



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Mark Your Calendars!

There are a few special and exciting programs coming to the library in May and early June. Make sure you get them into your schedules so you don't miss out!

First in the schedule are the Library Accessibility Community Conversations. These conversations are part of a grant awarded to the library from the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Libraries initiative from the American Library Association and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. To try to hear from as many people as possible, the library will be hosting two community conversations where participants can discuss disability accessibility at the library and what we can do to be more accessible. The library is specifically focusing on accessibility for people with blindness and/or low vision, but we would love to hear thoughts on other accessibility issues as well for future projects. The first conversation will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 3:30 PM, and the second will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 5:30 PM. Community members are welcome to attend one or both conversations. All participants will be entered into a raffle for a door prize at each conversation.

Also in May, the library is excited to be the host for Michigan Notable Author Richard Norton Smith on his tour to discuss his most recent book *An Ordinary Man: The Surprising Life and Historic Presidency of Gerald R. Ford*. Richard Norton Smith is a nationally recognized authority on the American presidency, as well as the acclaimed biographer of not just Gerald R. Ford but also George Washington, Herbert Hoover, and Nelson Rockefeller. He is also a familiar face to viewers of C-SPAN and The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, where he has appeared. As part of the Michigan Notable Books Tour, he is visiting the Fennville District Library on Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 PM. Refreshments at the event will be provided by the Fennville Friends of the Library. The Michigan Notable Books Program, through which this tour is occurring, is sponsored by the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

The next event to get on your calendars is the summer reading kickoff party for Trail of Stories: Adventure Begins! There will be two days of fun—on Friday, June 7 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be games, crafts, music, face painting, refreshments, read-alouds, barbecue... Whatever time you come by, you're sure to find something great to enjoy!

Whether you come to just one event or all of them, we hope to see you at some of the special programs here at the library soon!



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Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
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VANESSA'S
VIEW

There is no better challenge than Get Caught Reading Month in May. All month long, wherever you go, the campaign challenges every one of all ages to get caught reading!

#getcaughtreadingtips

Get caught reading to children. Find a cozy spot and create a routine that carries on throughout the year.

Place books for all ages in the car. Everyone will have something to read. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.

Read outdoors in a park after a walk. Or set up your own storytime and read to your animals... Real or plush.

Have 'DEAR' time at home! The rules of DEAR, or 'Drop Everything and Read', are simple: during DEAR time everybody in the house must immediately drop what they're doing and read. Plan your DEAR time in advance, but remember to keep it to yourself in order to create a sense of excitement and spontaneity, similar to announcing a special treat.

Join Miss Vanessa for Story Time, Monday mornings at 10:30 AM.

April showers have come and gone, now it's time to say hello to May flowers. And what better way to welcome in May than by reading Kevin Henkes book, *My Garden*, perfect for all of your gardening endeavors. The narrative of the book is fun and whimsical, as a little girl imagines what would be in her garden. Henkes colorful illustrations, with their bold, blue ink outlines make the book all the more delightful to look at. The illustrations are lively and demonstrate the beauty and wonder one can find in the garden.

NEW! YOUTH READS >>>

HOW TO *get caught* READING

It's simple - *get caught reading!* However, the campaign doesn't stop there. It encourages a life-long enjoyment of reading. Kick back with an article, book, magazine you enjoy and read. Use **#GetCaughtReadingMonth** to share on social media.

#getcaughtreadingtips

Include a book in every room in the house.

Encourage reading during stressful times as a way to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.

Read comic books together! The second day of May is Free Comic Book Day. Comic books are a great way to entice even the most reluctant of readers, particularly those who tend to be visual learners and engage more easily with small snippets of text.

Organize a book drive to collect new or nearly new books to supplement your classroom or school library, or to donate to families or a local children's hospital.

Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Party Friday, June 7 between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or Saturday, June 8 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.



MAY *flowers*

PICTURE BOOK
Tiny Wonders
by Sally Soweol Han

MIDDLE GRADE
How to Speak Flower
by Molly Williams
Illustrated by Miriam Bos

YOUNG ADULT
*100 Flowers and How
They Got Their Names*
by Diana Wells
Illustrated by Ippy Patterson

NEW! TWEEN READS>>>

get caught READING HISTORY

The Association of American Publishers founded the Get Caught Reading campaign in 1999. It's now managed by Every Child a reader and receives support from Lois Lenski Covey Foundation. The campaign runs all year long with May designated as Get Caught Reading Month.

#getcaughtreadingtips

Tuck magazines into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.

Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.

Charge up your digital reader's battery and load it up. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost.

Set up a book club with friends, relatives, or community members.

How about reading while watching a movie? Yes, you can! Watching a foreign movie on DVD from the library is a multilayered activity -- you are essentially reading for a couple of hours but you're also enjoying the movie and broadening your cultural horizons!

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GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>

DYSTOPIAN FANTASY

Welcome to Chromatacia, where the societal hierarchy is strictly regulated by one's limited color perception. Society is now color vision-segregated, professions, marriages, and leisure activities all dictated by an individual's visual ability.

Out on the fringes of Red Sector West, twenty-year-old Eddie Russett is being bullied into an arranged marriage with the powerful DeMauve family, purples who hope to redden up their progeny's color-viewing potential with Eddie's gene stock. Meanwhile, Eddie is engaged in an illegal relationship with his co-defendant, a Green, the charismatic, unpredictable, and occasionally deadly Jane Grey. Time is running out for Eddie and Jane to figure out how to save themselves. Negotiating the narrow boundaries of the Rules within their society, they search for a loophole—some truth of their world that has been hidden from its hyper-policed citizens.

START WITH BOOK ONE

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Is your deck ready for summer? In the April/May issue of *Family Handyman* you will find step-by-step tips on how to spruce up your deck so it's ready for the outdoor parties and cookouts. Have you been dreaming of that perfect porch swing? From the list of materials to the installation, this easy-to-follow plan will have you pumping your legs in no time. Keep the outdoor projects going with planter boxes, fire pits, and dog-friendly landscape ideas!



MICHELE'S MEDIA

I was born too late to experience the awe that came with the theater release of *Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope*. My generation had the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy that debuted on the big screen in 2001, and it was epic. The cinematic experience was so engrossing that you left believing in this magical place called Middle Earth. CGI is one of the backbones of the visual effects but the mix of actual costumes and traditional filming tricks keep the movie feeling real. No movie of epic proportions is without an amazing score. Just like *Star Wars*, I can visualize scenes based on the music that is playing, enhancing the enjoyment of these films. If you never got the chance to experience this trilogy on the big screen your chance is coming this June! Better yet, you will get to see the extended versions, which I personally watch on a regular basis. This is one trilogy that you shouldn't miss.

V Is For Victory
by Craig Nelson

In 1938, the United States was so politically isolationist and pacifist that its defense forces were smaller than Portugal's. That same year, Franklin Roosevelt ordered the federal government to spark a dramatic expansion in domestic airplane production, and this minor effort would in time become what Roosevelt called "the arsenal of democracy," the full-throttle unleashing of American enterprise and ingenuity that was the secret weapon for victory in World War II.

DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
5.1 @ 1:30 PM

In this "richly detailed, highly readable account of presidential leadership in perilous times" (New York Journal of Books), Craig Nelson traces how under FDR, the United States rose from poverty and solitude to defeat the greatest evils of the 20th century. By transforming what Americans thought they could achieve, FDR's efforts ended the Great Depression; conquered the fascists of Germany, Italy, and Japan; birthed America's middle-class affluence and consumer society; led to jet engines, computers, radar, the military-industrial complex, Big Science, and nuclear weapons; triggered a global economic boom; and turned the U.S. military into a worldwide titan—with America the undisputed leader of world affairs.

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JOIN US FOR MORE FUN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 10AM-2PM

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2024 MICHIGAN NOTABLE AUTHOR TOUR

Fennville District Library Welcomes

Richard Norton Smith

THURSDAY, MAY 30 at 6:00 PM

The SURPRISING LIFE and HISTORIC PRESIDENCY of GERALD R. FORD

An Ordinary Man

RICHARD NORTON SMITH

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CITY OF FENNVILLE

FOURTH FRIDAYS IN FENNVILLE

FRIDAY, MAY 24 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.

REMINDER!
We'll be **CLOSED** Monday, May 27

DESTINATION

stories AND songs

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! For ages 0-5.

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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.