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Ferndale Library Hosts Virtual History of Michigan Shipwrecks

Part of FADL's 2020 Summer Reading Program

Thurs., June 25

6:30pm

Hosted on ZOOM | Registration Required: <http://tiny.cc/wc5kqz>

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Ferndale Library Hosts 'Manitou Mysteries,' Virtual History of Michigan Shipwrecks, June 25

**FERNDALE, MI (June 11, 2020--)** The Ferndale Library's 2020 Summer Reading events are entirely virtual this year, kicking off with a ZOOM video presentation of "Manitou Mysteries" on June 25, an adventure into Michigan's history of shipwrecks, led by author and shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson. Journey to the waters off the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Northern Lake Michigan and join Richardson in exploring the histories and mysteries of the Manitou Passage, one of the deadliest areas on the great lakes. An undiscovered fleet of shipwrecked ghost-ships lies off that rugged coast, just waiting to be found. Learn their stories and explore a newly discovered mystery schooner thought to be one of the most intact shipwrecks on the planet.

Online at [michiganmysteries.com](http://michiganmysteries.com), Richardson dedicates his ongoing research and explorations of shipwrecks to the missing persons of lost maritime vessels, (as well as missing aircraft). His presentation illuminates the amazing aspects of these ghost ships lost to the lakes of Michigan. Included in Ferndale Library's upcoming virtual hosting of Richardson's presentation is the story of the W.C. Kimball--the most intact 19th-century schooner shipwreck in the world.

Richardson is the author of two previous books on Michigan history, including *The Search for the Westmoreland*, and *Still Missing*, along with his newest book, *It's Quiet Where They Sleep*. Richardson is a trained technical SCUBA diver and has been involved in the discovery, identification, and documentation of numerous Lake Michigan shipwrecks.

Along with insights into the W.C. Kimball wreck, Richardson's presentation discusses the fragile ecosystem of Michigan's surrounding lakes, including the threat of invasive species, and the effects of the current Great Lakes high water levels on shoreline shipwreck.

**"Manitou Mysteries Shipwreck Adventure"** is the first of a series of virtual programs that the Ferndale Library--information and the schedule of further events are posted online at [ferndalepubliclibrary.org](http://ferndalepubliclibrary.org). This event is part of the library's annual Summer Reading program, which includes a reading challenge for Adults (and Children).

More information about the Summer Reading challenge can also be found on the library's main website, with updates constantly being posted to their social media accounts: [@ferndalepubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ferndalepubliclibrary) on Facebook & Instagram. Online registration for 'Shipwreck Mysteries' is required: <http://tiny.cc/wc5kqz>