

**Ferndale Library Wants You To Be Their FRIEND!  
National Friends of Libraries Week starts October 19th**

**FERNDALE, Mich. (Oct. 7, 2014)**-- The Ferndale Library gets by with MORE THAN a little help from its Friends! The Friends of the Ferndale Library provide the ideal volunteer work opportunities for anyone eager to share their enthusiasm for books, music, arts and culture. And, next week, **Oct. 19 - 25**, is National Friends of the Library Week and FPL is saluting their supportive efforts while also encouraging others to consider joining.

“Libraries provide the community with resources and access to media,” said Adam Steinman, the Friends’ Public Relations Chair. “And that makes it one of the best investments a community can make. But, libraries do cost a lot to run. I believe that by supporting top-class libraries like the Ferndale Library, we can make a direct impact on the quality of life for everyone in our community.”

As former Friends President Kevin Deegan-Krause sees it, this special community of volunteers are like the beating heart of our community’s beloved Library. “FPL’s Friends raise money for children’s Summer Reading programs, the Lucky Day collection, and they run book groups, organize parties and provide staff for library events,” Deegan-Krause said. “We all benefit from their generous donations of time and talent.”

Current Friends President Kelly Farah joined not only because she’s a professed “library geek,” but because she wanted to assure the library continues serving as both a vital resource center and as the community’s town square. “Plus, I’ve met amazing people and participated in some really fun events. We might be the coolest Friends organization in the state!”

FPL’s Friends are motivated because they understand the crucial importance of a well-funded library, especially during tougher economic times such as these. The latest recession’s hit to property taxes drastically drained FPL’s operating budget to the point of having to make regrettable cuts to hours. That’s why Ferndale is as thankful as ever for the work of their Friends. The Friends’ support helps reinforce this sacred institution, here to provide life-long learning and enrichment to the community.

**For more information on National Friends of the Library Week and to learn about joining the Ferndale Friends group, visit: <http://ferndalefriends.org/>**