



BETWEEN THE COVERS



A new year... A new challenge! ~

Often when someone asks me what kind of books I like or what I would recommend I'm tempted to say "all of them!" There has always been a good variety of books on my "I've read that" list, but over the past two years I decided that I would expand my tastes in genres and increase my number of books read. 2019 was the first year I challenged myself. In order to meet or even possibly exceed my goals I had to drop the paper books and turn to audio books for about 70% of my reading. At first I thought it was cheating, but the more I listened the more I found how much I enjoyed hearing someone else's voice.

Another way I reached my goal was by reading graphic novels. Let me tell you, they aren't just super hero comic books anymore. Graphic novels bring a different dimension to reading. Many classic titles have been given a graphic makeover, including *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Moby Dick*, and *Anne Frank's Diary*.

2020 was obviously a challenge in itself, but it did give me little more "free time" to beat my 2019 book count. Now with 2021 here I would like to invite fellow readers to create their own Reading Challenge! Here are some ways to help you start:

Participate in [library reading challenges](#) and programs. These often end with prize drawings, and who doesn't like prizes!

Invite a friend or family member to a friendly reading competition.

Don't be afraid to break your reading mold. Try something new!

Join a [book club](#). We have a great one at the library!

Set your goal and keep track of your progress by using an app like [Goodreads](#). It's a great way to add titles to a "want to read" list and to look back to see what you have already read.

Use an app like [Libby](#) to listen to books while you drive, shop, or mow the lawn. You can also read books right in the app, or download them to your Kindle. It's great for readers who are on-the-go.

Whatever challenge you create or however you reach your goal, it's a great year to read!

~ Michele, Fennville District Library Staff

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A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A.A. MILNE MEANS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WINNIE THE POOH TOO!

On January 18, 1882, the creator of Winnie the Pooh was born. Now every year on January 18, children and adults alike celebrate this honey-loving bear. You too can celebrate this special day by reading your favorite Winnie the Pooh story to a stuffed animal or family member. Read about the real bear that inspired the character with *Finding Winnie*. Or, cuddle up for an evening movie with a delicious **Honey Milkshake**.

BLEND:

- 1 Cup milk
- 2 Cups vanilla ice cream
- 1/3 Cup honey
- Top with whipped cream



youth **EVENTS**

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR VIRTUAL PROGRAMING!

All virtual programing is presented by a Youth Services Staff Member and can be viewed on the Fennville District Library Facebook page.



it's a
dragon...

PICTURE BOOK
The Storybook Knight
by Helen Docherty

MIDDLE GRADE
The Fire Within
by Chris D'Lacey

YOUNG ADULT
Eragon
by Christopher Paolini

craftCLUB
TUESDAYS

**FAMILY
SCIENCE**
THURSDAYS

**Music and
movement**
FRIDAYS

A SURVIVAL STORY OF TEEN-VS-NATURE

When a fire cuts off a popular trail in the Oregon forest, a small group trapped by the flames must find another way out—or die—in this unrelenting teen-vs-nature thriller.

Natalia is not the kind of girl who takes risks. Eight years ago, she barely survived the house fire that killed her baby brother.

Now she is always prepared, and never steps in harm's way. All summer, Natalia's friend Wyatt begs her to come hiking along the river, and finally she agrees to come.

This perfect sunny day suddenly morphs into a colossal nightmare as a wildfire erupts, severing their path out of the park. With no cell service and no way out, a group of strangers will have to become allies if they're going to outpace the fire.

#COWBOYpoetryGATHERING

Every year for a week there is a unique gathering in Elko, NV... a National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. While gaining its official event name 36 years ago some say that this cowboy pilgrimage actually started nearly a hundred years back. In Elko, and many other locations nationwide, ranchers gather to share their western way of life creatively in song, dance, art, poetry, storytelling, food, exhibits and workshops. It is six days of modern fellowship rooted in tradition.

Like most gatherings this year, the 2021 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering week will be offering online programming, foregoing in-person events, referring to it as their Rodear Year, with "rodear" meaning that ranchers gather their cattle together in a circle to perform their work instead of in a corral. Visit their website for more information. In the meantime check out some cowboy poetry and come up with your own tale to tell, and share it with the hashtag #rodearyear.

www.nationalcowboypoetrygathering.org



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TEEN PROGRAMING!

EVERY WEDNESDAY
LAUREN REVIEWS A
BOOK AND GIVES A
MEDIA SUGGESTION
BASED ON THE
WEEKLY THEME.

- 1/6 NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH
- 1/13 KOREAN AMERICAN DAY
- 1/20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- 1/27 LIBRARY SHELFIE DAY

Nadia Owusu grew up all over the world—from Rome and London to Dar-es-Salaam and Kampala. When her mother abandoned her when she was two years old, the rejection caused Nadia to be confused about her identity. Even after her father died when she was thirteen and she was raised by her stepmother, she was unable to come to terms with who she was since she still felt motherless and alone.

When Nadia went to university in America when she was eighteen she still felt as if she had so many competing personas that she couldn't keep track of them all without cracking under the pressure of trying to hold herself together. A powerful coming-of-age story that explores timely and universal themes of identity, *Aftershocks* follows Nadia's life as she hauls herself out of the wreckage and begins to understand that the only ground firm enough to count on is the one she writes into existence.

Barack Before Obama - David Katz
The Prophets - Robert Jones Jr.
All the Colors of Night - Jayne Ann Krentz
American Traitor - Brad Taylor
The Push - Ashley Audrain
Twenty - James Grippando
The Frozen Crown - Greta Kelly

Waiting for the Night Song - Julie Dalton
Yellow Wife - Sadeqa Johnson
Saving Justice - James Comey
The Forever Girl - Jill Shalvis
Before She Disappeared - Lisa Gardner
Irish Parade Murder - Leslie Meier
Extraterrestrial - Avi Loeg



Returns are **FINE FREE** through Wednesday, March 31!

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



LAUREN'S BOOK SHELF

Between *The Pandemic* and *The Michigan Winter* most families are staying home more. Take advantage of this time to catch up on your movie list. Need some help picking out a classic? *1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die* is a great place to start if you are looking for inspiration.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

One might say that I'm arriving a little late to the Highlands table. Join me for a bowl of stew and a mug of ale with lairds, ladies, spies, warriors, witches, outlaws, Jacobites, and Redcoats in this time-traveling, romantic, historical adventure. *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon, was first published in 1991, and at 640 pages, it's a hefty read. I tackled it in e-audiobook format (available on Libby) spending close to 33 hours consumed by thickly accented, headstrong characters in a nearly historically accurate account of 18th century Scotland. After falling back into time 200 years, former combat nurse and heroine, Claire, finds herself in war torn Scotland with knowledge of a detrimental battle to come. It's not often you find a TV series that stays fairly true to its book predecessor. Though I'm only one book and one season into *Outlander*, this has been a nice surprise. It is a beautifully filmed series, rich in Scottish landscape, culture, music, and costume.

the Fennville Friends in their own words...

Meet volunteer, Kathy Loew

Why did you choose to be a volunteer of the Fennville Friends?

I choose to be a friend of the Fennville District Library because I enjoy reading. I also like to take part in offering my help to aid the staff wherever I can. I also enjoy working in our used bookstore shelving new donations!

What does being a Fennville Friend mean to you?

Being a Fennville Friend means we are “giving back” to our community.

Who is your favorite author, or favorite book and why?

I have so many authors I enjoy... the new author Ginny Dye of the Bregdon Chronicles, Robyn Carr, Deborah Harkness, Blake, Stuart, Eloisa James, Sparks, Chapman, Maxwell, Diana Gabaldon, and one of my very favorites is Sara Donati of the “Into The Wilderness” series.



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FRIENDS of the
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The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek

by Howard Markel

John Harvey Kellogg was one of America's most beloved physicians; a best-selling author, lecturer, and health-magazine publisher; founder of the Battle Creek Sanitarium; and patron saint of the pursuit of wellness. His youngest brother, Will, was the founder of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, which revolutionized the mass production of food and what we eat for breakfast.

In *The Kelloggs*, Howard Markel tells the sweeping saga of these two extraordinary men, whose lifelong competition and enmity toward one another changed America's notion of health and wellness from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries, and who helped change the course of American medicine, nutrition, wellness, and diet.

ZOOM DISCUSSION MEETING: Wednesday, January 6 @ 1:30 PM

Email questions to:
fdlbookclub@gmail.com

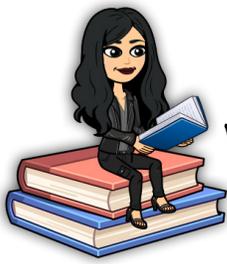
CORNER TO THE PAST...

What year did you graduate?

Our collection of Fennville Public School yearbooks is quite a sight to see. Countless times over the years many have come to reflect on their high school years, or search for the faces of friends and family members. We are happy to have had the opportunity to have the majority of these volumes digitized. Now we have interactive, searchable PDFs on disc for the years 1960-2011. Earlier yearbook volumes, 1938-1959, are still only available to access in book form. We are missing a few years including: 1940, 41, 43, 44, 45 and most currently, 2012 to present. If you have any of these years and would like to donate them to our collection we would be happy to add them.

**While constrained to curbside services we cannot offer access to our yearbook collection at this time. Please keep this reference in mind for the future.*

>CLICK TO JOIN THE CHALLENGE



Yessenia's SELECCIONES

Mira nuestra selección de libros en español. Tenemos una gran variedad de libros para toda la familia. Donde todos pueden disfrutar de una buena historia; sea en un libro impreso o en línea. Nuestra selección de libros en línea se puede encontrar en Overdrive y Libby. Solo necesita su tarjeta de la biblioteca para abrir su cuenta. Nuestro libro del mes tiene lugar en la naturaleza. Nuestra primera selección para los niños es el libro Galapagos Girl/ Galapagueña. Este libro bilingüe, se trata de una niña que se llama Valentina. Valentina está muy orgullosa de su querida

isla Floreana en Galápagos. Donde le gusta andar con los animales de la isla. Valentina se da cuenta que algunos de los animales están en peligro de extinción, y quiere ayudar a proteger a los queridos animales de la isla. Nuestra segunda selección para los adultos de este mes es La Chica Salvaje. Kya que fue abandonada a los seis años en la selva. Allí aprende cómo sobrevivir en la selva. La gente del pueblo cercano está acusando a la joven Kya de un crimen. En esta historia tan emocionante y conmovedora, nos enseña los límites de un secreto, entre la verdad y la mentira.



The library is offering grab and go kits. The **Take and Make** kit, intended for school-age children, contains supplies and simple instructions for a new craft each week.

- 1/4 POLAR BEAR
- 1/11 GINGERBREAD HOUSE
- 1/18 PENGUIN
- 1/25 ICE SKATES

The weekly **Alpha-Buddies** kit, intended for children ages 3 to 5, contains various activities centered on the alphabet.

Both of these kits can be requested and picked up via curbside. Call 269-561-5050 while supplies last.

MUNCHY MONDAYS



A new, all ages, program made its debut on our Facebook page on Monday, December 7. Youth Services Librarian, Yessenia, presented a quick informative video showing us how to make homemade tortillas. The following Monday, Youth Services Librarian, Abi, whipped up a gluten free Ozark Skillet Cake. This recipe was from the cookbook *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking From the Heartland* by Shauna Sever. Look for a new Munchy Monday video on January 4!



Don't forget to use these videos to fulfill the library event requirement for the Readopoly Winter Reading Challenge!



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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.