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Ferndale Library's New International Collection

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## **Check Out the New International Collection Circulating at the Ferndale Library**

**FERNDALE, Mich. (MARCH 26, 2020)**-- A new set of reading materials for all ages circulating at the Ferndale Library offers titles in Spanish, German, French, and Arabic. The Ferndale Library's first-ever International Collection, more than 100 new books for kids and adults, fiction and nonfiction, is now available to check out. "We're hoping to address a need in our community that was currently not being met," said Jordan Wright, Head of Youth Services. Wright, along with Reference Librarian Susan Paley, collaborated on the development of this new collection, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library.

The Ferndale Library, like all public libraries, strives to offer equitable services to all of the patrons in their community. This means that printed books by iconic authors like Margaret Atwood, J.K. Rowling, Dr. Seuss, and J.R.R. Tolkien will now be available in languages other than English. There will be works available for adults, including both books translated from English as well as popular material corresponding to current best-sellers and prize-winners in Spanish, German, French, and Arabic. Offering multilingual collections is an important part of the Ferndale Library's mission, endeavoring to be a center of cultural vitality that can enhance the quality of life for all; along with that comes a diversity of opportunities to find information, entertainment, and enrichment, no matter the primary language of any Ferndale residents.

Wright, Paley, and all of the librarians in Ferndale recognize that multiculturalism is an essential component of a public library, strengthening its ability to serve distinct and dynamic demographics, building an atmosphere of inclusivity for newcomers and for those who speak languages other than English, and providing them a variety of reading options. The Ferndale Library hopes to foster awareness of the importance of multiculturalism across the community it serves. This collection will be steadily expanding throughout the years ahead.

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