

January 2 – March 3, 2024

Winter Reading Challenge Starts January 2

This winter, the library invites you to take part in the library's "Iditaread" 2024 winter reading challenge for kids, teens, and adults. The free program runs from **Tuesday, Jan. 2** through **Sunday, March 3**, and readers of all ages can participate by reading (or listening to) books, attending events, and completing activities and challenges.

The library's online winter reading program uses Beanstack, an online service designed for readers of all ages to log the days and time they spend reading and the challenges they complete, to earn prizes for their efforts. Get started by registering at

fargolibrary.beanstack.org beginning Jan. 2. Online registration with Beanstack is accessible via web browser, or Apple/Android apps. Printed reading logs will be available at all library locations starting Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Reading logs and activity challenges are due on or before **Sunday, March 3**, to be eligible for prizes and prize drawings.

A list of highlighted events is available in this newsletter, or visit our online calendar on our website at **www.fargolibrary.org**.



For more information about the library's all-ages winter reading challenge, contact the Main Library Adult Services Desk at 701.241.1492, the Dr. James Carlson Library Adult Services Desk at 701.476.5980, or the Northport Library at 701.476.4026, or visit the library's website at **www.fargolibrary.org**.

NEW Year-Long Reading Challenge in 2024

The Fargo Public Library is excited to introduce the 2024 Fargo Public Library Reading Challenge for adults and older teens.

Register in Beanstack at **fargolibrary.beanstack.org** to get started on this year-long challenge. Throughout the year, complete any of the 12 reading prompts by logging the titles you read. Participants who complete 10 of the 12 prompts will be entered to win a grand prize drawing at the end of the year. The challenge runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024.

This challenge is designed for adult and older teen readers who are looking to add some fun, or discover a new favorite, or who want a little extra motivation for reading during the year.



If you need recommendations for the reading prompts, call 701.241.1492 or email askreference@fargolibrary.org to ask a librarian for some suggestions.

*Library events
are **free** and open to the public.*



Library Events & Notes...

(More resources and information at www.fargolibrary.org)

Winter/Spring Library Hours

Main Library
101 4th St. N.

Monday–Thursday..... 9-8
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 Library

2714 N. Broadway

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

Telephone Numbers

Administration 241.8277
Adult Services 241.1492
Carlson Branch 476.4040
Circulation Desk 241.1472
Northport Branch 476.4026
Outreach 241.8111
Youth Services 241.1495

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LIBRARY'S MITTEN TREES

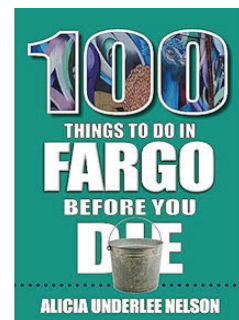
With the cold temperatures upon us, the Library's Mitten Trees are up and accepting donations. Spread warmth in our community by helping those who need it most. Help us keep the trees stocked by donating new, hand-made, or very gently used cold weather gear such as mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Donated items for the Mitten Trees can be dropped off at the Checkout Desks at any Fargo Public Library location.



AUTHOR VISIT WITH ALICIA UNDERLEE NELSON: 100 THINGS TO DO IN FARGO BEFORE YOU DIE

Join us as we welcome Alicia Underlee Nelson, author of *100 Things to Do in Fargo Before You Die*, for a book talk. She will share insider tips, locals' only spots, and detailed itineraries tailored by season and by traveler type. A book signing will follow, and books will be available for purchase. For details, contact Melisa at 701.476.4076.

Sunday, Jan. 14 | Main Library | 2 p.m.



CANYONS OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER PRESENTED BY BERLIN NELSON JR.

Join us for a presentation by Berlin Nelson Jr. as he tells of his 235-mile canoeing journey along the Rio Grande River, bordering the United States and Mexico. Big canyons, white-water, and nasty Carrizo cane are all in the adventure along the wild, scenic river trek. Nelson Jr., Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology at NDSU, has chronicled many of his past outdoors adventures in several personal essays and stories for *The Forum*. Contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

Sunday, Jan. 21 | Main Library | 2 p.m.

FPL'S WINTER PUZZLE COMPETITION

Are you a speedy puzzler? Test your skills at the FPL puzzle competition and exchange. Teams will have two hours to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The top three teams win a prize! Participants are also welcome to bring a puzzle or two to exchange. This event is recommended for adults, teens, or families. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Jan.14. Teams may consist of no more than four members. To register your team, call 701.241.1495.

Sunday, Jan. 28 – Main Library at 1 p.m.

LIBRARY'S 8TH ANNUAL NORTHERN NARRATIVES WRITING PROJECT STARTS FEBRUARY 1

Calling all local and regional writers! The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for our eighth annual *Northern Narratives*, a writing project that aims to inspire regional writers and serve as a community heirloom. We are accepting submissions **Feb. 1 through March 31, 2024** in three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. **The program is open to adults and teens 13 years and older.** Rules and information are available on the library's website (beginning Jan.16). For any questions not answered on the website, please email NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org or call Andy at 701.241.1412.

2024 Submission Categories:

Fiction: 1,000 – 6,000 words

Nonfiction: 1,000 – 6,000 words

Poetry: 1,000 words or less per poem

This project is generously supported by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.



News & Events...

Friends of the FPL Receive Major Donation from Wencil Dusek Family



On Thursday, Dec. 7, the family of Wencil Dusek celebrated what would have been his 100th birthday by presenting a donation of \$100,000 from his estate to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library. Dusek loved the Fargo Public Library and was a daily visitor from the early 1980s until his death in 2017. This generous donation will have an impact for years to come and will help the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization fund programs developed by librarians to benefit the entire community.

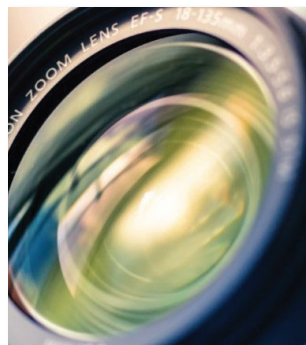
The Friends organization welcomes all charitable giving as it works to provide funding to the library. To learn more about the Friends, visit www.friendsfpl.org.



More Library Events...

COMING IN APRIL: FPL's 5TH ANNUAL NORTHERN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Aaaaand CLICK!—The library is hosting the fifth annual Northern Focus photography project this spring. We are asking up-and-coming or recreational photographers to send us their best photos taken in ND and MN to grace our downtown location in a photo exhibit. Photographs selected as honorable mentions will be specially featured, and the winning photo will become the front cover of Northern Narratives 2024. Submissions will be accepted from **April 1 through May 31, 2024**. The program is open to adults and teens, 13 years and older. Rules and information will be available on the library's website March 1. Contact Nicole at 701.476.5974 or email nhofer@fargolibrary.org for further information.



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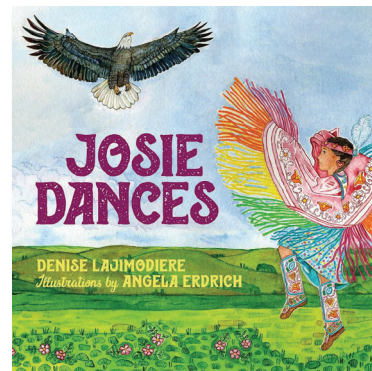
LIBRARY ART TALK & TOUR

Over the years, the Fargo Public Library has acquired artwork from regional artists, such as Charles Beck, Cyrus Running, and George Pfeiffer. After a brief presentation of the artist biographies and the provenance of the pieces, join Librarian Steve Hubbard for a walking tour of the art at the Main Library, both in the public and staff areas.

Sunday, April 7 | Main Library | 2 p.m.

JOSIE DANCES BOOK READING WITH AUTHOR DENISE LAJIMODIERE

Join us as we welcome North Dakota Poet Laureate Denise Lajimodiere for a reading and book signing for *Josie Dances*, the children's book selected to represent North Dakota at the 2023 National Book Festival. As an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Lajimodiere will also include a cultural show and tell. All ages are welcome.



The North Dakota Great Reads from Great Places program for the National Book Festival is sponsored by the Library of Congress and the North Dakota Center for the Book.

Monday, April 22 | Main Library | 6 p.m.



Join the Friends of the Fargo Public Library!



If you like the enhanced programs, services, and events that the Friends of the Fargo Public Library support and sponsor at the library, please consider joining the Friends.

Visit: www.friendsfpl.org or email friendsoffargopubliclibrary@gmail.com



Follow the Friends: www.facebook.com/friendsofthefargopubliclibrary

Family Events...

(More events at www.fargolibrary.org)



Find ALL of the FALL events for Kids & Families in the *Children's Chapter* newsletter! Pick one up at any FPL location.

STORYTIME

The library offers several storytime sessions for families to spend quality time sharing age-appropriate stories, learning school-readiness skills, and preparing for a lifelong love of reading. *All storytimes are open to children ages 2 to 6.* Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495.



Mondays | Main Library | 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Jan. 22 – April 15

Tuesdays | Northport Library | 10 a.m.

Jan. 23 – April 16

Wednesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Jan. 24 – April 17

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS AT MAIN

Gather your relatives and join us for our monthly family trivia night. Each month features a different theme. Family trivia night is open to individuals, families, or teams of all ages – trivia works best for kids who are reading independently. *Registration is required.* All materials will be provided. Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495.

Thursdays | Main Library | 6 p.m.

Jan. 25 | The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings

Feb. 29 | American History: We the People

March 28 | Weather: Snow, Shine, and Showers

April 25 | Planet Earth

May 30 | Star Wars: May the Force Be with You

CRAFTERNOONS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Makers ages 15 and younger are welcome to stop by either the Dr. James Carlson Library or Northport Library each week to get crafty. *Note: the same weekly project will be done at both locations.* No registration is required. Open to kids ages 3 to 15. All materials will be provided. Contact the Children's Services Dept. at 701.241.1495 for details.



Mondays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 – April 29

Tuesdays | Northport Library | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 30 – April 30

The Friends of the Fargo Public Library generously support the Crafternoons program!



BUTTERFLY GARDEN ADVENTURES READER'S THEATRE WITH LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT ANNIE HOUGH

Star in the debut production of local playwright Annie Hough's new play! Hough received a 2023 TAP (The Arts Partnership) Individual Arts Partnership grant for this project, and the reader's theatre performance will be produced and recorded as part of the grant.

Open to kids in grades 1-7, there are opportunities for advanced readers/older kids to perform the speaking roles, and pre and early readers/younger kids to play non-speaking roles. There are also opportunities for kids who are interested in helping to create simple costumes and prop pieces and who don't want to perform. Note: Since this is a reader's theatre production, actors will read from the script; there is no need to memorize lines. *Registration is required* and opens April 6. Register online, or for further details about the production, call the Children's Services Dept. at 701.241-1495.

Please note: Parents/legal guardians must sign and turn in a video release form prior to the event.

Saturday, April 27 | Main Library | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

10 a.m. – Assign roles; read through and rehearse the play; create simple costumes and props

12 p.m. – Lunch break (pizza will be provided)

1 p.m. – *Butterfly Garden Adventures* performance

STORYWALKS®

Get outside and enjoy a stroll through both of the library's area StoryWalks® featuring books with their pages made into a series of signs designed to connect reading and learning with physical activity. A self-paced, family-friendly activity, the signs are spread out on a path to encourage residents of all ages to read and move. StoryWalks are a free activity available during regular park hours.



The **Brunsdale Park StoryWalk®**, 1702 27th Ave. S., Fargo, features the book *Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter* by Kenard Pak.

The **Sodbuster Plaza**, by the downtown Main Library, features the book *First Snow* by Bernette G. Ford.



Library Events...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING FOR THE NORTHERN PLAINS

Learn how to grow more food with less effort using cold-hardy perennial crops that double as beautiful landscape plants. Presenter April Johnson is the NDSU Extension Pollinator Technician and a graduate student in Natural Resource Management. She is passionate about edible landscaping and teaching others how to do it. Email Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

Monday, Feb. 26 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6:30 p.m.

PI/E DAY CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!

PI = 3.1415926535897... or maybe PIE is more your style. Celebrate both at the Pi/e Day Celebration! All ages are invited to make Pi/e related crafts and enjoy snacks. Adults and teens can create colorful felt coasters to match your favorite pies (hand sewing involved). Kids (ages 3 and up) can choose from a selection of pi/e related crafts and activities. Space is limited; *registration is required*. To register, call the Children's Services Dept. at 701.241.1495.

Thursday, March 14 | Main Library | 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 16 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY FOR BEGINNERS

Virtual Reality (VR) has become a rapidly growing field in technology in the last decade. Now with several devices on the market you might be curious to experience this technology. Learn about virtual reality by using a Meta Quest headset at this hands-on session. This session is geared for adults. *Registration is required* and opens Feb. 24. Contact Robert at 701.476.4040 for details.



Saturday, March 23 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Learn about different volunteering opportunities in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Representatives from local organizations will be set up in the Community Room at the Main Library. This event is for adults, teens, and kids. No registration is required. For details, contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Saturday, March 23 | Main Library | 1 p.m.

CHESS CLUB

All area kids, teens, and adults are invited to be part of the library's Chess Club. Whether you are an expert or new to the game, chess players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Sessions are held weekly, and no registration is required. Adults must accompany children under 10 years old. For details, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701.241.1492.

Tuesdays | Main Library | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

WINTER SEED SOWING WORKSHOP

Winter sowing is a way to germinate seeds by creating an environment that copies the way they grow in nature. It works for seeds that need the cold and moist cycle of winter conditions (stratification) for them to sprout when nature tells them to. Make a mini greenhouse from a milk jug and plant native pollinators. Set your greenhouse outside in a sunny spot and wait for the seeds to sprout in the spring! Space is limited; *registration is required* and opens Jan. 29.

Recommended for adults and teens(13+). Contact Nancy at 701.241.1472.

Saturday, Feb. 17 | Northport Library | 10 a.m.

SEED LIBRARY 2024

North Dakota Extension Master Gardeners and the Fargo Public Library are once again partnering to offer the Seed Library. Perfect for beginner and seasoned gardeners, the seed library will provide a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds to the public for FREE (while supplies last) at both the Main and Dr. James Carlson Library locations. Keep an eye out in late winter for more information. Contact Kayla at 701.476.4025 for details.

SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

In this hands-on workshop, beginner gardeners will learn how to successfully start seeds indoors. Participants will also learn how to create their own seed starting pots with recycled newspaper. Seeds, soil, and pots will be provided. Supplies are limited; *pre-registration is required*. Register online starting March 11. Recommended for adults and teens (13+). Contact Kayla at 701.476.4025 for details.

Tuesday, March 26 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.

SPRING PLANT SWAP

This community-minded Plant Swap is an opportunity to share your love of plants for the home or garden with others. Participants are asked to bring houseplants or garden plants to trade or share. These could be leftover garden plants, seed packets, divided perennials, divided houseplants, or propagated plants. Don't have anything to bring? That's okay! Everyone will go home with something new. From novice gardeners to green thumb experts, all are welcome. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.



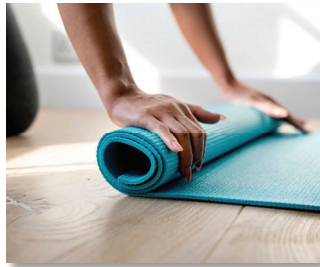
Monday, May 20 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.

Library Events...

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BEGINNER YOGA FOR ADULTS

This is a class for those who haven't tried yoga before or who want a refresher. Along with gentle stretching, this class will teach breathing exercises to provide calmness. Bring a yoga mat if you have one, or a large towel, and wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. This program is recommended for adults. For details, email Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org.



Thursdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.

"SILENT" READING PARTIES

B.Y.O. Book or check out a librarian-selected title. Enjoy a good book and a beverage along with others who appreciate the same. Librarians will be on hand to provide snacks and reading suggestions, set up library accounts, and check out books. *Note: These events are for adults (21+).*

Contact Sarah at 701.241.8295.

Sunday, Jan. 14 | Drekker Brewing | 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4 | Wild Terra | 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 3 | Fargo Brewing | 2 p.m.

ND JOB SERVICE WALK-IN HELP SESSIONS

The ND Job Service staff visits the Fargo Public Library on certain days to provide job-seeking support, resume-building assistance, veteran's services, training program information, unemployment assistance, and more to library patrons. These walk-in sessions are available to the general public at the Main Library. Learn more about the services offered by Job Service North Dakota at www.jobsnd.com.



3rd Tuesdays | Main Library | 2 to 4 p.m.

Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, and May 21

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHTS AT NORTHPORT

Bring your friends and family to our Community Game Nights! Each session features a specific game; however, a variety of other games will be provided. All tabletop gaming experience levels are welcome! Snacks will be provided. Game nights are recommended for adults and teens (16+), and no registration is required. For details, contact Dani at 701.476.4026.



Mondays | Northport Library | 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5, March 4, April 1, and May 6

FREE FRIDAY MOVIES AT THE CARLSON LIBRARY

Free Friday Movies are screened monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month. Free popcorn will be served. Adults must accompany children age 9 and younger.

2nd Fridays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 1 p.m.

Jan. 12 | *Dreamin' Wild* (PG)

Feb. 9 | *A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13)

March 8 | *Barbie* (PG-13)

April 12 | *Asteroid City* (PG-13)

May 10 | *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* (PG-13)

SCI-FI FILM SERIES: CREATURES, ALIENS, & ROBOTS

Local film critic Matt Olien hosts the series at the downtown Main Library; a short discussion will follow each screening. Free popcorn will be served.

Sundays | Main Library | 2 p.m.

Feb. 4 | *The Thing from Another World* (1951)

Feb. 11 | *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956)

Feb. 18 | *Westworld* (1973, PG)

Feb. 25 | *Alien* (1979, R)

IDITAREAD MOVIE: TOGO

Most everyone has heard of Balto, the dog who led a team of sled dogs to deliver life-saving serum to the citizens of Nome, AK after a diphtheria outbreak in 1925. But Balto's team only ran the final stretch of the 674 mile trek, for a total of 78 miles. Togo was the true hero of the grueling serum run. Togo and his team, with musher Leonhard Seppala, ran the longest distance at 264 miles, and this is their story. This film is rated PG. All ages are welcome and no registration is required. Free popcorn will be served.



Saturday, Jan. 27 | Main Library | 1 p.m.

SPRING FILM SERIES: GENE HACKMAN MOVIES

Few actors are quite as beloved as Gene Hackman, a two-time Oscar winner who appeared in almost every movie genre under the sun, from the early 1960s until his retirement from acting in 2004. Local film critic Matt Olien hosts a film series at the downtown Main Library featuring four of Hackman's movies. A short discussion will follow each screening. Free popcorn will be served.

Sundays | Main Library | 2 p.m.

April 14 | *The French Connection* (1971, R)

April 21 | *Hoosiers* (1986, PG)

April 28 | *Mississippi Burning* (1988, R)

May 5 | *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001, R)

Teen Events

(For Tweens and Teens, 11 – 16 years old)

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

POE'S 215TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Start your year out Gothic style and celebrate Edgar Allen Poe's 215th birthday. Enjoy treats, watch scary movies, and create a Poe-inspired craft. Goth clothing is highly recommended for extra fun! Open to tweens and teens ages 11-16. *Registration is required* and opens Jan. 6. All materials will be provided. Register online or contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Saturday, Jan. 20 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 1 p.m.

TEEN CRAFT: DIY BOOKMARKS

Make some cool bookmarks for yourself, friends, or other library goers. Experiment with different mediums like watercolors, washi tape, and collage! Open to tweens and teens ages 11-15. All materials will be provided. Contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Monday, Feb. 5 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15 | Main Library | 5 p.m.

TAKIS TASTING AND SWEETS SAMPLER FOR TEENS

Get your snack on after school. Sample a variety of Takis and unique sweets, and try to guess their flavors. Open to tweens and teens ages 11-15. *Registration is required* and opens on Feb. 8. All materials will be provided. Register online or contact Sarah at 701.298.6960.

Thursday, Feb. 22 | Main Library | 4 p.m.

TEEN CRAFT: MAKE A CLAY POT LEPRECHAUN HAT

Leapin' Leprechauns! St. Patty's day is on the way! We're preparing by crafting cute leprechaun hats. Teens and tweens ages 11-16 are invited to create a clay pot hat container to fill with some edible gold. We'll be getting our Irish on as we also snack on some Irish treats and listen to traditional tunes. *Registration is required* and opens Feb. 19. All materials will be provided. Register online or contact Cindy at 701.241.1495.

Monday, March 4 | Main Library | 6 p.m.

TEEN CRAFT: HARRY POTTER LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Do you know the magical spells to turn on and off the light? Lumos! Nox! Join us in making a glittery glow-in-the-dark Harry Potter-themed light switch cover. Open to tweens and teens ages 10-15. *Registration is recommended* but not required. Register online. All materials will be provided. Contact Lauren at 701.241.1495.

Friday, March 15 | Northport Library | 2 p.m.

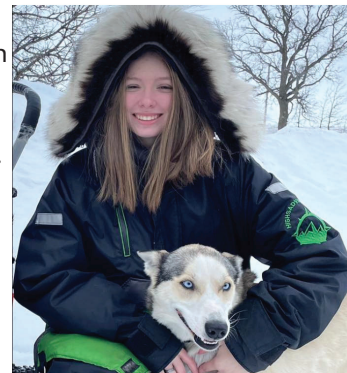
TEEN CRAFT: DIY LEATHER KEYCHAINS

Make a unique stamped leather keychain. Open to tweens and teens ages 11-15. Registration is required and opens March 18. Register online or contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Monday, April 1 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 5 p.m.

DREAMING BIG: DOG SLED RACING WITH EVA ROBINSON

At 17-years-old, Eva Robinson of Cavalier, ND is already a veteran competitive musher. She and her dogs have participated in numerous races, including the Jr. Iditarod and the Jr. Beargrease where she took first place in 2021. All ages are invited to hear Eva's inspiring story of dreaming big, persevering to fulfill a 10-year dream of racing in the Alaska wilderness, staying humble, and never quitting. She'll also introduce us to one of her team dogs! No pre-registration is required. Contact Cindy M. at 701.241.1495.



Saturday, April 6 | Main Library | 1:30 p.m.

TEEN CRAFT: NEEDLE FELT DINOSAURS

Celebrate National Velociraptor day at the library by making a needle felted dinosaur. Needle felting is an easy, quick, and relaxing technique for beginning crafters and experienced artists alike. Open to tweens and teens ages 11-15. All materials will be provided. *Registration is required* and opens April 4. Register online or contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Thursday, April 18 | Main Library | 5 p.m.

TEEN CRAFT: CANVAS SPRAY PAINT WORKSHOP

Try your hand at spray painting! We will be practicing on cardboard before making our final pieces on canvas. Wear something comfortable and that is okay to get permanent paint on. Open to tweens and teens ages 11-15. *Registration is required* and opens April 20. All materials will be provided. Register online or contact Kiki at 701.298.6960.

Saturday, May 4 | Northport Library | 1 p.m.



Book Clubs & Events...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

SENSE OF PLACE BOOK CLUB

Join us as we discover various places and cultures throughout the world through reading fiction and memoir. Share your thoughts and reactions with other engaged readers over coffee and tea. All interested readers are welcome. Ask at the Main Library Information Desk for each month's book, while supplies last. Contact Beth at 701.241.1492.

Meets: 1st Thursday at the Main Library at 11 a.m.

Jan. 4 | *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old* by Hendrik Groen

Feb. 1 | *Under the Glacier* by Halldor Laxness

March 7 | *Best of Friends* by Kamila Shamsie

April 4 | *Eva and Eve* by Julie Metz

May 2 | *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding.

TEA TIME BOOK CLUB



Join us for engaging conversation at each month's Tea Time Book Club. All interested readers are welcome and tea will be served. Ask at the Dr. James Carlson Library Information Desk for each month's book, while supplies last. Contact Jenilee at

jkanenwisher@fargolibrary.org.

Meets: 2nd Monday at the Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 | *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

Feb. 12 | *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

March 11 | *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

April 8 | *The Bandi Queens* by Parini Shroff

May 13 | *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES BOOK CLUB



A book club that works to center the voices of marginalized communities and people through novels, nonfiction, memoirs, and more. All interested readers are welcome. Ask at the Main Library Adult Services Desk for each month's book, while supplies last. Contact Megan at

mlass@fargolibrary.org for details.

Meets: 2nd Thursday at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 | *Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* by Brandy Colbert

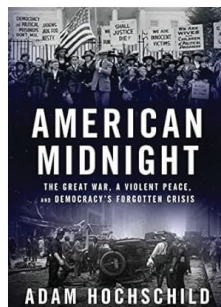
Feb. 8 | *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez

March 14 | *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and a Drug Company that Addicted America* by Beth Macy

April 11 | *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride

May 9 | *Stringing Rosaries* by Denise Lajimodiere

HISTORY BOOK CLUB



History Book Club centers on recent historical events and the people, places, and actions that caused them. All interested readers are welcome.

Contact Steve H. at 701.241.1492.

Meets: Last Tuesday of the month at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 30 | *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and*

***Democracy's Forgotten Crisis* by Adam Hochschild**

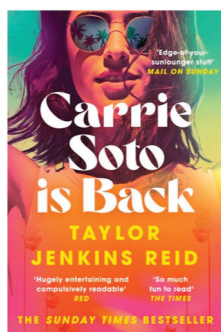
Feb. 27 | *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder* by David Grann

March 26 | *In the Shadow of Fear: America and the World in 1950* by Nick Bunker

April 30 | *Klan War: U.S. Grant and the Battle to Save Reconstruction* by Fergus Bordewich

May 28 | *How To Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater U.S.* by Daniel Immerwahr

SENIOR BOOK CLUB



Join the Senior Book Club for an engaging discussion every other month. Recommended for readers 55 and older. Books will be available at both the Dr. James Carlson Library and Main Library Information Desks in both regular and large print, while supplies last. For details, contact Kirstie at 701.298.6954.

Meets at the Dr. James Carlson

Library at 1 p.m.

Feb. 21 | *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

April 16 | *A Life Without Water* by Marci Bolden

VIRTUAL (ONLINE) BOOK PARTIES

Meet online on the FPL's Facebook page to talk about what you've been reading. It's like a book club, but you can read whatever you want. No registration is required. Contact Megan at 701.241.1492.

Meets: 3rd Thursday online on the library's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fargopubliclibrary) at 7 p.m.

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 18, and May 16

Library Events...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

JIGSAW PUZZLE SOCIAL & SWAP EVENTS

Calling all puzzle lovers! Do you have a lot of puzzles just taking up space in your closet? Want to meet other jigsaw enthusiasts? Let's work on a puzzle together while chatting and making friends! We'll have puzzles available, or bring some to swap. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Contact Christina at 701.241.8199 for details.

Saturdays | Main Library | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 16, April 20, and May 18

TEA TASTING

Explore some of the many unique teas available. Samples of 4 different teas from around the globe will be provided, along with brewing tips and information on the background of that month's selections. Bring a friend so you can sip tea and socialize. These events are recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required*, and opens Jan. 27.

Contact Katrina at kgunderson@fargolibrary.org for details.
Saturday, Feb. 10 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.
Saturday, March 9 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.
Saturday, May 4 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.



CASUAL CRAFTERS AT CARLSON AND NORTHPORT

Calling all crafters from beginners to experienced! Bring a project, drop in any time during the session, and join a friendly group of crafters of all types – from yarn and needle wielders, to paper and ink fans. Not currently working on a craft? We'll have some supplies on hand. Contact Christina at 701.241.8199.

Sundays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, and May 5
Mondays | Northport Library | 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22, Feb. 12, March 18, April 15, and May 20

SPRING CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Free up some space or freshen up your stash at our craft supply swap! Here's how it works: Drop off new or gently used craft supplies at any Fargo Public Library branch starting Monday, April 8. The swap will be open to everyone on April 20, at 12 p.m.; those who donate items in advance will receive an early entry ticket for 10 a.m. Any leftover craft supplies will be donated. Suggested supplies include: fabric, yarn, embroidery thread, rubber stamps, scrapbooking items, craft kits, craft instruction books, patterns, children's craft kits/supplies, etc. Contact Christina at 701.241.8199 for details.

Saturday, April 20 | Main Library | 12 to 3 p.m.

SPRING CRAFT WORKSHOPS

▪ *Temperature Scarf Kickoff*

Create a personal and unique project by making a temperature scarf. Crochet one row per day with a color that corresponds to the average or high temperature where you live to end up with a brilliant display of the year. Get started with a crochet stitch, good places to find your temperatures, and tips to organize your colors. This craft workshop is recommended for adults and older teens (16+); *pre-registration is required* and opens Dec. 30. Contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org.

Saturday, Jan. 13 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.

▪ *Grandma's Traveling Trunk Craft*

Decorate a dollhouse-sized trunk and create adorable treasures to fill it. All materials will be provided, plus coffee and cookies. This workshop is recommended for adults and teens (11+) *Pre-registration is required* and opens Jan. 2. Contact Dani at 701.476.4026.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.

▪ *Mini Otter Stuffie*

Hand stitch an adorable, mini stuffed otter to give to your Valentine or keep for yourself. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Jan. 20. Contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 3 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.

▪ *Sashiko Coasters*

Learn the basics of sashiko, a traditional form of Japanese embroidery. Sashiko uses a basic running stitch to create repeating patterns to make decorative pieces or mend and patch garments. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 3. Contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 17 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.

▪ *Leap Year Movie & Craft*

Celebrate 2024's extra day by creating a spring wreath while watching the 2010 movie *Leap Year* (2010, PG) and sharing some snacks! All materials provided. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 10. Register online or Contact Christina at 701.241.8199.

Saturday, Feb. 24 | Main Library | 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

▪ *Watercolor Bookmarks*

Celebrate National Library Week with us by creating your own watercolor bookmarks! This workshop is aimed at beginners or anyone who loves to watercolor. All supplies will be provided. This workshop is recommended for adults and teens (13+). *Registration is required* and opens March 27. Contact Katrina at kgunderson@fargolibrary.org for details.

Wednesday, April 10 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6:30 p.m. 9

Notes & Events...

FEATURED SERVICES & RESOURCES

TECH HELP SESSIONS

Do you have difficulty with your phone, laptop, or tablet? Our librarians can help you with your technology questions at our weekly Tech Help sessions. Call the Adult Services Desk at 701.241.1492 or 701.476.5980 to reserve a 30-minute appointment, or drop in at one of the weekly sessions – drop-ins will be accommodated based on staff availability. *Librarians are not able to fix devices;* however, they are able to assist patrons in learning how to use them. Remember to bring your device with you to the Tech Help session.

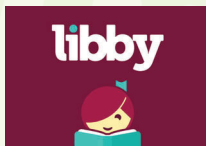
Tuesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesdays | Main Library | 3 to 5 p.m.

LIBBY (LIBRARY2Go)

This online resource offers a wide selection of titles including bestsellers, audiobooks, and movies, and is available on the widest range of devices.

Visit <https://libbyapp.com/library/ndlibrary2go> or <https://ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com>, or ask a librarian for help getting started with any of these or other digital items in the collection.



KANOPY

Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kid favorites. It offers films from studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more. Fargo residents with a valid Fargo Public Library card may check out a limited number of movies each month with this service. Register at <https://www.kanopy.com/fargolibrary>. Kanopy is available only to Fargo Public Library cardholders who live in Fargo. Contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701.241.1492 with questions.



NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

The library offers Notary Public services at no charge to patrons by authorized library staff. Patrons are encouraged to call the Main Library Adult Services Desk at 701.241.1492 to confirm that a Notary Public is available before they visit, or to make an appointment. Availability of a Notary Public is dependent on staff availability and is not guaranteed.



LIBRARY'S DIAL-A-STORY

You can listen to a short story, poem, or Shakespearean monologue anytime by calling the library's free Dial-a-Story line at 701.298.6927. There's a children's Dial-a-Story option for kids, too. When you call the Dial-a-Story phone line, simply choose the children's option. New recordings are available every Monday. Selections are recorded by library staff and are up to 10 minutes in length. Dial-A-Story recordings can be accessed by any phone.



VOLUNTEER AT THE FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY



Want to lend a helping hand at the Fargo Public Library? We are looking for Outreach and Plant Specialist volunteers. If interested, the application forms can be found at fargolibrary.org/outreach, or ask at any Checkout Desk. For more information, contact Pam Strait at 701.241.8111 or email pstrait@fargolibrary.org.

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If you are interested in giving to the library's endowment fund, or if you would like additional information regarding the library's endowment fund, please contact Library Director Tim Dirks at 701.241.1493 or email tdirks@fargolibrary.org.

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