



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Dennis Martin, the library's long-time board president, passed away on Sunday, November 17th. Dennis was previously the Library Director of the Howard Miller Public Library and Community Center in Zeeland and interim director at Fennville District Library. Dennis also served the community as a City Commissioner and former Mayor of Fennville.



The Fennville District Library staff and board will deeply miss Dennis' unwavering patience, kindness, and love of community. His calm demeanor and steady guidance were key in establishing new library services, programs and events for the library's service area. Dennis's library experience and knowledge helped update new policies and procedures for staff and patrons. Over the last two years, Dennis has worked tirelessly on a plan to improve the safety, accessibility and sustainability of the library's parking lot. He was also a passionate library supporter and a joy to work with.

To honor Dennis, the Fennville District Library board will name the library's new upper porch (part of the parking lot improvements) the Dennis Martin Memorial Porch. The outdoor area will provide community space for patrons and staff to enjoy, and it will serve as a lasting legacy for someone who touched so many.

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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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OPERATION Santa Paws

DECEMBER 1-24



VANESSA'S
VIEW

Operation Santa Paws encourages animal lovers to share the gift of giving at shelters everywhere from December 1st to December 24th. During this holiday season, let's show a little extra love to our furry friends whom we love with all our hearts. The campaign goal of Operation Santa Paws is to stock the shelters with much-needed supplies. Our four-legged friends need to feel loved during the holidays just like we do!

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The holidays are upon us, so for this month's review what better way to celebrate than with a heartwarming book. *Love, Santa*, written by Martha Brockenbrough and illustrated by Lee White, is a sweet, interactive book that captures the magic and love that come with the holiday season. White's use of watercolor and mixed media to produce the illustrations are very fitting for the story's heartfelt message. The illustrations capture the innocence and hopeful perspective a child holds. White's technique of loose watercolor combined with playful patterns keep readers engaged throughout the story. In addition, his inclusion of interactive letters made with beautiful patterned paper add another layer of fun to this story for both children and adults to enjoy.

NEW! YOUTH READS>>>



Alaska

PICTURE BOOK
Cozy
by Jan Brett

MIDDLE GRADE
Balto and Togo
by Helen Moss,
illustrated by Solomon Hughes

YOUNG ADULT
Before I Let Go
by Marieke Nijkamp

#OperationSantaPaws



Our pets are significant to us. For many people, they're a member of the family. They are our best friends, our protectors; sometimes, they even serve as therapists to us. The campaign reminds us of the millions of pets in shelters in need of a loving home. Unfortunately, about 7.6 million companion animals (dogs, cats, and other domestic pets) enter shelters around the country yearly. Although many get adopted, the majority spend much of their lives in cages. December is a time to donate a new blanket, toy, or even some treats for a shelter animal to enjoy during the holidays.

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NEW! TWEEN READS>>>



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Allegan County Animal Shelter
Al-Van Humane Society
Animal Rescue Project
Barry County Animal Shelter
Berrien County Animal Control
BestPals Animal Rescue Center

Crash's Landing
For The Sake Of Being Humane
Harbor Humane Society
Headin' Home Pet Rescue
Heaven Can Wait Animal Haven
Kalamazoo Humane Society

Kent County Animal Shelter
Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary
Pet Resource Network
SPCA of Southwest Michigan
Tail Waggers Pet Rescue
Wishbone Pet Rescue

Use #OperationSantaPaws to spread the word on social media! The more we raise awareness, the more people all over the nation will take a little time out of their day to donate. In your post, show others what you gave so they have an idea of what they can go shopping for. Without the support of kindhearted, generous people all over the United States, Operation Santa Paws wouldn't work. If you have donated or plan to this year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

OPERATION SANTA PAWS HISTORY

Justin Rudd founded Operation Santa Paws in 2001 as part of the Haute Dog organization. The mission encourages animal lovers to donate treats and pet toys so animals in shelters can feel the love during the holidays just like the rest of us. ~ nationaldaycalendar.com

#operation santapaws

GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>

Michigan is home to an amazing array of food and drink brands, each with a fascinating story behind it.

Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals like Kellogg's and Post changed how the world eats, and Gerber first made baby food commercially available. But the Wolverine State is bursting with many other notable edibles, such as Faygo, American Spoon, Jiffy, Sanders and Vernors. Better Made uses Michigan potatoes for its chips. Fudge, pasties and anything made with cherries are also local standards. Others are gone but not forgotten, like Awrey's and Twin Pines.

Authors Gail Offen and Jon Milan explore the history and stories behind all of these and many, many more.

Check out these New Release titles on Libby!



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

The countdown to Christmas is on! In this season of *The Pioneer Woman Magazine*, Ree gives us her best gift picks for the cowboy or gal on your list. Are you getting ready for a festive gathering? Accessorize your party attire with essential holiday bling, or fun it up with an ugly sweater. Are you an ornament collector? Deck out your tree with something special representing your home state.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

My holiday must-see movies! All available to check out at the library.

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.

Little Fires Everywhere

by Celest Ng

Everyone in Shaker Heights was talking about it that summer: how Isabelle, the last of the Richardson children, had finally gone around the bend and burned the house down.

**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
1.8 @ 1:30 PM**

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is meticulously planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colours of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenage daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than just tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past, and a disregard for the rules that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

When old family friends attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town – and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at an unexpected and devastating cost...

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KNIT & Crochet GROUP

1:30 PM, MONDAY • DECEMBER 2 & 16

*Bring your ideas and your projects!
Beginners to experienced. Ages 18+*

REMINDER!

We will be CLOSED

~ Tuesday, 12.24

~ Wednesday, 12.25

~ Tuesday, 12.31

~ Wednesday, 1.1.2025

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW...
What's New!
SIGN UP FOR



JOIN THE

**Holiday
Fun!**



DECEMBER 6 & 7

FDL *cares* **FREE**
FENNVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
your partner in safety
COVID-19 TEST KITS

While we are out
of stock please use
these resources.



Look for these titles on Libby!



Journey across Alaska for our winter reading challenge! How far can you go along the Iditarod trail? Each book you read is a stop in the race. Go from Anchorage to Nome to say you completed the Iditaread. Pick up your map today!

CREATORS *creating for all ages!*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 & 17 @ 3:30 PM

Wake up your creative mind, stretch the limits of your imagination, and join us at Creators! This fun program will offer a new creative and creating activity each time it is offered, and the activities are scalable for all ages and skill levels. If you love art, cooking, tinkering, crafts, and creation of all types, this is the program 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.