

BETWEEN THE COVERS



Don't Let April Showers Get You Down...

...the Fennville District Library has got some of the best events in town! Need a spring break challenge? Drop in anytime Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8, from noon until 5:00 PM and puzzle out our Escape Room. You'll have 30 minutes to make your way through and earn your prize. Single players and groups of all ages are welcome.

Teens! Yes, you! Join the [Teen Library Council](#) (TLC) to help make the library the best place it can be for you. Be on the council to help staff develop and promote programs and services for other teens. We would also love to hear your suggestions for books and media purchases. Check out the [Teen Page](#) of our newsletter for the QR Code to sign up.

Tweens! We have something for you too! The Fennville District Library has partnered up with the Friends of Saugatuck Middle School in support of your very own book club. Any middle schoolers from the Fennville/Saugatuck area are welcome to join the [BYO Book Club](#)! Choose your own historical fiction book for April and then meet for a discussion on Thursday, April 26 at 4:00 PM, here at the library. We've got the snacks covered. While you are here check out our new Tween section of library books. These fiction and non-fiction books have been chosen just for your age group.

Are you looking for some after school fun? Stop by on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM and become a [STEAM Scout](#)! Explore STEAM at this weekly event for school-age youth. If bricks are your jam, join the challenge of [LEGO Lab](#) on Monday, April 11 at 4:00 PM.

April is National Financial Literacy Month! Stop by the circulation desk any day or time this month, and ask for a Beginners Budgeting Kit. This kit, for ages 13 and older, includes instructions and worksheets to help you start to get your finances in order. It's never too early to start working on that bank!

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ADORA and the DISTANCE

is a YA fantasy graphic novel following the epic adventures of Adora, a brave young woman of color who lives in a fantastical world with underground pirates, ghosts, and a mysterious force called “The Distance” which threatens to destroy it all.

In a JUNE 17, 2021 interview with *The Hollywood Reporter* author Marc Bernardin explains the inspiration for his graphic novel. (Read the entire article [here](#).)

THIS BOOK WAS ALMOST 15 YEARS IN THE MAKING. HOW DID IT BEGIN?

The idea popped into my head after my daughter was diagnosed with being on the autism spectrum. Friends told me I could process this by writing an article or book but I was always resistant to it. I didn't want to write a memoir, I didn't want to write a “here's how I dealt with it.” I wanted to know about the narrative that I didn't have access to, which was what was going on inside her head. Over the next couple of years, I kept returning to it and it merged into this fantasy story inspired by the content she liked.

WHAT'S THE REACTION BEEN SO FAR?

It's been incredibly heartwarming. One of the things I was very mindful was I know the spectrum is a vast landscape of people with various levels of ability and needs and desires. Hearing from people on the spectrum who have read and it and felt connected to it has been heartening. That's the part that means the world to me.



TYPES OF SERVICES FOR Teenagers with Autism

IEP - An Individualized Education Program (IEP) addresses the needs of a student, from elementary through high school.

TRANSITION PLAN - The transition plan includes evaluations and planning for employment in adulthood. Planning can begin in high school but it may begin earlier in some cases.

COUNSELING - Teens can have individual counseling in school or with help from their case managers. Counseling can focus on specific areas, including behavior, socialization, communication, and organizational skills.

VOCATIONAL - Teens can receive vocational training so they can continue their education or enter the workforce after high school.

THERAPY - A teen may continue to have therapy, including occupational and speech therapy.

HABILITATION - Teens with low-functioning autism can receive habilitation services that focus on self help skills through local service organizations.

SUPPORT GROUPS - The Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Association has a monthly support group for people ages 13 to 19 years.

Teen LIBRARY COUNCIL

Join the Teen Library Council to help make the library the best place it can be for *you!*

Fill out the application, and the TLC staff advisor will contact you!

#AutismAcceptance

GRAPHICS CORNER

UPDATED & EXPANDED

Autism is usually portrayed as a checklist of deficits, including difficulties interacting socially, problems in communicating, sensory challenges, and repetitive behavior patterns. This perspective leads to therapies focused on ridding individuals of autistic symptoms. In *Uniquely Human*, Dr. Barry M. Prizant suggests a major shift in

understanding autism: Instead of classifying “autistic” behaviors as signs of pathology, he sees them as strategies to cope with a world that feels chaotic and overwhelming. Rather than curb these behaviors, it’s better to enhance abilities, build on strengths, and offer supports that will naturally lead to more desirable behavior and a better quality of life.

Winner of the Autism Society of America’s Dr. Temple Grandin Award for the Outstanding Literary Work in Autism

Including inspiring stories and practical advice, *Uniquely Human* offers a compassionate and insightful perspective that parents, professionals, and family members will find uplifting and hopeful.

Check out these resources in print or online at [The Autism Discussion Page on Facebook](#).

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Pantries, closets, and drawers...Oh MY! This issue of *Good Housekeeping* is full of tips and tricks for getting, and keeping, everything in its place. So get your label-makers ready for a fun organizing adventure for every room in your house!



MICHELE'S MEDIA

Since embarking on my son’s autism journey 8 years ago (he is now 10), I have read many books in the hopes of being the best parent I can be to him. In the beginning, it was all of the books in the vein of what to do after a diagnosis, early intervention, how to navigate the system, and then how to navigate life. It was daunting and overwhelming, and I wasn’t sure I could read enough to prepare me for what would come day after day. My head was swimming with so many facts and steps I had to make a shift from the textbook (which, don’t get me wrong, was extremely helpful, and highly recommended) type of reading to profound eye-opening biographies and stories with heart-touching fictional characters with autism. From experience, if you are new to this, pace yourself, and in the meantime, take a break from the hardcore reading and try out a few of my favorites.

DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
5.4 @ 1:30 PM

The Woman in Cabin 10
by Ruth Ware

Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a travel magazine, has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise with only a handful of cabins. The sky is clear, the waters calm, and the venerated, select guests jovial as the exclusive cruise ship, the Aurora, begins her voyage in the picturesque North Sea. At first, Lo's stay is nothing but pleasant: the cabins are plush, the dinner parties are sparkling, and the guests are elegant. But as the week wears on, frigid winds whip the deck, gray skies fall, and Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a dark and terrifying nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. The problem? All passengers remain accounted for and so, the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something (or someone) has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

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From non-verbal to public speaker and college professor, Temple Grandin has written many books guiding and inspiring individuals on their own autism journey.



Dr. Temple Grandin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Temple's achievements are remarkable because she was a child with autism. At age two, she had speech delays as well as other signs of severe autism. Many hours of speech therapy and intensive training enabled Temple ultimately to speak. As a teenager, life was hard with constant teasing. Mentoring by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her ranch in Arizona motivated Temple to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer. She is a popular international lecturer on autism, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, and the author of *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*; *Thinking in Pictures: Other Reports from My Life with Autism*; *Animals in Translation*; *Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships*; *The Way I See It*; *The Autistic Brain*; *Thinking Across the Spectrum*; *DIFFERENT...Not Less*; and many more.

"We have got to work on keeping these children engaged with the world." ~ Temple Grandin

Read more about Temple Grandin's life.



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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.