



BETWEEN THE COVERS



Congratulations!

I am excited to announce that Abi Avery has been promoted to Assistant Library Director at the Fennville District Library. Abi joined the library staff in 2019 after being employed by the South Haven Memorial Library. Over the last four years, Abi has worked in the youth services department and at the circulation desk. She has a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in library and information science from Indiana University.

Abi has a strong technological background and will help keep the daily operations of the library running smoothly. She also understands the importance of outreach and community connection as well as program development and implementation. Abi will also be involved in the application and administration of grants and oversee content strategy and maintenance of the library's social media.

I look forward to working side by side with Abi to continue the library's strong tradition of providing excellent service to our patrons.

~ Teresa Kline, Library Director



Abi Avery, Assistant Library Director

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

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Get Outside!

1000 Hours Outside is a global movement begun by Michigander Ginny Yurich. The program is designed to help children find inspiration to spend more time outside during the year. According to Yurich's research, the average American child spends 1,200 hours a year in front of a screen and the 1000 Hours Outside movement challenges you to try to meet that with time spent in nature. This year, the Fennville District Library is jumping on board to challenge our community to spend that time outside as well!

We'll be kicking off the challenge with an event on Thursday, January 11 at 5:00 PM. Learn more about the program, including the cool incentives we'll be offering to mark your progress, as well as pick up a tracking sheet and do some fun activities. We hope to see you in the great outdoors!

PRE-K events and RESOURCES

Please see the [Events Calendar](#) on our website, or pick up a paper copy at the library for dates and times.



VANESSA'S
VIEW

STORY time

Reading aloud is one of the best things you can do to help your child learn to read in the future, and we're here to help! Join Miss Vanessa each Monday morning for a fun story time, full of tales of wonder, puppets, songs, and lots of friends! You'll always leave happy you came! For ages 0-5

STEAM isn't just for people in school! Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math with your littlest family members once a month at this fun event. Practice numbers, learn new concepts, explore sensory activities, and do so many other things at this program tailored to the littlest scientists of the world. For ages 2-5.



Libraries aren't just for books! We also want to help you stay active and have fun! Join Miss Abi each Friday morning for a song and dance-filled music and movement program. By the time you leave, you'll be glad naptime is just around the corner! For ages 0-5.



We're partnering with Great Start Collaborative to offer Play-and-Learn Groups at the library! For ages 0-5.



We are proud to be a participant in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! For more details stop by the library and ask a staff member.



It can be hard to make time for early literacy in our busy lives, but TALK makes it easy! Receive two text messages a week suggesting activities to easily incorporate into daily routines with your children. You can sign up by texting TALK to 75547.

If you have never picked up a book illustrated by Emily Winfield Martin, this is your sign to do so. *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* by Emily Winfield Martin not only has a touching message, but absolutely stunning illustrations. Whimsical and full of color, Martin's illustrations will surely make your imagination soar. Her bright-pastel color palette paired with intricate textures bring such an ethereal quality to her illustrations; they will surely warm your heart. With her painterly style, Martin also creates beautiful scenes filled with small little surprises. Make sure you look carefully or you might just miss the little squirrel with the orange pants and other delightful details!

NEW! YOUTH READS >>>

TWEEN events and RESOURCES

Please see the [Events Calendar](#) on our website, or pick up a paper copy at the library for dates and times.

In our lower level, we have a collection of books that are specifically geared towards the interests of tweens. Tweens are welcome to enjoy a range of drop-in activities, including board games and art supplies, as well as using the Teen Room, which is open to those between the ages of 12 and 18. We also have a collection of Launchpad tablets pre-loaded with fun learning games, board games, video games, and WiFi hotspots available to check-out! If you are in need of basic care items, please take what you need from our Comfort Cabinet.



Once a month, we have a day that's just for the tweens! Come hang out with us for some miscellaneous fun! For ages 9-12.

Join the team and explore STEAM at this weekly event for school-age youth. Each week we'll do a new science, technology, engineering, art, or math activity, but don't think this is just an extended school day. These activities are fun, and most of the time, you'll have a cool project at the end that you can take home with you! For ages 6-12.

Every month we're offering a chance to dig into the library's LEGO supplies at LEGO Lab! We'll offer a monthly challenge, and it's up to you how you decide to meet it. For ages 6-12.

Use your library card to access online resources through the Michigan eLibrary system. Britannica School, Explora for Middle Schools, and NoveList are just a few resources available. You also have access to 400+ Michigan libraries.



NEW! TWEEN READS>>>



ONE CLOSES
another opens

PICTURE BOOK

*Who's That Scratching
at My Door?*

by Amanda Leslie

MIDDLE GRADE

The Insiders

by Mark Oshiro

YOUNG ADULT

*The Ten Thousand
Doors of January*

by Alix E. Harrow

TEEN *events and* RESOURCES

Please see the [Events Calendar](#) on our website, or pick up a paper copy at the library for dates and times.



MINDFUL MOMENT

Being a teen is stressful. Join us for a relaxing hour in the teen room, where you can chat and do different activities to help relieve some stress. For ages 13-18

Join the teen library council (TLC) to help make the library the best place it can be for you!

Who? - Any students in grades 8-12 can join the council.

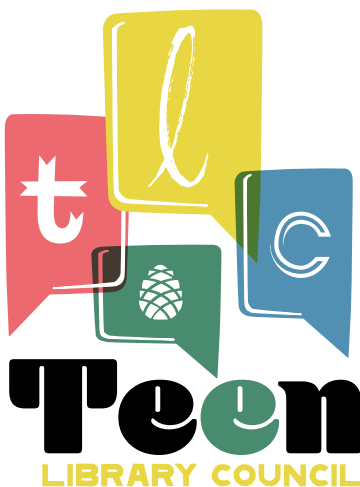
What? - Attend monthly meetings, help library staff develop and promote programs and services, suggest books and other materials for library purchase, set goals and work with other team members to achieve them.

When? - Teen Library Council meetings will be scheduled based on the availability of council members.

Where? - Downstairs in the Teen Room.

Why? - Members are able to make an impact on teen services at the library, receive volunteer hours, develop marketable leadership skills, credentials for future job and college applications, and you can have a fun time with other teens!

How? - Email Abi at aavery@fennvillelibrary.org or just stop by the library to tell us you are interested in joining the Teen Library Council!



#whenevercloses

GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>>

Lucy Sharpe is larger than life. Magnetic, addictive. Bold and dangerous. Especially for Margot, who meets Lucy at the end of their freshman year at a liberal arts college in South Carolina. Margot is the shy one, the careful one, always the sidekick and never the center of attention. But when Lucy singles her out at the end of the year, a year Margot spent studying and playing it safe, and asks her to room together,

something in Margot can't say no—something daring, or starved, or maybe even envious.

And so Margot finds herself living in an off-campus house with three other girls, Lucy, the ringleader; Sloane, the sarcastic one; and Nicole, the nice one, the three of them opposites but also deeply intertwined. It's a year that finds Margot finally coming out of the shell she's been in since the end of high school, when her best friend Eliza died three weeks after graduation. Margot and Lucy have become the closest of friends, but by the middle of their sophomore year, one of the fraternity boys from the house next door has been brutally murdered... and Lucy Sharpe is missing without a trace.

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

Are you ready for a new year of reading adventures? One way to keep the pages turning is by challenging yourself to read a certain number of books in a specific timeframe. Goodreads is a great app you can use to set your goal and keep track of what you have read, or what you want to read. Library reading challenges are also a fun way to expand your literary horizons. Start with our current winter reading program "Read Trip USA." If you start now, you will be able to read your way across the United States before February 2! Keep an eye out for our Summer Program Reading Challenge as a way to add to your book count. Don't be afraid to discover a new genre! Venture into the world of nonfiction, or enjoy the visual elements of graphic novels. Switch out your physical books for e-books and e-audiobooks with Libby for our on-the-go reading. There are so many choices and ways to enjoy the written word—and if you are out of ideas, stop in and check out a book from our display or ask us, we love to give recommendations!

**Master Slave
Husband Wife:
An Epic Journey
from Slavery to
Freedom**

by Ilyon Woo

DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
2.7 @ 1:30 PM

In 1848, a year of international democratic revolt, a young, enslaved couple, Ellen and William Craft, achieved one of the boldest feats of self-emancipation in American history. Posing as master and slave, while sustained by their love as husband and wife, they made their escape together across more than 1,000 miles, riding out in the open on steamboats, carriages, and trains that took them from bondage in Georgia to the free states of the North.

Along the way, they dodged slave traders, military officers, and even friends of their enslavers, who might have revealed their true identities. The tale of their adventure soon made them celebrities, and generated headlines around the country. Americans could not get enough of this charismatic young couple, who traveled another 1,000 miles criss-crossing New England, drawing thunderous applause as they spoke alongside some of the greatest abolitionist luminaries of the day.

This is an American love story—one that would challenge the nation’s core precepts of life, liberty, and justice for all—one that challenges us even now.

Email questions to: fdlbookclub@gmail.com



**KNIT & Crochet
GROUP**

1:00 PM, MONDAY • JANUARY 15

Bring your ideas and your projects!

Beginners to experienced. Ages 18+

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HEALTHY
CHOICE

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READY TO QUIT NICOTINE

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SMOKING CESSATION CLASS

5:30 PM @ THE FENVILLE DISTRICT
LIBRARY, TUESDAYS, JANUARY 9-30

**CORNER TO
THE PAST...**

Did you know

that we have more than just books and papers in the Marlynn Starring Local History and Genealogy Room? We have photos, microfilm, and even artifacts, like this bottle from the Goodrich & Andrews Druggists!!

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SOFT COVER
.25

MEDIA DVD/CD
.50

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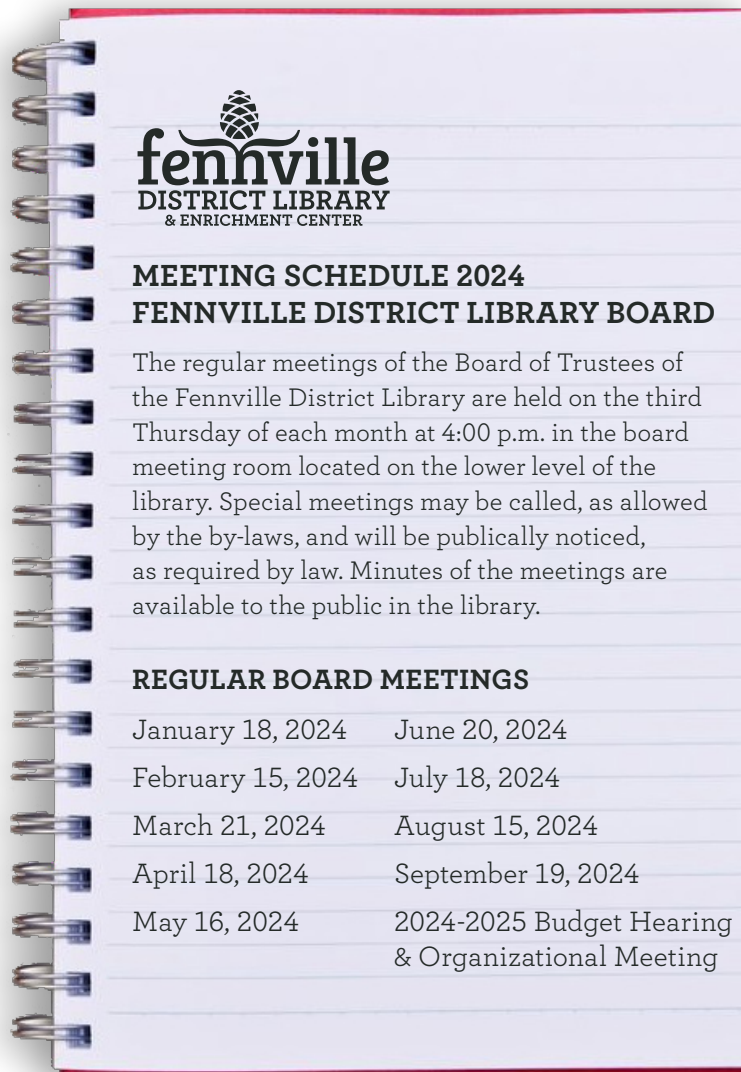
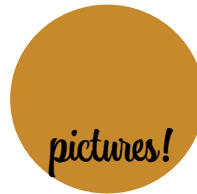
Look for these titles
on Libby!



CITY OF
FENNVILLE
FOURTH
FRIDAYS
IN FENNVILLE
JAN. 26, 5-7 PM

This event is downtown in Fennville. While you are having fun at all the events, make sure you visit the library staff for an activity!

Click the link, or pick up the January Book Page at the circ. desk!



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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.