

# THE PAGE TURNER:

## Ferndale Library's Newsletter

### Oh, hey! What's new?

Spring is just around the corner! National Library Week is coming up in April. And, we'll soon be celebrating the 15th anniversary of our library's expansive renovations. Time flies, doesn't it? Well, it's been a busy Winter, so let's catch up!

**New Director:** First, in case you missed it, we have a new Library Director! Drew Macaulay, a librarian previously serving as the Head of Adult Services here at Ferndale, recently rose to Director, starting in January. Macaulay's promotion follows the departure of former FADL director Jordan Wright, who relocated this winter to become director of the Tecumseh Public Library. Macaulay has quite an eclectic background, not only holding her Masters Degree in Information and Library Sciences but also retaining prior experience as a lawyer and a zookeeper! If you want to hear the whole story, you can listen to a recent episode of our podcast, "A Little Too Quiet," for a fun interview with Macaulay!

**Pardon our dust:** We're currently in the midst of wrapping up renovations to expand our restroom facilities, with two new single-stall bathrooms accessible near the library's west entrance. The installment of these facilities necessitated the slight relocation of the Friends of the Ferndale Library's Used Bookstore, which you'll now find centrally located within the library, near the nonfiction and media shelves.

On a side note, you'll also find new library-themed merch for sale inside the store, including specialty soy candles and enamel pins by local creators The Brave Wimp! But that's not all; we now have a third reservable private study room located next to the adult nonfiction section. All of this likely sounds exciting, albeit probably hard to visualize on paper, so we invite you to come see all of these new updates in person!

**New Exhibitions:** We have two new exhibitions on display, including The Automotive Hall of Fame's traveling exhibition, highlighting African Americans' stories, innovations, and contributions in the Automotive Industry. This exhibit is part of AHF's Achievement program, culminating in a presentation on March 13. We also have new artwork displayed in our Program Room by local visual artist Anthony Brass, opening on March 5. You can find more details about both exhibitions on page 4.

**New Reading Goals:** "I want to read more!" We offer an optional survey asking residents why they've signed up for their library card, and an expressed desire to "read more" is the most common answer! Maybe reading more was one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, how's that been going? Did you know that March is National Reading Month? What better time to get in gear and set some achievable reading goals for yourself? It's especially easy and potentially exhilarating once you find the genre (mystery, romance, graphic novels, etc) and the format (audiobooks, ebooks, print) that fits your preference and lifestyle.

The best part is you know exactly where to go to get started when it comes to reading: **THE LIBRARY.**



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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: Anthony Brass: 'Breath'

Wednesday, March 5 — 6:00 pm



**Artist Talk at 7:00 pm**  
**Live Music by Joseph Dugan**

Anthony R. Brass is an award-winning artist celebrated for his vibrant use of colors and interesting perspectives on the natural world. He draws his inspiration from ecology, the human experience, and our intrinsic connection to nature. Join us for an opening reception, with refreshments & music!

## Spring! Group Show Featuring Fiber Club\* Detroit

Thursday, April 24 — 6:00 pm

Fiber Club\* Detroit was founded in October 2022 by fine artist and arts administrator Katie Shulman as a response to an expressed need among creative practitioners in southeast Michigan to organize around a shared interest in advancing fiber art processes and practices.



Over the last two years, they've been building their network of fiber artists, producing group exhibitions, and developing craft-based workshops. Fiber Club\*'s network grew to about 500 participants in 2024, via regular monthly meetings, programming to promote community and craft-based skill building, plus several group exhibits, including this upcoming spring show!

Their show at the Ferndale Library will feature a variety of fiber-based art, including 3-D, free-standing pieces. At their opening reception, on April 24, there will also be refreshments provided by the Friends of the Ferndale Library, along with live music and a chance to meet all of the artists!



## More than just Reading:

Yes, March is National Reading Month! And, of course, a public library would be adamant about observing a literacy-focused novelty holiday, but we just wanted to stress one additional point: you can do so much *more* at a public library than just read.



For starters, you can use your Ferndale library card to check out more than just books! For example, we circulate tools, instruments, board games, seeds, plus the latest movies, albums and video games.

And, anyone visiting the library doesn't necessarily have to be there *just to read*, you can come here to see a concert, enjoy an art exhibition, make a fun craft, hear an insightful lecture, or yap with fellow readers at a book club meeting! Swing by this week and check out everything else we've got going on here at the library.



## Live Music at the Library

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library*

### Music, Folk Songs: A Culture History + Concert w/Terry Murphy

Sunday, March 9 — 2:00 pm:

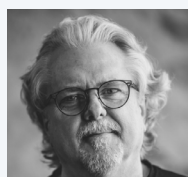
Local singer/songwriter Terry Murphy will perform a rousing round-up of Irish folk tunes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day (albeit one week early). This free, all-ages concert will also feature insights and facts about the songs and the songwriters. Murphy has been performing around the local music scene 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.



### Mark Jewett

Sunday, April 13 — 2:00 pm:

Mark Jewett has carved a niche for himself with his insightful storytelling and a knack for blending diverse musical styles. His honest, introspective lyrics, laced with humor and drama, resonate with listeners who appreciate the efforts he puts into crafting his songs. Drawing inspiration from the likes of Jason Isbell, Jackson Browne, Paul Simon, Randy Newman, and JD Souther, Mark creates music that spans the range from classic folk to Pink Floyd-esque soundscapes, offering a variety-filled sonic experience. Find his music at: [markjewett.com/](http://markjewett.com/)



### The Brown Thrasher

Sunday, May 4 — 2:00 pm:

The Brown Thrasher is a British-born Iranian musician and songwriter based in Detroit. His first album Grapefruit Heart was produced by Danny Kroha (The Gories). Performing with a banjo, autoharp, and acoustic guitar, the songwriter known as the Brown Thrasher, a.k.a. Mazzy Mackarelle, taps into traditional blues, folk and roots music. Listen at: [thebrownthrasher.net](http://thebrownthrasher.net)



## Some THINGS To Talk About:



A Library of Things? That might be an awkward phrase to read aloud. Still, it's become popularly attributed to any collection beyond the items one might anticipate finding at a library, like books, CDs, and DVDs.

Some of the latest "things" that we've added to circulation include:

- Set of crochet hooks • Birding binoculars • Car maintenance kit
  - Portable air compressor • Korg Volca drum machine/synth/mixer
- You can find these exciting items located near the Reference Desk.

We also have "things" for kids located in the Youth Area, including:

- STEM Kits • Early Literacy Kits
- Board Games • Zines & more!





# Youth Updates

## Spring Story Trail Book

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 starting 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 is *Milo Walking* by James Howe (*Bunnicula*); illustrated by Sakika Kikuchi. It's a beautiful story about looking, observing, and finding wonder in the things that we walk right past every day.

More info & map at: [fadl.org/story-trail](https://fadl.org/story-trail)

## KIDS READ: Picture Books for Springtime

by Librarian Julia

**Let's Go!** by Julie Flett: Inspired by her son's involvement in the skateboard community, Flett shares a warm story about generational hobbies and gaining confidence when it comes to learning new things. Move and flow with the skaters, and learn some Cree phrases along the way.



**Grandma's Roof Garden** by Tang Wei: Granny is an expert gardener and she uses her thriving rooftop garden to provide for her community. Join Granny and her guests as they enjoy a delicious meal full of fresh produce in this multi-generational and heartwarming story.



**We Go to the Park** by Sara Stridsberg: Featuring poetic prose and wonderfully layered illustrations, this book delves into the experience of going to the park. Lean into the surreal tone of the story, and take your time connecting with this community and exploring the dreamlike imaginative state that spending time outdoors can evoke.



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an ongoing early literacy program designed to support you and your child's reading journey. 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](https://fadl.org/early-literacy-storytimes)



## Battle of the Books: March 18 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 six diverse selection of six middle-grade fiction books selected by FADL youth librarians. This year, 33 teams of students have signed up to compete!

On "Battle Day," Tuesday, March 18, more than 30 teams of 5th graders will assemble at FUEL and test their Battle Book knowledge! The winning team will be honored by having their names engraved on a plaque for all future FUEL students to see. More info at: [fadl.org/battle](https://fadl.org/battle)

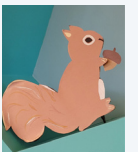


## Kids Corner: Spring Scavenger Hunt

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.



Spring has arrived in Fern Forest and our friends need your help spotting five special bugs hidden in the youth area. Join the buzzing excitement and see what you can discover!



Stop by the Kids Corner for a map! Everyone who completes the Scavenger Hunt will receive a prize! Also, during your scavenger hunt, scope out the latest spring-inspired decor, created by our librarians, lining the tops of our nonfiction shelves!

## FADL's METIS System Can Help Kids Find What They're Looking For in Nonfiction



Coming this spring! Ferndale's Youth Librarians are redesigning nonfiction in the Kids' Corner.



Instead of using the number-based Dewey Decimal System, which might be difficult to understand, our nonfiction books will be organized by words and pictures to make it easier for kids to find what they're looking for. All you'll need to know is the alphabet!

Within the alphabetical structure we've put kids nonfiction books into categories, like Animals and Prehistory, and then organized the books within those categories. For example, if you looked in the Prehistory area, you would find T-Rex books under "Dinosaurs"! Swing by the Youth Desk for any questions!

# ADULT Spring Special Events

## March



### Artist Opening Reception: Anthony Brass

**March 5 — 6:00 pm:**

View new/recent works by local visual artist Anthony Brass, along with an Artist Talk and Q&A. There will be refreshments and live music by Joseph Dugan.



### Composting 101

**March 8 — 2:00 pm:**

The library will be hosting quarterly presentations on gardening, starting this spring with our Composting program. Ferndale's Zero Waste Manager, Logan Applebee, shares a presentation to get you started on composting at home, with take-home printouts and Q&A. Sign up at: [fadl.org/compost](https://fadl.org/compost)



### Irish Folk Music

**March 9 — 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. All-ages & no registration required.



### Black Achievements in Automotive History

**March 13 — 6:30 pm:**

Learn the stories about Black contributions to the automotive industry and the industry's impact on Black families and communities. This presentation outlines the successes of African Americans in the Automotive Industry from 1873 through 2022. RSVP at: [fadl.org/auto](https://fadl.org/auto)



### Puzzle Tournament at Urbanrest

**March 26 — 6:00 pm:**

Teams of 2-4 participants can see who can finish a 500-piece puzzle the fastest, within one hour; hosted at Urbanrest. Registration is open for Ferndale library cardholders online at: [fadl.org/puzzle](https://fadl.org/puzzle)

## April



### Boston Tea Room Crystal Class

**April 1 — 6:00 pm:**

Learn how to use crystals to support your mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing, from mood stabilizing to manifesting & more. [fadl.org/crystal](https://fadl.org/crystal)



### Black Art Library

**April 6 — 3:00 pm:**

Asmaa Walton, the creator and curator of Black Art Library, will here to share the story of this living archive, with a moderated discussion/Q&A. There will also be a display, near the circulation desk. RSVP here: [fadl.org/blackart](https://fadl.org/blackart)



### Literary-themed Model Drawing

**April 10 — 6:30 pm:**

Let's draw together! We'll have a live model dressed in a literary-inspired costume; all supplies provided, but you can bring your own, too. This is a self-guided art program open to all skill levels. Sign up at: [fadl.org/draw](https://fadl.org/draw)



### Mark Jewett - Songwriter Series

**April 13 — 2:00 pm:**

Plymouth-based songwriter Mark Jewett brings his eclectic blend of folk, rock, and pop-songwriting for a free, all-ages performance. No registration required.



### Movie Trivia at 215 West

**April 14 — 7:00 pm:**

Calling all movie-buffs! Join us for a fun trivia night hosted inside 215 West (nextdoor to SOHO). Teams of 2-5 members can sign up online! There will be snacks and prizes! Info at: [fadl.org/trivia](https://fadl.org/trivia)



### Fiber Club Detroit - Opening Art Reception -

**April 24 — 6:00 pm:**

Fiber Club Detroit has curated an extensive group show bringing together some of the best and most recent works of their talented members, spanning all mediums of fiber art. There will be refreshments, a brief talk, and live music! No registration required.

## May



### The Brown Thrasher

**Songwriter Series — May 4 - 2:00 pm:**

It might seem odd to host a live concert focusing on blues music on a day usually reserved for Star Wars fandom, and yet, here we are! The Brown Thrasher is an engaging, passionate performer, playing guitar, banjo, and the zither. No registration required.



### Marbled Trinket Dish Craft

**May 10 — 1:00 pm:**

Create a marbled polymer clay trinket tray perfect for Mother's Day! All materials and instructions are provided to help you craft a beautiful, personalized gift. Make a one-of-a-kind tray to keep or give to someone special! More info at: [fadl.org/trinket](https://fadl.org/trinket)

## Coming Soon: Summer Reading



The theme for our 2025 Summer Reading Program is "Color Our World!" We'll invite participants of all ages to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives! Oh, and we'll also be doing a lot of reading along the way! Kickoff is set for Saturday, JUNE 7th



We'll have unique reading challenges for four age groups: Early Readers (ages 0-4), Kids, (ages 5-12), Teens (ages 13-18), and Adults (18+). Participants can log their reading with the Beanstack App!

Stay tuned to this page for details about our upcoming Summer Reading Challenge & Full Schedule of Programs, including lots of activities for kids of all ages, our Summer Concert Series, and more! [www.fadl.org/summer](https://www.fadl.org/summer)

# ADULT Programs

## Recurring Programs

### Ongoing Community Partnership Programs



**Yoga Class with Motor Om:**  
Sundays: March 2, April 6, @ 12:00 pm  
(indoors, program room)  
May 4 @ 10:00 am (outdoors, courtyard)  
Register at: [fadl.org/yoga](http://fadl.org/yoga)



**Chess Club: Mondays:**  
March 3, April 7, May 5 @ 6:00 pm  
All skill levels welcome! Just drop-in: [fadl.org/chess](http://fadl.org/chess)

### Film Club:

March 11, April 8, May 13 — 7:00 pm

Info at: [fadl.org/film-club](http://fadl.org/film-club)

Watch a selected film ahead of time, and join us at the library to meet and chat with other film buffs. Each selected film is either readily available in the library system on DVD/ BluRay, or available to stream via KANOPY (with your library card).

March 11: *It Happened One Night* (1934)  
April 8: *David Lynch Night* (Filmography Revue)  
May 13: *The Queen* (1968)



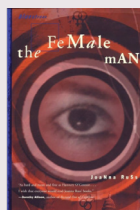
### Sci-Fi Book Club:

March 12, April 9, May 14 — 6:30 pm

Info at: [fadl.org/sfbc](http://fadl.org/sfbc)

This fun, welcoming group is open to new and long-time fans of Sci-Fi; with options to meet in-person or via Zoom.

March 13: *The Female Man* by Joanna Russ  
April 10: *What If We Get It Right?* by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson  
May 8: *Light from Uncommon Stars* by Ryka Aoki



### Board Game Club for Adults

March 16, April 27, May 18 — 1:00 pm

Info at: [fadl.org/game](http://fadl.org/game)

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

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.

Each game we play is also available for check-out!



### Graphic Novel Book Club at Drifter:

March 18, April 15, May 20 — 6:30 pm

at 770 Woodward Hts.

Info at: [fadl.org/gnbc](http://fadl.org/gnbc)

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.

March 18: *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden  
April 15: *Dune: the Graphic Novel, Book 1*  
May 20: *Lore Olympus Vol. 1* by Rachel Smythe



### Ferndale Project Book Club:

March 25, April 29, and May 27 — 6:30 pm

at 567 Livernois

Info at: [fadl.org/fpbc](http://fadl.org/fpbc)

Our monthly book club hosted inside Ferndale Project; meets on the last Tuesday of each month.

March 25: *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood  
April 29: *Stay True* by Hua Hsu  
May 27: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders



### Album Club at W.A.B.:

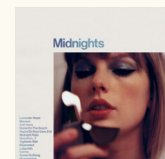
March 27, May 22 — 6:30 pm

at 22646 Woodward Ave

Info at: [fadl.org/album](http://fadl.org/album)

You've heard of book clubs & film clubs! But our ALBUM CLUB invites music fans to discuss the discography of a selected artist, meeting bimonthly at the W.A.B.

March 27: Taylor Swift  
May 29: The Talking Heads



### NEW:

#### Fiber Arts Club:

March 24, April 28, May 26 — 6:00 pm

Info at: [fadl.org/fiber](http://fadl.org/fiber)

Calling all fiber arts crafters! Bring your WIP, be it knitting, crocheting, or sewing, and meet and chat with fellow crafters! We can even swap patterns and tips, too. No registration required.





# Youth Early Literacy, Outreach & Special Events

## Baby Storytime

Under 18-months old  
Fridays at 10:30 am



March 7, 14, 21  
April 4, 11, 18  
May 2, 9, 16

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](http://fadl.org/baby)

## Family Storytime

Ages 18-months to 4-years-old  
Wednesdays at 10:30 am



March 5, 12, 19  
April 2, 9, 16  
May 7, 14, 21

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

## Monthly Take-Home Crafts

Ages Vary  
Available at Youth Desk:  
first-come/first-serve



Each month, Youth Librarians prepare a new themed-craft for kids to tap into their creativity with all the supplies and instructions provided!

We also offer quarterly Zine Kits, which require pre-registration. Ask at the Youth Desk for more info.

## Outreach: Ferndale Public Schools



### Ferndale Early Education Center - Storytimes:

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 for engaging stories and interactive songs. This is an outreach program specifically for FECC students only, hosted at the school.



### Ferndale Middle School - Rainbow Club:

This after-school program for 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.



### Ferndale Lower Elementary School:

Youth librarians will be producing exclusive video content for FLEL students, including a virtual tour of the Kids Corner, engaging storytimes, and more!



### University High School - After-School Board Games:

FADL has partnered with UHS to provide quarterly visits to the library to learn about the library and its offerings, as well as learn to play themed board games. For more information on Youth events, outreach & early literacy programming, visit: [fadl.org/youth](http://fadl.org/youth)

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

## Special Events



### DIY Glitter Jars - Grades 3-5

March 24 — 2:00 pm

We have some fun programming for kids during their school Spring Break, starting with a craft: DIY Glitter Jars! With librarian guidance, kids in grades 3-5 will make and decorate a mason jar full of water and glitter. Shaking the jar and watching the glitter settle

is a great calming/mindfulness exercise. Find more info and sign up at: [fadl.org/glitter](http://fadl.org/glitter)

### Teen Tiny Art - Ages 13-18

March 27 — 2:00 pm:

Also during Spring Break, we'll offer a fun craft activity just for Teens. This program was a hit last year, and we were wowed by the amazing mini-masterpieces that it rendered! Teens can join us at the library for an afternoon of painting tiny art on 5"x5" canvases. We'll also offer some snacks. Find more info and sign up at:

[fadl.org/teen-art](http://fadl.org/teen-art)



### Music with Ms. Stephanie Ages 0-6

April 25 — 11:00 am

Local music teacher Ms. Stephanie returns to the library for an engaging morning of music-making, with singing and instruments!

More info at: [fadl.org/stephanie](http://fadl.org/stephanie)



### Spring Collage Workshop - Ages 2-6 + Caregivers

May 17 — 2:00 pm:

Toddlers and caregivers can work together to make a spring collage using contact paper and a variety of textured and colorful supplies.

Find more info at: [fadl.org/collage](http://fadl.org/collage)

### Music Storytime - For ages 2-6 + Caregivers

May 29 — 2:00 pm:

Families with children ages 2-6 can join us for a special one-time spring storytime based around all things music! More info at: [fadl.org/musical](http://fadl.org/musical)



# Youth Recurring Programs

## Middle-Grade Tabletop RPG Group

Grades 6-8

Meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: [fadl.org/rpg](http://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 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15**



## Middle School Board Game Club

Grades 6-8

Meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: [fadl.org/msbg](http://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 13, April 10, May 8**



## 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! Info at: [fadl.org/reading-rainbow](http://fadl.org/reading-rainbow)

Dates and titles include:

**March 25: *The Tea Dragon Society* by Kay O'Neill**

**April 22: *The Insiders* by Mark Oshiro**

**May 27: *The Prince and The Dressmaker* by Jen Wang**



## Quarterly Family Zine Workshop

For ages 7-15 + Optional Caregiver

Participation

Monday, April 21 at 6:00 pm

Sign up at: [fadl.org/family-zine](http://fadl.org/family-zine)

Our Zine workshops provide a hands-on opportunity for participants to work alone or collaboratively on making a zine.

The library will provide staplers, basic drawing supplies, paper, adhesives, scissors, discarded book scraps, and scanners. Participants have the opportunity to add a copy of their zine to the library's circulating collection.

We also offer quarterly Zine Kits: a fun and engaging craft kit activity for ages 5+ Our next round of kits will be available in early June! Registration is required. [fadl.org/zinekits](http://fadl.org/zinekits)



## Youth Online Resources/Features

### Educators Web Page

Our Youth Librarians have arranged a landing page where educators and students can find information to support them in the classroom and at home, including links to free online educational resources, and special collections available in the library, like our Parent/Teacher collection which includes books about teaching methods, homeschooling, common core math, and more.

Visit: [fadl.org/educators](http://fadl.org/educators)



### Kids Corner Virtual Tour

Take a look around before your visit! We have highlighted key areas online, along with a slide-show video that takes you through the entire Kids Corner! You can see images of our new Play Area, where to find posted information & flyers about our events, and the location of special collections like our STEM Kits and Sensory Accessibility Kits.

Visit: [fadl.org/youth-tour](http://fadl.org/youth-tour)



## Library Patron

### Podcast Miniseries: Cool Library People

What you don't know about libraries could surprise you! Or, what you don't know about libraries could also charm you, enlighten you, and maybe even get you excited about your next visit! Even better, there might be quite a lot of things you didn't know about the fine folks who work at public libraries, not just Ferndale but libraries all across Michigan!

For instance, did you know that a lot of public libraries produce their own podcasts? Which makes this a good opportunity to ask whether or not YOU have been listening to the FERNDALÉ LIBRARY PODCAST, "A Little Too Quiet," which you can find on iTunes, Spotify, and other streaming services, including on our website: [fadl.org/podcast](http://fadl.org/podcast).

We started this podcast more than five years ago, thanks to support from the Friends of the Ferndale Library. Last fall, we started an ongoing mini-series that we wound up titling "Cool Library People," inviting various staff members from various libraries who serve in different departments and work at different service desks and asking them to share their experiences and perspectives. We also ask these library workers to dispel or address any lingering misconceptions that might be popularly held and have proven hard to do away with--like, for example, "...that people who work in libraries just sit around and read all day..." Oh, we talk about THAT and so much more!

These interviews feature fun, enlightening and sometimes tangential chats with librarians, clerks, circulation specialists, techs, and directors, so you'll gain a full scope of the experience of working in a public library. But, you'll also get a chance to hear about what makes each library unique, which could involve various spaces and facilities within the library and/or the amazing things that they circulate!

On this season, we're chatting with staff from the public libraries of Royal Oak, Madison Heights, and Berkley, each of which are part of our collaborative Library Network, which means you can use your Ferndale Library card at those locations. But, we also checked in with creative, charismatic, and talented staff members at other libraries, like East Lansing, Troy, Center Line, and even Van Buren Township just outside of Kalamazoo.

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