

BETWEEN THE COVERS



A Welcome Place for Teens...

In March, the Fennville District Library was the proud recipient of a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the TAG Team at the [Allegan County Community Foundation](#). The TAG Team (Teens Aiding Growth) is a Youth Advisory Council for the ACCF with over 200 local student members that was founded in 1995. These students help address the needs of their peers and help to give back to their communities by determining the recipients of many scholarships and grants in Allegan County.



With this generous grant, the Fennville District Library is working to create a comfortable environment for teens to explore, interact, and imagine. Our number one goal is to create an inviting, safe, and supportive space for all teens in our community. This will be a dedicated space to complete homework, do research, participate in programs, and be creative, all for free. Teens will have access to programming that will aid in their life skills and development including: speakers, career workshops, college resources, and skilled labor presentations. Dedicated teen-focused book talks and clubs, coffeehouse events, and creative crafts programming are also in the works.

One unique addition to our dedicated teen space will be a health and hygiene closet. Teens will have free access to supplies such as: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, deodorant, wet wipes, hand-sanitizer, shampoo, and menstrual products.

It is our sincere hope that teens will find the Fennville District Library a welcome space that encourages a solid community connection, a safe place to share ideas, and provides resources needed for life-long learning. Our new space will be available to teens on a daily basis starting Friday, June 10.

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mysticism JEWISH legend

Hannah's whole life has been spent in motion. Her mother has kept her and her brother, Gabe, on the road for as long as she can remember, leaving a trail of rental homes and faded relationships behind them. No roots, no family but one another, and no explanations.

All that changes on Hannah's seventeenth birthday when she wakes up transformed, a pair of golden eyes with knife-slit pupils blinking back at her from the mirror—the first of many such impossible mutations. Promising that she knows someone who can help, her mother leaves Hannah and Gabe behind to find a cure. But as the days turn to weeks and their mother doesn't return, they realize it's up to them to find the truth.

What they discover is a family they never knew and a history more tragic and fantastical than Hannah could have dreamed—one that stretches back to her grandmother's childhood in Prague under the Nazi occupation, and beyond, into the realm of Jewish mysticism and legend. As the past comes crashing into the present, Hannah must hurry to unearth their family's secrets in order to break the curse and save the people she loves most, as well as herself.

Check out more titles by Jewish authors.



Jewish Book Council, founded in 1944, is the longest-running organization devoted exclusively to the support and celebration of Jewish literature.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE

Jewish American Heritage Month reflects on the contributions of the Jewish people to a young and growing nation. Their culture and history go far beyond the founding date of the United States.

In every sector of the nation, Jews have made vital contributions to the culture and molding of the country. From the early progress of colonies deciding to raise arms against the British to our courts, they continue to build upon the civilization their forefathers sought. Others brought their scientific knowledge, while a community of

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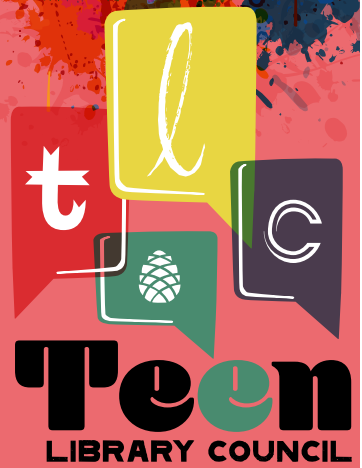
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business leaders created foundations. They also filled the world of arts with immense talent, entertaining us, creating classic compositions, or writing timeless works.

Jewish American Heritage Month also looks at the history of injustice the Jewish people have had to overcome for centuries. It's a time to reflect on the tragic conditions they suffered and, at times, continue to face. The observance also offers the opportunity to end anti-Semitism and learn the history behind it. ~ www.nationaldaycalendar.com



TUESDAY
MAY 3 @ 4:00

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

you!

#JewishAmericanHeritageMonth

GRAPHICS CORNER

A tender, immersive family saga...

Morgan Flowers just wants to hide. Raised by their neurodivergent father, Morgan has grown up haunted by the absence of their mysterious mother Zoe, especially now, as they navigate their gender identity and the turmoil of first love. Their father Julian has raised Morgan with care, but he can't quite fill the gap left by the dazzling and destructive Zoe, who fled to Europe on Morgan's

first birthday. And when Zoe is dumped by her girlfriend Brigid, she suddenly comes crashing back into Morgan and Julian's lives, poised to disrupt the fragile peace they have so carefully cultivated.

Through it all, Julian and Brigid have become unlikely pen-pals and friends, united by the knowledge of what it's like to love and lose Zoe; they both know that she hasn't changed. Despite the red flags, Morgan is swiftly drawn into Zoe's glittering orbit and into a series of harmful missteps, and Brigid may be the only link that can pull them back from the edge. A story of betrayal and trauma alongside queer love and resilience, *All the Things We Don't Talk About* is a celebration of and a reckoning with the power and unintentional pain of a thoroughly modern family.



Amy Feltman graduated from Vassar College in 2010 and earned her M.F.A. in Fiction at Columbia University in 2016, where she was also a Creative Writing Graduate Teaching Fellow. She is the author of *All the Things We Don't Talk About* (May 2022) and *Willa & Hesper* (2019), which was longlisted for the National Jewish Book Awards' Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction.

Movie Preview...



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Fire up the grill and get ready for summer with this mouth watering issue! Not only will you find recipes for perfectly grilled proteins paired with tasty sides, the fruit boards and dessert kebabs will add a delectable finishing touch to any cookout!



MICHELE'S MEDIA

I remember watching *Everything is Illuminated* when it came out in 2005 and decided it was time to revisit it and recall why it has been on my top 10 ever since.

Having come off the much more recognizable role of Frodo Baggins, Elijah Wood embarks on a new journey in search of a woman in a photo taken in the time of a war-torn Ukraine (sound familiar?). Watching this movie after having just watched the evening news, I recognized some of the places, putting this movie on a whole new level of heartfelt despair.

Wood's character is Jonathan Safran Foer (who is also the author of the book of the same name) who travels the countryside with his guides, Alex, who has an affinity for American pop culture, his enigmatic grandfather, and their dog Sammy Davis Jr Jr. Their forced comradeship is mixed with touches of humor in an attempt to bridge their cultural gap along with feelings of melancholy as the past is revealed and lives change.

Titles subject to change.

**The Book
Woman's
Daughter**

by Kim Michele
Richardson

In the ruggedness
of the beautiful
Kentucky mountains,

Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good.

Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. Honey is looking to prove that she doesn't need anyone telling her how to survive, but the route can be treacherous, and some folks aren't as keen to let a woman pave her own way. If Honey wants to bring the freedom that books provide to the families who need it most, she's going to have to fight for her place, and along the way, learn that the extraordinary women who run the hills and hollers can make all the difference in the world.

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**CORNER TO
THE PAST...**

A Time to Remember

A History of the Jewish Community in South Haven

“Chronicling the story of this once-thriving Jewish resort community is a significant contribution not only to the record of Jewish life in Michigan, but also to the history of the American experience itself. An era is re-created here when South Haven was flourishing with as many as 63 resorts run by immigrant Jewish entrepreneurs and their families for a Jewish clientele - a phenomenon unique to its time in the 1920s, 30s and 40s and specific to this jewel of a location on the shores of Lake Michigan. The reader senses the ethnic homogeneity, the togetherness, the warmth, the tastes and smells of the food, the jokes, the matchmaking, the fun of the beach and the natural beauty of the place that all added up to the special spirit of the South Haven vacations.” ~ *Judith Levin Cantor, Jewish Historical Society of Michigan*



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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.