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## **Ferndale Library Summer Reading Programs**

**June 12 - August 7**

Reading Challenges & Virtual Events for ALL AGES

Sign up online: [www.ferndalepubliclibrary.org](http://www.ferndalepubliclibrary.org)

### **KIDS KICKOFF PARTY**

Saturday, June 12 @ 2pm

Hosted via Zoom

with Cameron Zvara (magician/comedian)

Event sign up: [jordan@ferndalepubliclibrary.org](mailto:jordan@ferndalepubliclibrary.org)

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### ***Ferndale Library Patrons Could Win Prizes for Recreational Reading This Summer***

Virtual Series of Reaching Challenges Kicks off June 12 with a Full Schedule of Zoom Events

**FERNDALE, Mich. (May 24, 2021)**-- Starting in June, the Ferndale Library will host another virtual series of Summer Reading Programs for all ages, where patrons can participate in a reading challenge for the chance to win prizes. Each summer, Ferndale librarians reach out to both grown-ups and youngsters, encouraging them to reach exceptional rates of recreational reading--it's all part of their ongoing mission to foster a lifelong love of reading and learning. Youth Librarians have invited magician/comedian Cameron Zvara to perform virtually for children and families on Saturday, Jun 12, at 2 pm, via Zoom--as a special kickoff event for kids. Parents can sign up to attend Zvara's virtual magic show by emailing the library's Youth Department: [jordan@ferndalepubliclibrary.org](mailto:jordan@ferndalepubliclibrary.org)

Anyone who wants to participate in the Summer Reading challenge and keep track of upcoming events can create an account with the Wandoo Reader online log, a service provided by the Library of Michigan. This is the same software Ferndale offered readers in 2020 to accommodate virtual participation, so some folks may already have their Wandoo username and password. Adults should sign themselves up using this link \_\_\_\_, while parents with younger children participating are encouraged to utilize Wandoo's "Family Management" portal when signing up their households to simplify successive logins throughout the season. Kids and teens will be challenged to record their hours spent reading while adult participants will be recording cumulative pages read. Each time a participant completes a tiered challenge, they'll see a new digital raffle ticket earned in their Wandoo accounts--and as they complete new challenges, they'll steadily increase chances of winning something when prizes are drawn in August.

With Summer Reading initiatives, youth librarians are particularly focusing on making sure school-aged children and teens avoid slipping down a summer "slide," a scenario where literacy skills and academic achievements can be hindered when they don't prioritize the activity of reading, and especially reading for fun. And while this is the second year that Ferndale is going virtual with Summer Reading, they've been coordinating these literacy-boosting activities for decades, often signing up well over a hundred youngsters each season.

Each year, the library embraces a new theme for their summer programming, and for 2021 it's animals and stories, with the slogan "Tails & Tales." Seeking out stories that feature or are inspired by animals is merely a suggested starting point--participants won't be required to limit their reading to animal-themed books. But the spirit of "Tails & Tales" will certainly inform the subject matter featured across the variety of

virtual events hosted by the library, including “Dinosaur Tales” for young children--presented by the Sloan/Longway Planetarium, as well as “Suburban Wildlife,” presented by the Stage Nature Center for adult-age homeowners who see a vast array of creatures visiting their backyards, like owls, rabbits, deer, and coyote.

The Ferndale Library has links on its website and Facebook connecting patrons to Wandoo to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Participants of any age aren't restricted to read library materials exclusively -- they can count any available books they have at their home, or they can also access ebooks through digital media apps like HOOPLA or LIBBY.

**Coming up:** Saturday, June 12 (2 pm) - Kids Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Cameron Zvara  
Thursday, June 17 (6:30 pm) - Get To Know Ferndale's Suburban Wildlife with Stage Nature Center  
Friday, July 9 (2 pm) Origami for Teens with Yasu Ishida

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