

- **Statistics (2017):**
 - Circulation: 25,581
 - Computer Use: 1828
 - Visits: 16,163
 - Reference: 1,315
- **Programming highlights:**
 - **Summer programming was very successful**
 - Science Fun week, a mix of outside programmers and library programs, was well-attended and very popular
 - Dave Bauer, a former Alden Central teacher, led a nature scavenger hunt
 - The Aquarium of Niagara and Buffalo Animal Adventures brought a variety of animals
 - Patrons learned all about fossils with a geologist
 - Children “mummified” apples in our STEM in Ancient Egypt program
 - Other summer programming highlights included an improv show, magic, and juggling
 - Teen crafting programs included jewelry making and pet crafts
 - Independent reading program went well
 - We partnered with the Pink Cow and had free cone coupons for everyone who completed the program
 - Our events coordinator donated prizes for readers to be raffled off in each category—preschool, elementary, and teen readers
 - **Regular programming continued all year long:**
 - Lego Club (3rd Tuesday)
 - Science Fun (4th Thursday)
 - Story Time and craft (alternate Saturdays)
 - Book a Tech Trainer (monthly)
 - **New programs:**
 - Chess Club and Board Game Night (1st and 3rd Thursdays)
 - Share a Story with Sadie (Therapy dog, last Saturday of the month)

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- **New Teen/Young Adult section:**
 - Our Teen/Young Adult section is complete!
 - Highlights include:
 - Young adult nonfiction section with biographies, test prep, school help, and more
 - Young adult audiobooks
 - Two new paperback spinners with a plethora of books
 - Café-style seating with device chargers and plugs for laptops
- **Video reclassification:**
 - We have resurrected the family movie section, moving family-friendly DVDs and Blu-Rays into their own section to make browsing easier
 - Nonfiction DVDs are now shelved by LC numbers
 - New anime video section
- **Graphic novels/comic book area is now shelved by universe (Marvel or DC) to make finding titles easier**
- **Funding sources:**
 - **Town of Alden**
 - **Senator Patrick Gallivan**
 - **Cotton Fund**
- **The Alden Ewell Free Library's Association Website**
 - Is now live at www.aldenewellfreelibrary.com
 - Is for the Association; has an up-to-date calendar, programming information, volunteer opportunities, Board information, and more
- **Keeping the library open the same hours all year long was a success**
 - Library got rid of special summer hours in 2017
 - 2017's Saturdays saw an 18% increase overall in patron checkouts over 2016's Fridays
- **Current Library Trustees:**
 - Susan Sabers Chapman, President
 - William Chapman, Vice President
 - Joy Insinna, Treasurer
 - Carol Dubel, Secretary
 - Tanya Lords-Quinn, Trustee

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