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Ferndale Library Fall Themed Virtual Events for Kids

- Nocturnal Animals on October 11
- Halloween-themed Drawing Workshop on October 25

Hosted via Zoom

Sign up required | Contact: 248-546-2504 x.694

Ferndale Library's Fall Themed Virtual Events for Kids includes Nocturnal Animals & "Monsters"

FERNDALE, MI (Sept 28, 2021--) Ferndale's Youth Librarians are hosting two interactive programs for kids via Zoom this month, inviting them to meet nocturnal wildlife and learn how to draw classic monsters (for Halloween). With kids returning to school and acclimating to classrooms, these two virtual events could be an ideal outlet for kids to have some fun while still engaging their curiosity and creativity. Young patrons can be signed up by contacting Ferndale's Youth Services department by phone or email.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Creatures of the Night - 10/11 - 5 pm

On Monday, October 11, kids of all ages can join a zoom presentation led by experts at the Howell Nature Center, as they bring a variety of creatures on screen that are usually only active at night. This is an exciting (and educational) opportunity for kids to see fascinating animals that are rarely spotted, if at all, during the daytime, because they are typically asleep. This event will start at 5 pm, just around the time these creatures are waking up. The Howell Nature Center will share their screen to give kids a close-up look at their animal ambassadors. To sign-up for Creatures of the Night, parents can call the Youth Department, or send an email to: everett@ferndalepubliclibrary.org

Let's Draw Monsters - 10/25 - 6:30 pm

Later, on Monday, October 25, kids (ages 8+) can join us via zoom for a fun, interactive program that spurs creativity while celebrating the spooky season! Award-winning comic artist Rick Strominski will teach participants how to draw goblins, ghouls, witches, and other monsters, just in time for Halloween! Rick Stromoski is an American cartoonist whose work includes the syndicated comic strips Mullets and Soup to Nutz. Starting at 6:30 pm, Stromoski will lead this workshop for participants at home; kids will need to have their own pieces of paper and drawing utensils ready when they join the zoom meeting. To sign-up for Let's Draw Monsters, parents can call the Youth Department, or send an email to: jasmine@ferndalepubliclibrary.org

Ongoing Monthly Programs

Along with these two special events, Ferndale's Youth Librarians regularly coordinate monthly programs for all ages that spur engagement and strengthen early literacy. There are two monthly **book clubs**, one for *Lower Elementary* (K-2) and another for *Upper Elementary* (3-5). Tweens (ages 10-12) can join a monthly group called **Animaniacs**, inspired by the fandom for visual storytelling of anime and manga, exploring Japan's variety of art, culture, and even cuisine. For teens, there's **Read Woke**, a high school book club intended to help young adults address social justice issues, held in partnership with the Ferndale Library at Ferndale High School in Room 216.

Most events remain virtual throughout the rest of autumn:

Lower Elementary Book Club: 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Upper Elementary Book Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Animaniacs: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Read Woke: 4th Tuesday of each month, hosted at FHS, at 3:15 pm.