

BETWEEN THE COVERS



The Saugatuck Douglas Fennville Arts Initiative along with the City of Fennville and the Fennville District Library invite you to join us at a sculpture dedication ceremony for “Reaching for the Stars” by sculptor Hector Vega.

The dedication ceremony will be held at the Fennville District Library on May 6th from 6-9 PM.

dedication **REACHING FOR THE STARS** *ceremony*

Featuring music by Fennville band **Grupo Fierro**

Additional paintings on display by artist Hector Vega.

Refreshments provided by Salt of the Earth, El Jaripeo, Root Café, Blue Goose Café and the Fennville Friends of the Library.

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Current Hours:
Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday 2 - 4pm

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BETTER SPEECH AND LANGUAGE MONTH

Throughout May, Better Speech and Language Month aims to raise awareness concerning disorders of speech, hearing, voice, and language. Communication disorders can develop at any point during a lifetime. The causes vary, too. Sometimes disorders appear at birth, impacting speech and communication. Other times, injury, illness or a genetic disorder develops.

Regardless of the cause, treatments and alternate means of communication provide options. Early

intervention can help to identify external causes or help to address hearing concerns in children. Using hearing protection on the job and listening to music and other media at reasonable levels will help to preserve hearing. Even short-term exposure can have damaging effects.

There are a variety of illnesses that speech-language pathologists and audiologists can work together on a plan of treatment to improve quality of life and improve recovery.

#BETTERSPEECHANDLANGUAGEMONTH

- Learn about Better Speech and Language Month by visiting the [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#) website.
- Share your speech-language-hearing success and struggles.
- Give a shout-out to your favorite audiologist or speech-language pathologist. ~ [nationaldaycalendar.com](#)



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AWARENESS
week

PICTURE BOOK

Listen

by Shannon Stocker

MIDDLE GRADE

Song for a Whale

by Lynne Kelly

YOUNG ADULT

The Words in My Hands

by Asphyxia

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A young adult graphic novel that captures the complexities of the war in Ukraine, focusing on the siege of Mariupol and the brave people who stayed to defend their city against Russian forces as well as the resulting effects on global politics.

A city ruined. In once quiet residential streets, two armies battle, driving people into cellars and basements with little food or water. No lights or heat. Dwindling medical supplies. Shells and bullets deliver cruel, random death to the young and old, men, women, and children. This is Mariupol, a Ukrainian city and early target of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Bordering Russian-occupied territory, the coastal city seemed doomed to a defeat that would come within days, if not hours. Could Mariupol, and Ukraine, survive? As Russian rockets threatened the city, Ukrainians resisted, and with a heroic combination of sacrifice and bravery, the besieged city endured... for months. But it all came at a steep cost.

THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN THE MILITARY?

You have plenty of options in the five branches of the U.S. armed services and reserves. Each has a unique mission.

U.S. ARMY - Defends U.S. interests and those of its allies through land-based operations anywhere in the world. Army personnel work in jobs ranging from general administration to the operation and maintenance of weapons, vehicles, aircraft carriers, and electronic systems.

U.S. NAVY - Defends the right to travel and trade freely on the world's oceans and protects U.S. interests overseas during times of international conflict. They serve on ships, submarines, in aviation positions on land and sea, and at shore bases around the world.

U.S. AIR FORCE - Flies aircraft, such as long-range bombers, supersonic fighters, and many others, to protect the interests of America and its allies.

U.S. MARINE CORPS - One of the most elite fighting forces in the world. Marines fly planes and helicopters, operate radar equipment, drive armored vehicles, and gather intelligence.

U.S. COAST GUARD - Protects U.S. coastlines and inland waterways by enforcing customs and fishing laws, combating drug smuggling, conducting search and rescue missions, maintaining lighthouses, and promoting boat safety.

MILITARY RESERVES - Each military branch has a reserve component. Participation in the reserves provides valuable benefits without giving up your civilian employment or schooling.

Find out more at www.careeronestop.org

#MilitaryAppreciationMonth

GRAPHICS CORNER

A MEMOIR OF WAR, CONSCIENCE, AND FAMILY SECRETS

As a boy growing up in Oklahoma, Burkhard Bilger often heard his parents tell stories about the Germany of their youth. Winters in the Black Forest, when the snow piled up to the eaves and haunches of smoked speck hung from the rafters. Springtime along the Rhine, when the storks came

home to nest on rooftops. His parents were born in 1935 and had lived through the Second World War, but those stories, vivid as they were, had strange omissions. His mother was a historian, yet she rarely talked about her father’s relationship to the Nazis, or his role in the war. Then one day a packet of letters arrived from Germany, yellowed with age, and a secret history began to unfold.

Fatherland is the story of Bilger’s nearly ten-year quest to uncover the truth. It is a book of gripping suspense and moral inquiry—a tale of chance encounters and serendipitous discoveries in archives and villages across Germany and France. Long admired for his profiles in *The New Yorker*, Bilger brings the same open-hearted curiosity to his grandfather’s story and the questions it raises. What do we owe the past? How can we make peace with it without perpetuating its wrongs? Intimate and far-reaching, *Fatherland* is an extraordinary odyssey through the great upheavals of the past century.

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Are you interested in what it takes to start up a sustainable homestead? Or how contrilled burning benefits ranchers? Check out the April/ May issue of *Mother Earth News*.

Go back in Michigan history to the early 1900's with the barnstorming baseball team out of Benton Harbor known around the country as the Whiskerinos.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

In a world of Super Mario madness, I am, indeed, a diehard Zelda fan. From the original NES to the Switch, I have shamelessly spent hundreds of hours exploring the various versions of the lands of Hyrule. It doesn't matter if it's 8-bit, HD, or any technology between, I love wielding my Master Sword against my foes, solving puzzles, opening treasure chests, and in *Breath of the Wild*, collecting those Korok Seeds (all 900 of them!).

On May 12, a new Zelda game drops, and yes my pre-order was made because I am THAT excited! *Tears of the Kingdom* builds off of the BOTW open-world concept and promises to be another epic adventure with amazing graphics and killer chickens. Seriously, don't attack the chickens. It is one sure way to lose your life.



Magic Season: A Son's Story

by Wade Rouse

Before his success in public relations, his loving marriage and his storied writing career, Wade

**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
6.7 @ 1:30 PM**

Rouse was simply Ted Rouse's son. A queer kid in a conservative Ozarks community, Wade struggled at a young age to garner his father's approval and find his voice. For his part, Ted was a hard-lined engineer, offering little emotional support or encouragement. But Wade and Ted had one thing in common: an undying love of the St. Louis Cardinals.

For decades, baseball offered Wade and his father a shared vocabulary—a way to stay in touch, to connect and to express their emotions. But when his father's health takes a turn for the worst, Wade returns to southwest Missouri to share one final season with his father. As the Cards race towards a dramatic pennant race, Wade and his father begin to open up in way they never thought possible. Together, inning by inning during their own magic season, they'll move towards forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

Heartfelt, hilarious and lovingly rendered, *Magic Season* is an unforgettable story of love, family and forgiveness against the backdrop of America's favorite pastime.

Email questions to: fdlbookclub@gmail.com

KNIT & Crochet GROUP

1:00 PM, MONDAY • MAY 1 & 15

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Grief Support

MONDAY

MAY 1 AT 6:00 PM

Provided by Chappell Funeral Home

CORNER TO THE PAST...

Library History

Throughout its long history, the Fennville District Library has benefitted from a tremendous level of community support. The Fennville library traces its roots to the Woman's Club of Fennville, which was founded on April 8, 1921. In March of the next year, the members decided that one of their major projects should be the establishment and maintenance of a community library. An assortment of books gathered by earlier literary societies, supplemented by donations of additional titles from homes of Woman's Club members, became the first library collection. It was originally housed on specially built shelves in The Model Shop, a clothing store owned by club member Mrs. Martha Johnson. Books began circulating in June of 1922.

[~ Continue reading about our story here.](#)



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SCA
ON THE GO
is back!

3:30 PM ON MAY 9, 16 AND 23

The SCA is back at the library with another fun project, this time in collaboration with the Outdoor Discovery Center! Join Miss Meg from the Saugatuck Center of the Arts for an hour-and-a-half during three Tuesdays in May to help decorate rain collection barrels to go on the grounds of the ODC. **Registration is required.** For grades 5-8.



CITY OF
FENNVILLE

**FOURTH
FRIDAYS**
IN FENNVILLE

FRIDAY, MAY 26 AT 5 PM

While you're having fun at all the events downtown, make sure you stop by the library in order to make a wreath! Fun for the whole family!



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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.