

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Women's Suffrage Presentation, Macrame, & More at Fremont Library

The Fremont Area District Library is planning to host many fun and educational events in March for the whole family. These events are, as always, free.

Women's Suffrage in Newaygo County Presentation: In honor of Women's History Month, Rachel Jaunese and Pamela Vandenberg will present a fascinating look at Women's Suffrage in Newaygo County together. Rachel Jaunese will present **Quietly Active: Newaygo County and Women's Suffrage**-- How did rural Newaygo County women engage with the suffrage movement? Quietly. Local women did not throw big parades or showy protests, but were quietly working for their right to vote. Learn how local women engaged with the suffrage movement at the state, national, and international levels in the decade leading up to the 19th amendment. Rachel Jaunese is a middle school social studies teacher with a Master's degree in History from CMU. Pamela Vandenberg will **present Women Who Ran: A Brief History of Lady Candidates Who Ran in Local Elections**-- Newaygo County women did not wait for equal enfranchisement to claim their right as candidates. Local women were running in county-wide elections as early as 1903. Learn about local trailblazing women who not only won elections but also significantly enriched our community in the process. Pamela Vandenberg is a local historian who specializes in Women's History. She is an alumni of GVSU and began her career at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids. This event will take place in the library's Community Room on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Events

Domino Club (REGISTRATION REQUIRED): Register by seeing the Children's Desk or call 231-928-0249. Join this club for tweens to have fun with domino set up and toppling. Eat pizza and snacks while we watch some YouTube domino videos, and then work on your own skills! For ages 8-13. Meets in the Community Room on the first Thursday each month. The next meeting will be on March 6th from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime, for babies and toddlers up to age 3, will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. We'll be showing a **Children's Afternoon Movie** on Thursday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome. **Saturday Storytime**, for children up to age 5 will be on March 22nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

Tinkering Tuesdays continues this month. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** For ages 6-9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

- March 11th: Free play
- March 25th: Dissect a bean seed

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead also continues this month. This includes the same concepts as Tinkering Tuesdays, but for ages 10-12. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

- March 4th: Free play
- March 18th: Dissect a bean seed

Even More Events!

The **Books & Bites Book Group** will meet on Wednesday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Wildwater Walking Club* by Claire Cook. You are welcome to join, even if you haven't read the book yet! If you'd like to read the book first, copies are available at our front desk. **Tween Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, March 25th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the teen area with pizza and snacks. For middle schoolers. This month we're reading *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford. Books are available for checkout at the library's front desk. Please read the book first and then join us for yummy food and discussion!

We're planning to start a Non-Fiction Book Club soon, so please see the library's front desk or reference desk to fill out a survey if you're interested!

Fit for Life Exercise is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. For **Movie Monday**, we'll show the movie *Here* starring Tom Hanks (PG-13; 1 hr 44 min) on March 10th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Adult Craft (REGISTRATION REQUIRED): Macrame in March Craft will take place on Friday, March 21st. Adults can register for this craft to make macrame by calling 231-928-0256. Limited seats available, and all materials are provided free.



Rachel Jaunese (left) and Pamela Vandenberg (right) will be doing a presentation about Women's Suffrage in Newaygo County on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about any of these events, please contact the library at 231-924-3480 or visit www.fremontlibrary.net.