

THE PAGETURNER:

Ferndale Library's Newsletter

We're Challenging YOU...

...to read! That's right! Our annual Summer Reading Challenge is kicking off on Saturday, June 7, encouraging everyone of every age in Ferndale to sign up for the chance to win prizes. Participating is easy--we'll show you how to get started!

Color Our World: The theme of our 2025 Summer Reading Program is "Color Our World!" We're inviting participants of all ages to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad ways in which the arts enrich our every day lives!

We, of course, love to embrace a theme, but that won't mean you're required to specifically read books about, ya know, chromatics or the history of Pantone...But we will have events and art exhibitions that certainly celebrate a colorful view of the world, so stay tuned for that!

Summer Reading--How to Participate: We can answer all of your questions about Summer Reading at our special Kickoff Event, happening on June 7, where staff can also show you how to sign up as an individual, or, how parents/caregivers can sign up their family! But, since you're here, reading this lil' newsletter, we'll provide you with the basics:

We'll have unique challenges for four age groups, including: • Early Readers (ages 0-4) • Kids, (ages 5-12) • Teens (ages 13-18) • Adults (18+). Everyone has until August 2nd to complete their challenge!

Keep (on Track): The goal is to log your reading and activities over the summer, earning rewards along the way. We'll show you how to download and use the Beanstack mobile app, where you can complete a set amount of activities arranged on a digital bingo square. Participants have the chance to win fun prizes based on how many bingo squares they complete along the way! Each age group's Summer "Reading" bingo sheet will look a little different, but the point is you don't have to just "read" in order to complete the challenge! Beanstack is available in your app store, or you can access it via desktop from our website at fadl.org/summer.

Also, the library can provide printed-out paper logs for anyone who prefers a more analog-styled approach to Summer Reading--just ask us at the Kickoff or check-in at any of our service desks for more information!

Come to the Kickoff: Think of it as a sign-up-celebration... Summer Reading festivities will essentially take over the entire library on Saturday, June 7 between 12 pm - 4 pm, with special activities scheduled between 1 pm - 3 pm. Outside in the library's courtyard, we'll have jumbo lawn games like Putt-Putt and Jenga, provided by Oakland County Parks' RAPP Program, plus, there will be the Treat Dreams Dream Machine serving, among other options, a library-themed ice cream flavor!

Indoors, we'll have face-painting, temporary tattoos, and crafts in our program room. You can drop-in anytime during the afternoon to sign up, but we encourage individuals and families to stick around to enjoy all of our featured festivities!

Upcoming events: Embracing the artful theme of "Color Our World," we'll have artsy/craftsy programs like cupcake decorating for teens, pottery tile-making for kids/tweens, and a visit from a Michigan-based children's book author. For adults, we'll have craft nights featuring DIY fairy houses, neurographic art, and more. We also have a special student art show with works by Ferndale Public School students on display throughout the month of June!



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Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



FERNDALE LIBRARY ART & EXHIBITIONS: FPS Student Art Show!

We're so excited to have partnered with the Ferndale School District for an epic art show that brings together the best works by students in all 12 grade levels! While this newsletter will be delivered after the fact, we were nonetheless thrilled to host a special reception for the talented students on Thurs., May 28. But, you still have time to see the show, as these works will be on display throughout the month of June!



This exhibition was curated by FPS Art Teachers, featuring a variety of pieces, from paintings to photographs, free-standing 3D pieces and more! It will be a wonderful way to wrap up the school year and celebrate all of the talented students at FPS, as well as a great way to lead in to our Summer Reading theme, "Color Our World!"



2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our annual Summer Concert Series kicks off on Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm, featuring Detroit-based singer/songwriter Carolyn Striho, performing live in the library's courtyard!

These free, all-ages concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library! Each event will be hosted outside in the library's courtyard, moving inside in case of inclement weather.



Our Summer schedule/line-up includes:



Carolyn Striho (rock, alternative, electro-acoustic) - **June 18 at 6:30 pm**
Striho mesmerizes audiences with her strong vocals, fiery keyboard and guitar, and energetic performances. With heartfelt and poetic melodies, she blends torch songs and dance beats with a gypsy flourish of modern music. carolynstriho.com



Thornetta Davis (blues, literally the Queen of the Blues) - **July 16 at 6:30 pm**
For two decades, this multi-talented native Detroiter has graced and dominated Michigan's most attended events with her signature blues/R&B style/energy! thornettadavis.com



Cabaret Boreale (jazz, swing, ragtime) - **August 20 at 6:30 pm**
This eccentric group unites musical artistry with a transporting vintage aesthetic. Timeless classics and newer favorites are re-imagined with old-world flair and theatricality! cabaretboreale.com

Linden Solo Show Opening Reception

Linden Godlove - 'Keep' - June 28—August 2

Linden Godlove's art explores connections of life and how we are elements of a greater world. In encaustic, acrylic, oil, and other mediums, the paintings delve into the subtler nuances of human nature, often incorporating anatomical elements and woodland motifs. Notably, Linden Godlove is also a founding member of FADL's Arts Programming (which started in Sept. 2012).



Opening Reception: July 13 — 2:00 pm

With 'Keep,' Godlove is bringing together a spectacular survey of new and recent works. The title ruminates on what we hold on to, what we protect, and also how we endure. Join us July 13 for an Opening Reception, featuring an Artist Talk, live music, refreshments and more.

lindenartworks.com

Vacationing? Take the Library With You!

One of the many perks to having a Ferndale Library card is that you'll be able to check out items from our Library of Things! And by "things" we mean almost any-"thing" that isn't a book/DVD/CD.



You can check out tools, instruments, crafting supplies, and sets of lawn games! You can enjoy them at home, OR, if you happen to be going on vacation at some point this summer, here are a few recommendations of things you can take with you on your trip.

Telescopes: for stargazers.

Blu-Ray Player: indoor entertainment on rainy days.

CD Player and FM Radio or a CD Walkman: while these might feel like throwbacks, you just might need 'em out there on the road)

Karaoke Microphone: sing along to the song of the summer!



This Summer, Adults Can Get Crafty at Home!



Our Youth Librarians regularly offer fun take-home craft kits for kids of various age-groups, but this summer, it's time for the adults to get creative and have some fun of their own!

That's right: We've got new themed Take & Makes available for crafty grown-ups on the 1st Wednesday of each month!

This is a self-guided library program that we fired up last winter, and we're excited to keep it going! We'll provide you all the supplies and instructions. Create something unique to enjoy at home!

There is no registration for these kits! On the 1st Wednesday of each month, they'll be available when we open at 10 am, first-come/first-served, while supplies last! On **June 4**, we'll tap into nostalgia of an undeniable classic, **Friendship Bracelets!** Get 'em while they last!



Spring Story Trail Book

Our Youth Librarians maintain a Story Trail at Martin Road Park, where you can enjoy the outdoors while reading a children's picture book! Twenty large sign-posts are spaced out along a smooth, paved path, with each sign displaying a page or two-page spread from an illustrated children's picture book!

Find more info and a map, here:
fadl.org/story-trail

Our Summer Story Trail Book is *Scrap Metal Swan* by Joanne Linden and illustrated by Estrellita Caracol: An artist and her child hammer, chisel, weld and zap the found materials into something beautiful!



KIDS READ: Color Our World!

by Mr. Everett

***I Want to Be an Artist* by Laura Driscoll** Discover and learn about art and artists in this early reader as grandchild and grandpa travel around their community and find art is everywhere!



***Make Your Mark: The Empowering True Story of the First Known Black Female Tattoo Artist* by Jacqui Gresham**

Learn about Jacqui Gresham's artist journey - from Flint, MI to New Orleans, LA. It wasn't easy, but with an open mind, practice, and perseverance she made her mark.



***Mural Island* by Katie Yamasaki**

Kengi has a passion for drawing. They draw everywhere, sometimes to the chagrin of their family and school principal. The rainbow colored illustrations bring to life Kengi's imagination and the joy of finding community.



***The Boy Who Found His Voice* by Tyler Gordon**

Tyler stutters and that makes it hard to say what he wants to say until he discovers painting. Then he finds a new way to express himself and a new confidence to use his voice.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 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



The Big SHIFT to Ferndale-METIS: New Organizational System for Youth Nonfiction

Nearly three years ago, our Youth Librarians started out on what became quite a journey: relabeling and reorganizing the entire non-fiction section of the Kids Corner! Inspired by several other libraries around the nation, the decision was made to "ditch Dewey," i.e., the Dewey Decimal System, and begin work on reorganizing the way Youth Nonfiction items would be organized--primarily moving away from the a numbers-based system to a words-based system.



The Ferndale-METIS System is designed to make it easier for kids to find what they're looking for. Within the alphabetical structure, we've put kids' nonfiction items into categories, like *Animals* and *Prehistory*, then organized the items within those categories.

Rather than numbers and decimal points, books have accessible labels containing words and images that specifies the subject matter of each nonfiction item. FADL Youth Librarians started this project in 2023, inspired by the PA.-based Miquon School Library's Metis system.



Overall, this project required Youth Librarians to reorganize the entire section--first through extensive spreadsheets, then diligently designing for accessibility, and finally through physical relabeling and shifting of more than 7,000 items: books, DVDs & more!

Now, with Ferndale-METIS, there are 26 categories that use the letters of the alphabet. Each category is divided into sub-categories, which are also divided alphabetically. Spine labels on each item show three visual elements that identify: category->sub category->subject.



The Big Shift was completed in early spring of this year! Swing in and check it out! And don't hesitate to ask any questions at the Youth Desk, as our youth librarians would be thrilled to give you a tour. Find more info at: fadl.org/ferndale-metis

ADULT Summer Special Events

June



Summer Reading Kickoff

June 7 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm:

Sign-up for our Reading Challenge for the chance to win prizes! Swing by anytime during the afternoon! Between 1 pm - 3 pm: enjoy free Ice Cream from Treat Dreams + a range of activities, including a craft for adults!



Michigan UFOs

June 9 - 6:30 pm:

Find out about incredible events and several documented UFO sightings from around the Great Lakes State, with Bill Konkolesky, from the MI Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network: fadl.org/ufo



DIY Fairy Houses

June 12 - 6:00 pm:

Another fun craft night for adults! Registration will likely be full by the time you're reading this, but you can still join our waitlist & stay tuned for more adult craft nights! fadl.org/fairy



Summer Concert Series

June 18 - 6:30 pm:

Detroit-based songwriter/poet Carolyn Striho performs a free, all-ages concert in our courtyard! There's no registration required, and feel free to bring

lawn chairs & blankets!



Repair Cafe

June 28 - 12:00 pm:

Bring your broken objects to the library, and an assembly of

specialists will do their best to get them in working order, again! No registration required!



Detroit's reigning Queen of the Blues performs a free, all-age concert here in our courtyard-- sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library! Arrive early & bring chairs/blankets!



Incorporate colorful and healthy vegan meals into your diet at this awesome cooking class! Mary Spencer (of Taste a Cook's Place) will demonstrate the art of Vegan cuisine, with recipes, tips & samples!

Register required: fadl.org/vegan



Tired of unintentionally killing your innocent houseplants? Our quarterly series with the Ferndale Garden Club will provide you with insightful tips to keep things green around your house! Sign up at: fadl.org/plants

July

Tarot

July 1 - 6:30 pm:

Are the cards in your favor? Come learn about the mystic divination practice of Tarot with the Boston Tea Room! fadl.org/tarot



Model Drawing

July 10 - 6:30 pm:

Let's draw together! We'll provide supplies and a live, costumed model will pose for sketches! fadl.org/draw



Art Reception: Keep

July 13 - 2:00 pm:

Opening reception for mixed-media artist Linden Godlove: Artist Talk + Live Music + Refreshments No registration required. lindenartworks.com



Summer Concert Series: Thornetta Davis

July 16 - 6:30 pm:

Colorful Vegan Cooking Demo

July 23 - 6:00 pm:

Incorporate colorful and healthy vegan meals into your diet at this awesome cooking class! Mary Spencer (of Taste a Cook's Place) will demonstrate the art of Vegan cuisine, with recipes, tips & samples!

Houseplants 101 w/ the Ferndale Garden Club

July 31 - 6:30 pm:

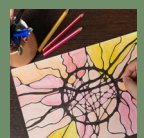
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Summer Reading Finale

Aug. 2 2:00 pm:

Drop-in at the library for a fun Finale Party celebrating the end of our Summer Reading Challenge! Refreshments & Entertainment for all ages! No registration required.



Neurographic Art

August 7 - 6:30 pm:

Engage in a therapeutic art form, drawing spontaneous, free-form lines and shapes to create intricate designs while accessing the subconscious mind through art. Registration required: fadl.org/neuro



Printmaker Group Show - Opening Reception

August 10 - 2:00 pm:

Dive into the world of print-making during the Reception for this unique group show!



Sound Bath

August 19 - 6:00 pm:

Expand your state of consciousness with sound and vibration from gongs and quartz singing bowls: fadl.org/sound



Summer Concert Series with Cabaret Boreale

August 20 - 6:30 pm:

Free, all-ages performance in the library's courtyard! Get there early and bring your own lawn-chair or blankets!

ADULT Programs

Recurring Programs

Ongoing Community Partnership Programs



Yoga Class with Motor Om:

Sundays: June 1, July 6, August 3 @ 10:00 am

Hosted outdoors in the library's courtyard.

These slow-flow classes are open to all skill-levels, and we'll move indoors in case of inclement weather.

Register at: fadl.org/yoga



Chess Club: Mondays:

June 2, July 7, August 4 @ 6:00 pm

All skill levels welcome! No registration required. Children under 12 require a caregiver present.



Film Club:

June 10, July 8, August 12 — 7:00 pm

Info at: fadl.org/film-club

Watch a 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).

June 10: *The Queen* (documentary, 1968)

July 8: *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999)

Aug. 12: *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane* (1962)



Sci-Fi Book Club:

June 11, July 9, August 13 — 6:30 pm

Info at: 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. Plus, we'll have a movie night in August, how cool!!!

June 11: *Superman Smashes the Klan* by Gene Luen Yang

July 9: *Contact* by Carl Sagan

Aug. 13: Movie Night: *Blade Runner* (Details forthcoming)



Board Game Club for Adults

June 15, July 20, August 17 — 1:00 pm

Register at: 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. Board Game Club (for ages 18+) is designed to be a fun place for gamers of all skill levels to find a sense of community, and enjoying a variety of games together in a cozy environment. Game on!



Graphic Novel Book Club at Drifter:

June 17, July 15, August 19 — 6:30 pm

at 770 Woodward Hts.

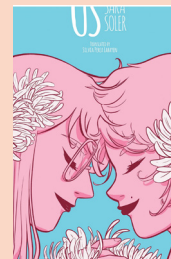
Info at: fadl.org/gnbc

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.

June 17: *Us* by Sara Soler

July 15: *Displacement: A Travelogue* by Lucy Knisley

Aug. 19: *I Was Their American Dream* by Malaka Gharib



Ferndale Project Book Club:

June 24, July 29, August 26 — 6:30 pm

at 567 Livernois

Info at: fadl.org/fpbc

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

June 24: *Greta and Valdin* by Rebecca K. Reilly

July 29: *Help Wanted* by Adelle Waldman

Aug. 26: *The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James



Album Club at W.A.B.:

July 24, September 25 — 6:30 pm

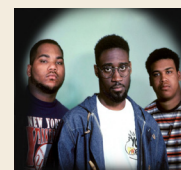
at 22646 Woodward Ave

Info at: 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.

July 24: De La Soul

September 25: Black Sabbath



NEW:

Fiber Arts Club:

June 23, July 28, August 25 — 6:00 pm

Info at: 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

Summer's Special Events for Youth!

Summer Reading Kickoff!

June 7:

All ages — 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Drop in any time during the afternoon at the library to sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge. We'll also have special activities and entertainment between 12:30-3:30 pm, plus a visit from Treat Dreams' Dream Machine! No registration required!



Cupcake Decorating

June 10:

For ages 13-18 — 2:00 pm

Teens can attend this art-themed culinary class presented by local bakery Good Cakes and Bakes, where they'll create a fully decorated cupcake! fadl.org/cupcake



Teatime Storytime

June 17:

Ages 7-12 — 2:00 pm

Kids can enjoy a tea party with fresh brewed tea during this special storytime! Registration required: fadl.org/tea



Finger Paint Together!

June 26:

For ages 2-6 — 3:00 pm

It's time for toddler and pre-K painting! Get ready to get MESSY and HANDS-ON with finger paints. Sign up at: fadl.org/paint



Colors in Nature

June 27:

Ages 5-10 — 2:00 pm

Find out how the power of color affects the natural world. Join us as Oakland County Parks visits the library to teach us about nature's kaleidoscope of colors! Sign up at: fadl.org/colors

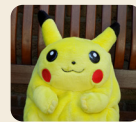


Pokémon Party

July 8:

For ages 7-12 — 3:00 pm

Come hang out at an awesome afternoon of Pokémon fun! Create Pokémon art, play Pokémon games, and even do some Pokémon trivia! fadl.org/pokemon-party



Pewabic Pottery

July 14:

Ages 13-18 — 2:00 pm

In this one hour hands-on experience, teens can create their own unique tile using terracotta slabs, extra clay, and colored slips. Sign up at: fadl.org/pewabic



Author Visit: Julie Buchholtz

July 19:

For ages 5-10 (+ caregivers optional) — 1:00 pm

Julie Buchholtz, a Michigan author and proud member of the Bay Mills Tribe of Chippewa Indians, will be visiting the library to read and talk about her book *Who Am I?* There will also be a hands-on crafting activity that connects with themes of the book. More info at: fadl.org/julie



Toddler Dance Party

July 24:

Ages 1-4 — 5:30 pm

Get ready to dance the day away! Imagine a rave party, for toddlers! Sign up for a fun twist on a music & movement program! fadl.org/dance



Summer Reading Finale with Black & Brown Theatre

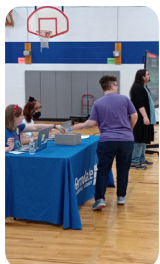
August 2:

All ages — 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a fun Finale Party at the library; we'll have activities for all ages, and a special performance by Black & Brown Theatre! No registration required!



Outreach Programming: FPS



School's out for summer! But during the academic year, our Youth Librarians are hard at work facilitating a variety of engaging outreach programs geared toward unique groupings of grade levels across the Ferndale Public School System. Starting back up in the fall:

- Storytimes at Ferndale Early Education Center
- Virtual Library Tours, Storytimes & More for classrooms at Ferndale Lower Elementary
- Rainbow Club at Ferndale Middle School &
- Board Games at University High School



For more information, visit: fadl.org/educators

Kids Corner Scavenger Hunt



Each season, we invite kids of all ages to enjoy a fun scavenger hunt that takes them all around the Kids Corner, as they help the friendly citizens of Fern Forest track down hidden items.



This is for all-ages and there's a fun prize in store for everyone who finds all five hidden items!



Enjoy the colors all around you while you search the Kids Corner for natural items - like turmeric powder - that can be used to make colorful ink and art, (inspired by *How to Be a Color Wizard* by Jason Logan).

Youth Recurring Programs

Storytime

Family Storytime

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

June 4, 11, 18
July 2, 9, 16
August 6, 13, 20



Join us for a variety of engaging stories and active songs geared towards ages 18-months to 4-years-old.

More info: fadl.org/family

Baby Storytime

Under 18-months old
Fridays at 10:30 am

June 6, 13, 20
July 11, 18
August 1, 8



Join us for interactive songs and simple stories nurturing your baby's curiosity and fine motor skills. For babies under 18-months old.

More info: fadl.org/baby

Monthly Take-Home Crafts



Each month, Youth Librarians prepare a themed-craft for kids, with all necessary supplies and instructions provided!

We also offer quarterly Zine Kits, inspiring kids to create their own zine, with the option of donating it to our collection! These particular kits had previously required registration, but NOW, starting Tuesday, June 3, anyone ages 5+ who's interested in a kit can find them next to the Zines, down the Graphic Novel aisle; one per person please. While supplies last.

Zine Kits are for ages 7-15. You can find more information on our website at: fadl.org/zinekits And you can ask at the Youth desk about our monthly craft kits!



We'll plan to occasionally host Storytimes outdoors in our courtyard, weather-dependent! Check at the Youth Desk the morning of storytime to confirm the location of our scheduled Summer Storytimes! More info at: fadl.org/early-literacy-storytimes

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.

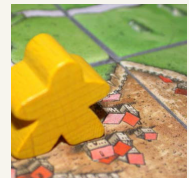
Dates include: **June 5, July 3, July 17, August 7**

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! 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 super villains together!

Dates include: **June 12, July 10, August 14**

Reading Rainbow

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. This program is hosted in partnership with **Affirmations**. Plus, drop-ins are welcome! More info at: fadl.org/reading-rainbow

Dates and titles include:

June 24: *Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston* by Esme Symes-Smith

July 22: *Lumberjanes V.1* by Stevenson, Ellis, Watters, Allen

Aug 26: *You Only Live Once* by Mark Oshiro

Family Zine Workshop

For ages 7-15 + Optional Caregiver Participation

Monday, July 21 - 6:00 pm

Sign up at: 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. Registration opens June 3.

We also offer quarterly Zine Kits: a fun and engaging craft kit activity for ages 5+ Our next round of kits will be available starting June 3. fadl.org/zinekits

Library Patron

Shoutout to Our Community Partners

Just because it's "a library event" doesn't necessarily mean we'll be hosting it *at the library*.

In fact, over the last few years, we've forged community partnerships with a handful of local businesses that allow us to meet you where you're at...whether at a local coffee shop, a brewery, or maybe the neighborhood ice cream parlor! Not that we don't love having you in the library, but sometimes it's just a little more fun to have, say, a book club discussion in a fresh and intrepid new setting... like a bar, right?

One of our longtime partners is Treat Dreams, with their staff having a consistent presence at our **Summer Reading Kickoff Events**, serving patrons a variety of on-the-go scoops from their iconic Dream Machine. For the second year in a row, we'll be graced with our very own library-themed ice cream flavor, available for a limited time (and also on tap, so to speak, for our Kickoff event on June 7!); "The Hungry Caterpillar" is a delicious vegan and gluten-free key-lime ice cream with rainbow sprinkles and a strawberry swirl.

Ferndale Project, meanwhile, is the experimental arm of Eastern Market Brewing, and we've been able to collaborate with the talented brewmasters there on library-themed IPA's, typically on tap during Library Card Sign-Up Month (i.e. September). In fact, we're entering our fourth consecutive year of hosting a Book Club at Ferndale Project, tending to focus on literary fiction, thrillers, and (occasionally) memoirs.

Speaking of Book Clubs, we have one dedicated specifically to Graphic Novel titles hosted inside Drifter Coffee! The owners of Drifter allow our book club members to hang out inside the coffee shop after hours, while still being able to enjoy beverages from the coffee bar!

But we don't just host book clubs, we also have an Album Club that meets at the W.A.B. (Woodward Avenue Brewers), and we also had the opportunity to bring our Film Club events into the Loving Touch, where we hosted screenings of cult classics like *The Crow*!

Of course, our longest ongoing partner is none other than the **Friends of the Ferndale Library**, a nonprofit, volunteer-run group that's dedicated to supporting the ongoing production of exciting library programming, like our Summer Concert Series, and our weekly Podcast, "A Little Too Quiet!" You can stop in to visit the Friends Used Bookstore, where you'll also find t-shirts, as well as custom library enamel pins and scented candles by local crafter The Brave Wimp!

