

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Firekeeper's Daughter, Climate Change, Vernal Pools, and More at Fremont Library

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

Live @ the Library Events

Vernal Pools: The Coral Reef of the Forest on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. How would you like to learn about Newaygo County's own "coral reef" of the forest? Vernal Pools are often called the forest version of a coral reef. They are the home of at least four indicator species that cannot survive if vernal pools didn't exist. The sad thing, though, is not much is known about these ephemeral ecosystems that only last 2-3 months. Also, they are not protected wetland areas under current laws and so are often filled in, sprayed or destroyed through human activity. Come learn about these special places just before the real action takes off in them this spring, and learn how you can be a part of scientific research and help protect these little spring oases. This event is for all ages. Bring the whole family!

Chris Edwards Presents: Climate Change as of 2024 on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Chris Edwards will present a verifiable fact-based look at the scientific state of the issues and impacts involved in climate change, localized in many ways to Michigan. We will explore a range of ideas to address the significant challenges we face, including what each of us can do. Chris Edwards began his career as a forecaster in the U.S. Air Force. He was one of the first meteorologists with The Weather Channel in Atlanta before moving on to forecast at WISN-TV in Milwaukee, and KYW-TV in Philadelphia. Edwards was honored with three Emmy awards for environmental reporting and weathercasting, and was recognized by the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences for Best Weathercast in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Angeline Boulley Presents: *Firekeeper's Daughter* on Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m. Meet the #1 New York Times Bestselling Author, Angeline Boulley! *Firekeeper's Daughter* is a YA novel about an Indigenous teen who witnesses a shocking tragedy and puts her life on the line to find the truth and save her community. This book is also the current Great Michigan Read and it is soon to be adapted to a series on Netflix. Angeline will be selling and signing books at this event. Brought to you in partnership with the Fremont Area Community Foundation and the Michigan Humanities Great Michigan Read.

Children's Events

Fun with Watercolor (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) on Saturday, April 6th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kids under age 12 are invited to register for a watercolor workshop with professional

artist and children's book illustrator Lori Eslick. Learn how to turn watercolor paints into a work of art! All supplies provided. Call 231-928-0249 or see the Children's Desk to register.

Toddler Storytime, for babies and toddlers up to age 3, is held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. through April 24th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 is held weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through April 25th. **Saturday Storytime**, for children up to age 5 will be on April 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll be showing a **Children's Afternoon Movie** on Thursday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m. Check back for details. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome.

Children's Book Author Amber Hellewell Presents *Summer's Call: A Michigan Day* on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:30 p.m. Amber Hellewell is the author of *Summer's Call: A Michigan Day*, a creative homeschool mom to three kids and the creator of Hearth Magic, a library of Waldorf-inspired homeschool materials. She hopes that her book will inspire parents and children to notice and take advantage of the beautiful spaces in Michigan that we call home.

Tinkering Tuesdays continues this month. You bring the imagination, and we'll provide everything you need! Simple building and art concepts for kids to construct on their own or in a group. Finished creations will be put on display for a week. **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.

April 16th: Sidewalk Art

April 23rd: End of Year Outdoor Games

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.

April 17th: Sidewalk Art

April 24th: End of Year Outdoor Games

Even More Events!

Fit for Life Exercise is scheduled for April 8th, 10th, 12th (Friday), 15th, 17th, 19th (Friday), 22nd, 24th, 26th (Friday), and 29th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness.

Movie Monday on April 8th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. We'll show the new movie *The Boys in the Boat* (PG-13; 123 min)

Junk Journaling on Thursday, April 11th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gather by the south tables along the parking lot for this drop-in event. This is a scrapbooking and journal hybrid. Use up what you have and supplement with found, recycled, repurposed and thrifted items. For ages 10 and up.

Silent Book Club: Come as you are and read what you want, with no interaction necessary! The first and last minutes can be social if you'd like--the rest of the time is silent reading. Gather by the South fireplace on Sunday, April 14th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tween Book Club: Calling all magnificent Middle Schoolers! This Tween Book Club, for 6th-8th graders will be munching on free delicious pizza and snacks in the teen area of the library while discussing books. On Tuesday, April 23rd from 3:30-5:00, we'll be discussing our next book. Books are available to check out at the library's front desk. For more info call 231-928-0256 or email tbook@fremontlibrary.net. New students always welcome.

UFO Club: UFO stands for UnFinished Object. Bring a project to work on while you socialize with other crafters. Gather by the south tables along the parking lot on Sunday, April 28th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for this drop-in event.

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



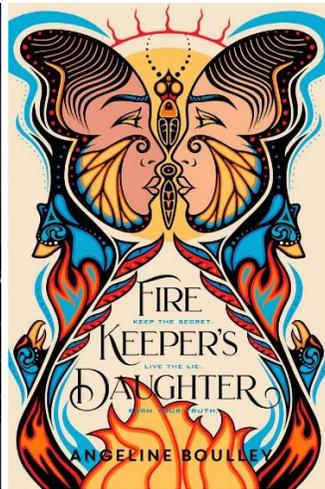
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