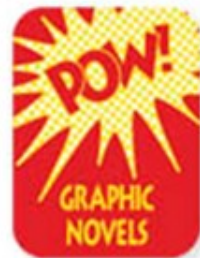


Collection News

Graphic Novel Reorganization

Are you looking for a graphic novel? We've made it easier for you! The Children's Graphic Novel Collection at the Main Library has been relabeled to help you find your favorites. **We have relabeled this collection so that the books are in alphabetical order by the character's name, series, or title.** The Children's Graphic Novels were previously in alphabetical order by the author's last name. Using the author is effective for a majority of our collections, but unfortunately in our graphic novel collection we noticed that this way of labeling items sometimes separated books in a series or made it difficult to find a book when browsing. We believe that it will be easier for children to find what they are looking for with our new labeling system.



For instance:

- Do you want to read Dog Man (character)? Dog Man is now shelved under D for Dog Man.
- How about My Little Pony (series)? My Little Pony is now shelved under M for My.
- What about *Smile* (title) by Raina Telgemeier? *Smile* is now shelved under S for *Smile*.

You can check out the reorganization of graphic novels at the Main Children's Library in aisles 16 & 17! We will be switching over to this new way of labeling graphic novels at the branch libraries in the next few months. If you have questions about graphic novels or any Fargo Public Library collection, please contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or email us at kids@fargolibrary.org.

New Collection Alert – Children's Board Games

Family Game Night just got easier! Children's board games are now available for checkout. Board games check out for 3 weeks and can be put on hold for pick-up at any Fargo Public Library location. Limit one game per library card at a time. Here are just a few of the board games available for checkout (for a complete list, contact Children's Services):



Wits & Wagers Family	Apples to Apples Disney	No Stress Chess
Catan Junior	Let's Feed the Very Hungry	Bunny Bedtime
Twister	Caterpillar	Seek-a-Boo Memory Game
Sequence for Kids	Guess Who?	Camelot Jr.
Richard Scarry's Busytown	Not Parent Approved	Tall Tales Storytelling Game
Green Eggs and Ham Game	Rover Control	Here Kitty, Kitty
Happy Hats (Bob Books)	Mancala	Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes Game
Castle Logix	Clumsy Thief	Candyland
Connect 4	Square Shooters	Chutes & Ladders
Flashlights & Fireflies	In a Pickle	Pictureka!
Loaded Questions	Aggravation	Pictionary Jr.
Quiddler Junior	Brix Building Game	Operation
Ticket to Ride: First Journey	Fruit Stand Avalanche	



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Cozy Up with a Good Book: Winter Read-a-Thon 2019

As the temperature drops and the winds pick up, it's time to snuggle in with a good book! Readers of all ages can find their perfect cold weather read during the Fargo Public Library's annual Winter Read-a-Thon. Beginning **Monday, January 7** and running until **Sunday, March 3**, stop by any library location to pick up a book log and start reading your way to earning prizes.

During this year's Winter Read-a-Thon, readers can bring in a non-perishable food or unused toiletry item. For **each item donated**, library patrons will receive **up to \$5 in fine forgiveness** (including lost or damaged item fees). In addition, for **every completed book log**, children can receive **up to \$5 in fine forgiveness**.* Please, no expired or opened/used items. Items will benefit Great Plains Food Bank, Gladys Ray Shelter, and Youthworks of North Dakota. Remember, children's items no longer receive overdue fines (children's materials can still incur lost or damaged item fees)!

For more information about the Winter Read-a-Thon, fine forgiveness, or any of the Fargo Public Library's events and programs, please contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visit us online at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.



*Some restrictions apply. Fine forgiveness applies to current fines only. No credit for future fines will be issued. Accounts that have already been sent to a collection agency are not eligible for fine forgiveness. These same rules apply whether the forgiveness is from donations or completed book logs.

Children's News

Children's Events

Main Library

102 3rd St. N.

Monday-Thursday 9-9
 Friday 11-6
 Saturday 9-6
 Sunday 1-6

Dr. James Carlson Library

2801 32nd Ave. S.

Monday-Thursday ... 10-8
 Friday 11-6
 Saturday 9-6
 Sunday 1-6

Northport Branch

2714 N. Broadway

Monday-Thursday ... 10-8
 Friday 11-6
 Saturday 9-6
 Sunday Closed

Telephone Numbers

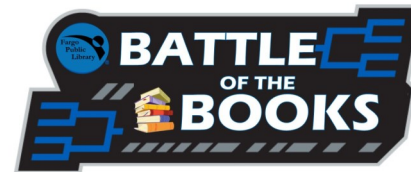
Administration 241-8277
 Carlson Library 476-4040
 Children's Services 241-1495
 Circulation Desk 241-1472
 Information Desk 241-1492
 Northport Branch 476-4026
 Outreach 241-8111



10th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest

March is Youth Art Month and the Fargo Public Library is commemorating creativity with the 10th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Stop by anytime starting Friday, March 1 and pick up an entry form. Fill the space with your most brilliant creation and return it to any library location before close on Sunday, March 31. The top designs (as voted on by library staff) will be made into full color bookmarks that will be printed and distributed throughout the following year at library branches and events. The contest is open to children 12 and under. For more information, contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Friday, March 1 – Sunday, March 31
 All Fargo Public Library Locations
 Winners announced Monday, April 15



Battle of the Books Tournament

March Madness may be over but the battle is just beginning! Join us for the Fargo Public Library's second Battle of the Books. Sixteen books will battle, but only 1 will win! The Battle officially kicks off on April 1, but kids can get a head start by suggesting possible contenders starting in February and March. The top 8 suggested chapter books will battle with 8 chapter books chosen by library staff. Stop by the Main Library every 2 weeks beginning Monday, April 1 and vote to make sure that your favorite advances to the next round. Correctly predict the winner and you could win a prize! For more information about the Battle of the Books, contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Monday, April 1 – Saturday, May 25
 Main Library

April 1 – April 13: Round 1 voting
 April 14 – April 27: Round 2 voting
 Winner announced Tuesday, May 28

April 28 – May 11: Round 3 voting
 May 12 – May 25: Round 4 voting



Classroom Collections

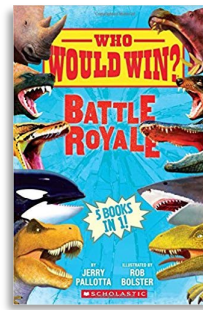
Are you a preschool teacher who needs circle time books about community helpers? A homeschool parent working on a unit about insects? Children's Services staff is available to put together a collection of materials according to requested subject or lesson plan needs. To request a selection of materials, call Children's Services Dept. at 701-241-1495 or use the contact form at www.fargolibrary.org/classroomcollections. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for library staff to complete collection.

Available **FREE** at our library!



Books, Games, Puzzles, Art Activities, Songs, and more!

EVENTS BEGINNING IN APRIL



Children's Book Author Visit



Award-winning children's book author Jerry Pallotta will visit the Main Library. The writer of both fiction and non-fiction will share his journey from insurance salesman to published author of numerous books, including the popular *Who Would Win?* series. Learn Pallotta's story and some tricks of the writing trade at this all-ages event. This program is made possible through a partnership with the Valley Reading Council. No pre-registration is required and books will be available for purchase.

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Here There Be Dragons!

Come one and all for a celebration of dragons! Set out on a Dragon Quest, work on a dragon craft, and stay fueled up on themed snacks. Whether you prefer reading about dragons as heroes, (*Wings of Fire*, *Dragonwatch*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Dragonbreath*, *Seraphina*, etc.) or think of them as the villain of the story (*The Hobbit*, *Harry Potter*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *fairytale*, *legends*, etc.) there'll be something for you. Geared towards older kids (ages 10 and up), tweens, and teens. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration required.

Thursday, Apr. 11 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

Saturday, Apr. 13 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Celebrate Our EARTH: Earth Day 2019

Celebrated around the world on April 22, Earth Day is an annual event highlighting environmental protection and harmony with nature. This year, along with the City of Fargo, we'll have activities to help our community keep our Earth beautiful. There will be a tree planting expert on hand as well as a tree giveaway sponsored by the North Dakota Forestry Service. A recycling expert will show us how to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Weather permitting, we may also assist our parks department and pick up litter at a nearby park or along the river. This event is most appropriate for families with children ages 4 and up. No pre-registration is required.

Monday, Apr. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Main Library



Shopkins' Sweet Shop

Are you a little sweetie? Welcome to the Shopkins' Sweet Shop at the Main Library where you can express your creativity, learn some cooking techniques, and satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time! Inspired by some of your favorite Shopkin characters, we will decorate Queen Cupcake, make caramel apple slices out of Apple Blossom, and even dip Strawberry Kiss in chocolate for a special treat! This event is open to children ages 4 to 10. **Registration begins Mar. 30 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org.**



Saturday, Apr. 27 at 11 a.m. – Main Library



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Anniversary Parties

It's been a little over a year since the Fargo Public Library introduced the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program to the community and the response has been extraordinary! Help us commemorate our first anniversary with a party. Whether you've completed 10, 100, or 1,000 books, come celebrate your success! Don't know what the 1,000 Books program is? Stop by to find out more information and sign up. **These events are open to all ages, but are most appropriate for children ages 5 and younger.** We'll have read-aloud activities, crafts, and snacks! No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.

Tuesday, Apr. 30 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Children's Events

Children's Events

Libraries Dance!

Whether you plié, twirl, or two-step, you can learn from the best in town with our dance series for kids. Fargo Public Library, along with Gasper's School of Dance/F-M Ballet, will provide two fun-filled evenings at the Main Library. We will listen to a story and then spend time moving and stretching while getting basic techniques and lessons on different types of dance. These dance events are open to children ages 3 to 12 years. No pre-registration is required.



Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
 Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Nerf Challenge

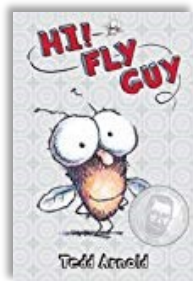
It's time to beat cabin fever and test your Nerf skills. Expect precision and accuracy practice, strategy, and a Nerf showdown to cap it all off. This event is open to tweens and teens ages 10 to 17. **Pre-registration is required and can be completed online or by calling 701-241-8295.**

Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library
 Thursday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

Fun with Fly Guy

Buzz, buzz, buzz, he's the world's smartest insect! Join us for two sessions of Fly Guy fun. We'll share stories and activities, as well as snack on some of Fly Guy's favorite – garbage! This event is most appropriate for children ages 5 and up. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
 Thursday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library



EVENTS BEGINNING IN MARCH

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! It's a Seusstastic Day at the Library

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."
 Why not steer yourself right on down to the library? We'll share stories, make crafts, and of course... have birthday cake! The Fargo Public Library, along with the Valley Reading Council, invites all ages to enjoy a celebration of Dr. Seuss. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.



Saturday, Mar. 2 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Holi: Festival of Colors Celebration

Well, hello there, Spring! The days are getting longer, and that means Holi, the festival of colors, is right around the corner! Join Professor Rajani Ganesh-Pillai at the Main Library for a Holi celebration. We will have a storytime, a Holi craft, and some festive activities for children of all ages. Stop by the library and learn about this special time of year. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.

Sunday, Mar. 17 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Oodles of Noodles!

Did you know that March is National Noodle Month? You're invited to help us honor the notable noodle in all its different shapes and forms by joining us at our noodle-riffic craft and activity sessions! Preschoolers ages 2 to 5 can make crafts with pasta noodles. Then, we'll pull out the pool noodles for activities and crafts for kids ages 5 to 12. Finally, we'll wrap it all up with a family session for kids of all ages, where we'll feature both kinds of noodles. No pre-registration is required. These events are held in partnership with Dakota Growers Pasta Company.



Wednesday, Mar. 27 at 6:30 p.m. – Carlson Library
 Thursday, Mar. 28 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
 Ages 2 – 5

Thursday, Mar. 28 at 4 p.m. – Main Library
 Ages 5 – 12

Thursday, Mar. 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
 All ages



EVENTS BEGINNING IN JANUARY



Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth to 18 months are invited to join us each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes with your baby while introducing them to books and the library!

Each session concludes with open play time. One child per grown-up lap. No pre-registration is required.

Thursday, Jan. 3 & 17
 Thursday, Feb. 7 & 21
 Thursday, Mar. 7 & 21

Thursday, Apr. 4 & 18
 Thursday, May 2 & 16

10 a.m. at the Carlson Library
 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Winter Storytime 2019

The Fargo Public Library has several storytime sessions available for families to spend quality time sharing stories, learning school-readiness skills, and preparing children for a lifetime of reading. Through the use of age-appropriate stories, songs, and fingerplays in a group setting, staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills that get their children ready to learn to read.



Get your Storytime Punch Card! Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book.

Pre-registration is required and begins Dec. 1, 2018.
 Winter Storytime runs 14 weeks from Jan. 7 – Apr. 10.

Toddler Sessions (Ages 18 months – 3 years):

Mondays at 10 a.m. – Main Library
 Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch
 Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Preschool Sessions (Ages 3 – 5 years):

Mondays at 11 a.m. – Main Library
 Tuesdays at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch
 Wednesdays at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Family Session (Ages 18 months – 6 years):

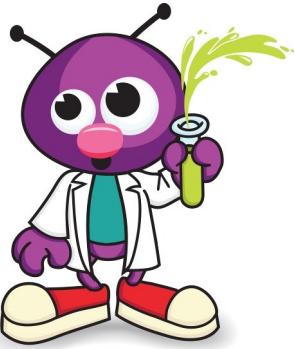
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

No Storytime on Jan. 21 and Feb. 18



Little Squirt Science

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 can learn about their world each month through science activities that provide a little knowledge and a lot of fun! **Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration is for the current month only. Registration can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org.** All materials will be provided.



Thursday, Jan. 10
 Thursday, Feb. 14
 11 a.m. at the Carlson Library
 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Thursday, Mar. 14
 Thursday, Apr. 11

Friday, Jan. 11
 Friday, Feb. 15
 11 a.m. at the Main Library

Friday, Mar. 15
 Friday, Apr. 12

PAWS for Reading

Our furry friends from Therapy Pets of the Red River Valley are here for another season of reading fun at the library. Reading Therapy pets are available on the second Saturday of each month (through April) to listen to children practice their reading in a relaxed, informal setting. **Kids in Kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to register for a 15-minute session with one of our non-judgmental listeners.** Sessions begin at 10 a.m. at the Main Library. Bring your own books to read or choose from a selection of library books. **Call Children's Services at 701-241-1495 to register for the current month.**

Saturday, Jan. 12
 Saturday, Feb. 9
 10 a.m. at the Main Library

Saturday, Mar. 9
 Saturday, Apr. 13



Children's Events

Graphic Novel Meet n' Greet

You love your favorite graphic novel or comic book series so much, you know *everything* about it! Now you want to read something new, but you're not sure what to try. Head to the library and "meet" some new suggested graphic novels to consider while you geek out with other graphic novel fans over snacks and a simple comic book craft. This event is open to tweens and teens ages 10 and up. **Pre-registration is required. Register online or call 701-241-8295 for more information.**

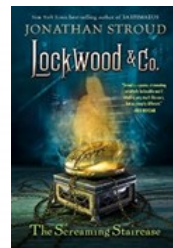
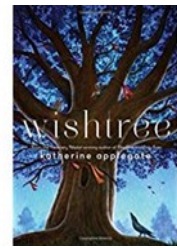
Monday, January 14 at 4 p.m. – Main Library
Tuesday, January 15 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

The Enchanted Book Club

Kids in grades 3 to 7 can expect book-related discussion, hands-on activities, crafts, and snacks. **We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Main Library.** All materials will be provided, but space is limited so pre-register and pick up a copy of the current month's book by stopping at the Children's Services desk at the Main Library or calling 701-241-1495.

Titles:

- Jan. 16 – *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
- Feb. 20 – *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate
- Mar. 20 – *Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud
- Apr. 17 – *Kid's Choice!* – see monthly flyer for updates
- May 15 – *Movie Day!*



Children's Events



Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series

Drop in to one, or all, of these special storytimes focused on preparing your child for Kindergarten success. Library staff will share tips you can use to instill a love of reading in your child and help get them ready to learn – all while having super storytime fun! These are parent/child storytimes geared for your child's success; therefore, we ask one adult per child to keep the learning to the maximum. **This event series will be held at the Main Library and is most appropriate for children ages 3 to 5.** No pre-registration is required to attend and all materials will be provided. Activities will follow each storytime and every child will leave with a new book!

- Saturday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. – **Let's Love Books!**
- Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. – **Write All About It!**
- Saturday, Mar. 23 at 10 a.m. – **You'll Sing, I'll Sing!**
- Saturday, Apr. 20 at 10 a.m. – **Make It Count!**
- Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. – **Do You See What I See?**



Board Game Blowout!

Try out a new game from the library's collection or bring a favorite to play with family and friends. Join us for any of these family friendly events where we will feature a new game each month as well as having a variety of games available for free play. No pre-registration is required. This event is open to children, teens, and adults of all ages.

- Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. – **Main Library**
- Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. – **Main Library**
- Saturday, Mar. 23 at 2 p.m. – **Main Library**
- Saturday, Apr. 27 at 2 p.m. – **Main Library**

Crafternoons

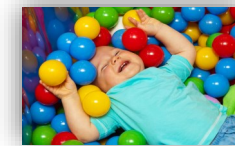
Crafternoons

It's time to get crafty! Crafternoons returns to Carlson on Monday, Jan. 28 AND at Northport on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Children up to age 12 are welcome to drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 p.m. to get crafty at the library. Each week will feature a new craft. No registration is required to participate. We supply the materials – you supply the imagination! Please note: the same craft will be featured at both locations.

Mondays, Jan. 28 – May 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library
No Crafternoons on Feb. 18

Tuesdays, Jan. 29 – May 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch

Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Crafternoons program!



Discovery Play for Babies

Engage your baby's senses at the library! Babies ages 4 to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to participate in a variety of activities during an open house sensory play session at the Main Library. Help your child grow creatively, socially, emotionally, and physically by stimulating their senses through play. We'll provide all the supplies, along with more ideas for how you can continue the learning at home. No pre-registration is required for this event.

Thursday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Main Library

Monster Jam Driver Storytime

Rev up your engines and head to the Main Library for a special storytime with a Monster Jam driver! Kids of all ages are invited to listen to some truck stories. Who will be joining us? It's a monster-sized surprise! This event is open to children and families of all ages. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.



Thursday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

EVENTS BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY

ARGH! Ahoy Matey, It's a Pirate Fairy Adventure

Get ready to set sail for adventure and sprinkle fairy dust along the way to Pixie Hollow! It's a day full of pirates and fairies. We'll make some special fairy crafts and enjoy some of our favorite pirate-y snacks all while watching the Disney movie *The Pirate Fairy*. This event is open to all ages but is most appropriate for children 4 and up. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.



Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Family Film Selection: *The Big Bad Fox & Other Tales* (G)

Expand your knowledge about the Francophone world with French cinema! Join us for a special family film selection as a part of the French Film Festival. From the creators of *Ernest & Celestine* comes a hilarious, heartwarming tale of animal misfits. The countryside isn't always as calm and peaceful as it's made out to be and the animals on this farm are agitated: a fox who mothers a family of chicks, a rabbit who plays the stork, and a duck who wants to be Santa Claus. If you think life in the country is a walk in the park, think again! This is one of six French films, with English subtitles, at the Main Library. The NDSU Department of Modern Languages is sponsoring the French Film Festival. This event is free and no pre-registration is required.

Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Kids Learn Chess

Have you been wanting to learn chess but have no one to teach you? Well, here's your chance! Kids in grades 1 – 6 are invited to learn the language of chess, along with basic moves and tactics, when players from the NDSU Chess Club visit the Main Library. Club members will be on hand to tutor beginners or give pointers to more experienced players between 2 and 4 p.m. Get in the game or polish your skills at this open house event! No pre-registration is required.



Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library
Grades 1 to 6