



## Alden Ewell Free Library Association Newsletter

### December 2018

Welcome to the Alden Ewell Free Library Association December newsletter! Can you believe that 2018 is almost over? Our Board has some exciting news to share about the library for 2019—read on to find out how you can help!

The Board met with Mary Jean Jakubowski, the director of the Buffalo & Erie County Library system, in a special meeting in November. Ms. Jakubowski explained that as currently chartered by New York State, our library's service area is only the village of Alden. She has been in contact with the state about re-chartering our library to include both the village and the town of Alden (a geographic area that we are already providing service for, of course). Such a move would mean that the minimum state standards for our library would go up, and that would in turn improve our ability to provide library services to the entire community of Alden.

The Board has already voted to continue with the re-chartering process; our next step is to have an Association vote. With that in mind, the Board has scheduled our next Association meeting for Monday, March 4 at 7 PM, and we need you there to vote! A quorum of the Association is needed to vote on the re-chartering so the resolution can continue on to the state board as soon as possible. Mary Jean Jakubowski will be in attendance to answer any questions people might have about the re-chartering process.

In other exciting news—longtime trustee and former secretary Carol Dubel is retiring and moving to Florida with her husband, and Association member Renee Nelson has generously agreed to take her position on the board. Please join the Board in thanking Carol for her service and welcoming Renee!

Our holiday raffle—for two gingerbread house kits—garnered close to twenty entries; our current raffle basket is for car maintenance items. Check out three or more items in the next few weeks for your chance to win!

The library will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday, on New Year's Day, and January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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#### **Upcoming programs** (call or stop by for more information):

- Science Fun December 27 at 6 PM in the children's room
- Share a Story with Sadie December 29 at 1 PM in the Taylor Meeting Room
- Chess Club/Board Game Night January 3 and 17 at 6:30 PM in the Taylor Meeting Room
- Story Time January 5 and 19 at 12:30 PM in the children's room
- Book a Technology Trainer January 9 at 1 PM in the Taylor Meeting Room
- Lego Club January 15 at 6 PM in the children's room

#### **Association events:**

- Association meeting at 7 PM on Monday, March 4 in the Taylor Meeting Room; Board meeting to follow—**please plan to attend** to vote on the resolution to re-charter the library

View our **online programming calendar** [here](#).

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