

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jeff Milo, FADL Media/Marketing

jeff@fadl.org

All Ages Events for Families/Kids in **December** at the Ferndale Library
Music, Crafts, Book Clubs, and more

Info and registration links are available at: fadl.org/upcoming-events

Ferndale Library Has a Variety of Events for Families/All Ages Coming Up in DECEMBER

FERNDALE, Mich. (November 29, 2022)– The weather has turned, temperatures have dropped, and the first snowflakes have already fallen, but families in Ferndale or its neighboring cities don't have to spend all their time indoors—they can sign up for any number of engaging programs scheduled at the Ferndale Library this month.

December 2 at 7:30 pm: Live Music for all ages (Emma Guzman)

The Ferndale Area District Library's busy calendar of events and activities kicks off on Friday, December 2, with a free/all-ages concert featuring folk singer/songwriter Emma Guzman. The *First Stop Friday* series is made possible by the Friends of the Ferndale Library and provides music fans from all over metro Detroit an opportunity to encounter up-and-coming luminaries from the local music scene with agreeably *early* set times. The library typically closes at 6 pm on Fridays, but on December 2, the doors *reopen* at 7:30 pm, allowing an audience to settle in while the artist runs through a sound check. The music starts at 8 pm sharp. Emma Guzman has been performing around the local music scene for seven years, starting at age 14; she just released her second full-length album, *Something Less Than Alone*.

December Storytimes

Parents/caregivers with babies and toddlers can join us for interactive songs and simple stories that nurture and strengthen early literacy skills. Our baby storytimes are hosted on the first three Tuesdays of each month at 2:00 pm (December 6, 13, 20), while our toddler storytimes are hosted on the first three Thursdays at 10:30 am (December 1, 8, 15). Tickets are distributed by youth librarians in the atrium near our main entrance, beginning 15 minutes before each storytime. Youth librarians will collect the tickets upon entry to the program; once tickets run out, storytime is full. For more info, visit: fadl.org/baby | fadl.org/toddler

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ongoing)

Meanwhile, parents/caregivers of small children can sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, an ongoing early literacy program where participants log their reading at home. The goal, of course, is to complete 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten—which might sound like a lot until you factor in that reading just one short picture book or board book per day would result in reaching that total in less than three years. It doesn't matter if your child is a newborn or in Pre-K - there's no better time than now to start reading. For every 100 books read, participants can come to the library to claim prizes.

December 3 at 2:00 pm: Crafting Circle for Teens

Teens (ages 12-18) are invited to join us in person or via Zoom on Saturday, December 3, for an hour of crafting and chatting with other crafters. Teens who sign up are encouraged to bring their own materials/supplies, but the library will provide cross stitch kits, and Perler bead materials for anyone who comes in person and for those do not bring their own crafting materials. The library's panoramic webcam

will make Zoom attendees feel as though they are in the room with in-person attendees. Library staff members will also be present to teach the basics of knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, embroidery, and hand sewing to those who want to learn.

December 7 & December 14: Book Clubs for Kids

Ferndale's youth librarians host monthly book clubs, including one for Lower Elementary students (grades K-2; meeting in person and via Zoom) on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 pm, and one for Upper Elementary students (grades 3-5; meeting in person and via Zoom) on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm. These book clubs are open to any child within those specified grade levels, i.e., lower & upper. But they are open to any/all students *beyond* Ferndale's public school system, including homeschooled students. Information for both of these book clubs is available online at: fadl.org/lebc & fadl.org/uebc

December 14: Reading Rainbow

Our newest book club, *Reading Rainbow*, is hosted at Affirmations (290 W Nine Mile) on the second Tuesday of each month (i.e., December 13) at 4:00 pm. This event is a book club/social hour hybrid hosted in person for kids ages 8-12. Youth librarians will be at Affirmations leading an hour-long program, with the first half dedicated to discussing a selected book (*Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag), and the second half is open to a social/hangout/crafting time. Kids can be signed up online: fadl.org/affirmations

December 8: Board Game Club for Middle School Students

This monthly event is exactly what it sounds like: a social club for middle schoolers to meet and play a board game together! The library has a vast and growing collection of new board games that are available to check out, but middle schoolers (from any district) have the chance to hang out with a youth librarian at the library to *learn and play* new games together, like *Mansions of Madness* or *Isle of Cats*! Parents/caregivers can find more info and sign kids up online: fadl.org/msbg

December 17: Cookie Swap (Adults/Families)

Finally, on Saturday, December 17, at 1:00 pm, we'll host our 2nd *Cookie Swap* for bakers and dessert enthusiasts. This event is part of our monthly Cookbook Club series: participants are encouraged to bake their best batch of cookies, whether it be a new recipe or a longheld family favorite, and bring at least two dozen cookies, divided into zip lock bags or with a serving size of 3 cookies per bag (or container). This event is intended for adults, but families can either participate together in the baking process at home or at least come to enjoy the tasty results. Find more info and register online: fadl.org/cookie

There are also many more events going on at the library that are specifically intended for adult attendees, like the *Sci-Fi Book Club*, the *Film Club*, or the *Ferndale Project Book Club*. For more information on all of these events, including the family-friendly programs listed above, visit: fadl.org/upcoming-events

###