

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Unlock October's Literary Delights: Fremont Library's Month-Long Event Extravaganza!

The Fremont Area District Library is planning to host many fun and educational events in October for the whole family. Lots of these events are NEW and, as always, free.

Live @ the Library, a series of events including author visits and special presentations is welcoming West Michigan Burial Forest on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. to present information about **Green Burial**. When we pass away, our bodies will need to be cared for in some way. Most of the options available are not friendly to the environment, but there are greener ways. Peter and Annica Quakenbush will present info on the green burial option that they are working to establish at their conservation burial grounds in West Michigan.

Live @ the Library will also welcome back Michigan authors **John Smolens** and **Jennifer Dornbush**. John Smolens will present his new novel, *A Cold, Hard Prayer*. In 1924, an orphan train delivers a girl of mixed race and a boy with a disabled hand to rural Michigan, where a farmer's attempted rape and subsequent murder forces them to flee; hunted by law enforcement and the reemergent KKK, mutual trust and determination helps the teenage suspects navigate a stark American landscape shaped by prejudice, hypocrisy, and fear. His presentation will take place on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. **Jennifer Dornbush** is a screenwriter, author, international speaker, and forensic specialist. She is developing multiple projects for TV and film, while also penning mysteries, thrillers, and short stories. She will present her newest novel, *Last One Alive*, on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. In this story, Dr. Emily Hartford is back in Chicago, ready to move forward and leave the past behind, until an unexpected request for help sends her deep into an investigation—and into the path of a killer.

Children's Events

Toddler Storytime, for babies and toddlers up to age 3, will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. through December 13th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through December 14th. A special **Storytime with the Ghostbusters** will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m. Join the West Michigan Ghostbusters for a live reading of *Slimer's Story Time!* See what tools and tricks it takes to be a Ghostbuster. We'll be showing a **Children's Afternoon Movie** on Thursday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome.

A special **Children's Halloween Party (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)** will be on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Magician Brad Lancaster will be here with his show "Magic, Monsters, & Mirth" (A Not So Scary Magic Halloween Show!) He will share stories and also

be joined by puppets such as the Big Foot Monster and Disco Dan the Skeleton Man. After the show we will have drinks and crafts for you to enjoy. Register by calling 231-928-0249.

Tinkering Tuesdays (NEW!) begins 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 20 children each week.

- Oct. 3rd: Intro to the year - Expectations & free play
- Oct. 10th: Art with the Artsplace (at the library)
- Oct. 17th: Paint a rock
- Oct. 24th: Play board games

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead (New!) also begins 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 20 children each week.

- Oct. 4th: Intro to the year - Expectations & free play
- Oct. 12th: Art with the Artsplace (at the library)
- Oct. 18th: Paint a rock
- Oct. 25th: Play board games

Even More Events!

Dungeons & Dragons – For Teens: REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Ages 13-17. Saturdays 10:00-12:00 p.m. in the Local History Room. Sign up two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 8 teens each week.

- Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

You bring your dice and imagination, and we will provide everything else. The group of players tell a collective story, guiding their heroes through dangerous quests in search for treasure, battle deadly foes, and carry out daring rescues. The adventure itself is only limited by the imagination of the players around the table.

Dungeons & Dragons – For Adults: REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Ages 18 & up. Sundays 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Sign up two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 8 adults each week.

- Oct. 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

Homeschool Hangout: Are you a homeschool family looking to hang out with other homeschool families? Join this drop-in event in the library's Community Room on Friday, October 27th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. to socialize, play board games and Legos, and you are welcome to bring your own activities. We'll provide yummy snacks and drinks but you can bring your own if you'd like.

Fit for Life Exercise is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in October from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. Friday's classes will usually include some time for walking outside at the beginning of class. **Junk Journaling** for ages 10 and up will take place on Thursday, October 12th anytime between 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a scrapbooking and journal hybrid. Use up what you have and supplement with found, recycled, repurposed and thrifted items. Materials provided. We'll show the movie **I Can Only Imagine** for our **Movie Monday** on October 16th at 2:00 p.m. (PG; 110 min). Snacks will be provided.

Silent Book Club (NEW!): 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, October 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The **Wednesday Readers** Book Group will not meet in October. The **Non-Fiction Book Discussion** will meet on Monday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Spook* by Mary Roach. **Young Adult Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. by the north fireplace. Book title is yet to be determined. The group will eat pizza while discussing their book, and new people are welcome to join anytime, even if you haven't read the book! Both high school students and adults are welcome to join this book group. The **Daytime Book Group** will meet on Wednesday, October 25th at 12:30 p.m. by the north fireplace to discuss *Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. Books for all of these groups are available at the library's front desk ahead of the meeting if you'd like to check out a copy and join the groups.

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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