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# Library Insider





### New Staff Member

The Alfred Box of Books is thrilled to announce we have hired Jackie Wilson as our Programming and Circulation Coordinator. Jackie is enthusiastic, creative, and dedicated to library service to the community.

Jackie was born and raised in Western NY, and has called Alfred Station home for almost 20 years. She graduated from Alfred State College with a BBA in Financial Planning and has spent most of her career in accounting. In her free time she enjoys indie music, mushroom hunting and hiking, rug hooking, collaborative board games, Dungeons and Dragons and video games. Her favorite book genre is thriller and mystery.

Please help us welcome Jackie to our staff!



### Past Event



Onondaga storyteller, Perry Ground, visited the library on November 9, 2022.

He presented "Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: A Native American Perspective on an American Holiday."

This program invited participants to understand what they knew about the Thanksgiving holiday and how it came to be the holiday we know it as.

### **Regular Programs**

True Crime Book Club

First Tuesday of every month, the True Crime Book Club meets at 5:00pm at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse. Books and beverages are provided by the library! If you're interested in joining the discussions, email the library at alfred@stls.org.

#### Storytime

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00am for storytime. Storytime is for children ages 0-5 years and their caregivers. Storytime includes books, songs, puppets, and crafts!

### Winter Reading Program

You've heard of summer reading, but now we're introducing a winter reading program! This program consists of BINGO cards. Get a BINGO and turn your card into the library for a chance to win great prizes!

There are 4 different cards for each age group. Submit up to 4 cards (one of each layout) for up to 4 chances to win!

There are cards for teens and adults and cards for children.

The Winter Reading BINGO will run from January 17-February 28.

Pick up your BINGO card and get started!



## Find out what's happening

If you need to know what's happening at the library, be sure to check our website: www.alfredboxofbooks.org/ events. This will provide you with a full calendar. You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook!

### Tech Tip

If you're looking for help getting started with Microsoft Office (i.e., Word, Excel, etc.) social media or Zoom, visit our website! We have free video tutorials available on our website. All you have to do is click the green "Learn More" button on the right side of the screen. Or scroll down on the home screen to see more tutorials.



### Get more from Libby

The Southern Tier Library System has partnered with the Finger Lakes Library System and Pioneer (OWWL) Library Systems to provide you with more access to eBooks, audiobooks and magazines via Libby. Learn more here: http://alfredboxofbookslib rary.org/digital-resources/

### Literacy Tip

How can you tell if a book is too challenging or too simple for your child who is a new independent reader?

Here is a simple guideline called the "Five Finger Rule."

Turn to a random page of a book. Ask your child to read it aloud. Put a finger down for every word your child doesn't know.

If you have 0-1 fingers down, the book is too easy. If you have 4-5 fingers down, it might be too hard. 2-3 fingers down is just right. It will give your child a challenge to learn new words, but not so many to be frustrating.





### New DVDs

- Don't Worry Darling
- MK Ultra
- The Minute You Wake Up Dead
- American Veteran
- Ticket to Paradise
- The Woman King

### Library Services

- Free Mobile WiFi Hotspots
- Downloadable eBooks and audiobooks [Libby]
- Digital Magazines
- Public computers
- Print & Fax Services
- Museum & Park Passes
- Video games, DVDs, Audiobooks on CD
- Board games
- Literacy & STEM kits
- Posters
- Telescope & binoculars
- One-on-one technology assistance
- Early literacy programs
- Interlibrary loan
- FREE Programs
- Seed library
- Talking Book and Braille Library assistance
- Research Databases