

# BETWEEN THE COVERS



## It's Coming....

The Fennville District Library has struggled with parking for many years. Designed and constructed in 1989, concurrent with the library's opening in 1990, the parking lot is now a bit advanced in years. It is not uncommon to hear comments and complaints about it, either - "there is no place to park," "it's difficult to maneuver out of the angled parking," "there's only one handicapped parking spot," "your wooden retaining wall is falling apart." This is why the library began to explore renovating the parking lot.

In 2019 the Library Board reviewed a library parking lot study conducted by a local engineering firm. The study indicated that the library needed to eliminate angled parking, add additional parking spaces, erosion control, delineated pedestrian routes to the building entrance, a new storm sewer drainage system, and additional accessible parking spaces. The engineering firm provided the library with two conceptual parking designs that were shared with the community. On January 7, 2020, the site plans were presented for comment to the City of Fennville's Planning Commission meeting. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic ended the project. The library had a steep drop in income along with rising construction prices.

In 2023, the library, along with the City of Fennville and Fennville Public Schools, applied for a capital improvement grant from the State of Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. Out of nearly 1,000 applications, the library, school and city were one of the 100 applications selected to receive a grant of \$1,000,000. The grant split evenly now allows the library to pursue the construction of a new parking lot along with an "upper porch" for library programming and seating space for patrons.

The parking lot and upper porch are designed around four guiding principles: safety, accessibility, longevity, and environment. Construction is slated to begin this spring (April). The library's intent is to remain open as a "working library" during construction. The library staff are preparing a plan for service that will be shared with the community and all library patrons. Rest assured that patrons will be able to get books and other reading materials, DVDs and audio materials, hotspots, access to public computers and meeting rooms, free Wi-Fi, copies, scanning, faxing, COVID-19 test kits, free lunches and programming.

We will continue to provide services to our community however we can during construction, and we look forward to sharing our new parking lot with you at the end of the summer.

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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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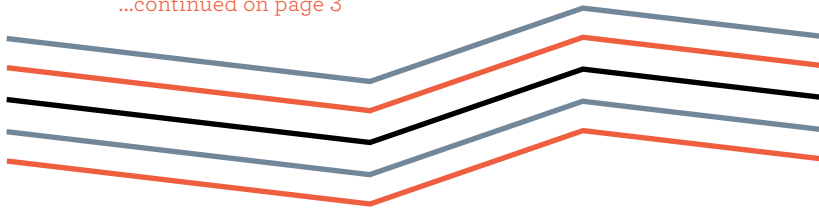
# MARCH MADNESS



Even people who have absolutely zero interest in sports the other 11 months of the year know these terms. March Madness means everyone has a chance. Well, at least the 68 teams picked for the tournament. Outside of the Super Bowl, it's easily the biggest sporting event on the calendar.

Brackets give all of us a chance to take part. So...who's your pick?

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## VANESSA'S VIEW

When in search of creative inspiration, what better way than to read an abundance of children's books. Of the books I have read this past month, *What Love Looks Like*, written by Laura Obuobi and illustrated by Anna Cunha, has been the book to inspire my creativity. Obuobi's book is a tender story themed around the many ways love can be depicted, specifically the one-of-a-kind love shared between a father and daughter. While Cunha does an excellent job in depicting the subjects Obuobi describes to represent love, her unique painting techniques embody this theme as well. Cunha's illustrations possess a compelling, painterly style—the brush strokes are very apparent despite the cloudiness the overall illustrations demonstrate. Her choice in using muted colors combined with lovely moments of vibrant reds and pinks also captures the love and attention Cunha contributes to her work.

NEW! YOUTH READS >>>

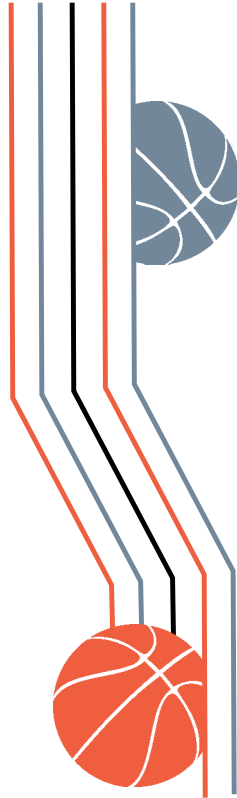
# MARCH MADNESS FUN!

## THROW A VIEWING PARTY

March Madness means parties. With games being played all month long, just pick a date when your favorite team is playing and invite some friends over to watch. Many fans will prepare basketball or college-themed food and drinks, or decorate with basketball themed decorations.

## FILL OUT A BRACKET

No March Madness celebration is complete without brackets. Usually filled out among offices or groups



of friends, brackets are a great way to make March Madness even more interesting. March Madness is unpredictable, so sometimes the strangest predictions can come true!

## PICK A TEAM & WATCH

Watching the games is an important part of celebrating March Madness. Pick a team to root for and join in on the fun, before you know it you will be cheering along with millions of other fans. *...continued on page 4*



## HOW DOES your garden GROW

PICTURE BOOK  
*G is for Garden*  
by Ashley Marie Mireles

MIDDLE GRADE  
*Marya Khan and  
the Fabulous  
Jasmine Garden*  
by Saadia Faruqi

YOUNG ADULT  
*Terrarium Craft*  
by Amy Bryant Aiello

NEW! TWEEN READS >>>



# WHY WE ❤️ MARCH MADNESS

## UNDERDOG STORIES

Who doesn't love an underdog story? March Madness utilizes a seeding system that sets the stage perfectly each year for an underdog to upset a highly ranked team. Even if you aren't an avid fan of college sports or basketball it is easy to root for a team that no one saw coming.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

March Madness is great opportunity to rekindle some passion for your old alma mater. With so many teams involved in the men's and women's tournaments, odds are you've either

attended or have some type of connection with at least one school in the tournament. Dust off that old college sweater and support your school!

## ITS SINGLE ELIMINATION

One of the most exciting aspects of March Madness is its single elimination format. Each team is playing for their lives in the tournament so every game matters. Even if you aren't familiar with any of the schools playing in the tournament, it is easy to get invested when every game feels like the finals.

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GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS >>>

# BEFORE wicked

Young Elphie is shaped and molded by the behaviors of her promiscuous mother, Melena, and her pious father, Frex. She suffers ordinary childhood jealousies when her sister, saintly Nessarose, and brother, junior felon

Shell, arrive. She first encounters the mistreatment of the Animal populations of Oz, which live adjacent to but not intertwined with human settlements, haunted by a Monkey and receiving aid from Dwarf Bears. She thrashes through her first bruising attempts at friendship, a possible lifeline from her tricky family life. And she gleans the benefits of an education, haphazard though it must be—until she arrives at the doors of Shiz University, about to meet the radiant creature that is Galinda.

## Movie Preview...

*Titles subject to change.*



### KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

What's better than two magazines for the price of one? How about two magazines for the price of none, because they're FREE on Libby! Use your library card to subscribe to magazines like *Leisure Painter* which features art tutorials, tips and tricks, supply must-haves, professional experiences and art news from around the world.



### MICHELE'S MEDIA

*Yellowjackets* is a survival-based horror series laced with dark humor, a scattering of mind-bending paranormal events, and an underlying conspiracy that keeps you guessing. There is a nice character balance to the survival community they have built in the wilderness, and it translates well for the unfolding of events in the present. Both time lines are compelling and draw you into the drama of the story as a whole, and each character's vignette unfolds more secrets adding to the suspense. If you don't mind a little gore and some trippy twists, I recommend this *Lord of the Flies*-like exploration into the dark side of human nature.

## Animal, Vegetable, Miracle

by Barbara Kingsolver

**DISCUSSION  
WEDNESDAY  
4.2 @ 1:30 PM**

Determined to integrate their food choices with their family values, Kingsolver and her family moved from suburban Arizona to a rural Appalachia, and embarked on an adventure of realigning their lives with the food chain. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* follows them through the first year of their experiment.

Told in the compelling voices of the Kingsolver family, it recalls their experiences, and introduces other passionate, committed citizens who are trying to turn the tide in their communities, from organic farmers to members of the Slow Food movement who are doing their best to protect our foods against extinction and return us to a way of life that is better for our health, our wallets, and our environment.

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1:30 PM, MONDAY • MARCH 3 & 17

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**Thursday, March 20 @ 2:00 PM**

Bring a book to the library, find a comfy spot, and read for 30 minutes when the book club first starts, then at 2:30, join up with other readers in attendance to chat about your current read and hear from others! All ages welcome.

**STORY TIME | 10:30 AM | Mon., March 3-31**

**CREATORS | 3:30 PM | Tue., March 4 & 18**

**MUSIC & MOVEMENT | 10:30 AM  
Fri., March 7-28**

**LEGO LAB | 3:30 PM | Tue., March 11**

**CATERPILLAR PLAY-AND-LEARN GROUP  
10:30 AM | Wed., March 12**

**LITTLE SCIENTISTS | 10:30 AM | Wed., March 19**



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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.