

THE PAGE TURNER:

Ferndale Library's Newsletter

More than one way to read a book...

Okay. What's the first thing that you think of when you hear the word: LIBRARY?

We'll take a wild guess that roughly 90% of you thought BOOKS. Or maybe you thought of a certain activity, like READING? And you're not wrong. We are, in fact, a building with lots of books, yes, and we're undoubtedly an ideal location for anyone in the community who's looking to engage in the quiet yet exhilarating recreation of reading. But here's the thing: **March is National Reading Month**, and we just want to make sure that you know there's more than one way to read a book. You can use your Ferndale Library card to access digital materials like *ebooks* and *audiobooks* using either Libby or Hoopla! These popular digital content providers have mobile apps that you can download, or you can access desktop versions from our website. Create an account, enter your library card number, and start downloading titles to your device! Stop by the reference desk if you ever have any questions about this.

Whether it's popular fiction, sci-fi, fantasy, nonfiction, biographies, poetry, graphic novels, zines, or cookbooks, we count ALL of those as reading! Especially audiobooks, folks! (Audiobooks = reading!) So stop by the library this month to start celebrating **National Reading Month**.

In other news:

- FADL's Board of Directors recently announced the selection of its **new Library Director**, Jordan Wright, who was approved by a unanimous vote in late January. Wright had previously served as Assistant Director for just over two years. He has been working at FADL since 2013, including serving as Head of Youth Services from 2018-2021, and many Ferndale families likely recall attending storytimes and Summer Reading Programs led by "Mr. Jordan."
- We're excited to announce a new community partnership in May, when we'll team up with **Meillie Coffee** and **Treat Dreams** to cohost an event. On May 23, at 6:30 pm, our youth librarians will lead a special all-ages storytime inside Treat Dreams, to celebrate the unveiling of their new FADL-themed ice cream flavor, *Goodnight Blue Moon*. While the storytime and ice cream should entice the kids, grown-ups and caregivers can stop by Meillie Coffee, or even the Hero Or Villain Deli, all located under the same roof as Treat Dreams. Find more info about the event and ice cream at: fadl.org/moon
- National Library Week**, April 7 - April 13, is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. Celebrate by visiting the Ferndale Library to utilize the space, sign up for your library card, and/or greet the staff and ask them for book recommendations.

Explore the Space

Naturally our dedication to promoting literacy endures beyond **Reading Month** in March! But we want everyone to remember that this isn't just the place for *reading*. We're a multi-purpose community space for cultural events and educational programming as well as a place for anyone to just be! It's a place to read, to study, to work, or to relax. We're always here for you.



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Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Artist Opening Reception: Boisali Biswas

Sunday, March 10 — 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ferndale Library's Art & Exhibitions Committee is thrilled to announce the next solo show featuring works by the brilliant and talented artist Boisali Biswas. A studio artist who works in mixed-media fibers, Biswas' art is best described as "a cauldron of multicultural assemblages that are unique and a feast for the eyes." Join us on Sunday, March 10, for our opening reception.



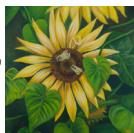
Boisali Biswas was born and raised in India, but has lived in the U.S. for more than three decades. Her formative years were spent attaining her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Visva-Bharati University, founded by Rabindranath Tagore at Shantiniketan. The essence of that profound experience throughout her educational journey has stayed with her and continues to influence her work. Biswas completed her Master of Fine Arts at Bowling Green State University.

Biswas describes her art as "an odyssey...through the passage of time-honored techniques, traditions, and influences" that contemplates how cultures and countries are "bound together by the warp and weft of civilization, how we are wrapped in cloth ever since our inception!" Biswas' "journey of working with fibers continues to weave those cultures together."

Spring! Group Show Featuring 15 Local Artists

Sunday, April 21 — 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

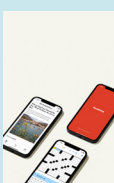
Our library's Art & Exhibitions Committee called for artist submissions, providing the single thematic prompt: "Spring!" And we cannot wait for you to see the amazing and vibrantly colorful pieces we received from a variety of local artists working in unique mediums and styles. This special group show will be on display from April 15 - May 25, but mark your calendars for Sunday, April 21, when we'll host a special reception celebrating all of the artists' works on display. Find more information at: fadl.org/art



Extra! Extra!...Things!

March is Reading Month, so we totally get it if you want to utilize this time to check out as many books as possible. But, this corner of the page is actually dedicated to shining the spotlight on all of the other various "things" that you can access with your library card! Here's a quick rundown:

- Video games
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Instruments
- Tools
- Crafting Equipment
- Telescopes
- Seeds and
- Zines!



You can also use your library card number to access online resources like ✓ Consumer Reports, ✓ CreativeBug and ✓ Mango Languages. But that's not all: when you visit our website or our computer lab, you'll now be able to enjoy *The New York Times All Access*, including NYT's *News*, *Games*, *Cooking*, *Wirecutter*, and *The Athletic*. Visit fadl.org/databases for more information!

Live Music in the Library



Irish Folk Songs: A Cultural History and Concert with Terry Murphy

Sunday, March 17 — 2:00 pm:

Local singer/songwriter Terry Murphy will perform a rousing round-up of Irish folk tunes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This free, all-ages concert will also feature insights and facts about the songs and the songwriters. Murphy has been performing around the local music scene for several years with groups like the Codgers and the Terry Murphy Band, specializing in traditional and contemporary Celtic folk and roots music, with a passion and reverence for the history behind these songs.



Audra Kubat

April 14 — 2:00 pm:

Detroit Music Award-winning singer/ songwriter Audra Kubat will be at the Ferndale Library in April for a free, all-ages matinee performance. Kubat has released six albums to critical acclaim in a career that spans over 20 years. A composer, performer, and educator, Kubat's work has earned her a place in the community as a resource for empowerment through songwriting and music. Her methods of composition articulate grace and uncover hidden places that defy easy categorization. Read more about Kubat online at audrakubat.com and mark your calendars!



George Montrelle

Sunday, May 19 — 2:00 pm:

George Montrelle is a versatile Detroit-based singer-songwriter drawing upon various influences, from Motown, Allen Stone, and Stevie Wonder to Fall Out Boy and Hiatus Kaiyote. He's released original songs that blend pop, R&B, and soul with indie-rock and touches of hip-hop. He infuses his songs with an uplifting and honest outlook on life, with his songwriting pen guided by a deep sense of compassion and sincerity.

Around Town

Your Ferndale Library is at it again—forging new/ongoing partnerships and collaborations all around town. We have a few special events/announcements coming up this spring that we'll be cohosting with Ferndale area businesses..., check it out:



March-May On March 21st, the Ferndale Project will unveil another library-inspired beverage--this time, brewmasters have an IPA ("Zero Days") that ties in with our ongoing Book Club that we host onsite at 567 Livernois. Plus, we're putting together a fun outdoor movie screening for May, with details forthcoming--stay tuned!



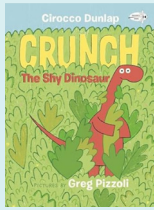
May 11: Storytime at Treat Dreams, co-hosted with Meillie Coffee: At this special storytime event, we'll be celebrating the debut of Treat Dreams new library-themed ice cream flavor! This is an all-ages event, facilitated by our youth librarians and hosted inside Treat Dreams (22965 Woodward Ave); find more info on page 7.

You can also stay up to date (literally) by checking our online calendar: fadl.org/calendar

Spring Story Trail Book at Martin Road Park

Have you visited our Story Trail yet? Back in the fall of 2022, we partnered with Ferndale Department of Public Works and Ferndale Parks and Recreation to coordinate the installation of a Story Trail at Martin Road Park.

You can find our Story Trail along the west side of the park, starting at Woodward Heights and stretching south down toward the Detroit Curling Club.



Our spring story trail book, *Crunch The Shy Dinosaur* by Cirocco Dunlap and Greg Pizzoli, is a charming, giggly read-aloud that illustrates the particular art of making a friend!

More info & map at: fadl.org/story-trail

Kids Corner: Spring Scavenger Hunt

Our ever-popular Kids Corner Scavenger Hunt is back this spring! Kids of all ages can stop by the Youth Desk any time to participate and help some of our Fern Forest characters track down some specific items that are hidden throughout the Kids Corner.



Wallace and Henrietta Hedgehog, a retired married couple in Fern Forest, have planted seeds from FADL's Seed Library. Can you help them find flowers around the Kids Corner to add to their garden?



Starting Monday, March 19, stop by the youth desk to pick up a scavenger hunt map!

During your scavenger hunt, scope out the latest spring-inspired scenes featuring Fern Forest characters lining the tops of our shelves across the nonfiction, biography, and DVD sections.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

One thousand books?!? That seems like way too many, right? Actually, you'd be surprised how fast you might get there!!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an ongoing early literacy program designed to support you and your child's reading journey. It doesn't matter if your child is a newborn or in Pre-K, there's no better time to start your "1KBBK" journey than right now! For every 100 books you read, your child can come to the library to claim a prize!

Sign up and start logging your reading using the Beanstack mobile app or stop by the youth desk for a paper log.

Find more information about getting started here:

fadl.org/early-literacy-storytimes



Battle of the Books: March 21 at FUEL

Battle of the Books is a trivia-style reading competition and all Ferndale Upper Elementary 5th graders are invited to participate! All winter long, teams of fifth graders have been reading a diverse selection of six middle-grade fiction books selected by FADL youth librarians.

On "Battle Day," Thursday, March 21, competing 5th graders will assemble at FUEL and test their Battle Book knowledge against their peers! The winning team will be honored by having their names engraved on a plaque for all future FUEL students to see. fadl.org/battle



KIDS READ: Recommended Nature Books by Librarian Mary Grahame



Plant, Sow, Make, & Grow: Mud-Tastic Activities for Budding Gardeners by Esther Coombs:

Spring is a great time to get your hands dirty! This book is full of gardening activities for nature-curious kids.



Sing a Song of Seasons: A Nature Poem for Each Day of the Year selected by Fiona Waters:

Poets have been taking inspiration from nature for as long as poetry has existed. Find a new poem for every day of the year in this beautifully illustrated anthology. Many of them are short and easy to memorize!



Nutshimit: In the Woods by Melissa Mollen Dupuis:

A guided tour of both Canadian forests and of the cultural practices of the Innu people, complete with comic illustrations. Also available in French!



Library Receives FAIAC'S 2023 Accessibility & Inclusion Award

Ferndale's Accessibility & Inclusion Advisory Committee presented the Ferndale Library and library staff with their 2023 award, recognizing efforts of going above and beyond minimum Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.

At a recent City Council meeting, members of the FAIAC said that the Ferndale Library was specifically notable regarding accessibility initiatives, including home delivery of physical and electronic materials, online library card sign-ups, and our barrier-free story trail program installed at Martin Road Park. The library's social media and website content also uses alt-text and is screen reader-friendly, while staff continue offering hybrid (in-person & remote) programs with available recordings. Among several other efforts and initiatives, the library's newer sensory-friendly storytime for kids also received a spotlight during the ceremony.

ADULT Special Events

March

Exploring Your Identity Through Zines

March 3 — 2:00 pm:



This workshop for adults and older teens (ages 16+) will allow participants to explore their identity through the expressive craft of ZINES! The library will provide all needed supplies, plus limited free photocopying. Sign up at: fadl.org/zine

Native Landscaping

March 5 — 6:30 pm:



Brendan Nolan of Plants for Ecology will talk getting started with native plants and the many benefits they provide for your yard and our community. More info at: fadl.org/garden

Boisali Biswas:

Opening Reception March 10 — 2:00 pm:



Attendees can view recent works and meet the artist at this opening reception. There will be an Artist Talk with audience Q&A starting at 2:45 pm, along with live music and refreshments. No registration is required. fadl.org/biswas

Literary-themed Model Drawing

March 14 — 6:30 pm:



Artists of all skill levels can draw and sketch a costumed model in our program room. We'll provide all the supplies needed as well as some ambient music. Sign up at: fadl.org/draw

A Musical History of Irish Folk Songs

March 17 — 2:00 pm:



Singer/songwriter Terry Murphy returns to the Ferndale Library for another rousing round of Irish folk music, performed on his acoustic guitar and banjo. Murphy will discuss historical tidbits about each tune and invite everyone in the audience to sing along. No registration is required.

April

Musicals: Movie Trivia at 215 West

April 8 — 7:00 pm:



Teams can sign up for a fun movie trivia night with brain-teasing questions about modern, classic, beloved, and cult MUSICALS. Fun prizes are up for grabs. The Friends of the Ferndale Library will provide snacks, and 215 West's staff will have a pop-up bar. Sign up at: fadl.org/trivia

Audra Kubat: Matinee Acoustic Concert

April 14 — 2:00 pm:



Enjoy a free matinee concert, featuring esteemed Detroit-based folk singer/songwriter Audra Kubat. It'll be both cozy and cathartic, as well as a great opportunity to meet this local artist and music educator. No registration required.

Beeswax Foodwrap Craft

April 20 — 1:00 pm:



A zero-waste-inspired craft event, just in time for Earth Day! Say goodbye to wasteful plastic wrap. Let's learn how to make sustainable food wraps using organic beeswax and cotton cloth. Participants will receive all necessary supplies. Sign up at: fadl.org/beeswax

Opening Art Reception for Spring Group Show

April 21 — 2:00 pm:



Join us for a special community art reception: view a variety of pieces in different mediums, featuring spring-inspired works by 15 unique and talented local artists. Live music and refreshments will be provided. No registration required.

Zine Workshop for ages 16+

April 22 — 6:00 pm:

We'll host another Zine Workshop (for ages 16+) in the spring, coinciding with a separate workshop (for ages 7-15). More info at: fadl.org/zine

May

Apocalypse Gardening

May 9 — 6:30 pm:



Join us for this special installment in our quarterly series of programs cohosted by the Ferndale Garden Club. Local permaculture maven Rachel Engel will talk about how to garden while being mindful of climate change. Registration opens *March 9*; more info at: fadl.org/garden

Movie Night at Ferndale Project

May 14 — 7:30 pm:



Our library's Film Club will be back at the Ferndale Project for another special outdoor film screening hosted on their patio! Stay tuned to our website for details: we'll announce the title very soon. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for May 14!

George Montrelle - Acoustic Matinee Concert

May 19 — 2:00 pm:



Versatile Ferndale-based singer/songwriter George Montrelle will charm our library audience during a matinee concert, performing an acoustic set of original songs showcasing his signature blend of pop, soul, R&B, and indie-rock influences. No registration required. fadl.org/montrelle

Puzzle Tournament at Urbanrest

May 29 — 6:00 pm:



Six teams of up to four participants can sign up to see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle the fastest within a set time limit. Online registration for this event opens on *April 26* and will likely fill up fast. More info at: fadl.org/puzzle

ADULT Programs

Recurring Programs

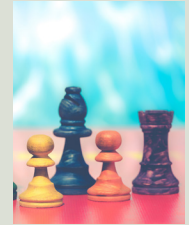
Yoga Classes Led By Motor Om
March 3, April 7, and May 5 — 12:00 pm
Registration required. Info at: fadl.org/yoga

Motor Om Yoga hosts a monthly yoga class at the Ferndale Library on the first Sunday of each month. These classes are free and open to all skill levels. Motor Om Yoga teachers lead these classes indoors, in the library's program room. Motor Om is a local non-profit, mobile yoga studio that hosts free classes in various community spaces (like the library!).



Chess Club
March 4, April 1, and May 6 — 6:00 pm
No registration required
Drop-ins welcome
Info at: fadl.org/chess

It's your move, chess enthusiasts! This is an all-ages drop-in-styled event for beginner/intermediate players. Children under age 12 should be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.



Players are welcome to bring their boards or use the library's chess boards if supplies are available. No Registration Required!

Film Club
March 12 and April 9 — 7:00 pm
May 14 — 7:30 pm at Ferndale Project
Registration required for March/April
Info at: fadl.org/film-club

It's just like a book club, only for MOVIES. Join the conversation! Watch a selected film ahead of time (or if you've already seen it, plan to rewatch it), and then join us at the library to meet and chat with other film buffs. All films selected for Film Club are either readily available in the library system on DVD/ BluRay or ready to stream via KANOPY using your library card.

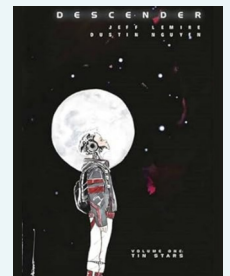
Upcoming titles: March 12: *The African Queen*
April 9: *Minari*
May 14: *Ghostbusters*



Sci-Fi Book Club:
March 13, April 10, and May 8 — 6:30 pm
Registration required
Info at: fadl.org/sfbc

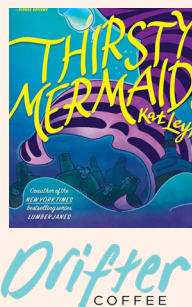
FADL's Sci-fi Book Club reads and discusses a wide variety of titles that fit into the realm of science fiction, from hard/soft sci-fi and space operas to speculative fiction and dystopic futures, as well as cyberpunk, steampunk, and beyond...

Upcoming titles:
March 13: *African Risen*, ed. Sheree Renee Thomas
April 10: *Descender* by Jeff Lemire
May 8: *Babel-17* by Samuel R. Delany.



Graphic Novel Book Club at Drifter:
March 19, April 16, and May 21 — 6:30 pm
at 770 Woodward Hts.
Registration required
Info at: fadl.org/gnbc

Dive in to the wonders of graphic novels! This book club, for ages 18+, is hosted at Drifter Coffee as an exclusive after-hours event: their beverage bar is open for attending patrons of the book club, but registration is required!



Upcoming titles:
March 19: *Thirsty Mermaids* by Kat Leyh
April 16: *Impossible People* by Julia Wertz
May 19: *Boys Weekend* by Mattie Lubchansky

Ferndale Project Book Club:
March 26, April 30, and May 28 — 6:30 pm
at 567 Livernois
Registration required
Info at: fadl.org/fpbc

Our monthly book club, hosted in partnership with Ferndale Project, meets on the last Tuesday of each month, reading a variety of literary fiction and thrillers. Copies of selected books are available at the library, with digital copies available online.

Upcoming titles:
March 26: *Zero Days* by Ruth Ware
April 30: *Between Two Kingdoms* by Suleika Jaouad
May 28: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen



YOUTH Special Events

Early Literacy, Outreach & Special Events

Baby Storytime

Under 2 years old
Fridays at 10:30 am



March 1, 8
April 5, 12, 19
May 3, 10

Join us for interactive songs and simple stories that nurture your baby's curiosity and fine motor skills. For families with children under 2 years old. More info: fadl.org/baby

Family Storytime

Ages 2-6
Wednesdays at 10:30 am



March 6, 13, 20
April 3, 10, 17
May 1, 15

Join us for a variety of engaging stories and active songs geared towards families with children ages 2-6. More info: fadl.org/family

Sensory-Friendly Storytime

Ages 2-10
Bimonthly on Tuesdays at 10:30 am



March 12
May 14

For children ages 2-10 with sensory sensitivities or who need sensory accommodations. Registration is required. More info: fadl.org/sensory

Outreach: Ferndale Public Schools



Storytime at Ferndale Early Childhood Center:

Preschoolers enrolled at FECC will be joined by a Ferndale Youth Librarian once a month (March 13, April 10, and May 8) for engaging stories and interactive songs.



FLEL Afterschool S.T.E.A.M. Program:

Join Mr. Everett (FADL youth librarian) and Ms. Nelson (FLEL librarian) for an afternoon of fun, hands-on STEAM activities. Hosted at Ferndale Lower Elementary for enrolled K-2 students, meeting March 12 (1st grade); May 21 (Kindergarten).



FMS Rainbow Club:

New social group for LGBTQ+ middle schoolers and allies at FMS: Meet with library staff and teachers after school for an hour of low-key social time with activities and snacks.



Reading Riot Book Club at University High School:

UHS students are invited to read any book in the genre of the month and then join us as we eat snacks and talk about what we read! Open to all UHS students.

For more information about our Outreach programs, contact the library's youth department: 248-546-2504 x: 694

Special Events



Paint & Pour - For ages 13-18

March 28 — 2:00 pm

Looking for something fun to do this break? Join us for an afternoon painting class paired with some tasty treats! Artists of all skill levels welcome. All supplies provided. Be prepared to get a little messy! Sign up at: fadl.org/paint

Unicorn Party - For ages 3-8

April 13 — 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Does your little one have a passion for unicorns? At our Unicorn Party, we'll have stations with activities, games, and snacks -- all unicorn-related! Come and experience them at your own pace with your family. Sign up at: fadl.org/unicorn - Drop-ins welcome



Family Zine Workshop - For ages 7-15, Caregivers Optional

April 22 — 6:00 pm

Participants can work alone or collaboratively on making a ZINE! The library will provide staplers, basic drawing supplies, paper, adhesives, scissors, discarded book scraps, scanners, and limited free



photocopying. Participants can also add a copy of their zine to the library's circulating collection. More info at: fadl.org/zine

Teatime Storytime - For ages 7-12

May 22 — 4:00 pm



Kids ages 7-12 can join youth librarians in the program room, sampling three types of tea while also enjoying snacks and fun, engaging stories! Registration opens on April 22. More info at: fadl.org/teatime

Storytime at Treat Dreams - All ages / families

May 23 — 6:30 pm

Youth librarians will be at Treat Dreams for a special all-ages storytime cohosted by Meillie Coffee. Celebrate the premiere of Treat Dreams' new FADL-themed ice cream flavor Goodnight, *Blue Moon!* No registration required.



fadl.org/moon

Recurring Youth Programs

Lower Elementary Book Club

Grades K-2

Meets bi-monthly at 6:30 pm

Find more info and sign up at: fadl.org/lebc



Dates and titles include:

March 6: *Mother of Sharks* by Melissa Cristina Márquez

May 1: *The Good Hair Day* by Christian Trimmer

Upper Elementary Book Club

Grades 3-5

Meets bi-monthly at 6:30 pm

In person & via Zoom

Find more info and sign up at: fadl.org/uebc



Dates and titles include:

March 13: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

May 8: *The Turtles of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye

Copies of selected books are available at the library. Kids aren't required to finish the book before attending.

Middle-Grade Tabletop RPG Group

Grades 6-8

Meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays

at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: fadl.org/rpg



Our Tabletop RPG Group is a great place for middle school students to socialize and strategize while exploring new realms and going on imaginative adventures together! Tweens/teens can join us at the library twice per month as we learn and play different tabletop role-playing games.

Dates include:

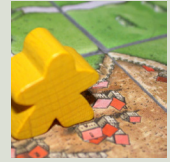
March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16

Middle School Board Game Club

Grades 6-8

Meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: fadl.org/msbg



There's nothing quite like playing an awesome board game together! Maybe you'll play as giant monsters getting into a rumble, or perhaps collaborate on stealing treasures from the mall without saying a single word; you may even get to team up as Marvel heroes to defeat supervillains together!

Dates include:

March 14, April 11, May 9

Reading Rainbow

In partnership with Affirmations Grades 4-8

Meets monthly at the library at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: fadl.org/reading-rainbow

Reading Rainbow is a social hour with a book discussion included. Kids in grades 4-8 can hang out together, do a featured craft, enjoy snacks, and discuss books with queer themes/characters. Copies of each month's selected book are available at the circulation desk. However, kids aren't required to have read or finished the book to attend!



Dates and titles include:

March 26: *Rabbit Chase* by Elizabeth LaPensee

April 30: *Spin With Me* by Ami Polansky

May 28: *The Ring of Solomon* by Aden Polydoros



Rainbow Caregiver Club

Social group open to any/all caregivers of LGBTQ+ kids. This group is scheduled to coincide with the timing of Reading Rainbow; however, there's no need to have a child in attendance at that event to attend the Rainbow Caregiver Club. No registration required.



More info: fadl.org/rcc

Dates include: March 26, April 30, May 28

Pokémon Club

For ages 7-11

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: fadl.org/pokemon



Pokémon Club is where kids can gather to learn and have fun talking about Pokémon video games, cards, books, shows, and more! Bringing cards to trade is optional but not required. Registration opens on a monthly basis.

Dates include: March 20, April 17, May 15

Wanna stay up to date on all of our upcoming events for kids and teens? Or how about a virtual tour of our Kids Corner? Find all of that and MORE on our website! Visit: fadl.org/youth





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National Library Week: Shout out to Staff

Welcome to the last page of the Pager Turner's Spring Edition 2024. You made it! Thanks for reading every single previous page leading up to this one. (You did make sure to read every page, right?) Anyway, we're glad you're here because we'd like to tell you something special about Ferndale Area District Library's STAFF.

Everyone on staff here is not only talented but also passionate about their work! Granted, the staff member writing this newsletter happens to be the library's marketing coordinator, so they're probably a little bit biased. But even still! We just think you should know that it's the talents, interests, knowledge, and indomitable imaginations of our staff members that serve as the spark for all of our unique, fun, educational, and engaging programming.

What better time of the year to celebrate our amazing staff than **National Library Week**: April 7 - April 13. There are folks on staff who are passionate about the cinematic arts—that's why we have a Film Club and Movie Trivia. There are staff members who understand that games can help us learn how to work together as a team and build respect as well as provide a fun outlet to socialize with peers—that's why we have a Board Game Club and RPG Group. This staff loves to partner with local artists and connect them with the community—that's why we feature live concerts and art exhibitions.

But this is also a staff that loves seeing the community come into the library space—not only to attend our events and programs, but to utilize the space (free wi-fi, study rooms, cozy seating) and to learn about the resources they can access with their library cards. Which begs the question: have YOU signed up for your library card yet? Or perhaps you already have, but did you remember to renew your library card? No worries if not—it's a quick and easy process! So quick and easy, in fact, that you can even do it online! fadl.org/library-cards Once you're set with your library card, you can start checking out more than just books—you can use it to download audiobooks and ebooks, check out a variety of cool gadgets from our Library of Things, or even bring home a couple of video games.

Any week is a good week to stop by the library and discover everything we have to offer—but **National Library Week** in April might be the best time! If you're a little overwhelmed by the sheer amount of materials and resources that will be at your fingertips, that's where our awesome staff comes in! Stop by the Reference Desk and chat with us—let us know what types of books or movies you like to read/watch, and we'll help you find something you'll love. Cuz that's what we do best: keep our community connected!

