

BETWEEN THE COVERS



In case you missed it last month.

It's Coming....

The Fennville District Library has struggled with parking for many years. Designed and constructed in 1989, concurrent with the library's opening in 1990, the parking lot is now a bit advanced in years. It is not uncommon to hear comments and complaints about it, either – “there is no place to park,” “it’s difficult to maneuver out of the angled parking,” “there’s only one handicapped parking spot,” “your wooden retaining wall is falling apart.” This is why the library began to explore renovating the parking lot.

In 2019, the Library Board reviewed a library parking lot study conducted by a local engineering firm. The study indicated that the library needed to eliminate angled parking and add additional parking spaces, erosion control, delineated pedestrian routes to the building entrance, a new storm sewer drainage system, and additional accessible parking spaces. The engineering firm provided the library with two conceptual parking designs that were shared with the community. On January 7, 2020, the site plans were presented for comment to the City of Fennville’s Planning Commission meeting. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic ended the project. The library had a steep drop in income alongside rising construction prices.

In 2023, the library, with the City of Fennville and Fennville Public Schools, applied for a capital improvement grant from the State of Michigan’s Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. Out of nearly 1,000 applications, the library, school and city were one of the 100 applications selected to receive a grant of \$1,000,000. The grant split evenly now allows the library to pursue the construction of a new parking lot along with an “upper porch” for library programming and seating space for patrons.

The parking lot and upper porch are designed around four guiding principles: safety, accessibility, longevity, and environment. Construction is slated to begin this spring (April). The library’s intent is to remain open as a “working library” during construction. The library staff are preparing a plan for service that will be shared with the community and all library patrons. Rest assured that patrons will be able to get books and other reading materials, DVDs and audio materials, hotspots, access to public computers and meeting rooms, free Wi-Fi, copies, scanning, faxing, COVID-19 test kits, free lunches and programming.

We will continue to provide services to our community however we can during construction, and we look forward to sharing our new parking lot with you at the end of the summer.

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Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday 2 - 4pm

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national poetry month



VANESSA'S
VIEW

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Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and remind us that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives.

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There is something wondrous about reading a silent book where the illustrations are able to share a story without words to narrate them. *Pencil*, written and illustrated by Hye-Eun Kim is a perfect example of one of those wondrous books. In her debut book, Kim uses her illustrations to take readers through the life journey of a pencil, from their beginnings as a tree to their days in a factory. One of the things I appreciate about Kim's work is the amount of white space she uses. This white space gives the detailed illustrations plenty of breathing room. Readers are able to focus on the images and the story they are telling. Additionally, Kim's use of the white space further highlights the variety of textures and colors. But what I enjoyed most was looking at the imaginative colors and shapes she chose to create the trees.

NEW! YOUTH READS>>>

national poetry month

Thanks in part to our [National Poetry Month](#) partners and sponsors, each April the Academy is able to offer activities, initiatives, and resources so that anyone can join the celebration:

- Display the official [National Poetry Month poster](#)
- Learn how to celebrate [at home](#) or [online](#) and [in the classroom](#)
- Attend the [Poetry & the Creative Mind virtual gala](#) on April 24, 2025
- Find poetry readings and events on our [Poetry Near You](#) calendar
- Encourage students in grades five through twelve to participate in the [Dear Poet Project](#)
- [Sign up for Poem-a-Day](#), curated in April by Willie Perdomo, and enjoy a free daily poem in your inbox
- Follow the thousands of celebrations taking place on social media with the official hashtag #NationalPoetryMonth.
- Follow the Academy of American Poets (@POETSorg) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#), and [X](#) for free poetry resources and poems to reshare throughout April
- Share a #PocketPoem on [Poem in Your Pocket Day](#) on April 10, 2025



THE GREAT outdoors

PICTURE BOOK
1000 Words: Nature
by Jules Pottle

MIDDLE GRADE
101 Things to Do on a Walk
by Kait Eaton

YOUNG ADULT
The Anthropocene Reviewed
by John Green

NEW! TWEEN READS>>>

poem in your pocket day

Poem in Your Pocket Day was initiated in April 2002 by the Office of the Mayor in New York City, in partnership with the city's Departments

of Cultural Affairs and Education. In 2008, the Academy of American Poets took the initiative to all fifty United States, encouraging individuals around the country to participate. In 2016, the League of Canadian Poets extended Poem in Your Pocket Day to Canada.

It's easy to participate in Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 10. Here are some ideas of how you might get involved:

- Select a poem and share it on social media using the hashtag #PocketPoem.
- Print a poem from the [Poem in Your Pocket Day PDF](#) and draw an image from the poem in the white space, or use the instructions on pages 57-58 of the PDF to make an origami swan.
- Record a video of yourself reading a poem, then share it on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, or another social media platform you use.
- Email a poem to your friends, family, neighbors, or local government leaders.
- Schedule a video chat and read a poem to your loved ones.
- Add a poem to your email footer.
- Read a poem out loud from your porch, window, backyard or outdoor space.

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#SuperheroDay

GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>

from THE HAMPTONS to LAKE MICHIGAN

Emma Page grew up the black sheep in a bookish household, raised to believe that fine literature is the only worthy type of fiction. Her parents, self-proclaimed “serious” authors who run their own vanity press, The Mighty Pages, mingle in highbrow social circles that look

down on anything too popular or mainstream, while her sister, Jess, is a powerful social media influencer whose stylish reviews can make or break a novel.

Hiding her own romance manuscript from her disapproving parents, Emma finds inspiration at the family cottage among the “fluff” they despise: the juicy summer romances that belonged to her late grandmother. But a chance discovery unearthed from her Gigi’s belongings reveals a secret that has the power to ruin her parents’ business and destroy their reputation in the industry—a secret that has already fallen into the hands of an unscrupulous publishing insider with a grudge to settle. Now Emma must decide—as much as she’s dreamed of the day when her parents are forced to confront their own egos, can she really just sit back and watch The Mighty Pages be exposed and their legacy destroyed?

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

It's hard to believe another planting season is on the horizon! In this issue of *Amateur Gardening*, you will find big ideas for small spaces. Get your vertical game on with inspiration for beautiful hanging baskets, or get the lowdown on pots perfect for pollinators. Dig up thousands of tricks of the gardening trade free on Libby!



MICHELE'S MEDIA

Upon recommendation, I sought this book out to help me gain a more solid understanding of the emotional experience of being betrayed by a partner. Written from experience, Michelle Mays broaches the subject of attachment style, shame, and trauma not only with science, but with compassion and validation.

Although this book was insightful with its approach, I felt slightly let down by the fact that in order to implement the knowledge in a step-by-step approach, one has to deviate from the book and sign up for her program, which might deter others from taking the next steps to healing.

The Lost Story

by Meg Shaffer

As boys, best friends Jeremy Cox and Rafe Howell went missing in a vast West Virginia state forest, only to mysteriously reappear six months later with no explanation for where they'd gone or how they'd survived.

**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
5.7 @ 1:30 PM**

Fifteen years after their miraculous homecoming, Rafe is a reclusive artist who still bears scars inside and out but has no memory of what happened during those months. Meanwhile, Jeremy has become a famed missing persons' investigator. With his uncanny abilities, he is the one person who can help vet tech Emilie Wendell find her sister, who vanished in the very same forest as Rafe and Jeremy.

Jeremy alone knows the fantastical truth about the disappearances, for while the rest of the world was searching for them, the two missing boys were in a magical realm filled with impossible beauty and terrible danger. He believes it is there that they will find Emilie's sister. However, Jeremy has kept Rafe in the dark since their return for his own inscrutable reasons. But the time for burying secrets comes to an end as the quest for Emilie's sister begins. The former lost boys must confront their shared past, no matter how traumatic the memories.

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1:30 PM, MONDAY • APRIL 7 & 21

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Beginners to experienced. Ages 18+*



**A NEW KIND OF
BOOK CLUB FOR ANY
& EVERY KIND OF READER!**

Thursday, April 17 @ 2:00 PM

Bring a book to the library, find a comfy spot, and read for 30 minutes when the book club first starts, then at 2:30, join up with other readers in attendance to chat about your current read and hear from others! All ages welcome.

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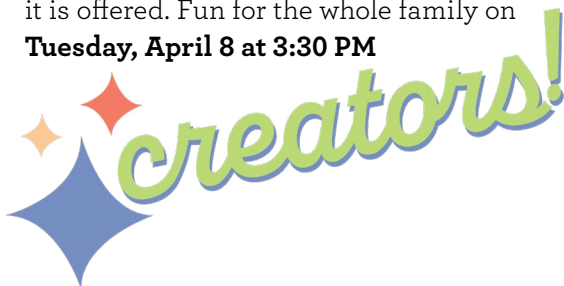


We will be CLOSED on Sunday, April 20.



Storytime is going on the road! With this fun program, you can join Miss Vanessa and Miss Abi outside of the library for a fun story and song extravaganza. This month, our Destination is **Paradise Park on Monday, April 14 & 28 at 10:30 AM!** For ages 0-5.

Wake up your creative mind and stretch the limits of your imagination! This fun program will offer a new activity each time it is offered. Fun for the whole family on **Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30 PM**



Let's get outside! Each month, we're going on an adventure and exploring something in our community. This month, meet at the library on **Tuesday, April 22 at 3:30 PM** to begin our journey. Fun for the whole family!



FRIDAY, APRIL 25 AT 5 PM

While you're having fun at all the events for Fourth Fridays, make sure you visit the library staff for a fun activity! Fun for the whole family! This event is downtown.



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The board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4pm, at the Library. The public is welcome to attend.