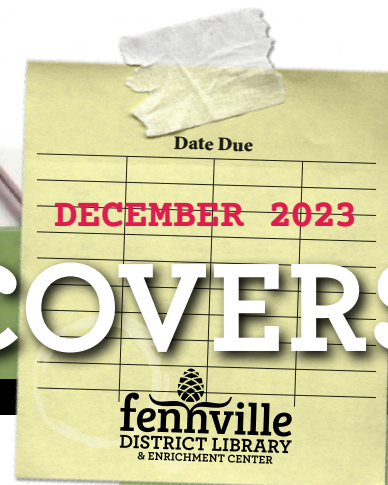




BETWEEN THE COVERS



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

The garland is strung, snowflakes are dangling, lights are lit, holiday book displays are all on show while we round 2023 at the library. A year of seasons have come and gone, now we cozy up and reflect as time slows down and winter settles in.

There is joy in the every day here while we offer services to our patrons. A child's lit-up face as they experience receiving their first library card, and then seeing the look of accomplishment in finishing the summer reading program. Watching a group of kids learn about, and produce, different forms of art with the Saugatuck Center for the Arts, SCA-On-the-Go program. Knowing that teens have a safe, inclusive place to gather and express themselves. Seeing families enjoy our summertime animal visitors out on the lawn or grabbing one of the free lunches we offered again this year. Being able to distribute free COVID-19 tests as a way of giving our patrons peace of mind. These are just a few of the experiences that make our days here special.

Much of what we do is possible because of the hard work of our library director. Whether you are new to our community or you are a weekly regular, we would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, December 17 as we celebrate Teresa's 10 year anniversary as the Director of the Fennville District Library. The Fennville Friends of the Library will be hosting an open house from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in recognition of Teresa's care and dedication for our library and patrons.

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CHRISTMAS

Every year on December 25, we celebrate Christmas, a day for spending time with family, observing an important Christian holiday, partaking in lighthearted traditions, or just spreading some holiday cheer! Christmas has evolved over several millennia into a worldwide celebration that's both religious and secular and chock full of fun-filled, family activities.



VANESSA'S VIEW

Have you ever come across one of those, "I remember books?" There you are, browsing

the library and all of a sudden the illustrations of a particular book catch your eye and you automatically think, "I remember reading this book when I was little!"

Library Lion, written by Michelle Knudsen and illustrated by Kevin Hawkes, is my "I remember book." When I picked this book up after many years, the illustrations mesmerized me just as they did when our elementary school librarian read this to my class.

Kevin Hawkes' subtle use of color paired with his soft technique in rendering his illustrations spark instant nostalgia and warmth. From Mr. McBee's surprised expressions as he cries out, "Miss Merriweather! The lion broke the rules!" to the heartbroken lion soaked in the rain, Hawkes' expressive illustrations allow readers to feel and connect to each of the characters.

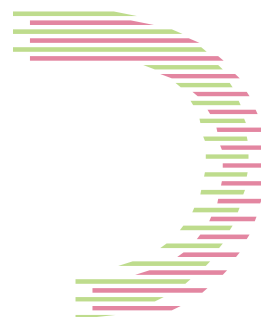
CAROLING

Singing carols on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day involves strolling groups of singers, gaily dressed, who sing holiday songs in town squares, business districts, or in front of private homes.



CHRISTMAS REENACTMENTS

Over several days leading up to Christmas in Mexico, there are reenactments of Mary and Joseph's frantic search for an inn where the baby Jesus might be born. On Christmas Day, children take turns batting a piñata stuffed with little toys and holiday candy.



MAKE AN ADVENT CALENDAR

Spread the holiday excitement by making a calendar filled with sweet surprises for the month. Create your own Advent calendar by using paper bags, a muffin tin, envelopes, or other accessible items around the house, and include cute and quirky little presents to celebrate each day. These make perfect holiday gifts or a great way to #treatyourself every day in December.

NEW! YOUTH READS >>>

KWANZAA

Heri Za Kwanzaa!

Kwanzaa, celebrated from December 26 to January 1, is an African American and pan-African seven-day cultural holiday that celebrates family and community. During the holiday, families celebrate with feasts, music, and dance, and end the holiday with a day dedicated to reflection and recommitment to the seven principles.



**ABI'S
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IMANI

GET IN THE SPIRIT WITH AFRICAN DECOR

No holiday is complete without decorations! To get in the Kwanzaa spirit, decorate your home with African art, cloths such as kente, and fresh fruits that represent African idealism.

LEARN SOME SWAHILI

Swahili is a language spoken throughout Africa and therefore unites all who celebrate Kwanzaa. Some of the most important Swahili words to know are the names of the seven principles of Kwanzaa: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

PICK UP A DRUM

Many families celebrate Kwanzaa by playing music and singing cultural African or African-American songs. Pick up a drum, or any percussive instrument brought out for the celebration, and join in on the musical fun!

PICTURE BOOK

Stitch Crashes Disney

by Phaea Crede

MIDDLE GRADE

A Disney Princess

Journey Through History

by Courtney Carbone

YOUNG ADULT

City of Villains

by Estelle Laure

NEW! TWEEN READS>>>

HANUKKAH

This eight-day festival will be marked from December 18 to 26. Hanukkah is part of the Jewish festival also known as the Festival of Lights. It commemorates the victory of the Jewish people over the Greeks in the Maccabean War and the rededication of the second temple of Jerusalem. The festival lasts eight days and starts on day 25 of Kislev and ends on the second day of Tevet. Kislev and Tevet are months in the Jewish calendar.

The observance is also known as Chanukah, but Hanukkah is more widely known.



#time travel

LIGHT THE MENORAH ~ Each night of Hanukkah, use the “shamash” or head candle to light one of the eight candles in the Menorah, so by the last night of Hanukkah, all eight candles are burning! The lighting of the Menorah is an important Jewish ritual as it symbolizes an eternal flame and reminds us of the miracle of life.

GIVE SOME GELT ~ Gold-foil-wrapped chocolate coins known gelt are traditional Hanukkah treats. The tradition harkens back to the Maccabees producing their own money after defeating the Greeks!

PLAY DREIDEL ~ A dreidel is a traditional four-sided spinning toy. Each side has a Hebrew letter on it: “nun” means do nothing; “shin” means you put one in; “he” means you get half of what’s in the middle; and “gimel” means you get the whole pot. Play with gelt or with real money for a great time!

GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS >>>

cozy up!

What makes you feel cozy? This gorgeous book of inspiration is all about what helps you feel at home. Create your own quiet refuge with tips and affordable décor ideas from popular blogger and

author Liz Marie Galvan. Liz's friendly blend of inspiration, interactive elements, and intentional living ideas will help you create cozy spaces, healthy habits, and will fill your home with peace and connection. Bring peace, calm, and beauty into your life and your home as you journey with popular blogger and author Liz Marie Galvan through *Create Your Own Cozy* to create a haven for yourself and those you love. This gorgeous interactive book is great for those looking for a beautiful companion to Liz's bestselling *Cozy White Cottage* and *Cozy White Cottage Seasons*.

This inspirational guide invites you to embrace the home you have, put your heart into meaningful improvements, and develop rhythms and routines that make your home and your heart a place of coziness, connection, and rest.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Ahoy, Captain Santa! Check out the current issue of *Michigan History* to learn about the fate of the Christmas Tree Ship and its final voyage on the wintery waters of Lake Michigan, in November 1912. Also discover how the tradition of tree delivery from Northern Michigan to Chicago was continued by the captain's family and how it lives on by bringing joy to the holiday season today.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

My 2023 ★★★★★

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.

Grandma Gatewood's Walk

by Ben Montgomery

Emma Gatewood told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than two hundred dollars. The next anybody heard from her, this genteel, farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. And in September 1955, having survived a rattlesnake strike, two hurricanes, and a run-in with gangsters from Harlem, she stood atop Maine's Mount Katahdin. There she sang the first verse of "America, the Beautiful" and proclaimed, "I said I'll do it, and I've done it."

Grandma Gatewood, as the reporters called her, became the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, as well as the first person—man or woman—to walk it twice and three times. Gatewood became a hiking celebrity and appeared on TV and in the pages of Sports Illustrated. The public attention she brought to the little-known footpath was unprecedented. Her vocal criticism of the lousy, difficult stretches led to bolstered maintenance, and very likely saved the trail from extinction.

Email questions to: fdlbookclub@gmail.com

DISCUSSION
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1.3 @ 1:30 PM

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Beginners to experienced. Ages 18+



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DEC 4 AT 6:00 PM

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REMINDER!

Will be CLOSED on:

- ~ Saturday, 12.23 ~ Saturday, 12.30
- ~ Sunday, 12.24 ~ Sunday, 12.31
- ~ Monday, 12.25 ~ Monday, 1.1

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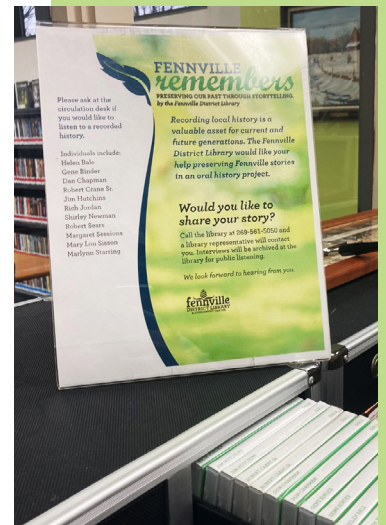
Fennville Remembers

Did you know the library has a oral history project? We began Fennville Remembers prior to the COVID shutdown, and, thanks to an incredible volunteer, we are getting the project up and running again. Current histories are recorded on CD, and you are welcome to borrow a CD player in the library to listen to them. Or you can contact the library if you would like to share your story!

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What is your favorite book?

The Bible is my favorite, must-have book. There are so many treasures in its pages – how to live, relate to others and to God – and just full of awe-inspiring truths of God’s love for us.

Do you have a favorite quote?

“You can do anything for 15 minutes.”
– Marla Cilley, aka Flylady

What do you like about serving on the library board?

I enjoy the camaraderie of the other board members and Teresa, the library director. And I am pleased to be associated with this vibrant library and excellent staff!

What are your hobbies?

Oh my!
- Gardening: flowers, veggies, and yet, another flowerbed!
- Sewing: clothing, accessories and quilts
- Baking: cakes, sweet rolls, breads
- Camping with my husband Tom, enjoying retirement!

If you were a box of cereal, what would you be and why?

I would be Shredded Wheat, because...
- I am simple (one ingredient)
- Plain but can be dressed up (Frosted Mini Wheats)
- “Old” (over 70 years)
- Regular in habits (rich in fiber)
- Helpful (nutritious and good for you)



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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.