

June
2025

Outside the Box

The newsletter of the Box of Books Library

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BOX of Books
LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, June 4 | 4:00-6:00pm

Learn about digital library services such as Libby, Kanopy, and Mango Languages. Bring your own device and stop in!

Sunday, June 8 | 11:00-3:00pm

Mandy's Balloon Animals @ Market Sprouts

It's opening day of the Alfred Farmer's Market. The library is sponsoring Mandy's Balloon Animals to create fun for children of all ages!

Saturday, June 14 | 10:00am

Mushroom Walk @ Foster Lake

Join us at Foster Lake for a mushroom walk guided by Sam Warren. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, June 19 | 4:00pm

Summer Solstice Yarn Art

Make a beautiful landscape with yarn to celebrate the official start of summer! Ages 5+

Wednesday, June 11 at 5:00pm

Birding with Dr. Eli Knapp

Ornithologist and author, Dr. Eli Knapp will be at the library to share about his adventures in birding.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.ALFREDBOXOFBOOKSLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

FOR MORE EVENTS AND INFO.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!

Library Budget Vote

Due to a procedural error, the library budget proposals for 2026 were not able to be included on the May 20th ballot during the school budget vote. That means we must hold a separate vote.



Monday, June 30

10:00am-7:00pm

Alfred Almond Central School Auditorium



The Alfred Box of Books Library and the Almond 20th Century Club libraries will be holding a public hearing on Friday, June 13th at 6:30pm at the Almond library so voters can ask questions about the budget proposals.

Early mail and absentee voting options are available as well. Please contact the Alfred Box of Books Library for more information or visit our website.

For just \$92.37 a year (on a home assessed at \$100,000) taxpayers can support two local libraries! That's just 0.25 cents per day. If you have any questions regarding the vote, please visit our website or call the library at 607-587-9290.

Summer Reading Sneak Peek

JULY 7-AUGUST 15



Here is a list of just a few of our programs scheduled for summer reading! You can find full details on our website and full schedules will be coming out soon!

- Monday, July 7 | 4:00pm **Kick Off Party**
- Thursday, July 10 | 4:00pm **Draw a Comic with Doogie Horner**
- Tuesday, July 15 | 5:00pm **Fun that Pops Magic Show**
- Tuesday, July 22 | 1:00-6:00pm **Spoon Rings with Kim Chebalo**
- Monday, July 28 | 4:00pm- **Petting Zoo w/ Sun Dance Kids Farms**
- Monday, August 4 | 4:00pm **Painting Class w/ Badger and Butterfly**
- Tuesday, August 5 | 4:00pm **Bikes and Books**
- Thursday, August 7 | 6:00pm **Puzzle Race w/ Almond 20th Century Club Library**
- Tuesday, August 12 | 4:00pm **Nature's Notebooks with Cumming Nature Center**



Make Your Mark Bookmark Contest



The Southern Tier Library System is holding a contest beginning June 1. Stop by the library and complete a bookmark template. Turn it in to the circulation desk by July 31 and collect your sticker. Voting will take place and a winner from each category will be announced on September 8th and their designs will be distributed to all libraries within the system! Scan the QR code for more info!



Recurring Programs

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00pm

Anyone interested in playing with others and learning about mah jongg can join in!

True Crime Book Club

First Tuesday of the month @ 5:00pm

Get a FREE copy of the book and join us for a great discussion every month.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Every Other Wednesday @ 6:00pm

Club is scheduled to meet May 7 and 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Contact fesmirec@stls.org for more info.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program for children from birth to starting kindergarten. Children will earn small prizes at every 100 books read. Sign up by visiting our website or completing a paper form at the library. Participants will be given a free book and a keepsake journal. Track your reading and come back to the library every 100 books for a small prize! Visit our website to learn more or stop by and ask!