

THE PAGE TURNER:

Ferndale Library's Newsletter

FALL in love with your local library...

Oh, that's US! *We're* your local library! Have you signed up for your library card yet? Maybe you have, but if it's been a while, it might be time to renew! Either way, you should swing by sometime soon!

In fact, October is an excellent month to visit the library, because it's **Michigan Library Appreciation Month**... a time to recognize and celebrate the vital role libraries play in communities all across our state, highlighting their contributions to education, lifelong learning, and access to resources. Here are a few ways you could celebrate/observe this appreciative month: **1.)** Just visit us—we're open seven days a week! **2.)** Follow us on socials—we consistently create cute & informative content. **3.)** Get that library card—it's quick, easy, and you can even do it online! Plus, our Library Card Sign-Up Month Bingo Challenge runs up until October 31!

Speaking of *Appreciation*: We appreciate YOU, Ferndale...

And, ya know, we'd also appreciate *hearing* from you! But not exactly through social media, maybe something a little more analog: like our new *Suggestion Box*! In the spirit of "library appreciation," we really would love to hear some of your own personal library stories, be they fond memories or positive experiences--both of which aren't as easy to capture in the day-to-day shuffle of social media tags or comments. At the same time, we also welcome your feedback — we want to know how we can continue to be the best library we possibly can be! Swing by the library sometime and visit a service desk--let us know what you appreciate, or let us know what we could consider for our services in the near future!

IN OTHER NEWS:

We're launching some exciting new recurring programs this month, and in some cases, we're reviving one that had been previously popular with our patrons. **October** will see the return of our Writers Group for adults, which will start meeting inside the newly refashioned Catfe, adjacent to the Ferndale Cat Shelter—this isn't necessarily suggesting a correlation between writers and cats, but at the same time, maybe? Our Writers Group has been on a temporary hiatus for a while, but we're excited to have it back!

We're also happy to announce the return of our popular Pen Pal Program for kids! This subtle form of early literacy development proves to be both fun and exciting for kids of all ages, as they address their own unique messages and greetings to any puppet of their choice from our substantial cast of characters! Visit the Kids Corner for more information!

Meanwhile, also in October, we'll be launching our new **Romance Book Club**! The inaugural meeting, which is likely already fully registered, is being held at Love & Other Books. However, as we move into the autumn and winter months, these meetings will be hosted off-site at Urbanrest Brewing.

Tag Us

Listen, libraries are cool! But we might be biased. Still, why not spread the good word and let your friends know how much you **appreciate** your local library? If you're geeked about a book you checked out, or just cozying up by our fireplace, maybe post about it and tag us—get your circle hyped about signing up for a library card! We even have a giant novelty library card sign that you can post with for a picture when you sign up! Swing by and say Hi!



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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



Sunday Songwriters Series



Free, All-Ages Concerts, sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library

October 12 - 2:00 pm: The Luddites

The Luddites are a fun, eclectic, and talented 10-piece band performing high-energy original music that taps into an old-world, Bohemian-Folk vibe. The highly charismatic group is led by singer Lisa Goedert, and includes a four-piece horn section! Their music swings with a mixture of mischief, reverence, and vaudeville. The Luddites have received eight Detroit Music Awards, the latest under the World Music category.



November 9 - 2:00 pm:

Jennifer Westwood & Dylan Dunbar

Jennifer Westwood is a highly engaging performer and versatile genre-chameleon with a rich musical upbringing, evolving across gospel, soul, jazz, blues, and rock 'n' roll! Dylan Dunbar has years of experience in blues-rock performance and has moonlighted with several Grammy-winning artists, while also contributing to Westwood's backing band, the Handsome Devils.



December 14 - 2:00 pm: Marbrisa

Marbrisa started her musical journey in Latin America at age 23. This ambitious, self-taught musician got her chops by accompanying locals in Guatemala on their busking trips, from buses to street markets, and local cafeterias. She studied Flamenco guitar in Spain and now blends everything from Latin and jazz to R&B and folk. While in New Orleans, she founded an ongoing composer event, Queens of the Song Age, currently hosted at the Detroit House of Music.



Recent Renovations



The proverbial dust is finally settling. Our two new single-stall restrooms are open and functional! And since the installation of these new facilities required the Friends of the Ferndale Library's Used Bookstore to move to a new space, adjacent to the Adult Media

Section, that meant we had some new, extra wall-space where we could set up a new auxiliary display area for patrons to browse through our consistently refreshed Staff Picks!

We also took some time in late August to lower the Adult Reference Desk, enhancing accessibility for patrons and improving communication between visitors and staff. We've also added high-contrast neon paint to the stairs in front of our East Entrance, reducing the risk of falls and improving accessibility for visitors who require visibility accommodations.



ART Exhibitions:

Tiny Art

Just last week, we hosted a special community art reception, celebrating the mini-masterpieces made by our talented patrons! But don't worry, you can still view dozens of these small-scale murals, portraits and abstracts--we have "tiny" works on display near the Circulation Desk throughout October! The Tiny Art program is just one example of our many take-home craft kits, which we offer on a monthly basis!



Autumn Group Show

FADL's Art & Exhibitions Committee is curating another fantastic group show, embracing the theme of: Autumn!

Join us on **Sun., Oct. 26 @ 2:00 pm** for our Opening Reception! We'll have a wide variety of breathtaking and inspired works on display across a variety of mediums—all by local artists! Meet the creators, enjoy refreshments & live music!



No registration required! More info at: fadl.org/art

Storybook Art by Natalia Sanchez

Stop by our Display Case in **November** to see dazzling works by Natalia Sanchez! Sanchez is a visual artist (& music teacher) often bringing to life fantasy scenes, natural landscapes, and video-game inspired pieces.



nespaintsdesigns.com

Have you joined the CLUB yet?



Which club, you ask? Actually, that's a legitimate specificity to request, because our library hosts half a dozen unique clubs for adults & teens that meet regularly. Several of these are your traditional "book clubs," of course, but we've expanded our scheduled offerings over the last year to include an *album club*, *board game club*, *fiber arts club*, a pair of *rpg clubs*, and more!

On pages 4 & 7, you'll find more information about each individual club, including exact dates and times! We have a Graphic Novel Book Club that meets at Drifter, while our Album Club meets at Carajillo. We even have a Ferndale Project Book Club—take a guess as to where *that* club meets. 🤔

We wanted to shout out our regular attendees and our community partner host locations! If you'd like to join, just visit our website and pick whichever club feels right for you!



Youth Updates

Fall 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 signposts are spaced out along a smooth, paved path, with each sign displaying a page or two-page spread from an illustrated book!

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

Our Fall Story Trail Book is "*Berry Song*," by author and illustrator Michaela Goade, a Caldecott Medalist, about celebrating the land and Tlingit culture through the story of a girl and her grandmother gathering berries.



KIDS READ: Middle-Grade & YA by Librarian Mary Grahame

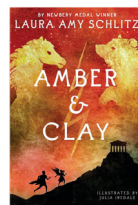
Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri

Based on the author's memory of becoming a refugee as a child and written as though it's a presentation for English class, this book is about living through difficult times, not just surviving them. A beautifully written modern classic.



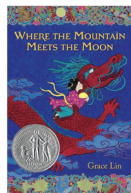
Amber and Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz

A novel in verse, prose, and illustrations about the unlikely friendship of a very rich girl and a very poor boy in ancient Greece: by the time they meet, one of them is a ghost. This one's for the Greek mythology lovers, while also being a historically grounded, fresh story.



Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

This one's for the fairy tale fans! Minli is tired of seeing her parents and neighbors so hungry and hopeless, so she sets out with a magical goldfish and a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to reverse her village's bad luck. Don't miss the gorgeous illustrations.



Teen Space: Available Weekday Afternoons

Attention parents/caregivers with teenagers at home: please let them know that our library has a dedicated Teen Space, available Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Our Quiet Reading Room, where we keep our magazines/newspapers, officially changes to a Teen Space on weekday afternoons. During this time, adult patrons can find alternative quiet spaces near our Library of Things, behind the reference desk.



New Collections: Large Print, Dyslexia Friendly Books, & Guided Reading Kits



Located next to the Youth Media section, you'll find three new collections: our Large Print J-Fiction collection features a mix of classic titles, modern releases, and popular series. Larger print provides more legible text, which eases concentration, improves comprehension, and increases overall reading enjoyment.

Below our Large Print J-Fic section is our new collection of Dyslexia-Friendly titles, featuring early readers, juvenile fiction, and picture books that use sans-serif font, color contrast, larger font size, and increased line and letter spacing to support reading.



Finally, we have three (3) NEW circulating Guided Reading kits that include two (2) bookmark-sized guide strips designed with a clear 'window' allowing readers to isolate lines of text, reducing visual stress, improving focus and comprehension. We have two circulating kits that can be checked out for 3 weeks, and one non-circulating kit for use inside the library.

Fall Scavenger Hunt in the Kids Corner



Kids of all ages can help residents of Fern Forest track down items that are hidden throughout the Kids Corner. Our seasonal Scavenger Hunt program is refreshed with a new theme and a new set of clues on a quarterly basis, typically timed with the aesthetic refreshing of our Kids Corner decor, which our Youth Librarians lovingly create, in-house!

Throughout the autumn months, kids can help us track down a set of school supplies, strategically scattered throughout the Youth Area! Everyone who completes our Scavenger Hunt receives a commemorative prize! Ask at the Youth Desk for a map and, if need be, some clues!

Banned Books Week: Oct. 5 - Oct. 11



Banned Books Week is a time to celebrate everyone's freedom to read, while drawing attention to historic and ongoing attempts at censoring the titles offered to the public on the shelves of libraries and bookstores across the country. In fact, this week helps to rally the global "book community," which includes not only librarians, but also educators, authors, publishers, booksellers, and, yes, the readers, advocating for our intellectual freedoms, a.k.a. our right to seek and express ideas.

That's why you'll see our library, and several others, arrange a display of books that have frequently been "challenged," i.e., endured attempts at being banned. Learn how you can help fight book banning at: ala.org/bbooks



ADULT Fall Special Events

OCTOBER

October 1 - Take & Make Craft Kit - All Day

Available all day, or rather while supplies last, we'll have kits for adults to create their own *Jack O' Lantern Magnets*! First-come/first-served, at the Reference Desk!



Oct. 9 - Model Drawing - 6:30 pm:

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



Oct. 11 - Upcycled Ghost Paintings 1:00 pm:

Paint ghosts or other frightful friends onto existing art pieces with cardstock and acrylic paint. Sign up at: fadl.org/ghost



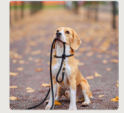
October 12 - The Luddites - 2:00 pm:

Enjoy a free, all-ages concert, featuring Ferndale's own eclectic ensemble, the Luddites! Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library!



Oct. 15 - Learn to Speak Dog - 6:30 pm:

Learn to interpret what a dog is saying to you, particularly with their body language! Sign up at: fadl.org/dog



Oct. 26 - Autumn Art Reception - 2:00 pm:

Marvel at the dazzling works by local artists featuring pieces inspired by autumn across a variety of mediums! No registration required.



NOVEMBER

Nov. 5 - Take & Make Craft Kits - All Day

Add some festive autumnal energy to your space with our DIY decorative leaf bowl craft kit: first-come/first-serve!



Nov. 5 - Birth Charts w/Boston Tea Room - 6:30 pm:

Learn about these personalized astrological maps and how to read them, led by the Boston Tea Room! Sign up at: fadl.org/chart



Nov. 9 - Songwriter Series ft. Jennifer Westwood & Dylan Dunbar - 2:00 pm:

The talented and versatile rock-blues songwriting duo performs an exclusive stripped-down performance; free + all-ages!



Nov. 16 - DIA Tour & Shuttle - 1:00 pm:

Meet up at the library and take a shuttle bus down to the Detroit Institute of Arts for a special guided tour highlighting various exhibits, followed by free time to explore the galleries and participate in Drop-In Workshops. Sign up at: fadl.org/dia



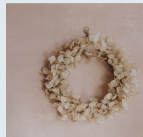
Nov. 23 - Watercolor Workshop - 1:00 pm:

Join us for a wonderful watercolor workshop. Laura Jannika has decades of experience teaching watercolors and will walk you through loosening up your creative muscles, color theory, and various watercolor techniques. Registration is required; sign up at: fadl.org/watercolor



December 3 - Winter Whimsy Wreath Craft 6:30 pm:

Tap into some winter-loving Hygge-energy while also adding some whimsical decor to your space! We'll provide the supplies to make your own boho-styled wreaths! Sign up opens Nov. 1 - fadl.org/wreath



December 12 - '90s Movie Night - Die Hard (1988) - 6:30 pm:

Indulge in nostalgia while we socialize, dabble in themed craft activities, and enjoy pizza & snacks together while watching a modern "holiday" classic that also happens to be the greatest action film of all time! Sign up opens Nov. 1 - fadl.org/movie



Dec. 14 - Songwriter Series w/Marbrisa - 2:00 pm:

Our last concert of the year features the multifaceted Detroit-based singer-songwriter Marbrisa, blending folk, Latin, jazz, and funk! These intimate, acoustic, afternoon concerts are free and open to all ages, with no registration required!



December 20 - Cookie Swap - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Just in time for holiday gatherings, it's our annual cookie swap! Bring in your best batch made from your favorite family recipes & network with fellow bakers! Sign up on Nov. 1 - fadl.org/cookie



DECEMBER

ADULT Recurring Program

Writers Group

October 2 & December 4 — 6:30 pm
Hosted at the Catfe Lounge
Register at: fadl.org/writers



Bring along your journals, notebooks, or laptops (we'll have a sufficient power supply for your chargers), and set up in their cafe space to start networking with fellow scribes. We'll also provide prompts for inspiration!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 — 6:30 pm
Hosted at Drifter Coffee
Register at: fadl.org/gnbc

Drifter
COFFEE



Titles include:

October: *Locke & Key Vol. 1* by Joe Hill
 November: *A Tale of Two Knights* by James Persichetti
 December: *The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich* by Deya Muniz

Romance Book Club

October 7 at Love & Other Books — 6:30 pm
Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 at Urbanrest — 6:30 pm
Register at: fadl.org/rbc



We're kicking things off at Love & Other Book in October; then moving all future RBC meetings to Urbanrest. See upcoming titles and sign up on our website!

Fiber Arts Club

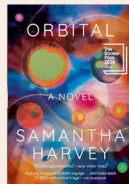
Oct. 27, Nov 24, Dec 22 — 6:00 pm
Info at: fadl.org/fiberarts



Calling all fiber arts crafters! Bring your WIP, be it knitting, crocheting, or sewing, and meet and chat with fellow crafters! We can hang out, swap patterns, and crafting tips. You can even bring a beverage if it has a lid! No registration required.

Sci-Fi Book Club

Oct. 8, Nov. 12, & Dec. 10 — 6:30 pm
Hosted at the library
Register at: fadl.org/sfbc



Titles include:

October: *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey
 November: *Women of Wonder: The Contemporary Years*
 December: *Grievors* by Adrienne Maree Brown

Ferndale Project Book Club

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Oct. 28, Nov. 26, Dec. 18 — 6:30 pm
Hosted at Ferndale Project
Register at: fadl.org/fpbc

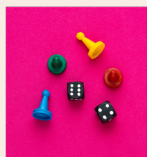


Titles include:

October: *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephan G Jones
 November: *The Storyteller's Death* by Ann Davila Cardinal
 December: *Goodbye Vitamin* by Rachel Khong

Board Game Club for Adults

Oct. 19, Dec. 21 — 1:00 pm
Hosted at the library
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. It's a great place to meet new friends and just have fun! Games played are part of the library's circulating collection!

Album Club

November 20 — 6:30 pm
Hosted at Carajillo
Info at: fadl.org/album

carajillo



Discuss & defend your favorite album from an iconic artists vast catalog and help us build a playlist too! We'll even enjoy specials from Carajillo's kitchen!
 November's artist is: **Madonna**

Ongoing Community Partnership Programs



Yoga Class with Motor Om:

First Sundays:
 October 5, November 2, December 7, @ 12:00 pm
 Hosted indoors in the library's program room.
 The library opens at 12 noon on Sundays, class will commence soon after, open to all skill-levels.
 Register required: fadl.org/yoga



Chess Club:

First Mondays:
 October 6, November 3, December 1, @ 6:00 pm:
 It's a drop-in Chess Club that's open to all ages and all skill levels! An adult should accompany participants under 12 years old.
 No registration required!

Youth Special Events & FPS Outreach

Special Events for Youth!

Puppet Pen Pals: October 1st - 31st

All Ages

including their whimsical caregivers

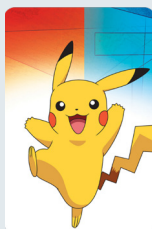
Our library puppets want to hear from you! You can write them a letter, (they love drawings too!) and drop it off at the special mailbox at the library's youth desk throughout October. (No postage required). Keep an eye out for a special reply in your mail! Visit the Kids Corner for more information on participating! No pre-registration required.



Poképalms - October 14 - 3:30 pm

Ages 7-12

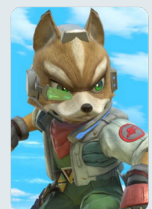
We've got another Pokémon-themed program coming up in October! Kids can hang out with us in the library's program room for a fun, fall afternoon; engaging in chats, games, and various activities inspired by all-things-Pokémon! Bringing your own Pokémon cards is optional, but not required. Registration will likely fill up fast, though. Visit: fadl.org/pokepalms



Super Smash Bros. Battle Royale

October 21 - 6:30 pm - Ages 8-12

We're hosting another Super Smash Bros. Tournament for kids, which is an engaging activity that doubles as an effective social hour! Kids can sign up and "choose their character" for the ultimate Smash battle to see who will reign supreme! Register online and select any character from Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for the Nintendo Switch! Registration required, visit: fadl.org/smash



Cartography: Design Your Own Map

November 10 - 6:00 pm - Grades 3-5

From familiar countries to treasure islands, we'll explore real and fictional maps as we learn about symbols, compass roses, navigation, and topography. Aspiring cartographers can join us for this fun evening craft program where we'll be building our own worlds while learning all about maps! Sign up at: fadl.org/cartography



Baking History Take & Make

November 17 - While Supplies Last

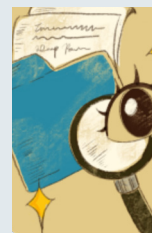
With this unique take-home craft kit, you can have your (vegan) cake and eat it too! Discover the history of Wacky Cake and the historical era that inspired it - all while making the cake yourself! Everything you need is included in this kit (besides some water and an oven). Plus: this recipe is vegan-friendly. Pre-register for kits starting on Oct. 13, then pick them up the week of Nov. 17. fadl.org/bake



Teen Escape Room: The Euphorigen Investigation

November 18 - 6:00 pm

Teens can solve this information-literacy themed escape room, where players team up to research a fictional supplement the government wants to add to the public water supply. A prominent scientist has recorded a statement about whether or not the claims are to be believed. Players have to track down trustworthy information to uncover the truth and spread the word! Sign up at: fadl.org/escape



Outreach Programming: Ferndale Public Schools



During the academic year, our Youth Librarians are hard at work facilitating a variety of engaging outreach programs tailored to specific grade levels across the Ferndale Public School System.



• Storytimes at Ferndale Early Education Center:

FECC students are visited by a Ferndale Youth Librarian once a month for engaging stories and interactive songs.

• **Ferndale Middle School Rainbow Club:** This after-school program for LGBTQ+ middle schoolers and allies meets at FMS in a designated classroom with library staff and teachers for low-key social time with activities and snacks.



• **University High School Library Tours:** Rather than our librarians leading a program on-site at UHS, we coordinate monthly field trips for students to receive comprehensive tours of the library. During these visits, students can meet librarians and ask them questions while becoming familiar with our various collections and our dedicated teen space.

• **2026: Battle of the Books:** Battle of the Books is our literary tournament for Ferndale Upper Fifth-Graders, testing them with trivia around the themes, plots, and characters of six selected novels. Stay tuned for details about this springtime program; meanwhile, FADL Youth Librarians have already begun the selection process!

More info at: fadl.org/youth



Youth Storytimes & Recurring Programs

Storytime

Family Storytime

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

Oct. 1, 8, 15
Nov. 5, 12, 19
Dec. 3, 10, 18



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

Oct. 3, 10, 17
Nov. 7, 14, 21
Dec. 5, 12, 19



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

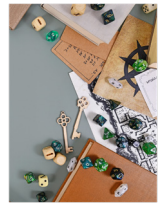
More info: fadl.org/baby



NEW! Quarterly TEEN RPG Group

For ages 13-18 - October 22 - 6:00 pm

Role-playing games are more than just fun — they give teens opportunities to socialize while working together to solve fantastical and complex challenges, which strengthen communication and cooperation. Did we mention it's fun? This NEW quarterly RPG Group will be for ages 13-18, with its first meeting scheduled for Oct. 22.



Great for new and experienced players, plus a lower level of commitment, since we'll specifically play quick 'one-shot' RPGs that can be completed in about an hour. Info & Sign-up at: fadl.org/spooky

How to save a spot for Storytime:

Tickets are available in the library's atrium starting at 10:15 am-10:35 am on scheduled storytime days. Once tickets run out, storytime is full.

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.

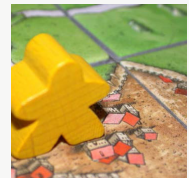
Dates include: **October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18**

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 supervillains together!

Dates include: **October 9, November 13, December 11**

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. However, kids aren't required to have read or finished the book to attend! Info at: fadl.org/reading-rainbow

Dates and titles include:

October 28: Snapdragon by Kat Leyh

November 25: Murray Out of Water by Taylor Tracy

***Dec. 16: Tales from Beyond the Rainbow** by Pete Jordi Wood

*Meets on 3rd Tuesday of Dec.

Quarterly Family Zine Workshop

For ages 6-15 + Optional Caregiver Participation

Monday, November 17 at 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, and discarded book scraps. Participants have the opportunity to add 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 January!

Library Patron

Won't you be our Friend?

Imagine a world without the Friends of the Ferndale Library! Wait, no, that's too scary to even consider! Without the Friends, we wouldn't have the Summer Concert Series! We wouldn't have our weekly podcast! We wouldn't have some particularly special collections that they were able to help us build! Without the Friends, we wouldn't have been able to give you free ice cream scoops during June's Summer Reading Kickoff!

Won't you be our Friend? Public libraries across the nation have consistently been supported by groups of volunteers, charmingly known as Friends of the Library. In our case, the Friends of the Ferndale Library is one of the oldest such groups of its kind, founded in the early 1930s. These dedicated volunteers rally to support and strengthen the library's growing schedule of recurring programming and special events, and they help us enrich the resources we offer to the community!



October 19 - October 25 is officially National Friends of Libraries Week, recognizing the vital role that Friends groups play in supporting and advocating for their local library, and how their subtle yet mighty efforts benefit their communities! Wanna celebrate with us?

Mark your calendars for October 25: That's when our Friends group will be hosting its annual Dip-Off Contest - a hybrid of a food sampling expo and a cooking tournament that can also serve as a wholesome membership drive! Do YOU have a famous dip that all of your friends and family consistently request you bring to parties? Or, are you

maybe looking for a new recipe for the holiday season's gatherings? Or maybe, like Martin Short in *Only Murders In The Building* or Puddy from *Seinfeld*, you just really love dip!?!

Join the Friends on Saturday, October 25, from 1 pm - 3 pm for the Dip-Off contest!

Register online and prepare your dip for our panel of judges:

No need to be fancy: sometimes the best dips are the simplest! ●●●●●●●●●●

Prizes will include some great Friends swag (scented candles, pins, shirts, and more)!

It's also a great time to meet the current group of Friends and learn more about joining. You can also visit: ferndalefriends.org

