

2024 SUMMER FUN GUIDE



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221 E. Clark St.

507-377-4300

www.cityofalbertlea.org

Albert Lea: First Blue Zones Community!

As a certified Blue Zones community, Albert Lea works to make healthy choices the easy choices for everyone. Popular activities that support a Blue Zones lifestyle include:



- Exercising by taking the Blue Zones Walkway around Fountain Lake. For the route, parking and restrooms, see the map at: cityofalbertlea.org/blue-zones-walkway.
- Volunteering with a church, service club or non-profit like the United Way. Visit the city website for volunteering ideas: cityofalbertlea.org/service-clubs.
- Participating in community events. Visit our Community Calendar for ideas: cityofalbertlea.org/calendar.
- Shopping the Farmers Market in the North Broadway parking lot for fresh produce: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

For more information about Blue Zones Albert Lea, visit the city website at: cityofalbertlea.org/bluezones.

Look for "Blue Zones Project Albert Lea" on Facebook.

Albert Lea Art Center

Located at 101 S. Broadway Ave., the Albert Lea Art Center offers exhibits by local artists and many unique items for sale in the gift shop, Art on Broadway, all year long. Open Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 507-373-5665 for more information.

Albert Lea Community Theatre lights up your summer!

Check out ACT's upcoming lineup:

- **May 4, 7:30 p.m.:** Tap your toes to bluegrass with Becky and the High 48s (\$20 adults, \$15 students)
- **May 6, 7:30 p.m.:** Go your own way with a tribute to Fleetwood Mac, "Running in the Shadows" (\$25)
- **May 18, 7:30 p.m.:** All you need is love with a tribute to The Beatles, "A Hard Day's Night" (\$20)
- **June 20-23 and 26-30, 7:30 p.m. (Sundays 2 p.m.):** Tradition comes alive with the classic musical "Fiddler on the Roof" (\$20 adults, \$10 students)

Visit actonbroadway.com or call toll-free 1-877-730-3144 for more information and tickets.

All events take place at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway Ave.

Look for events, festivals and things to do on our
Community calendar



cityofalbertlea.org/calendar

Visit Albert Lea parks for picnics, play,
lake views and more!



See the full list online: cityofalbertlea.org/parks

Freeborn County Arts Initiative

The Freeborn County Arts Initiative, 224 S. Broadway Ave., offers bimonthly scheduled exhibits and programming. Visit this website for more information: www.fcai.us.

Freeborn County Historical Society

Visit the Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library and Village, 1031 Bridge Ave. For more information: fchmmn.org or 507-373-8003.

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 where families and individuals in Minnesota can call to obtain 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 who quickly assess needs and refer callers to the help that they seek. 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 about 2-1-1 visit www.211unitedway.org.



Neighborhood Parks

June 3 to July 27
from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Academy, Hawthorne, and Lakeview parks

For students in kindergarten through 5th grade

Celebrate summer by dropping in to your neighborhood park. Academy, Hawthorne and Lakeview will be open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with recreation leaders at each location to supervise and assist children and families in creating a fun and happy summer. Come play, make crafts and build new friendships. Parents are encouraged to stop by their neighborhood park and meet their park leaders.

Albert Lea Recreation is partnering with Albert Lea Community Education to provide crafts and activities with their Terrific Traveling Trailers throughout the summer. **Preregistration at alschools.ce.eleyo.com is required** to participate in the Community Education events.

Please note: Neighborhood parks are subject to close due to inclement weather and extreme heat.

Schedule and park locations are subject to change due to staffing.

See calendar on pages 5 to 6 for daily activities. Also, follow our Facebook page and website, cityofalbertlea.org, for an up-to-date calendar of special events.



FREE activities!



Academy Park	910 Frank Hall Drive
Hawthorne Park	915 Garfield Ave.
Lakeview Park	102 Willamor Road

Recreation special events - free!



Rolling Rec

Get crafty and active! Traveling recreation hits the parks from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Games, crafts and more!

June 18	Sondergaard Park	806 17th St.
June 27	Valley Park	611 Sheridan St.
July 17	Sibley Park	702 Maplehill Drive
July 23	Hayek Park	1215 W. Clark St.

Movie in the Park

Edgewater Park Bandshell

Head to the Edgewater Park Bandshell, 1600 Edgewater Drive, for a movie in the park! Take a seat on a bench or bring your lawn chairs and blankets to relax and enjoy the show. Movies will start at dusk, around 8 p.m.

June 7	"Encanto"
July 12	"Brave"
Aug. 16	"Trolls Band Together"

Stop down before the movie in the park on July 12 for archery tag! Sign up as a team or individual online at bit.ly/al-recreation.



Aquatic Center trip

June 18 and July 23

Buses will start picking up students at noon and will leave the Aquatic Center at 4 p.m. to return to parks.

Sondergaard Park	Noon
Hawthorne Park	12:15 p.m.
Lakeview Park	12:30 p.m.

Please note: Children **MUST** ride the bus to participate in this activity. Please pack a lunch and beverage for your child to eat at Frank Hall Park before the Aquatic Center opens. Bring a suit, towel and money for snacks.

Safety Day 2024

Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Morin Park, 222 St. Mary Ave.

Learn about services provided throughout the City of Albert Lea with demonstrations and booths from the police, fire department and other local agencies.



Check us out on Facebook!

Look for

"Albert Lea Recreation"



June Play Park Activity Schedule



DATE	TIME	ACADEMY	HAWTHORNE	LAKEVIEW	COMMUNITY ED TRAILER
Monday, June 3	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Let's get acquainted Let's get moving	Let's get acquainted Let's get moving	Let's get acquainted Let's get moving	Activity - Troy-Hammer Art - Hawthorne
Tuesday, June 4	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Mad scientist Games galore	UNO match off Wet and wild	Indoor fun Wet and wild	Activity - Valley Art - Sibley
Wednesday, June 5	All day	World Environment Day: crafts and games with recycled materials	World Environment Day: crafts and games with recycled materials	World Environment Day: crafts and games with recycled materials	Activity - Hayek Art - Lakeview
Thursday, June 6	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Minute to win it games Wet and wild	Wacky wonders Games galore	Imagination station Games galore	Activity - Lakeview Art - Hayek
Monday, June 10	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Imagination station Indoor fun	Bubble fun Let's get moving	Wacky wonders Let's get moving	Activity - Academy Art - Sondergaard
Tuesday, June 11	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Games galore tie-dye Tuesday	Games galore Wet and wild	Indoor fun UNO tournament	Activity - Sibley Art - Troy-Hammer
Wednesday, June 12	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Let's get moving Noon - Closed	Imagination station Indoor fun	Games galore STEM activities	Activity - Hawthorne Art - Valley
Thursday, June 13	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Wacky wonders UNO match off	Games galore Mad scientist	Imagination station Tie-dye	Activity - Sondergaard Art - Academy
Monday, June 17	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Mystery games Imagination station	UNO match off Wacky wonders	Wet and wild Wacky wonders	Activity - Troy-Hammer Art - Hawthorne
Tuesday, June 18	9 a.m. Noon	Stamping fun Aquatic Center Trip	Indoor fun Aquatic Center Trip	Indoor fun Aquatic Center Trip	Activity - Valley Art - Sibley
Wednesday, June 19		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday, June 20	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	STEM activities Ice cream in a bag	Let's get moving Wet and wild	Let's get moving Games galore	Activity - Lakeview Art - Hayek
Monday, June 24	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Imagination station Indoor fun	Tie-dye Games galore	Mystery games Let's get moving	Activity - Academy Art - Sondergaard
Tuesday, June 25	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Celebrate the senses Wacky wonders	Wacky Wonders Celebrate the senses	Celebrate the senses Wacky wonders	Activity - Sibley Art - Troy-Hammer
Wednesday, June 26	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Indoor fun Wet and wild	Imagination station Indoor fun	Imagination station Let's get moving	Activity - Hawthorne Art - Valley
Thursday, June 27	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Snacks and bingo Wet and wild	Minute to win it games Let's get moving	Games galore UNO match off	Activity - Sondergaard Art - Academy

More about it!

Imagination station: Let your creative juices flow! There will be an art project for each day.

Games galore: Try your luck with yard games.

Let's get moving: Active games to get you moving!

Mystery games: Can you guess the clues and solve the puzzle?

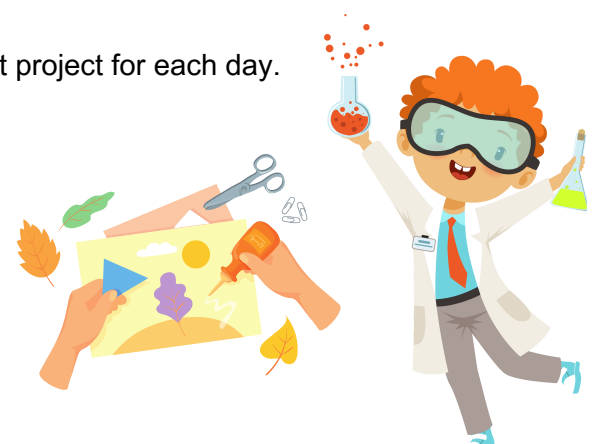
Wet and wild: Lets go play in the water! Bring your swimsuit.

Wacky wonders: The play park leaders will decide on a task today!

Indoor fun: We will play inside games.

Tie-dye: Bring a white or light colored item!

Snacks and Bingo: We will make a healthy snack and play bingo!



July Play Park Activity Schedule

DATE	TIME	ACADMEY	HAWTHORNE	LAKEVIEW	COMMUNITY ED TRAILER
Monday, July 1	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Stamping fun Bubble fun	Wacky wonders Let's get moving	Indoor fun Mad scientist	Activity - Troy-Hammer Art - Hawthorne
Tuesday, July 2	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Games galore Let's get moving	Stamping fun Imagination station	STEM activities Wacky wonders	Activity - Valley Art - Sibley
Wednesday, July 3	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	UNO match off Wet and wild	Games galore Kids carnival	Let's get moving Games galore	Activity - Hayek Art - Lakeview
Thursday, July 4		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday, July 8	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Imagination station UNO match off	Let's get moving Games galore	Imagination station Summer Olympics	Activity - Academy Art - Sondergaard
Tuesday, July 9	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Tie-dye Let's get moving	Bingo and snacks Wacky wonders	Let's get moving Tie-dye	Activity - Sibley Art - Hammer
Wednesday, July 10	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Summer Olympics Indoor fun	Imagination station Let's get moving	Wacky wonders Noon - closed	Activity - Hawthorne Art - Valley
Thursday, July 11	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Wacky wonders Games galore	Minute to win it games Indoor fun	Games galore Stamping fun	Activity - Sondergaard Art - Academy
Monday, July 15	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Bingo and snacks Let's get moving	Stamping fun Games galore	Minute to win it games Wacky wonders	Activity - Troy-Hammer Art - Hawthorne
Tuesday, July 16	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Wet and wild Imagination station	Wacky wonders Tie-dye	Imagination station Kids carnival	Activity - Valley Art - Sibley
Wednesday, July 17	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Kids carnival Games galore	Bounce house fun UNO match off	Bingo and snacks Wacky wonders	Activity - Hayek Art - Lakeview
Thursday, July 18	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	UNO match off STEM activities	Wacky wonders Wet and wild	Imagination station Indoor fun	Activity - Lakeview Art - Hayek
Monday, July 22	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Imagination station Bubble fun	Mad scientist Wacky wonders	Let's get moving Messy games	Activity - Academy Art - Sondergaard
Tuesday, July 23	9 a.m. Noon	Let's get moving Aquatic Center trip	Games galore Aquatic Center trip	Indoor fun Aquatic Center trip	Activity - Sibley Art - Troy-Hammer
Wednesday, July 24	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Shark day themed activities and crafts	Shark day themed activities and crafts	Shark day themed activities and crafts	Activity - Hawthorne Art - Valley
Thursday, July 25	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Let's get moving Games galore	Holidays in July crafts and activities	Holidays in July crafts and activities	Activity - Sondergaard Art - Academy

Find the fun

Neighborhood parks:

Academy Park	910 Frank Hall Drive
Hawthorne Park	915 Garfield Ave.
Hayek Park	1215 W. Clark St.
Lakeview Park	102 Willamor Road
Troy Hammer Park	603 Troy Road
Valley Park	611 Sheridan St.
Sibley Park	702 Maplehill Drive
Sondergaard Park	806 17th St.



Aquatic Center

Open June 3 to Aug. 11

321 James Ave., 507-373-3328

Hours and admission:

Daily admission:

Monday-Friday: 1-5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

1-7 p.m.

\$4: 3 years and older

\$1: 7 months to 2 years

No charge 6 months and younger

\$2: non-swimmers

Nighttime admission:

Monday-Friday:

6:30-8 p.m.

\$2: 3 years and older

No charge 2 years and younger

Season passes:

Family pass:

\$120 + tax (4 family members living in the same household)

\$20 + tax (for each additional family member living in the same household)

Individual pass:

\$65 + tax

Caretaker pass:

\$35 + tax

(must be babysitter/nanny/personal care attendant)

All passes must be purchased online or at the Rec office at the City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive. Passes can be purchased beginning May 2 at 9 a.m.

No cash refunds due to weather or other unforeseen closing. Cash and credit cards only accepted at the Aquatic Center.

Group rentals

Group rentals are available during Aquatic Center open hours. Discounted rates available for larger groups. Contact Dani Bakken at dbakken@albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4368 to schedule a group rental.

Birthday party package

Birthday party package includes up to 10 guests plus 2 chaperones: **\$35**

Additional guests: \$3 per person

(at least 1 adult supervisor must be present with the group)

Birthday party package includes:

- Admission
- An intercom birthday welcome to the birthday person
- Reserved space with 2 picnic tables for the birthday party group
- Option of bringing cake/cupcakes into the Aquatic Center (this is the only time outside food is allowed)

The Aquatic Center will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth and will close at 5 p.m. on July 3 and be closed all day July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.



Children 6 years and younger must be supervised by a paid adult swimmer and be within arm's reach at all times.

Aquatic Center

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons and purchasing of pool passes will begin on May 2 at 9 a.m.

To register:

- Online at bit.ly/al-recreation
- Recreation Office, City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive, open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
- Cash, checks and credit cards accepted

You may register for ONE session and must finish the session before registering for another. See class descriptions at right.

\$35/session city residents,
\$40/session non-residents

Session 1: June 10 to 21 (no lesson June 19)

Session 2: July 8 to 18

Session 3: July 22 to Aug. 1 (morning sessions only)

Aqua Tots, Levels 1, 2 and 3

9:50 to 10:20 a.m.

10:25 to 10:55 a.m.

11 to 11:30 a.m.

5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

5:50 to 6:20 p.m.

Level 4

9:50 to 10:30 a.m.

10:35 to 11:15 a.m.

5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

Please register
online at
bit.ly/al-recreation
or at the Recreation office
at the City Arena.
You CANNOT
register at the
Aquatic Center.



Class Descriptions

Aqua Tots: Aqua Tots is for children 3 and 4 years old. A parent must be in the water with the child.

Skills taught: Open eyes under water, blow bubbles out of nose, enter water while being caught, enter water without help, flutter kicks on the wall, flutter kicks away from the wall, back float, back float with kick, stomach float, stomach float with kick.

Level 1: Level 1 is a beginner level course. Children must be 5 years old at the start of the session.

Skills taught: Open eyes under water, blow bubbles out of nose, 10 consecutive bobs, enter water without help, jellyfish float, stomach float, back float, back float with kick, stomach float, stomach float turn to back float, back float turn to stomach float, open eyes under water and pick up submerged object held at arms length, front crawl arm action, move 5 yards and exit water, use diving board with help, how to use a life jacket and how to get help.

Level 2: Children must complete Level 1 prior to enrollment in Level 2.

Skills taught: Front flutter kick with board, back flutter kick with board, front frog kick with board, back float with flutter kick, stomach float with flutter kick, rhythmic breathing on the wall, front crawl with rhythmic breathing, back crawl, jump off diving board on own, retrieve object from bottom of 3 feet area, front glide, submerge entire head.

Level 3: Children must complete Level 2 prior to enrollment in Level 3.

Skills taught: Front flutter kick with board, front frog kick with board, back frog kick with board, frog kick under water, sidestroke, breast stroke, elementary back stroke, jump off diving board on own and return to side, retrieve object from bottom of 4 feet area, tread water, rhythmic breathing, glides.

Level 4: Children must complete Level 3 prior to enrollment in Level 4.

Skills taught: Dolphin kick, front crawl width of pool, back crawl width of pool, breaststroke width of pool, butterfly, elementary backstroke length of pool, sidestroke with scissor kick length of pool, tread water for 1 minute, retrieve item from 4 feet area, surface dive feet first, surface dive head first, survival float.



Check us out on Facebook!

Look for

"Albert Lea Recreation"

Aquatic Center special events



Grandparents Day every Monday

One free grandparent admission with one paid swimmer on Mondays throughout the summer.

\$2 Tuesdays

Each person pays only \$2 to enter the Aquatic Center, with no charge for children age 2 and younger!

Father's Day special

All dads get in for free with one paid child admission on Sunday, June 16.

Teen night

The Aquatic Center will be open for ages 12-15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20. There will be a DJ and other activities.

Mother's Day special

All moms get in for free with one paid child admission on Sunday, July 14.

Veterans swim day

All veterans get in for free with one paid child admission on Sunday, July 21.

Holidays in July

Celebrate holidays at the pool! There will be games and activities associated with holidays celebrated throughout the year on Thursday, July 25.

Water Aerobics

June 3 to Aug. 11 (dates subject to change)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Sunday from 8 to 9 p.m.

\$40 residents, \$45 non-residents

Ages 14 - Adult

This class will use noodles, aquatic gloves and barbell floaters. There will be no class June 19 and during fair week, July 30 to Aug. 4. You may attend any of the times listed above.

Lap Swim

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; \$2 per person

Enjoy your lunch break in the cool, cool, water!



Skatepark Hours

Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
7 days a week
at the City Beach
300 Johnson St.



Cool off at the Splash Pad!

Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
7 days a week
107 Fountain St.

City recreation information

701 Lake Chapeau Drive
507-377-4370

Pavilion rental information

Looking for a place for family reunions or birthday parties? The city rents facilities at Edgewater, Pioneer and Fountain Lake parks. Facilities must be rented for a minimum of 2 hours. Cancellations must be made 30 days prior to use to receive a refund. No refunds due to weather. Prices do not include sales tax. All parks and facilities are tobacco-free. Alcohol may only be served by a business with an on-sale liquor license who also holds a catering permit as an incidental part of food service.

For information on prices, contact the Recreation Department at 507-377-4370 or reserve online at bit.ly/al-recreation.

Photo policy

The City of Albert Lea may photograph participants in programs and special events, or people in parks or on park property, and use these images in city promotions. The media may also use images in their coverage of Albert Lea events, programs and facilities. The photos are not made available for commercial/private sector marketing and advertising, endorsement, trade or sales.

Program cancellation

The City of Albert Lea will issue a full refund when a class or program is canceled due to low enrollment. Class participants will be notified of a canceled program through email.

Participation waiver

Participation in any Albert Lea Recreation program, class or activity is voluntary. By enrolling in these programs, you indicate that you have no physical conditions, health history or illness that would make your participation hazardous to your health or others.

Questions and volunteer opportunities

Consider giving your time and talents through volunteering with the Albert Lea Recreation Department. For more information, individuals, businesses and social groups should contact Recreation Coordinator Dani Bakken at dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4368.

Inclusion support

The Parks and Recreation Department provides an atmosphere in which individuals with special needs can interact, play and socialize with their peers in an inclusive environment. Recreation staff will do their best to assist

with modifications and volunteer support to help make each experience successful. Please let staff know at registration if any modifications or support is needed.

Archery tag

Albert Lea Recreation now has archery tag! This archery-inspired team game uses arrow tips that are made from foam. Follow Albert Lea Recreation on Facebook and the city website, cityofalbertlea.org/recreation, for more information on this new game!



Contact and registration info

Recreation Department
City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive
Albert Lea, MN 56007
 507-377-4370
cityofalbertlea.org

To register:

- Online at bit.ly/al-recreation.
- Recreation Office, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive, open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.
- Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.



Albert Lea Public Library

211 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN

507-377-4350

No fee for programs



Summer Reading Program

June 2 to Aug. 18

Children are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library for "Adventure Begins at Your Library," the 2024 Summer Reading Program. Read books and win prizes! Stop by the library or our website, alponline.org, to register and for more information. Registration begins May 2.



Storytime

**Mondays and Tuesdays,
June 3 to July 16 at 10 a.m.;**
Children's Library

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

Nighttime Storytime

Tuesdays, June 3 to July 16 at 6:30 p.m.;
Children's Library

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

Music and Movement

Thursdays, June 6 to July 18 at 10 a.m.;
Children's Library (no event July 4)

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

Library programs for grade-schoolers



Science Blast

Tuesdays, June 4 to July 16 at 2 p.m.;

Children's Library

Come to Science Blast, a hands-on science program where students will learn and have fun with different science experiments.

Art Zone

Wednesdays, June 5 to July 17 at 10 a.m.

Children's Library (no event June 19)

Come to Art Zone, where students will use their creativity to create works of art using different mediums each week.

Intro to Embroidery

Wednesday, June 5 at 2 p.m.; Children's Library

Students going into grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to learn the art of embroidery! All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary. **Registration is required.**

Intro to Book Pals

Wednesdays, June 12 and July 10 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Students in grades 1 and 2 are invited to join the library for an introduction to Book Pals, a book club just for students. Each month, they will read, discuss and participate in activities related to a different story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one time slot only.

Book Pals: Grades 3 and 4

Wednesdays, June 12 to July 17 at 2 and 3 p.m.

(no meeting June 19)

Students in grades 3 and 4 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for students. This summer, students will read "The Incredible Journey" by Sheila Burnford and participate in activities related to the story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one time slot only.

Book Pals: Grades 5, 6 and 7

Mondays, June 10 to July 15 at 2 and 3 p.m.

(no meeting June 17)

Students in grades 5, 6 and 7 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for students. This summer, they will read "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien and participate in activities related to the story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one time slot only.

Special events



Family event: Cabin frame/fish

Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m.; Children's Library

Unleash your creativity together! Stop by for a fun family craft activity.

The Magic of Isaiah

Thursday, June 6 at 2 and 3 p.m.; Children's Library

Be a part of the magic! This interactive show will amaze and entertain the whole family.

RAD Zoo

Thursday, June 13 at 2 and 3 p.m.; Children's Library

Explore the amazing world of turtles, lizards, snakes, and alligators with the RAD Zoo.

Greg the Great

Thursday, June 20 at 2 and 3 p.m.; Children's Library

Come to the library for an entertaining and educational magic show by Greg the Great.

BINGO

Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m.; Children's Library

Students are invited to join us for BINGO.

Magic with Jim Jayes

Thursday, July 11 at 2 and 3 p.m.; Children's Library

Experience a performance of magic, puppets and comedy by Jim Jayes.

This program is made possible by the people of Minnesota through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Library Legacy Fund, in cooperation with our regional library system, SELCO.

ZooMan

Thursday, July 18 at 2 and 3 p.m.; Children's Library

Buckle up for a slithering good time with the ZooMan and his amazing crew of reptiles and amphibians!

Library programs for adults

Board Game Night

First Tuesday of the month from 6 to 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.

Needles, Pins and More

First Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.

(no meeting July 4)

Bring your current small craft project (knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc.) and work on it with others.

Adult Craft Night

Second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

Join the Albert Lea Public Library for Adult Craft Night on the second Tuesday of each month. Attendees will complete a different craft each month. All supplies are provided. **Registration is required.** Please register for one session only.

May 14 Button flower

June 11 Sharpie mug bird feeder

July 9 Acrylic keychain

Aug. 13 Wood slice magnets



To register for a program, stop by the library, register online at www.alplonline.org, or call 507-377-4350.

All programs are free of charge.

Adventure begins at your library: Adult Summer Reading Program

June 2 - Aug. 18

Adults are invited to participate in the 2024 adult summer reading program, Adventure Begins at the Albert Lea Public Library. Read five books between June 2 and Aug. 18 to win a prize and an entry into the grand prize drawing.

One prize per person, but readers can continue to enter the grand prize drawing for every five books read.

Sign up for the program at the library starting June 2.



Fountain Lake Readers

Second Thursday of the month at 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.

3D Printing: Design class

Thursdays, May 16 and July 18 at 5 p.m.

Learn about designing and printing in 3D. Participants will use Tinkercad to create and customize designs and print them with the library's 3D printer. Participants with and without 3D printing experience are welcome, but should have basic computer skills. **Registration is required.**

3D Printing: Open lab

Thursdays, June 20 and Aug. 15 at 5 p.m.

Access the library's 3D printing resources to make your designs come to life. Library computers, the 3D printer, and PLA filament will be made available for prints.

Participants should have prior experience with 3D printing. Staff will be available to answer questions and assist with troubleshooting. **Registration is required.**

Library programs for adults

Choose Your Own Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.;
Library computer lab

Connect with fellow readers and grow your reading list in this casual book discussion group. This is a great place to talk about the books you've read or are currently reading.

Bring Your Own Lunch and Learn

Thursdays, June 13, July 11, and Aug. 8, at noon;
City Council Chambers

Bring your own lunch for an hour of learning.

June 13 Bizarre History of Minnesota with Chad Lewis*

July 11 Dave and Amy Freeman's Year in the Boundary Waters with Wilderness Inquiry

Aug. 8 Birdwatching 101 with Amy Simso Dean*

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Drop-in crafts for adults

Tuesday, July 23 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.;
Fiction Library

Come to the Albert Lea Public Library for an evening of drop-in adult crafting. There will be multiple crafts to choose from or you can create your own masterpiece. Supplies will be provided.



Carving Your Clan: Stonecarving workshop

Tuesday, June 25 from 5 to 8 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 221 E. Clark St.

This special workshop, presented by Jeffrey Tibbetts, blends ceremony, culture and art to deliver a unique hands-on experience. During this 3-hour class, participants will carve a physical representation from a natural material while developing an understanding of the Ojibwe worldview. All materials and tools will be furnished by the artist, and the finished pieces will belong to the participants to take home. This program is open to individuals ages 14 and up. **Registration is required.**

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Local Author Festival

Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.;
Edgewater Bay Pavilion,
1940 Edgewater Drive

Meet your favorite local authors!

The Albert Lea Public Library invites you to their 3rd Annual Local Author Festival. Enjoy a panel discussion with featured authors, followed by an opportunity to get your books signed! Books will be available for purchase at the event.



Library programs for teens

Teen Summer Reading Program

June 2 to Aug. 18

Teens are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library for "Adventure Begins at Your Library," the 2024 Summer Reading Program. Read books and win prizes! Stop by the library or head to our website, alplonline.org, to register and for more information.

Teen drop-in crafts

Wednesdays June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Join the Albert Lea Public Library for an afternoon of drop-in teen crafting! There will be multiple crafts to choose from or you can create your own masterpiece. Supplies will be provided.

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Join us at the Albert Lea Public Library for Teen Game Night. Board games, card games, and Nintendo Switches will be provided or teens are welcome to bring their own games. Bring your friends and make new ones.

Teen Hangout

Thursday, June 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.; City Council Chambers

Meet up with friends and make new ones during Teen Hangout! A variety of activities will be available, including Nintendo Switch, board and card games, crafts and more. Snacks will be provided. No registration needed - just drop by!

Library events for all ages



Mobile Sign Shop

Wednesday, July 3 from 2 to 5 p.m.; Central Park, 300 W. Clark St.

Make your own carved sign at the Mobile Sign Shop! The Mobile Sign Shop provides guidance and prompts on how to make a carved, custom sign along with materials, paint and brushes. Registration is preferred as spots are limited. Remaining signs will be first come, first served. This event is for all ages but young children will need adult assistance.

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Sewing Circle

Wednesday, July 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.; Fountain Lake Park, 100 W. Fountain St.

Come together with other community members to create a quilt! The Sewing Circle is an artist-operated sewing machine that allows for participants to connect to their own creativity through hands-on textile art activities. Attendees will select and draw on squares of fabric that will be sewn together by the artist during the event to create a community quilt that will be displayed around the community. Registration is preferred as spots are limited. Remaining spots will be first come, first serve.

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Additional community information

Library offers printing services

The Albert Lea Public Library offers printing services to the public for a small fee. Individuals can print from public computers or use the library's remote printing service to print directly from their own device. Printing costs 10 cents per page for black and white and 25 cents per page for color. More information can be found here: alplonline.org/online-services/technology.

Information available in English, Spanish and Karen

Beyond books, the Albert Lea Public Library offers computers for use, hotspots for checkout and many additional services. To learn more, watch the videos on the library's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/AlbertLeaPubLib. The "Information about" video programs are available in English, Spanish and Karen.

This Fun Guide is also available online in English and Spanish: cityofalbertlea.org/recreation.

While information is available in other languages, programs and classes are offered in English unless otherwise noted.

Equipment Rentals

Frank Hall Park:

Canoes, kayaks, bikes, pickleball sets and horseshoes

North Broadway parking lot:

Bikes

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Disc golf sets

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2024 SUMMER WITH COMMUNITY ED

- **Brookside Boathouse opening in June!**
- **Brookside Rock Gym**
hours: Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 6-9pm
- **Terrific Traveling Trailers are back!** Crafts & activities at Hawthorne, Sibley, Hayek, Lakeview, Academy, Valley, Hammer & Sondergarrd city parks in June & July.
- Youth sports camps
- Free youth activities
- Adult Enrichment



SUMMER BOOK COMING MID-MAY!

1011 Hammer Road | Albert Lea, MN
507-379-5318 | AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



Albert Lea Senior Center

1739 W. Main St.
507-373-0704

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

The Senior Center's mission 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. If you are a member of the YMCA, membership is free.

Memory Care Cafe

**Second Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
Second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.**

A safe place for people with memory loss and their caregivers to come and enjoy activities, share conversation, learn, and feel connected. Call 373-3938 for details.

Monthly birthday party

**Second Monday of the month following BINGO
(around 2:30 p.m.)**

Join us for our monthly birthday parties where we celebrate you!

Tech Tuesday

First Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Representatives from various companies like Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile will join us each month. They will be available to help with cell phone questions as well as teach a few new tricks. Keep an eye out for details on each month's topic!

Coffee with a Cop

First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to come and enjoy a cup of coffee with local law enforcement officers and ask any questions you may have.

Spring BBQ

May 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Register by May 6

Nothing beats the smell of grilled food on a warm day. Join us for lunch with all the fixings. Cost: \$8 Senior Center members, \$14 non-members.

Peace of mind seminar

June 12 at 10 a.m. Please register in advance, but walk-ins are welcome.

Bonnerup Funeral Services will provide insights on proactive planning. Discover how starting the conversation now can alleviate the burden on your loved ones later. Gain peace of mind knowing that your wishes are understood and documented, ensuring a smooth transition when the time comes. No charge.

Winona museum tour

June 18 at 9 a.m., register by June 4

Join fellow members for a guided exploration of the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, followed by a lunch at Winona's Family Restaurant. Afterward, prepare to be enthralled by the vintage treasures at the Remlinger Collector Car Museum. Then, immerse yourself in Winona's rich cultural heritage with a choice between visiting the Kashubian Cultural Institute and Polish Museum or the Watkins Museum. Reserve your spot today! \$60 members, \$67 non-members.

Wild Rose Casino trip

July 16 at 9 a.m.; register by June 27

Participants must be 18 years and older to go on the casino trips.

Join us on a comfortable bus ride from the Senior Center to Emmetsburg, where you'll enjoy four hours of excitement. Each person will receive \$10 Free Slot Play and a food voucher for a free hot dog from the casino. Cost: \$40 Senior Center members, \$45 non-members.

Treasure Island Casino trip

Aug. 20 at 9 a.m.; register by Aug. 1

Join us on a comfortable bus ride from the Senior Center to the casino, where you'll enjoy four hours of excitement. Participants will receive \$20 Free Slot Play along with a \$5 off food coupon from the casino. Cost: \$40 Senior Center members, \$45 non-members.

End of Summer BBQ

Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Register by Aug. 6

Let's get out the grill one more time! Join us for some good company and great food as we bid farewell to summer. Cost: \$8 members, \$14 non-members.

Albert Lea Senior Center

Weekly programming:

Monday

9 a.m. Cribbage and 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
Noon 500
1 p.m. Crafts
2:30 p.m. Pfeffer

Wednesday

9 a.m. Cribbage and Coffee
1 p.m. BINGO
3 p.m. Skip-Bo

Thursday

9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Building Bones
11:30 a.m. Bridge
Noon 500
2 p.m. Knitting
2:30 p.m. Pfeffer

Friday

9 a.m. SAIL
Center closes at Noon

 Find us
on Facebook!

Look for "Albert Lea
Senior Center"

Defensive Driving Course

May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save 10 percent 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.safetycenter.org.



Safety tips from Albert Lea Fire Rescue

Recreational fires:

- Must be contained in a fire ring or pit
- Materials burning cannot take up an area larger than 3'x3'
- Must be clean dry wood, no trash or leaves
- Must be 25 feet away from any building
- A water source must be nearby for extinguishing
- A competent adult must be in attendance at all times
- Watch for burning bans on Albert Lea Fire Rescue's Facebook page



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 Albert Lea, MN 56007
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 Music Every Thursday
 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 this summer starting May 30
 Fountain Lake Park Gazebo
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Walk or bike the Blazing Star Trail

Frank Hall Park, 505 Frank Ave. to Myre-Big Island State Park and beyond.
 Visit: www.dnr.state.mn.us search for "Blazing Star Trail."



Independence Day Celebration

July 3 Parade, 6 p.m.
 July 4 Fireworks at Dusk
 Follow City of Albert Lea - City Hall on Facebook for updates

ALBERT LEA, MN

SAVE THE DATE

June
 6-8... Eddie Cochran Weekend
 12 Wind Down Wednesday
 15 Pride and Brunch
 19 Juneteenth at The Broadway

July
 3-6... July Jamboree
 5 112 on Broadway dance
 6 Boat Parade
 10 Wind Down Wednesday

August
 9-10. Relay for Life
 9 Glo Ride
 10 Rock and Roll the Lakes
 10 Albert Lea Floats
 14 Wind Down Wednesday

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Start your summer adventure!

OPEN HOUSE

Explore summer fun and resources! Join the Albert Lea Public Library and Recreation Department for an open house at City Hall. Sign up for summer programs, register for a library card, and have all your questions answered by friendly staff from both departments.

May 2 from 4 to 7 p.m.
Albert Lea Public Library/City Hall, 221 E. Clark St.

- Free transportation on the SMART bus route in Albert Lea and from Clarks Grove (call 507-377-4350 to sign up and for details)
- Spanish and Karen interpreters available during event
- **Crafts • Refreshments • Door prizes**