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Leap Day Party

Ferndale Library

Saturday, February 29

2 pm

222 E. Nine Mile Rd

No Registration Required

Ages 2-12

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/116291729701214/>

Children Can Learn About Leap Days with Fun Activities & Games at the Ferndale Library

FERNDALE, Mich. (February 3, 2020)--It only happens once every 1,460 days, so the Ferndale Library wants to make 2020's Leap Day a special one for local families. Youth Services Librarians will be facilitating a variety of activities that are appropriate for a range of ages, from toddlers to as old as 12, but some parent assistance will be required. Crafts include paper-bag kangaroo puppets and frog origami, an homage to the well-known leapers of the animal kingdom. Once the frogs are folded, there will be a race where kids can use the folds of their origami to make their tiny craft do a tiny hop along a tabletop. There will be some physical jumping as well when hula hoops are arranged for a leaping activity path.

Leap Days, always occurring on February 29, are necessary to help re-synchronize the calendar year with the solar year (i.e., the length of time it takes our Earth to complete its orbit). Hopefully, there aren't any 12-year-olds reading this press release because that is just one example of some of the leap year trivia that librarians will be using to test their knowledge. There will also be fun facts about leap years set out on each tabletop. Along with hula-hoops and paper crafts, there will be more activities like tiddly-winks and a fun preschool-friendly game to improve fine motor skills where they'll toss a construction-paper "flies" into a box designed to look like a frog's mouth.

There is no registration necessary for this event. Youth Services Librarians are hoping to provide a fun afternoon's worth of games, activity, and some educational insights into why we experience a "leap day" every four years.

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