



# WELCOME TO Alpine County Library

## August at the Library

August has Arrived! We had a bustling July filled with movies, games, puzzles, stories, music, free play, and more!

Lehua had her last day in July and wanted to say thank you to all of the amazing people who made her time at the library so magical and memorable!

**Looking for your next great read?  
CONSIDER THESE STAFF PICKS!**

**The Mistborn Series - *Brandon Sanderson***  
**The Midnight Bookshop - *Amanda James***  
**Jurassic Park - *Michael Crichton***  
**Mood Machine - *Liz Pelly***

### Volunteers Needed

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In this newsletter you will find:



Information about ongoing programs and services, upcoming events, Summer Reading Program news and collection highlights!

Keep Reading!

# Markleeville Happenings

See you for summer reading this month! Read as much as you can, come to the library, and enter our raffles to win a prize! Every time you come to the library, attend an event, show us your reading logs, or participate in our check-out challenges on Wednesdays you receive raffle tickets to enter for the chance to win a prize!

Adults can win a 50\$ gift card to a local business and kids can win various World Wildlife Fund stuffed animals or building kits!

Reading during the summer is a great way to exercise critical thinking, analysis, reading comprehension, creativity, and vocabulary building! Encouraging kids to enjoy reading and listening to books is a great way to encourage life-long literacy!

Kids podcasts are a fantastic way to pass the time during a summer road trip or commute to school!

## SUMMER READING 2025



### Welcome to Summer Reading 2025 at Alpine County Library!

The 2025 Summer Reading theme Level Up at Your Library is all about puzzles, games, and play! Our summer program is open to all ages and will run from July 5th to August 9th. We hope to see you at our events and programs and don't forget to pick-up and drop-off your reading logs to be entered into our end of summer drawing!

#### Level Up at Your Library Kickoff!

Join us for our Summer Reading 2025 Kickoff on July 5th 2025! Come down to the Markleeville Library at 11:00 where we will have activities, refreshments, and information on our summer programming, events, and reading logs.

**How it works:** This summer join the Alpine County Library Markleeville Location for five weeks of music, building, reading, games, and connecting with others! We can't wait to see you for weekly programming, reading log drop-offs, and our many digital and in-person resources!

**Who can participate & what can I put on my reading log?** Our summer reading program is open to all ages 0-100, there is something for everyone! You can log books, eBooks, Audiobooks, and Tonies with our reading logs which you can pick up from the library.

**Will there be prizes?** Every time you attend a program or drop off a reading log between July 5th-August 9th you can enter your name into an end of summer drawing for a **Friends of the Library sponsored prize!** There will be kids prizes and prizes that adults and teens can enter to win! These will be announced via your contact information you provide to the library so be sure to update your account with a current number and email!

<h2 style="margin: 0;">AUGUST 2025</h2>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	WHALE TAIL CAREER PATHS Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund				1 MUSIC JAM FOR ALL AGES 1PM-3PM	2 SATURDAY STORYTIME 11AM
3 LIBRARY CLOSED	4 LIBRARY CLOSED	5 TRAINS & TRACKS! 11AM-3PM	6 CHECK-OUT CHALLENGE! CHECK- OUT 3 MOVIES & ENTER THE RAFFLE! 10AM-4PM	7 ALPINE THEATER! THE EGG MOVIE 2PM-4PM	8 MUSIC JAM FOR ALL AGES 1PM-3PM	9 <b>Last day of Summer Reading!</b> <b>MUSIC FOR LITTLES WITH ANNIE DEAN! 11AM</b>
10 LIBRARY CLOSED	11 LIBRARY CLOSED	12	13	14 <b>SUMMER READING PROGRAM RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS ARE NOTIFIED!</b>	15 MUSIC JAM FOR ALL AGES 1PM-3PM	16 SATURDAY STORYTIME 11AM
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<https://www.alpinecountyca.gov/362/Markleeville-Library>

# Bear Valley Happenings



Bear Valley Library's juvenile non-fiction section has amazing new titles and we also have a large collection of things for check-out!

Come explore our cozy reading space and test out a new hobby like pickleball, painting, or star gazing with our things for you to check-out!

<https://wildthingsoutreach.org/wildlife-programs/>

## Bear Valley Library: Wild Things

Join Bear Valley Library as we welcome conservation experts and 5 different animals from all over the world!

This program is for kids of all ages and free to the public!

Stay after to play and have a snack!

Thursday  
August 21st 2025  
1pm-2pm



 First 5  
ALPINE

 Bear Valley Library  
367 Creekside Dr, Bear  
Valley, CA 95223

Join Bear Valley Library for our second annual Wild Things! Come to the library for light refreshments, educational animal ambassadors, and the humans that help care for them! This program encourages young people to take care of the planet and each other! Thank you to First 5 for bringing this beloved program to our Bear Valley Library!

(209) 753-6219

367 CREEKSIDE DRIVE BEAR VALLEY, CA 95223  
<https://www.alpinecountyca.gov/249/Bear-Valley-Branch-Library>

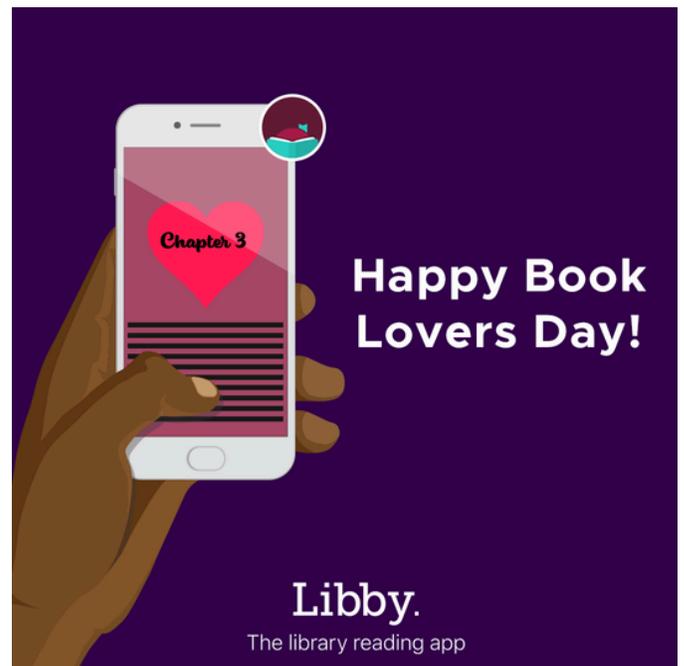
# Collection Highlights

We have some fantastic news to share with everyone! Our extremely popular Parks Passes have received State funding for another year! These passes cover the cost of parking in participating California State parks! If you haven't tried a pass make sure you come check-one out from our Bear Valley Library, Markleeville Library, or Bookmobile!

These park passes are just like a book from the library, check one out, enjoy for three weeks, and then return it to the library for another patron to enjoy!

You can always place a hold on the next available pass through your library account if you see that they are all checked-out.

Book Lovers Day is August 9<sup>th</sup>! If you are looking for a fresh read and need inspiration ask a librarian! We always have tons of titles on our TBR and Goodreads!



[Facebook](#): Bear Valley Library

[Facebook](#): Alpine County Library-Markleeville

# Friends of the Library Present: Music in the Park 2025!



ALPINE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
is pleased to present "Music in the Park 2025"  
*Performances Are Free, Donations Encouraged*

Saturday, June 21, 4:30pm  
**HOT SUMMER SINGIN' WOMEN**  
From Dolly to Aretha to Beyoncé, Powerful Singing Women: Country to Rock

Saturday, August 2, 4:30pm  
**THE SINGER AND THE SONGWRITER**  
Original Modern Folk & Storytelling

Saturday, Sept. 13, 4:30pm  
**BISON**  
Local Acoustic String Band

Saturday, Oct. 4, 4:30pm  
**BOURBON AND SNAKE OIL**  
Americana and Country

Bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic, and enjoy the music!

Annual Fundraiser Event  
**Wine in the Garden**  
Saturday, August 23, 4:30pm  
Tickets \$30  
With Music from Ten Dollar Pony

THIS IS A TOBACCO FREE EVENT

2025 MUSIC IN THE PARK SPONSORS  
Alpine County Tobacco Control Program, Amy Skewes  
Cox & Bob Twiss, Broadhurst Construction, Friends of  
Hope Valley, Inka Solutions, Intero Real Estate,  
Melissa Green, Tad Kitada & Diane Desmarais

**MUSIC IN THE PARK 2025**  
JUNE 21 - OCTOBER 4  
MARKLEEVILLE LIBRARY PARK

Be Tobacco Free - Alpine County

Friends of the Library have Music in the Park & Wine in the Garden! Our Friends of the Library help fund our library collections like our books and children's manipulatives. They also support every Storytime by providing snack and craft supplies. They fund our Summer Reading Program and do so much to ensure we can serve our community to the fullest!



Alpine County Friends of the Library Presents...

**WINE IN THE GARDEN**  
FUNDRAISER

with music from Ten Dollar Pony

Saturday, August 23rd  
4:30pm - 7:00pm  
Markleeville Library Park

Come enjoy wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and a raffle!

Admission \$30 or \$25 advance tickets available at the library through August 16th

Includes a complementary wine glass, and hors d'oeuvres!

Admission for under 21 - \$10

All proceeds benefit Alpine County Libraries  
Call 530-694-2120

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WINE IN THE GARDEN IS HERE! Come get your tickets at the Library for this Friends of the Library fundraiser! This annual fundraiser is a crucial event to highlight library offerings as well as raise funds and awareness to support our Markleeville and Bear Valley branches! The food is delicious, the music makes you dance, and the drinks are refreshing! We can't wait to see you this year!

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[Facebook](#): Alpine County Library-Markleeville

# Farewell and thank you, Lehua! ❤️



As we bid a fond farewell to Lehua (Danielle) Bonderer, we want to celebrate the amazing impact she's made on our library and community. In just two years, Lehua infused everything she touched with fresh energy and creativity—transforming Storytime into a lively weekly tradition, breathing new life into our long-paused newsletter, and helping patrons stay connected with programs, resources, and each other across both branches.

She jumped in wherever needed, tackling every challenge with grace, professionalism, and a big heart. Her contributions have made a lasting difference, and we're incredibly thankful for all she's brought to our team.

Thank you, Lehua—you'll be truly missed! Here's to exciting new adventures ahead!



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Alpine County Library is looking for volunteers for our Markleeville and Bear Valley branches. Volunteer opportunities include working with books, people, technology, outreach, and more!

We especially need help with:

- Saturday Storytimes
- Shelving / Shelf Organizing
- Book Covering
- Front Desk Coverage
- Booksale Organizing



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