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Ferndale Library's Summer Reading Challenge

Events & Activities for All Ages

Saturday, June 18 (Kickoff)

Sign up link: <http://www.fadl.org/summer>

Full list of events: www.fadl.org/upcoming-events

Participants can log their reading & win prizes

Ferndale Library Encourages Readers To Explore OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Summer Reading Challenge & Series of Special Events Kickoff June 18

FERNDALE, Mich. (MAY 27, 2022)-- Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as the Ferndale Area District Library hosts its annual Summer Reading Challenge, inspiring participants to explore "Oceans of Possibilities." The library has planned a variety of ocean/lake/water-related events and activities throughout the summer, but the main event will be reading, reading, and *more* reading, be it in print, audio, or e-book format. Youth and adult participants alike have the chance to win cool prizes when they log their reading with the Beanstack app.

The Ferndale Library has hosted annual Summer Reading programs for decades, primarily designed to encourage children, tweens, and teens to continue the habit of recreational reading during the months when they are not in school and avoid the risk of an academic "summer slide." But over the last several years, local adult-age readers have been just as enthusiastic about taking on the challenge and embracing each year's theme. Registration for Ferndale's "Oceans of Possibilities" goes live on Beanstack starting Saturday, June 3, with a kickoff party for families hosted on Saturday, June 18, (1 pm - 3 pm), where kids and teens can be signed up in person, as well as enjoy a magic show by Cameron Zvara, a family-friendly entertainer who weaves in a lot of comedy into his interactive performances. Every kid or teen who signs up receives a free scoop of ice cream from Treat Dreams, courtesy of the Friends of the Ferndale Library.

All Ferndale Summer Reading participants will use Beanstack to earn digital raffle tickets along the way, increasing their chances of winning prizes. Beanstack is an interactive web and mobile app that individuals and families can use to track their independent reading time and help every participant feel engaged and motivated to read. Between June 3 and August 31, adults (18+) are challenged to read FOUR (4) BOOKS, teens (13-17) are challenged to read THREE (3) BOOKS, and kids (12 & under) are challenged to spend a full FIVE (5) hours reading. Adults and teens will earn Beanstack achievement badges and digital raffle tickets for each book they complete, while kids will earn badges and tickets for every 30 minutes spent reading.

Upcoming events include an ocean exploration sensory playtime for kids and a watercolor class for adults. There will also be fun all-ages events like Lake Monsters of the Great Lakes and a program on Sea Shanties. Also scheduled amidst the variety of water-themed events will be three live music performances, hosted outdoors in the library's courtyard—part of its annual Summer Concert Series. Those artists include Nessa (on June 21; world-fusion) Djangophonique (on July 19; Django Reinhardt-style jazz manouche), and Klezundheit (on August 9; traditional klezmer music). Each of these free concerts (brought to you by the Friends of the Ferndale Library) will be hosted on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 pm | For more information on Ferndale Library's Summer Reading, visit: www.fadl.org | 248-546-2504

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