

THE PAGETURNER:

Ferndale Library's Newsletter



A letter from the Library Director: Jordan Wright

Happy October, everyone! If you're a fan of autumn like I am, then I'm certain you'll find our library to be the perfect cozy spot for these chillier months that lie ahead. Soon, we'll turn on our fireplace for visitors who want to sit and read, or maybe even pop open a laptop and access our free Wi-Fi! There will also be new artwork on our walls by local artist Katie Bramlage, along with our staff's own fall-themed decor adorning the Kids Corner.

If it's been a minute since your last visit, you'll likely notice a few recent changes. Our Friends of the Ferndale Library Bookstore has moved; this month, we're finishing renovating the store's original space into new ADA-accessible single-stall restrooms.

Meanwhile, the Friends store will soon reopen in its new space, formerly occupied by our computer lab. Rest assured, there are still 20 public computers available, along with fax, scanning, and printing services, plus our Adobe Suite station. Additionally, we've been able to add more staff workspace and another public meeting room, which are always in high demand.

In other recent news, we just finished observing Library Card Sign-Up Month (in September), encouraging residents of all ages to sign up for (or renew) their library card! Obviously, it's already October as you're reading this, but that doesn't mean it's too late: Library Card Sign-Up Month can be celebrated all year round! In fact, there are even more library-themed observances coming up in October – You'll find more info about them on page 8.

LOOKING AHEAD

I want to give a special shout-out to our talented staff here at FADL. Our friendly circulation team works hard every day to ensure that everyone who enters the library is met by an affable face, and they're always excited to help you sign up for a library card or navigate account questions. Our Youth Librarians have done an excellent job coordinating outreach programming with Ferndale Public Schools, while our Adult Services Librarians have brought back fun take-and-make kits for crafty grown-ups, not to mention the forthcoming return of our uber-popular Tiny Art program!

Other exciting new upcoming programs include our Songwriter Series, hosted on the 2nd Sunday of each month, along with a new drop-in-style Game Day for adult enthusiasts of board games, which will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month! For kids, we'll have another pen-pal program: this time, they can write and send letters to the fairies that live in our Kids Corner. For high schoolers, we have an 80's themed murder mystery coming up at the end of October. Find all the info on the pages of this newsletter, but also remember to visit our website to register for all our events.

AN INVITATION

If you're already a regular library user, of course, we look forward to seeing you back in the building. But if you haven't been to the library in a while, aren't sure if your card is still active, or just aren't sure what your library has to offer, I'd like to personally invite you to stop in and take a look around. I would be delighted to show you around the building and talk about all the work we've been doing here – please drop me a line at jordan@fadl.org if you have any questions or would like to arrange a time to stop by and learn more about your library.



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

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Katie Bramlage - "Forty" Ceramic Artist Opening Reception

Thursday, October 3 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Growing up around the Great Lakes, Katie Bramlage has always collected stories, shells, and sticks. "I like to consider myself a modern cave girl," Bramlage said, "and much of my work is reflective of what you might find in such a girl's cave--minimal, functional, and decorative handmade works created with clay, wood, and abundant vibes."

Bramlage is a full-time ceramicist and woodworker based in Hazel Park. She studied interior design and earned a BFA in Ceramics from the College for Creative Studies. Bramlage's works "exist at the intersection of high-design, geology and craft." She recently had a shop inside the Rust Belt Market, but she currently operates KB & Co online and teaches classes at Still Life Ceramics.

Mark your calendars for October 3, when we host the Opening Reception of Bramlage's solo show, "Forty." This event will showcase her stunning artwork, along with live music, refreshments, and an Artist Talk. Find more details on page 4 about an exclusive workshop Bramlage will be hosting at the library, later this fall.

Megan Lui: Mixed Media Art Exhibition

Opening Reception: Sunday, November 24 — 2:00 pm

Megan Lui is a contemporary mixed media artist based in Detroit. Using diverse materials such as modeling paste, collage papers, spray paint, ink, and acrylic paint, Lui builds layers and textures on the canvas. "I play with contrasting elements—repetitive patterns and lines interwoven with natural imagery. These intentional pairings challenge expectations, showing that seemingly conflicting elements can coexist harmoniously."



Lui recently debuted works here during our Spring Group Show. Join us on November 24 for a special reception celebrating this new solo show of mixed media works by Megan Lui.

FADL's 2024 Autumn Songwriters Series

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library

Voxanna

Sunday, October 13 — 2:00 pm:

Voxanna is an acoustic folk-rock band based in Metro Detroit, comprised of Billy Brandt, Elaine Schoendorf, Kerry Gluckman and Raquel Salasay. Voxanna's music consists of rich vocals and harmonies and acoustic neo-folk instrumentation that's flavored by elements of psych-rock, jazz and world beats. Voxanna released their self-titled debut album in the summer of 2023, and have since been performing all around Michigan, charming audiences with their eclectic blend of genres and sweet harmonies.



The Kate Hinote Trio

Sunday, November 10 — 2:00 pm:

The Kate Hinote Trio is a contemporary folk band from the Detroit area that features Kate Hinote on vocals, David Johnson on acoustic guitar, and Matthew Parmenter on violin. The trio's music is a mix of original material, covers, and songs by other Detroit songwriters. Their sound has been described as "indie-folk/prog-folk" and "beautiful, weird, dark alternative folk. They released a full-length album, *Near*, in 2021.



Carolyn Striho

Sunday, December 8 — 2:00 pm:

Award-winning Detroit composer and singer/musician Carolyn Striho's music is born of art, rock, and soul, with a bit of classical, folk, and cabaret in the mix. She writes stories of desire, longing, activism, mystery, and love, strong, caressing, and dreamy. Carolyn has an authentic, enchanting, and exciting style with a flamenco mix of jazz and blues. On guitar, she favors a heavy rock and roll percussive rhythm. She's released several acclaimed albums, as well as a book of poetry, along with a handful of recent singles in 2024.



Community Connections! Music, Art & Beyond!

We love forging new community connections! You'll often find our staff around town hosting library programs, pop-up style, in various local venues, be it Storytimes, Book Clubs, or Film Screenings.



In September, we hosted a special Group Show featuring a variety of stunning visual art pieces from the Berkely-based collective known as Articipate!

We recently featured amazing ceramic works by teaching artists from *still life* the newly opened Still Life Studio, poised in our display **STUDIO** case! They'll be back in January; stay tuned!

And this October, we're expanding our partnership with the W.A.B. & Loving Touch with our Album Club. AND film screenings! Find more info on page 4!



New Monthly Take & Make Craft Kits

Just because you're a grown-up doesn't mean you can't enjoy some good ol' arts-and-crafts time!

This fall, we're bringing back monthly Take & Make Craft Kits for Adults! We'll provide all the supplies and instructions for you to take home with you and create cute little treasures like geometric pocket journals, paper-bag snowflakes, or how about some spooky paper strip-art just in time for Halloween!



These themed craft kits will be available on a first-come/first-serve basis, starting on the first Wednesday of each month. While supplies last! Once they're gone--they're gone! Keep your eyes peeled for fliers at the Circulation Desk or make sure to follow us on social media for updates.



Fall Story Trail Picture Book



We're installing a new picture book at FADL's Story Trail!

Our Autumn Story Trail Book will be *Who Am I?* by Julie Buchholtz. Written from an Indigenous perspective, telling the story of how we are all connected to our ancestors, our past and future, and the Earth--and how it is everyone's duty to fend off darkness, connect to the past, offer safety and shelter, and color the world with beauty.

Our Story Trail is located along the west side of Martin Road Park. Families can enjoy the outdoors together while reading framed posts containing pages from the book, arranged in sequential order. More info at fadl.org/story-trail



Teen Space, Available Weekday Afternoons

We're not under any illusions that a local teenager is picking up the latest copy of FADL's Page Turner. But, then again? We could be wrong! If you're a teen reading this, write or call in and tell us what you love best about our lil' newsletter. BUT MEANWHILE... any parents/caregivers of teens who are reading this please pass along that our library has a dedicated Teen Space! A space just for teens, if you will. And it's available on weekdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Our Quiet Reading Room (seen right), where we keep our magazines/newspapers, officially becomes a Teen Space on weekday afternoons, a safe space where they can chat, read, study, or play some games provided by the library. During this time, adult patrons can find alternative quiet spaces near our Library of Things, behind the reference desk.



Make Your Own TINY Work of ART!

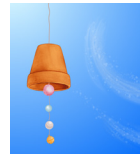
Back by popular demand! Starting in late October, we'll be passing out TINY ART kits!

We'll provide our patrons with 5" x 5" mini-canvases, as well as a paintbrush, cute little easels, and a wide range of colorful acrylic paints arranged in tiny, portable containers. *Starting Monday, October 21*, we'll have a *limited supply of Tiny Art Kits* available at the Circulation Desk: first-come/first-served.



Take them home and make your mini-masterpiece. This event is for all ages, that means *kids, caregivers, families, grown-ups, everyone!* Available while supplies last, of course... ALSO: You have the option of having your art on display! Bring it back to the library by-or-before November 27 to have your work arranged in our display case throughout December!

Monthly Take-Home Crafts + Quarterly Zine Kits!



Did you have fun during your visit to the library? Keep the fun going with one of our monthly take-home crafts, providing you and your child with all the necessary supplies for an engaging themed assemblage/work of art.

Ask at the library's Youth Desk about our monthly take-home crafts! Each kit will provide you with instructions as well its suggested age range. They're available first-come/first-serve, while supplies last.



We also periodically offer Zine Kits, with registration required. We just distributed our latest round of Zine Kits last month, but we'll have more in January. Meanwhile, turn to page 6 to find information about our next upcoming Family Zine Workshop, coming up in November.

Kids Read: Autumnal Picture Books!

by Librarian Erin: "We hope that these picture books "leaf" you wanting more!"



The Oak Leaf by John Sandford: Join a simple leaf on an extraordinary journey as it falls from its tree and makes its way along the breeze. Where will it end up? Only one way to find out!



Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School by Carrie Finson: Little Tortoise is headed out to her first day of school. Read along as she overcomes her worries and learns that everyone can take things at their own pace.



Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson: Bear is so glad everyone brought something to share to his party-- he even has something to bring to the table himself! Gratitude is the attitude in this picture book all about expressing our thankfulness.

Collection Spotlight: S.T.E.M. Kit

Your Ferndale library card gives you and your family access to so much more than just books!

Are your little one's hands constantly building? Take home something that will stimulate and expand their creativity. Check out a S.T.E.M. kit! S.T.E.M. kits are an effective way to have fun while learning about the principals of science, technology, engineering, art and math. These self-contained kits contain everything you'll need for your child to build and/or interact with a variety of structures, crafts, or illuminating activities.



Meanwhile, you can turn to page 7 to learn about one of our newest Outreach Programs, where Youth Librarians visit Ferndale Lower Elementary specifically for a S.T.E.A.M.-focused school program! Visit or call our Youth Desk if you have any questions.

ADULT Special Events

Ongoing Community Partnership Programs



Courtyard Yoga with Motor Om: 1st Sundays of the month

Dates include: **Oct. 6, Nov. 4, Dec. 1**

Find info, schedule, and register at: fadl.org/yoga



Chess Club: 1st Mondays of the month

Dates include: **Oct. 7, Nov. 5, Dec. 2**

An all-ages, drop-in-styled event for all skill levels.

October



Literary-themed Model Drawing

October 1 — 6:30 pm

Come draw with us! We'll provide sketch paper and pencils, and our live model will don a literary-themed costume!

Sign up at: fadl.org/draw



Pumpkin Pages Craft

October 2 — 6:30 pm

An upcycling craft transforming old books into charming pumpkin decorations. Materials & instructions provided. Sign up at:

fadl.org/pumpkin



Art Reception for Katie Bramlage (Ceramics)

October 3 — 6:00 pm

Katie Bramlage is a ceramicist and woodworker based in Hazel Park, displaying dazzling, fully-fired, three-dimensional pieces inspired by the shores of the Great Lakes. No registration required to attend.



Motor City Ghost Hunters

October 12 — 3:00 pm

The investigators from Motor City Ghost Hunters will be here to tell us all about their supernatural experiences and insights! Hear their stories at our exclusive event! Sign up at: fadl.org/ghost



Matinee Concert with Voxanna

October 13 — 2:00 pm

Live music inside the library! Join us for a cozy matinee concert featuring an acoustic performance featuring the versatile folk group Voxanna. No registration required and open to all ages!



Horror Movie Trivia at 215 West

October 14 — 7:00 pm

Movie buffs, trivia lovers and horror-fans can form teams to take on our fun, brain-teasing questions, hosted inside 215 West. Sign up at: fadl.org/trivia



Ceramics Totem Workshop and Art Closing

October 27 — 1:00 pm

Local artist Katie Bramlage will close out her exhibition here at the library with an exclusive free workshop, where participants will be able to create their own ceramic totems. Info at: fadl.org/kb

November



Tea Apothecary Craft

November 7 — 6:30 pm

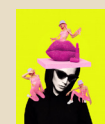
Discover the world of tea by learning about various types and their health benefits, sampling different blends, and crafting your own custom tea bag to take home. Find more info at: fadl.org/tea



Matinee Concert with Kate Hinote Trio

November 10 — 2:00 pm

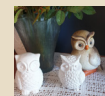
Kate Hinote has a voice that's both cinematic and operatic, a mood-setting, mellifluous intonation that fits inside candle-lit lounges, late summer night feverdreams, or as a torch song from a surreal soundtrack. Join us for a free, all-ages acoustic concert!



Zine Craft for ages 16+

November 11 — 6:00 pm

Older teens and adults can work on their own zines! We'll provide all the supplies, just bring your imagination and let's create a zine together! you can also donate your zines to our collection, once they're completed, or donate zines from home! More info at: fadl.org/zine



Cute Hoots: Owl Craft

November 20 - 6:00 pm

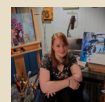
Adult crafters can paint tiny ceramic owls in this engaging craft session. All materials and instructions are provided to help you create your own uniquely autumnal designs. More info: fadl.org/owl



Album Club at W.A.B.

November 21 — 6:30 pm

You've heard of a book club! You've even maybe heard of a film club! But now we give you ALBUM CLUB! Come hang out at the W.A.B. to discuss the best albums by our selected artist(s)! Find more info at: fadl.org/album



Art Reception, Megan Lui

November 24 — 2:00 pm

Meet local mixed-media artist Megan Lui and view dazzlingly layered, collage works on display! There will be live music, refreshments, and an Artist Q&A. No registration required.

December



Frosted Luminaries - December 5 - 6:30 pm

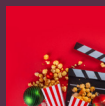
Decorative, bright, and fun! Let's make DIY luminaries for winter! Registration opens in November.



Matinee Concert with Carolyn Striho

December 8 - 2:00 pm

Detroit-based singer/songwriter Carolyn Striho brings her melodic, jazz-infused rock 'n' roll energy to a special acoustic set at the library, free & all-ages!



Holiday Movie Trivia at 215 West

December 9 - 7:00 pm

We'll be back for another round of fun movie trivia in December, focusing on classic and contemporary holiday films! Registration opens in November!

ADULT Programs

Recurring Programs

First Drafts: Writers Group

October 8 and December 12 — 6:30 pm

Registration required

Sign up at: fadl.org/writers

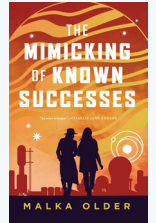


Calling all local writers! Are you in need of a little inspiration? Join us inside Ferndale Project's Cafe for a new bi-monthly program! Bring along your journals, notebooks, or laptops (...we'll have a sufficient power supply for your chargers), and set up in their cafe space to start networking with fellow scribes. Library staff will provide a series of writing exercises and prompts to get your creative juices flowing! Something you start during First Drafts could even grow into a short story, memoir, or book! Let's write!

Science Fiction Book Club

October 9, November 13, & Dec. 11 — 6:30 pm

Sign up 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:

Oct. 9: *The Mimicking of Known Successes* by Malka Older

Nov. 13: *A Hacker's Mind* by Bruce Schneier

Dec. 11: *Babel-17* by Samuel R. Delaney

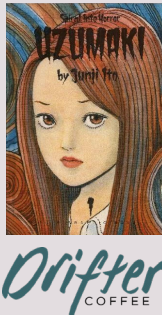
Graphic Novel Book Club at Drifter

October 15, November 19, & Dec. 17 — 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:

October 15: *Uzumaki* by Junji Ito

November 19: *Paper Girls* by Brian K. Vaughan

December 17: *Little Bird Vol. 1* by Darcy Van Poelgeest

NEW: Adult Board Game / Gameday!

October 20, November 17, & Dec. 15

Meets at the library

Sign up at: fadl.org/gameday



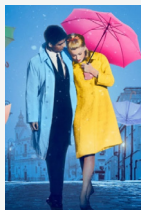
Try out new board games at the library! We provide the games and explain the rules, so you can have fun playing.

This new monthly program for adults will meet on the third Sunday of each month. Each Game Day afternoon is facilitated by one of our librarians! It's designed to be a fun place for gamers of all skill levels to find a sense of community, enjoying a variety of games together in a cozy environment. Many if not all of the games we'll feature are also available to circulate!

Film Club

Oct. 22, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 — 7:00 pm

Sign up at: fadl.org/film-club



This fall, our Film Club starts hosting periodic live screenings of films, part of a new partnership with the Loving Touch. We'll kick things off with a special 30th anniversary screening of a cult action-horror film that's set in Detroit around Halloween--that'll be on Tuesday, October 22! We'll still host occasional discussion sessions back here at the library, too!

Upcoming titles:

Oct 22: Live screening at the The Loving Touch

Nov. 12: *Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (discussion at FADL)

Dec. 10: Live screening at the The Loving Touch



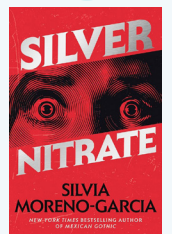
Ferndale Project Book Club

October 29, Nov. 26, & Dec. 19 — 6:30 pm

at 567 Livernois

Registration required

Sign up 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:

October 29: *Silver Nitrate* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

November 26: *Murder Your Employer* by Rupert Holmes

December 19: *Foster* by Claire Keegan

Youth Special Events

Special Events



Pen Pal Program for Kids Corner Fairies

Ongoing throughout October- All Ages

Last year, our Youth Librarians coordinated a fun early literacy program where children of all ages could write letters to their favorite Kids Corner Puppets!



Well, it turns out that some other residents of our youth area were quite impressed! You might have noticed the little fairy door on the wall next to our cubbies. This October, our fairies would love to hear from you: write a letter to a fairy and they will write back! To participate, drop off your letter at the youth desk. No stamps required.



Return of the Living Slime

October 15 - 4:30 pm - Ages 6 - 10

Don't be afraid: the slime isn't actually alive, we're just indulging an homage to titles of scary movies! BUT, our popular slime-making workshop is BACK! Ages 6-10 can learn how to make their own slime creations, and bring the results home with them! Sign up at: fadl.org/slime



Poetry Sesh

October 23 - 6:30 pm - Ages 5 - 8

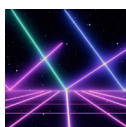
Kids can bring a poem or a book of poetry to discuss. Together, we'll talk about what we read/listened to and the different types of poems. Then, we'll write a poem of our own using magnets. Kids, ages 5-8 can be signed up at: fadl.org/poetry



Vexillology!

October 28 - 6:00 pm - Grades 3-5

Join us for a fun combination of a craft and history program. Kids can learn about the history of all kinds of flags from around the world! Attendees will also get to design their own flag to take home. Find more info and sign up at: fadl.org/flags



Murder at the Roller Rink

October 29 - 3:30 pm Grades 9-12

It's 1988 and you're hanging out with your friends at a roller rink. When all of a sudden: There's been a murder! Totally not rad. High schoolers can join us for pizza and an afternoon of crime solving. Sign up at: fadl.org/roller

Monthly Event Updates: Analog-style

You can always visit our website to stay up to date on all upcoming events for kids and teens, especially if you want to sign up before registration is full. Another surefire way keep up is to just glance over our events board in the Kids Corner! You'll always see the latest flyers (made by our staff) promoting events posted to this board, with helpful QR codes to sign up!



Ferndale Schools Outreach



Back to School!

Our Youth Librarians have been hard at work developing outreach programming in partnership with Ferndale Public Schools, kicking things off with Curriculum Night, last month, where we set up a table to provide information and mobile library card signup service! For more info, visit: fadl.org/educators

Ferndale Early Childhood Center Preschool Storytime

This is a monthly outreach program for preschoolers who are enrolled at FECC. Students will be visited by a Ferndale Youth Librarian once a month (October 8, November 12, December 10) for engaging stories and interactive songs. This is an outreach program specifically for FECC students only, hosted at the school. More info: fadl.org/educators



Ferndale Lower Elementary STEAM Program

S.T.E.A.M. Program for Ferndale Lower Elementary students: This new S.T.E.A.M.-focused program is hosted at Ferndale Lower Elementary, for K-2nd-grade students. Sign-ups are facilitated through the school. Join FADL Librarian Julia and Ms. Nelson (FLEL librarian) for a variety of fun, hands-on STEAM activities.



Ferndale Middle School Rainbow Club

This after-school program for middle schoolers started up last spring and received a very enthusiastic response. LGBTQ+ middle schoolers and allies at FMS can meet in a classroom with library staff and teachers after school for an hour of low-key social time with activities and snacks.



University High School

We'll be doing something a little different with UHS High School students. Rather than our librarians going to the school for a program, we'll be coordinating quarterly field trips for students to receive comprehensive tours of the library.



For more info, visit: fadl.org/educators

Ferndale Upper Elementary Battle of the Books 2025

One of the highlights of our outreach programs is our annual Battle of the Books event, a trivia-styled tournament hosted in the Spring where teams of 5th Graders at Ferndale Upper Elementary compete, answering questions testing their knowledge/retention of 6 selected middle grade fiction books! Stay tuned for more details, coming in December!



Recurring Youth Programs & Storytimes

Family Storytime

Ages: 18 months to 4 years old
Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Oct. 2, 9, 16 / Nov. 6, 13, 20 / Dec. 4, 11, 18

Join us for a variety of engaging stories and active songs geared towards families with children 18 months to 4 years old. More info: fadl.org/family



Baby Storytime

For babies under 18 months old
Fridays at 10:30 am:
Oct. 4, 11, 18 / Nov. 8, 15, 22 / Dec. 6, 13, 20

Join us for interactive songs and simple stories that nurture your baby's curiosity and fine motor skills. For families with children under 18 months old. More info: fadl.org/baby



Reading Rainbow

In partnership with Affirmations Grades 4-8
Meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm

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!

Sign up at: fadl.org/reading-rainbow

Dates and titles include:

October 22: *Drew Leclair Crushes the Case* by Katryn Bury

November 26: *Gooseberry* by Robin Gow

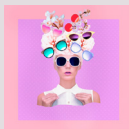
No meeting in December.



Quarterly Family Zine-Making Workshops

For ages 7-15 & caregivers optional
Monday, November 18
6:00 pm
Sign up: fadl.org/family-zine

Our Zine workshops provide a hands-on opportunity for participants to work alone or collaboratively on making a zine. This event is geared toward ages 7-15, but caregivers have the option of participating as well! Supplies will be provided!



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:

Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19



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! Middle School students can sign up for our monthly Board Game Club, where they'll get to hang out with and socialize with their peers, while also playing a unique variety of fun games together!

Dates include:

October 10, November 14, December 12



Ongoing Early Literacy Program: 1KBBK

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an ongoing early literacy program to support you and your child's reading journey. Whether your child is a newborn or in Pre-K - there's no better time to start than now to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Plus, you'll receive prizes along the way! So, stop by the Youth Desk and we'll show you how to get started, OR visit our website: fadl.org/early-literacy-storytimes



Autumnal Kids Corner Scavenger Hunt



Our Fern forest friends have gone camping in the enchanted grove, where magic awaits! There are a set of various magical items that can be spotted all around this grove-- can YOU help us find them?

Kids of all ages can have fun helping us track down items that are hidden in the Kids Corner. Everyone who completes this program receives a commemorative button for helping! Stop by the Youth Desk to participate!

Library Patron

Michigan Library Appreciation Month

There are actually a handful of library-related “holidays” and “observances” marked throughout the calendar year. There’s Library Lovers Day in February. There’s National Library Week in April. And ya know, there’s also something called High-Five A Library Day, and that’s actually coming up in November. But, there’s a special annual library observance that’s unique to our great state of Michigan, and that’s **Library Appreciation Month!**

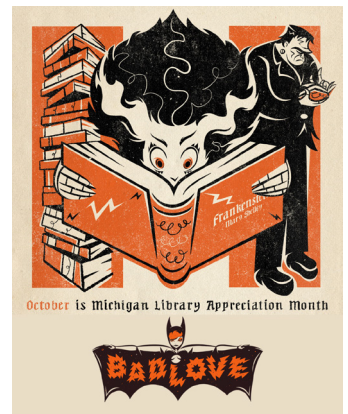
The Michigan Library Association is a collaborative network of libraries, library professionals and library-supporters who combine their efforts to promote and protect our libraries and advance the library profession in Michigan. And, each year, the Michigan Library Association designates OCTOBER as a statewide observance to celebrate the contributions of Michigan’s public, school, academic, tribal, and special libraries. A statewide library love-fest!

In previous years, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has consistently made a proclamation in the legislature that October is a time when we “encourage all residents to visit their library in person or virtually to connect to the services, resources, and collections their library provides!”

We love that word, “connect!” Libraries keep their communities connected to the resources they need, but they can also be a physical meeting space for the community--it could be to very literally “meet” with a coworker, a collaborator, or a local organization, (we have private study rooms and a cozy laptop bar in the atrium), or it could be a place to meet fellow crafters, fellow music lovers, fellow film fans, as we host a wide variety of cultural events that could serve as an opportunity for you to meet some likeminded neighbors!

Granted, there are a lot of “holidays” and “observances” throughout the year, but perhaps the best time of the year to visit your local library would be **Library Appreciation Month!** Stop in and let us know what YOU appreciate most about your library! And, if you’d like to take that appreciation a step further, consider joining the **Friends of the Ferndale Library** this month!

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Meet the New Library Mascot



Do you like scary movies?

Even if you don’t like scary movies, you should still make time to check out KANOPY! Your Ferndale Library card gets you access to this amazing streaming service, offering thousands of independent films, cult classics, and documentaries! BUT, since we’re into October and the spooky season is upon us, you might want to check out their annually prepared collection of horror films.

Do you miss the days when Netflix used to be *just* movies? Well, Kanopy could be the cure! Kanopy has classics, contemporary, and cult titles, even arranging them by themes, like “ghosts” or “zombies.” Visit our website, or stop by the library to find out more about Kanopy!

