

2018 Citizens for a Fair Ferndale Candidate Forum

Library Board Candidate

Saturday, November 3rd, 2p-4p at the Ferndale Area District Library

Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

1. NAME: Daniel Hooper
2. PHONE OR EMAIL WHERE CITIZENS CAN REACH YOU:
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3. Why are you running for Library Board? I've lived in Ferndale for nearly twenty years. I've bought a home here and started a family. I want to do my part to keep Ferndale a great place for our children to grow up. It's a great way for me to support and serve our wonderful community.
4. What specific experience have you had that prepare you to serve on the Library Board? Through my experiences both living and working in Ferndale, I've developed an understanding of what people want to see in their city, both culturally and socially. I'm invested in my community not only through the library but also through Ferndale schools, where my oldest daughter is enrolled and where my youngest will begin next year.
5. What are the two most pressing issues facing the Ferndale Area District Library at this time? Updating and improving library infrastructure to give staff the tools and resources needed to best serve our constituents now and into the constantly changing future.

Continuing to innovate the services offered at the library, making sure that they align with our diverse and growing community.

6. How is the library responding (or how would you like to see the library respond) to the changes in information technology? The library has responded by embracing information technology. Ferndale Library hosts an extensive array of online services from our website.

7. What do you see as the strengths of the library? The work the library does with Ferndale Schools and their students. The library has so much to offer Ferndale children from toddlers to teenagers. The library staff is an absolute wealth of information , they are caring, nurturing and attentive. They are incredibly informed on the needs of the visitors to the library and how to plug them into the right resources available. We are so fortunate to have such a strong team for the City of Ferndale.

8. What aspects of the library do you see as needing improvement? Outreach! Making sure that Ferndale's citizens are aware of what a resourceful place the library is.