

2022 ALBERT LEA

# Fall Fun Guide



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# Albert Lea Recreation Fall Programs



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**Albert Lea Recreation Office, City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive**

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Info and registration online: [bit.ly/al-recreation](https://bit.ly/al-recreation) • Phone: 507-377-4370**

## Welcome

The City of Albert Lea Recreation Department and Public Library, along with our community partners, invite you to join us for entertainment, play, and relaxation.

Our park and recreation areas remain open during the fall, including the disc golf course at Bancroft Bay Park and the pickleball courts on Frank Avenue. Find a complete listing at: [cityofalbertlea.org/parks](https://cityofalbertlea.org/parks).



## Public Skate: Glide into fun!

### Various dates and times

Ice rinks at the Albert Lea City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive, are open for public skating at various times, usually weekdays from 1 -3 p.m. and Sundays from 4:30 – 6 p.m. The schedule is subject to change so be sure to check the calendar online.

**Cost:** \$4 if registering online, \$5 at the door. Additional \$2 to rent skates.

**Dates and times:** Be sure to check the "Public Skate Calendar" at [bit.ly/rec-public-skate](https://bit.ly/rec-public-skate) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/albertlearec](https://www.facebook.com/albertlearec).

**Register online:** Go to [bit.ly/recreation-registration](https://bit.ly/recreation-registration) and click on "Public Skate."

## Open for hockey

The City Arena sets aside ice time for open adult hockey and open high school hockey. The cost is \$6 per player. For dates, times and registration go to: [bit.ly/recreation-registration](https://bit.ly/recreation-registration) and click on "hockey."



## Catch college hockey at the arena

The Albert Lea City Arena is home to the Waldorf University (Forest City, Iowa) men's hockey program. Catch the Warriors in action this season! Details, including their game schedule, are available at: [www.waldorfwarriors.com/sport/0/17.php](http://www.waldorfwarriors.com/sport/0/17.php).

## Coming in January: Volleyball inside!

### Mondays and Wednesdays starting Jan. 9

Winter volleyball leagues are open to players age 15 and older, with games at the Albert Lea National Guard Armory, 410 Prospect Ave. A single elimination tournament is held at the end the season with championship T-shirts awarded to first-place teams. All leagues officiated by teams using the "Honor Rule." Cost is \$134.84 per team. First game starts at 6:30 p.m. with the Women's League on Monday nights and Co-Ed League on Wednesday nights.

**Jan. 4, 2023:** All team registrations due. Register online at: [bit.ly/recreation-registration](https://bit.ly/recreation-registration) and click on Adult Programming.

**Jan. 9, 2023:** Winter league starts.



# Halloween Skate

Sunday, Oct. 30 3-5 p.m.

City Arena - \$5.00  
includes skate rental

Costume contest




# Rock on Ice New Year's Bash

Friday, Dec. 30 7-9 p.m.

City Arena - \$5.00  
includes skate rental

Music & light refreshments



# Mites Hockey Registration

**Mite 1** - Pre-K and older new to hockey (must be age 3 or older).  
Saturdays 10-11 a.m.

**Mite 2** - Players who have been in hockey at least one year.  
Wednesdays 5:45-6:45 p.m. and Saturdays 9-10 a.m.

**Mite 3** - Players with 2 or more years of experience.  
Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Saturdays 8-9 a.m.

**Season runs November 6 - February 25**

Register online at [bit.ly/recreation-registration](https://bit.ly/recreation-registration)  
or call the Recreation Office at 507-377-4370.  
Cost: \$70 (includes jersey).



Scan for program information and registration!



Equipment rental is offered through the Albert Lea Hockey Association for an additional \$75.  
Payment and signups can be completed at the time of program registration.



# Albert Lea Public Library Fall Programs

211 E. Clark Street, Albert Lea • 507-377-4350



## Storytime

**Mondays and Tuesdays,  
through Nov. 22, 10 a.m.**

Join us for stories, songs, and movement to support literacy development and learning in young children.

## Nighttime Storytime

**Tuesdays, through Nov. 22,  
6:30 p.m.**

Come in your pajamas for stories, songs, and movement to support literacy development and learning in young children.

## Music & Movement

**Thursdays, through Nov. 17,  
10 a.m.**

Join us for music, dancing, singing, and stories to support literacy development and learning in young children.

# Youth Programs



## Painting Fun

**Sunday, Oct. 2, 2 p.m.**

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun afternoon of painting in the Children's Library.

## Intro to Book Pals

**Thursdays, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1, 3:45 p.m.**

Students in grades 1 and 2 are invited to an introduction to Book Pals, a book club just for kids. Each month, students will read, discuss and participate in activities related to a different story. Registration is required.

## BINGO

**Thursday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.**

Join us during fall break for BINGO in the Children's Library.

## Celebrate Mo Willems

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m.**

Join us in the Children's Library as we celebrate author Mo Willems with crafts and activities based on his stories and characters, including Piggie, Elephant, and Pigeon.

## Family Trivia

**Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m.**

Grab the whole family and test your knowledge of holidays during Family Trivia in the Children's Library!

## Polar Express Storytime

**Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m.**

Children are invited to join us for stories and crafts at our Polar Express storytime in the Children's Library. Come in your pajamas and "all-aboard" for fun.



To register for a program, stop by the library, 211 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, register online at [alponline.org](http://alponline.org), or call 507-377-4350. All programs are FREE OF CHARGE.

# Harry Potter Party

**Tuesday, Nov. 15, 4 - 6 p.m., Children's Library**



Join us as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Harry Potter. Come in your wizarding attire and participate in activities and games related to the series.

## Library Hours:

**Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Friday 1-5 p.m.**  
**Saturday Closed**  
**Sunday 1-5 p.m.**



# Adult Programs



To register for a program, stop by the library, 211 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, register online at [alplonline.org](http://alplonline.org), or call 507-377-4350. All programs are FREE OF CHARGE.

## Board Game Night

**First Tuesday of the month, 6 - 8 p.m.**

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for Board Game Night in the Fiction Library on the top floor of the Library/City Hall. A variety of games will be provided but attendees are welcome to bring their own.

## Adult Craft Night

**Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.**

Join the Albert Lea Public Library for Adult Craft Night on the second Tuesday of each month. Each month, attendees will complete a different craft. All supplies are provided. Registration is required.

Oct. 11 - Mini Succulent Planters

Nov. 8 - Wood Block Signs

Dec. 13 - Beaded Snowflakes

## Needles, Pins & More

**First Thursday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.**

Bring your current small craft project and work on it with others in the community. All types of crafts are welcome, including knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and more.

## Fountain Lake Readers Book Club

**Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.**

The Fountain Lake Readers Book Club meets monthly to discuss a broad range of fiction book titles. Copies of the book for each month are available at the library. New members are always welcome.

## Bring Your Own Lunch & Learn

**Second Thursday of the month, Noon, City Council Chambers**

Bring your lunch and join us for an afternoon of learning. Enjoy presentations from a variety of community partners. Visit the library's website, [alplonline.org](http://alplonline.org) or call for more information about topics and presenters.



## Events for all ages

### Two Sentence Scary Story Contest

**Contest Open Oct. 3 - 23**

**Winners Announced Oct. 31**

Celebrate the spooky season by writing your scariest story in just two sentences. Individuals of all ages are invited to enter with prizes awarded to the top three entries in four age categories. Full contest rules and submission guidelines are available on the library's website: [alplonline.org](http://alplonline.org).

### Puzzle Competition

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m., City Council Chambers**

Grab a team for this all ages competition that will test your jigsaw skills! Teams will race to complete the same puzzle. The puzzles have small and large pieces, perfect for all ages to join in the fun.



# Albert Lea Senior Center



**Skyline Plaza, 1739 W. Main St. • 507-373-0704**

**Open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,**

**Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon**

The mission of the Senior Center is to coordinate and provide programs and services to enrich the lives and health of our seniors through educational, social and recreational activities.



## Membership

Cost for the membership is \$30 and is available to anyone 55 and older. Feel free to call the Senior Center with any questions.

## Weekly Programing

Monday	9 a.m. Cribbage & Coffee 10:30 a.m. Building Bones 1 p.m. BINGO 3 p.m. Skip-Bo
Tuesday	9 a.m. Aerobics 10 a.m. SAIL 11:15 a.m. Quilting 12:30 p.m. 500 1 p.m. Crafts 2:30 p.m. Pfeffer
Wednesday	9 a.m. Cribbage & Coffee 1 p.m. BINGO 3 p.m. Skip-Bo
Thursday	9 a.m. Aerobics 9 a.m. TOPS 10:30 a.m. Building Bones 11:30 a.m. Bridge 12:30 p.m. 500 2 p.m. Knitting 2:30 p.m. Pfeffer
Friday	9 a.m. SAIL Center closes at noon

## Monthly Birthday Party

Join us for our Monthly Birthday Parties. We celebrate YOU on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

## Seniors United in Service

Join us the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. as we volunteer with United Way. Potential activities include sorting donations, preparing mailings or assembling hygiene kits.

## Halloween Costume Party

Halloween falls on a Monday this year so have some fun with us and dress up for BINGO! Anyone who dresses up receives a FREE bingo card along with cider and a treat after the games.

## Casino Day Trips

**Participants must be 18 years and older to go on the Casino Trips**

Minimum 25 participants to hold trip. Maximum 55. Cost per trip: \$30 for Senior Center members and \$35 for non-members. Bus departs at 8 a.m.

### Oct. 19: Mystic Lake Casino

- You will receive a coupon for \$15 Mystic Cash and a \$4 food voucher
- Register by Oct. 11

### Nov. 16: Treasure Island

- Each participant will receive a \$3 food coupon and \$15 in Slot Play
- Register by Nov. 8

## Defensive Driving Course

This course will save you 10% on your auto insurance for 3 years. There are NO written or behind the wheel tests!

To register and pay for this class, please call 1-888-234-1294 or visit [www.mnsafetycenter.org](http://www.mnsafetycenter.org).

**Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Dec. 16, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

## Christmas Party

**Edgewater Bay Pavilion, Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m.**

Join us for our second annual Christmas Party at the pavilion. There will be raffle items, live music, and delicious food overlooking the lake.

**Cost:** \$5 for Senior Center Members, \$12 for non-members. Registration and payment is required by Tuesday, Nov. 22.

**More events! For information on additional events, visit the Senior Center!**



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221 E Clark Street  
Albert Lea, MN 56007  
[cityofalbertlea.org](http://cityofalbertlea.org)

### Blue zones are healthy zones for everyone

Blue Zones is a nationwide program to embed healthy choices into everyday living. Albert Lea was the first Blue Zones-certified community in the United States. Residents, worksites, schools, grocery stores, healthcare and city government alike are focused on improving well-being for themselves and their neighbors.



We encourage you to have a healthy fall by visiting parks, walking or biking trails, and enjoying fresh produce. Be sure to take the Blue Zones pedestrian path around Fountain Lake:  
[cityofalbertlea.org/blue-zones-walkway](http://cityofalbertlea.org/blue-zones-walkway).

Look for “Blue Zones Project Albert Lea” on Facebook!

### Call 2-1-1 for health and human services help

Need help finding a resource? United Way's 2-1-1 referral and information hotline is for families and individuals in Minnesota to call for free and confidential information on health and human services. 2-1-1 call centers are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by trained Community Resource Specialists. All languages are available. In addition to general resources, the 2-1-1 team is a Minnesota based provider of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. For more information, visit [www.211unitedway.org](http://www.211unitedway.org).

### Check out the Community Calendar

Look for events, festivals and things to do on our community calendar, [cityofalbertlea.org/calendar](http://cityofalbertlea.org/calendar).

### Catch the SMART bus

Need a ride? Catch the SMART bus! Check out their routes and fares at [www.smartbusmn.org](http://www.smartbusmn.org), or call 1-855-SMART-B1 to arrange a ride.

### Discovery Kits available at library

Check out Discovery Kits for hiking, star-gazing and other activities at the Albert Lea Public Library:  
[alponline.org/discovery-kits](http://alponline.org/discovery-kits).

### Community Education: Climb a wall, take a trip, learn something new

Community Education offers classes for all ages, a rock gym, early childhood screening, day trips and so much more. There is NO FEE to use the rock gym for students in Albert Lea Area Schools! Check out their programs at [www.alschools.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.alschools.ce.eleyo.com).

### Take the Blazing Star State Trail

Walk or pedal the Blazing State Trail from Frank Hall Park, 505 Frank Ave., all the way to Myre-Big Island State Park and beyond. For more information, visit the Minnesota DNR website: [bit.ly/myre-state-park](http://bit.ly/myre-state-park) and [bit.ly/blazing-star-trail](http://bit.ly/blazing-star-trail).

### Farmers Market twice a week

**Through Oct. 29, North Broadway Lot**

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

9 a.m. - noon Saturdays

Fresh produce, baked goods and more!

### Spooktacular

**Thursday, Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.**

**Historic downtown Albert Lea**

Bring the kids for trick-or-treating at participating businesses with free photos at the Main Street office, 132 N. Broadway Ave.



### Annual Holiday Bazaar

**Thursday, Dec. 8, 4 – 6 p.m.**

**Historic downtown Albert Lea**

Bring the whole family for store specials, wagon rides, photos with Santa, hot chocolate and goodies, and the Santa Cruise on Broadway Avenue.