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Library Programming/Marketing

Ferndale Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Free/All Ages Outdoor Event

Martin Road Park (1615 Lewiston Ave)

1 pm - 3 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library

Food, Ice Cream, Games, Music & Story Trail

More info: fadl.org/kickoff

More info about Summer Reading: fadl.org/summer

**Ferndale Library Kicks-Off Annual Summer Reading Challenge on June 17
with a fun-filled Party at Martin Road Park**
Free, all-ages outdoor event sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library

FERNDALE, MI (June 5, 2023–) Readers of all ages can join the Ferndale Library's Summer Reading Challenge, beginning on June 17 at 1:00 pm with a kickoff party hosted at Martin Road Park. Library staff at the park pavilion will be helping adults, kids, teens, and families sign up for the challenge. Again this year, readers will use the Beanstack Tracker app to log their reading and activity throughout the season.

The kickoff party, sponsored by the Friends of the Ferndale Library, features fun activities and lawn games for kids. It will also have something beloved by all age groups: tacos. The Friends of the Ferndale Library invited Regina's Mexican Food Truck to roll up to the park (at 1615 Lewiston Avenue) during the kickoff, just in case anyone needs a late lunch or an incentivizing snack before or after signing up. Treat Dreams will also be on the scene, providing free ice cream to anyone signing up for Summer Reading. Plus, folk musician Terry Murphy will perform a special set of Beatles covers at 1:30 pm. Families can also check out the newest picture book featured in our **Story Trail**, set along the walking path on the west end of the park, leading up to the Curling Club building.

This year's Summer Reading theme of ***All Together Now*** is a celebration of community—a way to encourage everyone in Ferndale to read **together!** Different challenges are available based on the reader's age: Early Readers (ages 0-4) | Kids (ages 5-12) | Teens (ages 13-18) | Adults (ages 18+). Each age group has a unique set of reading requirements and/or activities to complete before the Summer Reading finale on August 12. All the info you need about our reading challenges (and more about using the Beanstack app) is on our website: www.fadl.org/summer.

The FADL Summer Reading Challenge is perfect for any adult who's found themselves saying, "...ya know, I really *should read more!*" Here's your chance! But one of the best things is how Summer Reading can be an effective way for kids and teens of all grade levels to continue reading during their summer breaks, helping to keep their brains sharp and better prepare them for returning to class.

Participants can find all the info they need about FADL's reading challenges and learn more about Beanstack online at: fadl.org/summer. The library's Summer Reading kickoff party, featuring food, ice cream, games, live music, and a story trail, starts at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 17, at Martin Road Park.

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