

# BETWEEN THE LINES

ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 2025

## What's Happening at Alpine Public Library?

APL's summer reading programs have started. Activities for kids ages 5 to 12 include presentations from McDonald Observatory, Davis Mountains State Park, and Big Bend Ranch State Park. The McDonald Observatory started off with Dark Skies and Bright Stars. Claudia has something scheduled weekly through August. Cuentos en Español (Wednesday afternoons) and Toddler Time (Thursday mornings) will continue through the summer. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter or check the library webpage and social media for updated information. There are also reading bingo and a reading challenge.

Kids completing a reading log win prizes like an ice cream or city pool passes.

Yoga with Bailey classes have been popular and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 2 pm to 3 pm. Yoga with Bailey is also offering a specialized prenatal yoga class on the first and third Fridays of the month from 1 pm to 2 pm. Don't forget Travel Talk at 7 pm on the last Friday of the month.

Finally, I would like to share a letter, which you can read below, that we received a couple of weeks ago.

—Don Wetterauer, *MLS, PhD*  
*Executive Director*

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### Director & Staff

This past March, while on a vacation road trip through West Texas, I had the great pleasure of visiting your library. Of all of the services provided by city and county agencies, the public library serves to further the education and well-being of its citizens more than any other activity.

And in this day of e-books, "smart" phones, and iPads, it was most gratifying to see your very modern, and yet traditional, full-service library. Lending stacks, reference section, periodicals, special collections, full computer services, and study rooms were most impressive. I especially enjoyed perusing your Special Collections, and even made notes for books to add to my own personal library.

And best of all was your most professional and helpful staff. All of this made a very large and positive impression. I left with the notion of wishing to contribute to such an exemplary facility. The citizens of Alpine and Brewster County can be justly proud of such a fine contributing member of their community.

I hope you will accept the enclosed donation as a small token of my appreciation for your work.

Pierre, South Dakota

## Special Donations

In Memory of:

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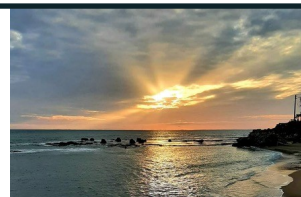
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Travel  
Talks

2025



**June 27**

Denis Foley on Southwest Iceland

**July 25**

Cecilia Riley on Kenya

**August 29**

David Kowal on Inside Vietnam

**7 PM in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room**

*If you have an adventure you'd like to share,  
contact Matt Walter at [matt.walter.777@gmail.com](mailto:matt.walter.777@gmail.com).*

## Re-Reads Gently Used Books



A Project of the Alpine Public Library

Monday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM

Saturday 10 AM–1 PM

Amazon Storefront

[aplmembers.org/aplrereads](http://aplmembers.org/aplrereads)

**SALE!**

All fiction, until  
further notice

**BOGO**

Religion &  
inspiration, in June

Science fiction, paranormal,  
& fantasy, in July

**Alpine Public Library**

Established June 1947



Re-Reads has received a large  
donation of good-condition  
paranormal paperbacks. It's never  
too late to be scared . . .



COME GET FIT WITH US!

**ZUMBA**

by Eva

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND

THURSDAYS

6:00 PM

LUNES, MIÉRCOLES Y JUEVES

FREE  
ENTRY

GRATIS

Alpine Public Library Multipurpose Room  
Biblioteca Pública de Alpine

(432) 837-2621



**boundless**

by BAKER & TAYLOR

**APL's  
eBook App**

**Thank you,  
Business  
Friends!**

*Alpine Radio  
Big Bend Coffee Roasters  
Cheshire Cat Antiques  
Desert Heart Jewelry  
Front Street Books*

*Hog Eye Cattle Company  
Salon Americana  
Talley-Reed Insurance  
Twin Peaks Liquors  
Vast Graphics*

*Wassermann Wranch  
WR Ranch  
WTX Real Estate  
Photography*

# Adult Education

We are wrapping up another fantastic year of adult education at Alpine Public Library. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are a part of the Far West Adult Education Consortium, an adult education provider funded by a grant through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant from TWC was previously managed through the Ysleta ISD, and we referred to it as the “Ysleta Grant.” It is routine for grant management to switch to different school districts every couple of years, and this year, management of the grant moved to Socorro ISD. This change in management, along with new rules and regulations from TWC, changed what we can offer and how we manage our program. You could say change was the theme for this year. Last month, we hosted our new leaders from Socorro, one of whom had never been to Alpine before. We gave them a tour of our library and talked about all of our services and future program plans. We wanted them to leave with an understanding of how central our library is to the community.

With this grant come requirements and record-keeping to remain compliant. We also must demonstrate growth through Measurable Skills Gains, or MSGs. Students must pass at least one of the four GED subjects—math, science, social studies, and reasoning through language arts—in order to obtain an MSG. MSGs show that our program is effective and obtaining results.

Our students come from different backgrounds and are all ages. Some are mothers, fathers, and grandmothers. We want people to know that there is no limit when it comes to getting your GED. We work with everyone and anyone can do it.

This year we had the privilege of working with 7 incredible individuals who were all working toward

the GED. Five of these students met their MSGs by passing at least one of their GED tests. Of those 5 students, 2 have completed their GED and another 2 are working on taking their final test in June. We will continue working with our remaining students through the month of June and plan to have a graduation in the weeks ahead. We hope to finish up the academic year in June and begin our next GED group in July.

We are also continuing with English As a Second Language (ESL) classes. We are hoping for a small group for ESL conversation.

We have also been hosting CPR and first aid classes thanks to a collaboration with Tucker Initiative Co-operative and a grant through the Wayne and JoAnn Moore Foundation. These classes have been a huge success, so much so that June classes are completely full. We are discussing another group of CPR and first aid classes possibly for the fall.

On July 12, we will host a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events class. This class is free and will also be hosted by Vernon Tucker with Tucker Initiative Co-operative. Registration is required, so look for the link on our website and social media pages.

In addition to Yoga with Bailey on the first and third Wednesdays, we are adding a prenatal yoga class on the first and third Fridays of the month. We hope this new class will attract new patrons to our library. As always, we are open to suggestions from the community about any other adult classes that may be of interest. You are welcome to contact me with ideas or if you would like to host your own event.

—Bianca Barrera  
Adult Education Coordinator





# kids at APL

Summer  
2025



**Alpine Public Library  
Summer Reading  
Program 2025**

**COLOR OUR WORLD**

Programa de lectura de verano

**Ages 5-12**

All programs will happen at the Alpine Public Library and are subject to change

Dates will be Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at different times, please check time and day

For More Information:  
+1(432) 837-2621  
<https://alpinepubliclibrary.org/>

APL	McDonald Observatory	Davis Mountains	Big Bend Ranch State Park
Thursdays from 3-5 pm	Fridays 3-5 pm	Wednesdays 10-11 am	
June 5 Chalk the Block	June 6 Dark Skies and Bright Stars	June 18 Hummingbirds	Wednesday, July 9 10 am Skins and Skulls
June 12 Airplanes and air pressure	June 13 The MOON!	July 16 Javelinas	Thursday, July 17 3-5 pm Solar viewing (Program subject to change)
June 26 Anatomy for Kids	June 27 From our Galaxy to the Beyond	August 20 Stars	
	July 11 Patterns in the Night Sky		

Todos los programas son en la Biblioteca Pública de Alpine

Miercoles, jueves y viernes, favor de revisar el horario

**edades de 5-12 años**

Alpine Public Library  
Biblioteca Pública de Alpine


**Toddler Time | Actividades infantiles en inglés**



Every Thursday at 10:00 am    Todos los jueves a las 10:00 am

for ages 0 to 5 years    edades de 0 a 5 años

Connect with other parents and bring your little ones for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.

Conéctese con otros padres y traiga a sus pequeños para escuchar canciones infantiles, juegos sensoriales, libros y más.






**CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL**

BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE ALPINE

MIERCOLES A LAS 10:00 AM  
PRIMER DIA EL 26 DE FEBRERO DEL 2025

TODAS LAS EDADES SON BIENVENIDAS!  
SPANISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ARE WELCOME!

805 WEST AVENUE E  
ALPINE, TX 79830  
432-837-2621



# chamacos en APL



Local businesses supporting the Color Our World Summer Reading challenge: Scoops, Joe Crow, City of Alpine's Swimming Pool, Rangra Theatre



## Summer Reading MacDonald Observatory



# What Alpine Public Library Can Do for You



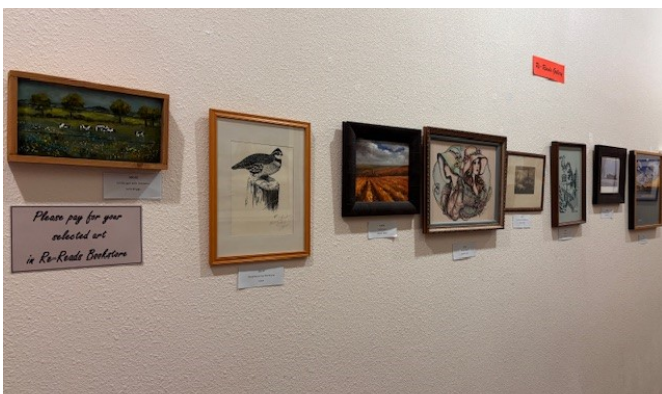
Alpine Public Library is far more than a repository for books. Front desk personnel are available to assist you in accessing the library's many resources, including searching our catalog; locating a book, movie, audiobook, or e-book; or requesting an interlibrary loan. The library also has hot spots, games, puzzles, and sewing machines for checkout.



**Hours**  
Mon — Fri  
9:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
Sat  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Closed Sundays  
& holidays

In addition, APL offers printing, copying, faxing, laminating, and notary services. The prices for these services are listed below:

- Printing/copying, black and white: \$.25/page
- Printing/copying, color: \$1.00/page
- Scanning: \$1.00/page
- Faxing: \$1.00/page
- Laminating: \$2.00/page
- Notary Public: Donation to the library



Individuals, groups, or organizations may display their art/craft work or educational exhibits in specially designated areas in accordance with the library's public art exhibition policy (Alpine Public Library Art Exhibit Policy). Selected juried exhibitions are displayed for 6 weeks. There is also a gallery of art for sale in the hallway leading the restrooms and the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room. For more information or with questions, please call the library at 432-837-2621.

Find out what's happening this month at APL at [alpinepubliclibrary.org/calendar/](http://alpinepubliclibrary.org/calendar/)

Re-Reads Bookstore is staffed by volunteers. Operating hours are Monday—Friday, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM. Most hard-back books are \$4.00, most paperbacks are \$2.50. All proceeds from sales supplement the library's operating budget. Volunteers are always needed. Please call the library at 432-837-2621 and leave a message for Kathy Donnell.




**ESL  
&  
Citizenship  
Classes**

*Clases de inglés y ciudadanía*

**English  
Conversation**  
*Conversación en inglés*

**Citizenship**  
*Ciudadanía*

Alpine Public Library is also an official Pearson Vue testing center. Free High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) classes are offered in English and Spanish and meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Contact Bianca Barrera at [biancab@alpinepubliclibrary.org](mailto:biancab@alpinepubliclibrary.org) or 432-837-2621.

Free English conversation classes meet from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm every Tuesday evening. For advanced English practice and study, free classes meet Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Call the library at 432-837-2621 for more information.

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring is offered for anyone who wants to learn English; all levels of learners who speak any language other than English are welcome. Contact Linda Bryant about classes or becoming a tutor, 432-837-2621.

## APL Outreach

Outreach efforts are expanding continually. At present, we are serving our community through the following avenues:

- Multiple social media outlets
- Quarterly newsletters
- Digital literacy classes
- ESL/HSE/Adult education/Citizenship/English & Spanish Conversation classes
- Multiple toddler, infant, and kids' programs
- Family Science Nights, Family Mathematics Night, Computer Skills, other science-based events
- Workshops
- Homebound Program
- Senior coffee and tea (with Woman's Club)
- Monthly Travel Talks on various topics
- Occasional lectures and community classes
- Used-book sharing via Re-Reads: train station, elementary school via Food Pantry, Visitors' Center, Brewster County Jail, Turning Point Detox Center (Odessa), Family Crisis Center, Jeff Davis County Library.
- Half-price religion, inspirational, Christian fiction to area pastors
- Casa Hogar (Ojinaga), Cuentos en Español
- Yarn Arts
- Yoga with Bailey
- Zumba
- Free meeting space for area nonprofits

All events, classes, and services are free.

—Kathy Bork

**APL's Mission:** The Alpine Public Library works to build community, encourage literacy, and promote lifelong learning. We endeavor to create and maintain a welcoming facility with relevant and enriching resources that connect our diverse and geographically remote area to the world.





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## We invite you to be a Friend of the Alpine Public Library!

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- ☐ Cash
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