



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Early Literacy at FDL!

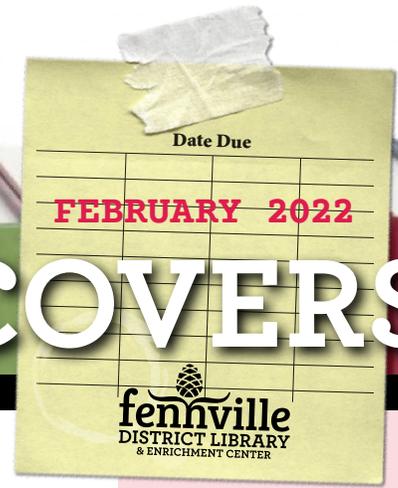
Most parents agree that what they want most for their child is that they be healthy, happy, and successful in life. One of the best ways to promote success is through early learning opportunities, starting them on a path that determines their abilities in kindergarten and beyond. Unfortunately, families in rural and low-income communities have fewer resources to help provide those early learning opportunities for their young children before they enter kindergarten. The difference this lack of resources causes is quantifiable; rural and children in lower-income families are exposed to around 30-million fewer words than their affluent and urban counterparts. Children who display this word gap are shown to perform below their peers and remain behind throughout their entire education. Fennville District Library is committed to helping close this gap in our own community by offering a number of early learning activities.

One of the ways to close the word gap is by talking to your child, which is why [Help Me Grow Allegan](#) is partnering with community institutions, like the library, to offer [Talking is Teaching](#). This campaign offers families tips, songs, books, and games to better connect with your children every day. We have a monthly display in the picture book area with books that match a Talking is Teaching theme. This display also has a poster advertising meetings of the Fennville area playgroup. We also have brand new [Early Literacy kits](#) that are available through checkout, provided by a grant to expand our Talking is Teaching efforts. These kits have books, toys, and other goodies that provide a multitude of opportunities to interact with your little ones. While they're not holdable or renewable, they do check out for a full three weeks, and with five different bags, there's plenty of fun to be had!

We also understand that it can be difficult to know how to integrate early learning into your daily life, which is why we're excited to offer [TALK](#) (Text and Learn Kindergarten.) This fantastic resource is completely free—all you have to pay for is your texting service! Twice a week, you'll receive a text with suggestions of how you can make any time learning time with your child. Just text TALK to 75547 to get started, and learn how you can read, write, sing, talk, and play with your child to help promote their learning.

While writing, singing, talking, and playing are important for your child's development, it's generally agreed that reading aloud to a young child is the best way you can help prepare them to become readers themselves. Books have a much richer vocabulary than every day speech, and reading the same book over and over helps cement new language in a young child's mind. This is why we offer [1,000 Books before Kindergarten](#), sponsored by the Allegan County Library Association and Allegan County United Way. Whether you read the same book 1,000 times, or you read 1,000 different books, participants have to read 1,000 books out loud to their child before they enter kindergarten. We help make this program a little more fun too by offering prizes at each 100 book benchmark! Stop by the library to learn more.

~Abi Avery, Youth Services, Fennville District Library



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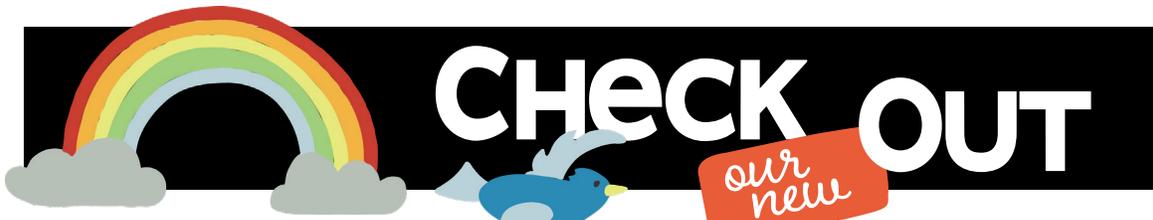
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WEDNESDAY
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ALL DAY




Disney PIXAR
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TUESDAY
2.15
2:00 PM

FREE, ALL AGES, SPECIAL SHOWING OF *LUCA*! SNACKS ARE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR OR BLANKET.

IT'S 2/22/22 ON A TUESDAY! CELEBRATE THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME DAY BY CHECKING OUT SOME ITEMS AT THE LIBRARY. IF YOU CHECK OUT TWO BOOKS ON THIS DAY, WE'LL GIVE YOU A SPECIAL PRIZE! ALL AGES CAN PARTICIPATE.

TUESDAY
2.22
ALL DAY




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PICTURE BOOK
The Turtle Ship
by Helena Ku Rhee

MIDDLE GRADE
When You Trap a Tiger
by Tae Keller

YOUNG ADULT
Wicked Fox
by Kat Cho

FUTURE READS >>>>>

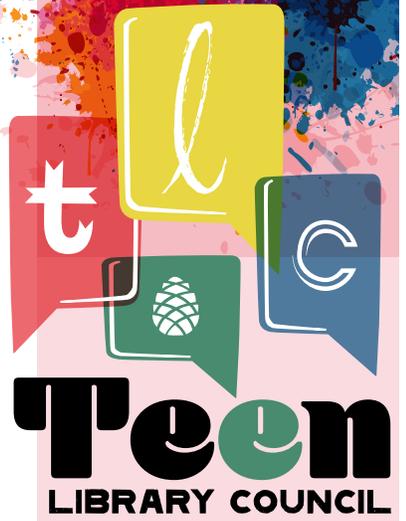
Rural Georgia 1954

As infants, twin sisters Charlie Yates and Magnolia Heathwood were secretly separated after the brutal lynching of their parents, who died for loving across the color line. Now, at the dawn of the Civil Rights

Movement, Charlie is a young Black organizer in Harlem, while white-passing Magnolia is the heiress to a cotton plantation in rural Georgia.

The sisters reunite as teenagers in the deeply haunted town of Eureka, Georgia, where ghosts linger centuries after their time and dangers lurk behind every mirror. They couldn't be more different, but they will need each other to put the hauntings of the past to rest, to break the mirrors' deadly curse—and to discover the meaning of sisterhood in a racially divided land.

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GRAPHICS CORNER

A NOVEL IN
Letters

A Black father makes amends with his gay son through letters written on his deathbed in this wise and penetrating novel of empathy and forgiveness, for fans of Ta-Nehisi Coates, Robert Jones Jr. and Alice Walker

As Jacob lies dying, he begins to write a letter to his only son, Isaac. They have not met or spoken in many years, and there are things that Isaac must know. Stories about his ancestral legacy in rural Arkansas that extend back to slavery. Secrets from Jacob’s tumultuous relationship with Isaac’s mother and the shame he carries from the dissolution of their family. Tragedies that informed Jacob’s role as a father and his reaction to Isaac’s being gay.

But most of all, Jacob must share with Isaac the unspoken truths that reside in his heart. He must give voice to the trauma that Isaac has inherited. And he must create a space for the two to find peace.

With piercing insight and profound empathy, acclaimed author Daniel Black illuminates the lived experiences of Black fathers and queer sons, offering an authentic and ultimately hopeful portrait of reckoning and reconciliation. Spare as it is sweeping, poetic as it is compulsively readable, *Don’t Cry for Me* is a monumental novel about one family grappling with love’s hard edges and the unexpected places where hope and healing take flight.

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S
CURRENT ISSUE

From Muskegon to Fargo this issue of *Midwest Living* highlights some of winter’s most unique and fun outdoor activities! Come in from the cold to the smell of fresh baked bread with the “Do-Anything Artisan Bread” recipe from home baker, Cathy Drabkin.



MICHELE'S
MEDIA

A few weekends ago I found myself consumed with a book titled, *A Little Closer to Home: How I Found the Calm After the Storm* by Ginger Zee.

Before picking up this book I had no idea who Ginger Zee was. No preconceived notion based on her on-air persona as the chief meteorologist for ABC News.

Within this woman’s narrative I saw pages of my own story unfurl before me. I too was an 80’s kid who grew up in a broken home, partied harder than a girl should have, lives with depression, and who found myself at a time in my life when I thought ending it was the only way out.

Ginger Zee delivers a safe space, through her own emotionally painful story, to others who have found themselves dealing with the ramifications of their own life-altering choices, a place to find comfort in knowing that there is no shame for those who live with mental health issues and that healing is possible through honesty and love.

Whiskey & Charlie

by Annabel Smith

Whiskey & Charlie is a captivating debut novel of brothers who have drifted apart and the accident that will determine their future, by an unforgettable new voice exploring the struggles and strengths of the sibling bond.

Some twins communicate in a secret language all their own. For Whiskey and Charlie Ferns, the two-way alphabet (alpha, bravo, charlie, delta) whispered back and forth over their crackly walkie-talkies is the best they can do. But as the brothers grow up, they grow apart. Whiskey is everything Charlie is not—bold, daring, carefree—and Charlie blames his brother for always stealing the limelight, always striving ahead while seeming to push Charlie back. By the time the twins reach adulthood, they are barely even speaking to each other.

When Charlie hears that Whiskey has been in a terrible accident and has slipped into a coma, he is shocked...although perhaps not devastated. But as days and weeks slip by and the chances of Whiskey recovering grow ever more slim, Charlie is forced to look back on their lives and examine whether or not Whiskey's actions were truly as unforgivable as Charlie believed them to be.

Email questions to:
fdlbookclub@gmail.com

DISCUSSION:
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2
@ 1:30 PM



KNIT & Crochet GROUP

1:00 PM, MONDAY • FEBRUARY 7 & 21

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

The Fennville Friends volunteers have been busy with donations. Be sure to stop in and see what's new!

Selections change weekly!



CORNER TO THE PAST...

Have you ever been curious about where places like New Richmond or Plummerville got their names? Or how our early settlers did business with the American Fur Company in what would later be a trading post called Mack's Landing?

Author [Kit Lane](#) has written several books about what was considered the "Fruit Belt of Western Allegan County" giving a comprehensive history of Fennville and the surrounding villages which all began in the late 1800's and the "First Settlers in the Swamp." These books, and others by Kit Lane, are available for you to check out from our main collection. More books about the history of Fennville can be found in the Marlynn Starring Genealogy and Local History collection.





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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.