because the characters were so rich, and it was interesting to watch the connection of these identical twins.

Norma Alexander: *Snow Play* by Birgitta Ralston is nonfiction dealing with creative ways to play in snow: games, projects, and contests. I've been recommending it a lot lately, and people seem to like it.

Barb Kett: *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* is a novel by Beth Hoffman the 1960s deep South about a 12-year-old, Cee-Cee, who has been caring for her mother for too much of her short life.

When CeeCee's mother finally goes over the edge, CeeCee is rescued by a wealthy aunt and thrust into a totally foreign atmosphere of gentility, wealth and privilege.

The book is hilarious, poignant, and heartwarming, much like a hot cup of cocoa on a cold winter's night.

Deb Lundquist: I enjoyed listening to *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. It took place in the rural South in the 1960s, a time and place when black maids raised white children and ran households but were poorly paid, often had to use separate toilets from the family, and watched the children they

cared for become bigots.

Miss Skeeter, a young white woman, is a ries of anonymous, risky interviews with local black maids.

Judy Cross: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. I told her I hardly ever read non-fiction but I absolutely loved this memoir of growing up in the Southwest. I have recommended it to a great number of people who have enjoyed it. I can hardly wait for another of Ms. Walls' books.

Jeanne Ludlow: Because of Bob Woodward's visit to Alpena on October 13th, I chose *All the President's Men* by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, a true story by the *Washington Post* reporters who uncovered the Watergate scandal. The book combines journalism and Washington intrigue.