Summer’s almost here…have YOU signed up for your LIBRARY CARD yet?

For most of the year we do our best to promote the wide variety of resources, from movies and music to video games and puzzles, and now tools and instruments, not to mention the vast array of online resources including scholarly databases and video tutorials. There’s certainly a lot you can do with your library card besides reading books….

That being said, summer is a time of the year when we especially encourage reading more books! This month we’re kicking off our annual Summer Reading Challenge for all ages, with the theme “Oceans of Possibilities!”

On the next page, you’ll find all the details about how you could have the chance to win a prize simply by reading a few books over the summer! We’ll introduce you to the interactive BEANSTACK app, which allows individuals and families to log their reading time and earn digital raffle tickets.

But before you turn the page, we want to highlight a resource available on our website designed to inspire you to read more all year round.

Reader’s Corner: Online at: fadl.org/readerscorner
- View our Staff’s “Must Reads.”
- Fill out forms for personalized recommendations from librarians or have a librarian prepare a book bundle for you.
- Find information about our monthly book clubs for kids, teens, and adults.
- View a collection of themed lists curated by our librarians.
- Check out recommendations based on genre—via NovelList Plus, an online resource that can help you discover your next favorite book.

Yes, that’s all available on our website, including links to online resources like LIBBY and HOOPLA where you can check out a wide variety of e-books and audiobooks, e-comic books and digital magazines. But that’s not all! If you follow us on social media, you’ll catch weekly reading recommendations of new releases and themed lists every Tuesday and Thursday. Beyond these web-based resources, you can also stop by our Reference Desk to receive readers’ advisory directly from one of our librarians or browse our many displays.

And remember, Ferndale residents can sign up for a library card in person at any time during our regular hours, but you can also apply for (or renew) a card online at fadl.org/library-cards.

Now let’s dive into the theme for our 2022 Summer Reading Challenge: Oceans of Possibilities!
Readers of all ages can dive into the ocean depths with our annual Summer Reading Challenge, inspiring participants to explore “Oceans of Possibilities.” We’ve scheduled a variety of ocean/lake/water-related events and activities over the next three months, but the main event will be reading, reading, and more reading, be it in print, audiobook, or e-book format. Kids, teens, and adult participants each have the chance to win cool prizes when they log their reading with the Beanstack Tracker app.

Registration for Ferndale’s “Oceans of Possibilities” program will go live on the Beanstack app starting Friday, June 3. Later this month—on Saturday, June 18—there will be a kickoff party for families hosted in person at the library from 1 - 3 pm, where kids (and parents/caregivers) can sign up for Beanstack in person as well as enjoy a performance by magician Cameron Zvara; no registration is required for this kickoff event.

Meanwhile, Summer Reading participants can begin using the Beanstack Tracker to log their reading throughout the season and earn digital raffle tickets along the way, increasing their chances of winning prizes at the end of August. Beanstack is an interactive web and mobile app that individuals and families can use to track their reading activity and help every participant feel engaged and motivated to read.

You can find a link to Beanstack on our website, along with information on how it works & how to sign up at: fadl.org/summer

The Challenges: Adults (ages 18+) are challenged to read FOUR (4) BOOKS, teens (ages 13-17) are challenged to read THREE (3) BOOKS, and kids (ages 12 & under) are challenged to spend a full FIVE (5) HOURS reading. Adults and teens will earn Beanstack achievement badges and digital raffle tickets for each book they complete while kids will earn badges and tickets for every 30 minutes spent reading.

Upcoming events include an ocean exploration sensory playtime for kids, an introduction to parkour that teens could enjoy, and a watercolor workshop for adults. We’ll also have fun all-ages events like Lake Monsters of the Great Lakes and the history of sea shanties! Also scheduled amidst the variety of water-themed events will be three live music performances, hosted outdoors in the library’s courtyard–part of our annual Summer Concert Series (more info on page 3).

A few new things:

While we certainly hope you’ll check out some of the water-themed events for our “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading theme, we’re particularly excited about a few other new programs we’re trying out this summer.

Meet a Therapy Dog was inspired by the popular response to our previous program for kids, “Reading With Dogs.” This program was developed to give pre-registered adult patrons a chance to visit with the charming pups from Go Team Therapy Dogs. (More info on page 4).

Meanwhile, we’re now hosting our Cook-book Club in person at the library, having previously facilitated these meet-ups over Zoom. But we’re offering a hybrid option of attending from home via Zoom, where you’ll have a panoramic view of the space, making it feel as though you’re actually in the room with us.

And finally, let’s be clear: graphic novels count as real reading! That’s why we’re excited to have an entire book club dedicated to this visual form of storytelling; our first Graphic Novel Book Club meeting will be on August 16. (More info on page 5).
Summer Concert Series

Our popular Summer Concert Series returns for the first time since 2019! Scheduled amidst the variety of water-themed events happening at the library will be three live music performances, hosted outdoors in our courtyard (weather permitting). These concerts—brought to you by the Friends of the Ferndale Library—are hosted monthly on Tuesday evenings and are free for all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs or blankets; bands will be performing in front of the windows of the Kids’ Corner.

NESSA
June 21
6:30 pm
Nessa is a Celtic fusion group led by multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Kelly McDermott, who is known for her dazzling flute technique and beautiful, soulful voice. The group’s co-founder/multi-instrumentalist Rob Crozier collaborates with McDermott to research, arrange, and reimagine the ballads and dances of the United Kingdom and Europe, uniquely blending elements of classical, folk, jazz, funk, and world music to create rich, complex musical hybrids. This virtuosic ensemble puts on engaging, high-energy performances with funky reels, “barn burner” jigs, and deep, soulful glimpses into old stories. Nessa has a mystical, dreamy side akin to the music of Loreena McKennitt, an energetic aspect not unlike Solas, a touch of global fusion a la Pentangle and Eilleen Ivers, and a depth and dimension similar to Brian Eno.[Source: 7stonemanagement.com]

DJANGOPHONIQUE
July 19
6:30 pm
Djangophonique is a virtuosic, instrumentally-driven acoustic jazz quartet led by guitarist Andrew Brown. A true disciple of the style, Brown has spent countless hours immersing himself in the language of Django Reinhardt’s jazz Manouche, and he’s joined on stage by bandmates who match his skill and passion for the material. The result is a sound that’s unmistakable to fans of the music and alluring to the uninitiated—a sound that can bring the lively energy of a Parisian dance hall to the quietest listening room or captivate a buzzing festival audience with a shimmering ballad. Djangophonique is keeping the Hot Club revival alive and well in Michigan. [Source: djangophonique.com]

KLEZUNDHEIT
August 9
6:30 pm
Klezundheit was formed in 2014 to play traditional and modern klezmer, Balkan, and jazz music. The band was the brainchild of Ken Posner of West Bloomfield and his son Alan of Ferndale. The Posner family has always been interested in klezmer music. The band is comprised of several conservatory-trained musicians and music educators, bringing energy and excitement to every performance. Their repertoire includes traditional klezmer music, Israeli dance music, traditional and modern Balkan, and jazz, with instrumentation that includes tuba, trombone, harmonica, flute, and more. [Source: facebook.com/klezundheit]

Loralee Grace
June 12 - August 7
Reception/Artist Talk, 6 pm – 8 pm on Thursday, June 30
The Ferndale Library’s Art & Exhibition Committee is thrilled to welcome local visual artist Loralee Grace, who will be showcasing dazzling works in the Community Room throughout the summer, with a reception and artist talk hosted on Thursday, June 30. Grace is a multifaceted artist, skilled in painting, art direction, production design, and wardrobe, but she also takes considerable inspiration from the great amount of traveling she’s done in her life. Much of Grace’s work (watercolor, gouache, and oil painting) captures awe-inspiring natural landscapes blended with a native cultural pattern belonging to that land. Grace’s library show is titled “Futurelands,” and the image above, a piece titled “Healing Waters,” will be featured in the exhibition. For more info, visit facebook.com/FADLart
FYI: You can sign up for events by visiting fadl.org/upcoming-events

**JUNE**

**Film Club**
June 7
7:00 pm
In-Person & Zoom:
Join our community of movie lovers! We love discussing a selected film on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. In June, we will be partnering with FERNDALE PRIDE to discuss Barry Jenkins’ Moonlight. fadl.org/film-club

**Watercolor Class**
June 9
6:30 pm - In-Person
Learn the basics of watercolor flower painting from local artist Nina Urbonya. Tap into your inner artist as you learn how to paint a simple, colorful bouquet of flowers. All supplies provided. fadl.org/watercolor

**Cookbook Club**
June 15
7:00 pm - In-Person & Zoom
We’ll be discussing The Veganomicon by Isa Chandra Moskowitz and Terry Hope Romero; once you’ve signed up, we’ll place a hold on the book for you. Try out some recipes at home, then join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to discuss your results. fadl.org/june-cbc

**Summer Reading Kickoff**
June 18
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - In-Person
Families can stop by to sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy a performance by magician/entertainer Cameron Zvara. We’ll be outdoors in the library courtyard for this event, with refreshments and a free ice cream (from Treat Dreams) for every child/teen who signs up.

**Summer Concert Series ft. Nessa**
June 21
6:30 pm - In-Person
Celtic-folk, world-beat & jazz ensemble Nessa will perform a free concert in the library courtyard, brought to you by the Friends of the Ferndale Library. No registration required.

**Meet a Therapy Dog (for Adults)**
June 22
7:00 pm - In-Person
Adults can sign up for a 30-minute time slot to meet with a trained Go Team therapy dog—great for anxiety, stress, or for anyone who needs nonjudgmental comfort from a canine friend. Send an email to kricket@fadl.org to set up your time slot.

**Lake Monsters**
June 23
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
Learn what may be lurking beneath the surface of our Great Lakes! Author/cryptozoologist Shetan Noir will take us on a journey through the fossil record, Native American legends, and historical sighting reports. fadl.org/monsters

**Ferndale Project Book Club**
June 28
6:30 pm - In-Person
We host a monthly book club on the last Tuesday of each month at Ferndale Project (567 Livernois). In June we will be partnering with FERNDALE PRIDE to discuss Let’s Get Back to the Party by Zak Salih. Sign up: fadl.org/june-fpbc

**Art Reception: Loralee Grace**
June 30
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
The library will look like an art gallery this summer, featuring works on display by local visual artist Loralee Grace. Join us for a reception and artist talk for her show “Futurelands,” (with live music and refreshments provided). More info: facebook.com/FADLart

**JULY**

**Writers Group**
July 6
6:30 pm - via Zoom
Writers of all skill levels, even complete beginners, are welcome to sign up for this monthly virtual meet-up. We hear updates on works-in-progress, do live readings, provide feedback, and peer-edit each other’s works. fadl.org/july-writers

**Intro to Parkour (Teens/Adults)**
July 9
3:00 pm – In-Person – Ages 13+
Adults & teens can learn the basic moves and skills for parkour in this beginner’s workshop with Phoenix Freerunning Academy. fadl.org/adult-parkour

**Courtyard Yoga**
July 10
10:00 am - In-Person
Join us for a free yoga class before you go out to a barbecue! Motor Om Yoga welcomes all skill levels to this slow-flow class hosted outdoors in our courtyard. fadl.org/july-yoga

**Film Club**
July 12
7:00 pm - In-Person
Join our community of movie lovers. We meet to discuss a selected film that we’ve all watched ahead of time. You can vote on which film we watch in July online at fadl.org/film-club

**Rain Barrels**
July 14
6:30 pm - In-Person
Interested in a more sustainable garden while also reducing your water bill? Join us to learn the basics of building, installing, and maintaining a rain barrel at your home from local permaculture practitioner Lucas Zdenek. Sign up: fadl.org/rainbarrel

**Summer Concert Series ft. Djangophonique**
July 19
6:30 pm - In Person:
This is a free concert featuring a virtuosic quartet bringing to life the Parisian jazz Manouche style made popular by the legendary Sinti guitarist Django Reinhardt. Held in the library’s courtyard, no registration is required.
Cookbook Club  
July 20  
7:00 pm - In-Person & Zoom  
Join us for a hybrid event (in-person & via Zoom) to discuss *The Lake Michigan Cottage Cookbook* by Amelia Levin. When you sign up, we’ll place a hold on this month’s book for you to take home. Try out some recipes at home and then join us to discuss the results. Online registration opens in mid-June.

Planet Detroit  
July 25  
7:00 pm - In-Person & Zoom  
Join us for a community conversation about understanding our energy and electric utilities in the climate change era, moderated by Planet Detroit editor Nina Ignaczak! This is your opportunity to dive deep with local energy leaders to discuss issues Metro Detroiters face when it comes to energy security, energy justice, and climate change. This event is hosted in partnership with the Royal Oak Public Library. fadl.org/planet-detroit

Ferndale Project Book Club  
July 26  
6:30 pm - In-Person  
Join us for our monthly book club hosted in partnership with the Ferndale Project. We’ll be on the patio of the Ferndale Project (weather permitting) discussing *The Final Revival of Opal & Nev* by Dawnie Walton. Sign up: fadl.org/july-fpbc

Meet a Therapy Dog (for Adults)  
July 27  
7:00 pm - In-Person  
Adults can sign up for a 30-minute time slot to meet a trained Go Team therapy dog—great for anxiety, stress, or for anyone who needs nonjudgmental comfort or a canine friend. Space is limited. There will be a final therapy dog session hosted on August 24. To set up your time slot, email us: kricket@fadl.org

Summer at the library!  
Remember that the library is cool both figuratively and literally! If you are ever in need of a spot to cool down while also getting some work done, we’re here for you. Find a spot by the windows or use our new laptop bar! We have free wi-fi all throughout the building, and even extending into the adjacent courtyard, outside. Speaking of the courtyard, we have tables/benches and even shade-providing umbrellas!
JUNE

Read With A Dog (Weekly Walk-In)
June 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm - In-Person
Our furry friends from Go Team Therapy Dogs are coming back this summer! Dogs are excellent listeners, never judge, and are perfect for struggling and beginning readers. This program will be held weekly and is walk-in only; first-come, first-served.

Outdoor Baby Storytime
Begins June 7
2:00 pm - In-person
Meeting June 7, 14, 21
Join us for interactive songs and simple stories that nurture your baby's curiosity and fine motor skill development while providing a place for caregivers to share ideas and socialize. For families with children under 2 years old. Space is limited. Online registration opens on a weekly basis: fadl.org/baby

Upper Elementary Book Club
June 8
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
Our monthly Upper Elementary Book Club will host a hybrid meeting for grades 3-5; attendees can join in-person or via Zoom. We'll be discussing Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman. To sign up, visit fadl.org/uebc

Outdoor Toddler Storytime
Begins June 9
10:30 am - In-Person
Meeting June 9, 16, 23
Join us for active songs and engaging stories that will support your child’s reading skills as caregiver and child participate together. For families with children ages 2-4 years old. Space is limited. Registration opens on a weekly basis: fadl.org/toddler

Pokemon Club
June 15
6:00 – 7:00 pm - In-Person
Pokemon Club is a place for kids ages 7-12 to gather, learn, and have fun talking about Pokemon video games, cards, books, shows, and more! Sign up: fadl.org/pokemon

Summer Reading Kickoff
June 18
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - In-Person
Join us in the library courtyard for live magic and comedy from the one and only Cameron Zvara. Those who sign up for summer reading can enjoy a scoop of Treat Dreams Ice Cream, courtesy of the Friends of the Ferndale Library. No registration required.

Eureka! w/ Michigan Science Center
June 25
2:00 pm - In-Person
This program for all ages features stories of how life-changing inventions such as the microwave and the lightbulb came to be, complete with live demonstrations! fadl.org/eureka

Ocean Exploration Sensory Playtime
June 30
1:00 pm - In-Person
Kids (ages 2-10) can join us in the library's courtyard for interactive activities where we explore texture, the movement of water, and identify some sea-faring friends! Be prepared to get a little wet. Sign up online: fadl.org/ocean

JULY

Outdoor Baby Storytime
Begins July 5
2:00 pm - In-person
Meeting July 5, 12, 19
Join us for interactive songs and simple stories that nurture your baby's curiosity and fine motor skill development while providing a place for caregivers to share ideas and socialize. For families with children under 2 years old. Space is limited. Online registration opens on a weekly basis: fadl.org/baby

Lower Elementary Book Club
July 6
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
Our monthly Lower Elementary Book Club will host a hybrid meeting for grades K-2; attendees can join in-person or via Zoom. We’ll be discussing Tia Fortuna’s New Home by Ruth Behar. To sign up, visit fadl.org/elec

Outdoor Toddler Storytime
Begins July 7
10:30 am - In-Person
Meeting July 7, 14, 21
Join us for active songs and engaging stories that will support your child’s reading skills as caregiver and child participate together. For families with children ages 2-4 years old. Space is limited. Registration opens on a weekly basis: fadl.org/toddler

Intro to Parkour (Kids)
July 9
1:00 – 2:30 pm – In-Person – Ages 7-12
Kids will learn the basic moves and skills for parkour in this workshop with the Phoenix Freerunning Academy. Online registration will start in early June: fadl.org/kids-parkour

Read With A Dog
July 11, 18, 25
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm - In-Person
We’ll be visited by a Go Team Therapy Dog on Monday evenings (excluding July 4). This is a drop-in event for kids ages 4-17 to read aloud to a dog. This is a walk-in event only; first-come, first-served.

Upper Elementary Book Club
July 13
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
Our monthly Upper Elementary Book Club will host a hybrid meeting for grades 3-5; we’ll be discussing Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park. Online registration opens in mid-June.
Acting For Kids
July 16
2:00 pm - In-Person
Come celebrate Oceans of Possibilities as we sing, dance, and do an acting game with OpenSpot Theatre for ages 5-12! No acting experience required. Online registration opens in mid-June.

Pokémon Club
July 20
6:00 pm - In-Person
Pokémon Club is a place for kids ages 7-12 to gather, learn, and have fun talking about Pokémon video games, cards, books, shows, and more! Sign up: fadl.org/pokemon

FUN-tastic Voyage Storytelling
July 23
2:00 pm - In-Person
Storytelling troupe Sadarri & Company presents a multi-cultural, multilingual program of songs and stories from around the world focusing on water and the ocean! For ages 4-12. Online registration opens in late June.

Oil Spill! Environmental Science Program
July 30
2:00 pm - In-Person
See how pollution affects living things and their habitats as we try to clean up a simulated oil spill. We’ll also talk about other forms of pollution and what we can do to protect the earth’s water. Presented by Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium. Online registration will start in late June.

AUGUST

Read With A Dog
August 1, 8
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - In-Person
We’ll be visited by a Go Team Therapy Dog for two final walk-in events. This is an event for kids ages 4-17 to read aloud to a dog. This is a walk-in event; first-come, first-served.

Lower Elementary Book Club
August 3
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
Our monthly Lower Elementary Book Club will host a hybrid meeting for grades K-2 where we’ll be discussing Hike by Pete Oswald. Online registration will open in early July.

Upper Elementary Book Club
August 10
6:30 pm - In-Person & Zoom
For our monthly August Upper Elementary Book Club, we’ll host a hybrid meeting for grades 3-5 to discuss The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. To sign up visit fadl.org/uebc

Outdoor Toddler Storytime
August 11
10:30 am - In-Person
Meeting August 11, 18, 25
Join us for active songs and engaging stories that will support your child’s reading skills as caregiver and child participate together. For families with children ages 2-4 years old. Space is limited. Registration opens on a weekly basis: fadl.org/toddler

Summer Reading Finale Pool Party
August 13
6:30 pm - In-Person
Complete the Summer Reading Challenge to earn a ticket to our finale pool party! Ready to get started? Sign up for summer reading here: fadl.org/summer [Only youth, teens, and families who registered for Summer Reading and completed the reading portion will be issued a virtual pool party ticket.]

Pokemon Club
August 17
6:00 pm - In-Person
Pokémon Club is a place for kids ages 7-12 to gather, learn, and have fun talking about Pokémon video games, cards, books, shows, and more! Sign up: fadl.org/pokemon

Parents/Caregivers Using Beanstack
Parents/caregivers, you can sign yourself up for Beanstack as well as every member of your family that wishes to participate in Summer Reading. Visit fadl.org/summer and click the Beanstack signup link to get started. To create an account, click “Register an Individual or Family.” Once you’ve created your own account, you’ll be prompted with “Would You Like to Add Another Adult?” You can select yes, or click no and you’ll be prompted with “Would you like to add a child?” Click yes, and you can begin signing up one or multiple children. Beanstack allows families to track multiple readers in a single account. Questions? Contact a Youth Librarian at 248-546-2504 x.694
Let's go outside!

While it’s always nice to read a book outside, Ferndale Library cardholders can also check out a wide variety of other items that can be enjoyed in our backyards. Let’s take a look at a few outdoorsy “things” from our new Library of Things!

Along with tools, musical instruments, electronics, and craft supplies, we also have recreational kits that are perfect for the outdoors. You can check out a croquet set, a bag of bocce balls, a giant Jenga, a Pickleball set, binoculars, a dog agility training set, or a lawn game known as Kubb. The Library of Things provides you access to items beyond books, movies, or music. These items can be checked out for two weeks by Ferndale Library cardholders. More info: fadl.org/things

**Telescopes:** FADL cardholders can visit our Library of Things (located near the Sci-Fi section & study carrels) to check the availability of our circulating telescopes. These telescopes include an instruction manual, a constellation guide, lens brush, and a red LED guide light. Telescopes can be checked out for two weeks, but cannot be placed on hold. This season, you can see an elongated Mercury (mid-June), a supermoon (mid-July) or catch Saturn at its closes approach to Earth (mid-August).