

## Winter Reading Challenge Starts January 6

*January 6 – March 1, 2025*

This winter, the library invites you to take part in the library's "Reading is Snow Much Fun!" 2025 winter reading challenge for kids, teens, and adults. The free program runs from **Monday, Jan. 6** through **Saturday, March 1**, and readers of all ages can participate by reading or listening to books, attending events, and completing activities and challenges.

To get started, register at [fargolibrary.beanstack.org](http://fargolibrary.beanstack.org), an online service designed for readers of all ages to log the days and time they spend reading and the challenges they complete. Readers can earn prizes for their efforts! 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. 6.

Reading logs and activity challenges are due on or before **Saturday, March 1**, to be eligible for prizes and prize drawings.

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

**READING**  
IS SNOW MUCH FUN!



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](http://www.fargolibrary.org).

## Year-Long Reading Challenge in 2025

The Fargo Public Library is excited to offer another year-long reading challenging for adults and older teens (16+) in 2025.

Registration starts Jan. 1 in Beanstack at [fargolibrary.beanstack.org](http://fargolibrary.beanstack.org) for this challenge. Throughout the year, complete any of the prompts on the online Bingo card by telling us the title of what you read. Participants who complete a Bingo will be entered to win a prize drawing at the end of the year. Participants who complete the entire card will be entered in the grand prize drawing. The challenge runs through Dec. 31, 2025.

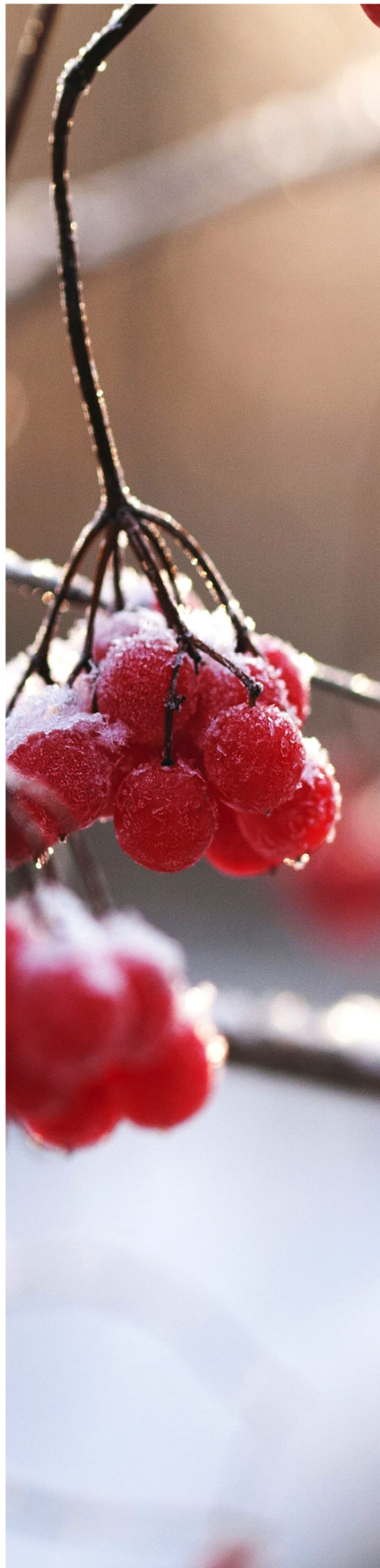
This challenge is designed for readers who are looking to add some fun, or discover a new favorite, or who want a little extra motivation for reading during the year.

If you need recommendations for the



reading prompts, call 701.241.1492 or email [askreference@fargolibrary.org](mailto: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](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## Winter/Spring Library Hours

**Main Library**  
101 4th St. N.

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

## **Dr. James Carlson Library**

2801 32nd Ave. S.

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

## **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

[www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org)



## NEW SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY: VIRTUAL MEETING EQUIPMENT

The Fargo Library has launched a new service to meet the needs of our community. Users 18 years and older may reserve study room space and equipment needed to attend an online meeting. This is a great option for those needing a place to attend a job interview, give a presentation, attend an online webinar, or other sorts of virtual meetings. Use is limited to a maximum of 4 hours at a time. To make a reservation or learn more about this service, please call the Main Library Information Desk at 701.241.1492 or visit the Information Desk at the downtown Main Library.



## 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, handmade, 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 through February 28.

## FPL'S NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY CELEBRATION

Calling all puzzle lovers! Celebrate National Puzzle Day at the Fargo Public Library with a puzzle competition, puzzle chess, puzzle swap, and more. Socialize over puzzles with other jigsaw masters, compete with a team to win the Puzzle Competition, or try out Puzzle Chess. You might even find a puzzle or two to bring home. Space is limited for the puzzle competition; registration opens Jan. 4 and can be completed by calling 701.241.1495.

**Saturday, Jan. 18 | Main Library | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Puzzle Social | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Puzzle Chess | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Puzzle Competition | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**



## LIBRARY'S 9TH ANNUAL NORTHERN NARRATIVES WRITING PROJECT STARTS FEBRUARY 1

Writers, sharpen your pencils and fire up those laptops! The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for our ninth 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, 2025** in three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. **The program is open to adults and teens 13 years and older.** Rules and information will be available on the library's website beginning Jan. 21. For any questions not answered on the website, please email [NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org](mailto:NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org) or call Andy at 701.241.1412.

2025 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...

## “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+) unless noted.* Contact Sarah at 701.241.8295 if you have questions.

**Sunday, Jan. 5 | Uncorked Lounge | 2 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 8 | Fargo Brewing | 2 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 2 | Wild Terra | 2 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 12 | Front Street Taproom | 2 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 4 | Vampire Penguin\* | 2 p.m.**  
*(\*All ages are welcome.)*

## ROMANCE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION AND TRIVIA

An open discussion about all things Romance Books: favorite characters, authors, cartoon covers, and upcoming releases. New to the genre? We'll have recommendations and refreshments. Long-time fan? We're hosting trivia with prizes. This program is for adults (18+); no registration is required, and all materials will be provided. Contact Morgan at 701.476.4040 for details.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 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, veterans' services, training program information, unemployment assistance, and more to library patrons. These walk-in sessions are available to the general public. Learn more about the services offered by Job Service North Dakota at [www.jobsnd.com](http://www.jobsnd.com).

**3rd Tuesdays | Main Library | 2 – 4 p.m.**  
**Jan. 21 | Feb. 18 | March 18 | April 15 | May 20**



## COMMUNITY OPTIONS WALK-IN HELP SESSIONS

Meet with staff from the Fargo office of Community Options to learn about the variety of services they offer, including case management, education, housing, and peer support. Community Options will also provide Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Application Assistance during the winter months. These walk-in sessions are available to the general public. More information at [www.communityoptionsnd.com](http://www.communityoptionsnd.com).

**3rd Tuesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**3rd Tuesdays | Main Library | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Jan. 21 | Feb. 18 | March 18 | April 15 | May 20**

## COMING IN APRIL: FPL'S 6TH 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 2025*. Submissions will be accepted from **April 1 through May 31, 2025**. 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](mailto:nhofer@fargolibrary.org) for further information.

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## 'KNOW MY CULTURE' SPRING SERIES

In partnership with the North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative (NDAACI), the library is offering two Know My Culture events this spring. These immersive cultural presentations are for all ages, and include cultural items, traditional clothing, music, and food. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.



*North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative (NDAACI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2022. The organization creates programs designed to promote cultural exchange and foster civic engagement.*

**Know My Culture: China**  
**Saturday, March 15 | Main Library | 3 p.m.**  
**Know My Culture: Thailand**  
**Saturday, April 12 | Main Library | 11 a.m.**

## INTRODUCTION TO GEOCACHING

Ages 9 and up are invited to learn about geocaching – the global treasure hunt that is happening right in your own backyard. In this event, you will be introduced to the basics of geocaching and then you will get the chance to put your skills to the test as we search for hidden caches in the area. Whether you are a beginner or just curious, this event is a chance to connect with fellow adventurers and explore our community. *Pre-registration is required* and opens April 17. Register online or contact Elle at 701.241.1492.

**Saturday, May 17 | Northport Library | 1 p.m.**

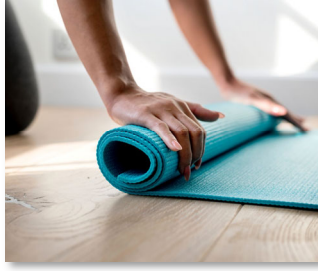
# Library Events...

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## BEGINNER YOGA FOR ADULTS

This is a class for those who have not 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](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).

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



## COMMUNITY GAME NIGHTS AT THE NORTHPORT AND THE DR. JAMES CARLSON LIBRARIES

Bring your friends and family to our Community Game Nights at the library. A variety of tabletop games will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring their favorite game to share. All tabletop gaming experience levels are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Game nights are recommended for adults and teens (16+); no registration is required. For details, contact Dani at 701.476.4026.



**1st Mondays | Northport Library | 5-7:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 6 | Feb. 3 | March 3 | April 7 | May 5**

**2nd Wednesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 5-7:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 8 | Feb. 12 | March 12 | April 9 | May 14**

## 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.

**1st Tuesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 5 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 18 | Feb. 15 | March 15 | April 19 | May 17**

**3rd Saturdays | Main Library | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Jan. 18 | Feb. 15 | March 15 | April 19 | May 17**

## 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 8 p.m.**

## RED DRAGON INN BOARD GAME TOURNAMENT

The boss is dead, the dungeon is looted, and the treasure is spent. What do you do when you're a hero at the end of the adventure? Head to the Red Dragon Inn, of course! In this competitive, light-hearted board game, you will select a character archetype and battle it out to be the last player standing! The Red Dragon Inn Board Game Tournament is presented in partnership with Anime Fargo. All are welcome, regardless of experience with the game (game is recommended for ages 13+). Official Slugfest Games tournament kits ensure that every participant will walk away with at least one prize card. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online starting March 15. Contact Dani at 701.476.2026 for details.

**Saturday, March 29 | Main Library | 1 to 4:30 p.m.**



## 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. 10 | Twisters (PG-13)**

**Feb. 14 | The Wild Robot (PG)**

**March 14 | It Ends with Us (PG-13)**

**April 11 | Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)**

**May 9 | Thelma (PG-13)**

## WOMEN IN THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR FILM SERIES

The job of film director was a man's job for decades. Join us as we honor four female directors who broke the glass ceiling and made terrific films. Local film critic Matt Olien hosts the film series and leads a short discussion following each screening. Free popcorn will be served.

**Saturdays | Main Library | 2 p.m.**

**Feb. 1 | The Hitch-Hiker (Ida Lupino, 1953, not rated)**

**Feb. 8 | The Piano (Jane Campion, 1993, R)**

**Feb. 15 | Winter's Bone (Debra Granik, 2010, R)**

**Feb. 22 | Zero Dark Thirty (Kathryn Bigelow, 2012, R)**

## SPRING FILM SERIES: BRANDO!

Considered one of the great actors of the 20th century, Marlon Brando transformed the field of acting with his amazing range and on-screen charisma. This film series features four of Brando's films. Local film critic Matt Olien hosts the film series and leads a short discussion following each screening. Free popcorn will be served.

**Saturdays | Main Library | 2 p.m.**

**April 5 | The Men (1950)**

**April 12 | Guys and Dolls (1955)**

**April 19 | Sayonara (1957)**

**May 3 | Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967)**

# Family & Teen Events...

(More events at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))



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

## YOUTH WILDLIFE ART CONTEST: NATIONAL JUNIOR DUCK STAMP

Learn about the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest for school-aged youth: its history, how to enter, age groupings, scholarship awards, and related waterfowl and habitat education programming resources available from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Following a brief presentation by staff from Audubon Great Plains, participants will take part in colorful make-&-take waterfowl art activity. Some supplies/resources for participating in the contest will be available to take home. K-12 educators are also encouraged to attend. Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495. for details.



**Saturday, Jan. 11 | Main Library | 10 a.m.**

## WONDERY ART & ADVENTURE

Step into a world of creativity and exploration at the library! Explore art concepts like color, shape, and composition through hands-on art activities to help develop fine motor skills and patience.



Children ages 3 – 5 (with an adult) have the opportunity to explore, create, and learn. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required, and opens two weeks before each session.* Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495.

**Thursdays | Main Library | 11 a.m.**  
**Jan. 16 | Feb. 20 | March 20**

## WINTER 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.* No pre-registration is required. Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495.



**Mondays | Main Library | 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
**Jan. 27 – April 14 (No Storytime Feb. 17)**  
**Tuesdays | Northport Library | 10 a.m.**  
**Jan. 28 – April 15**  
**Wednesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
**Jan. 29 – April 16**

## FAMILY READING RUMPUS

Let the reading rumpus begin! Designed for families to enjoy together, these interactive events invite children and parents to dive into the world of books through storytelling and hands-on activities. Create lasting memories and bond over stories – all before bedtime! Storytime/activities are geared towards ages 2 – 6, but children of all ages are welcome to attend. Contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495.

**Tuesdays | Main Library | 6 p.m.**  
**Jan. 28 | Secret Agent Storytime**  
**Feb. 25 | Dragons Love Tacos**  
**March 25 | The Art Safari**  
**April 29 | May Day Madness**

## MORE EVENTS FOR TEENS

### SHIVER ME TIMBERS! PIRATICAL ESCAPE ROOMS

Ahoy Mateys! Can ye prove yer pirate mettle by retrievin' Cap'n Longbeard's treasure before the ship sinks and the crew is on to ye? In this escape room, you have one hour to work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and figure out riddles in order to uncover the pirate's treasure! *The escape rooms are most appropriate for ages 14+.* *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or contact Erin A. at 701.476.4040.

**Thursday, Jan. 23 | Main Library**  
**2 Sessions: 5:30 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 25 | Dr. James Carlson Library**  
**2 Sessions: 2 p.m. or 3:15 p.m.**

### TRADITIONAL JAPANESE TOYS & GAMES

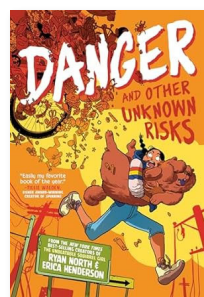
Learn about traditional Japanese games and toys from a representative with the Japan Outreach Initiative. Explore and play with Japanese traditional toys like Kendama, Daruma Otoshi, and a game using chopsticks while learning the unique history behind each one. This event for tweens and teens (11+), and adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 18. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

**Tuesday, March 18 | Main Library | 2 p.m.**

### TEEN BOOK CLUB

Teens in grades 8 – 12 are invited to discuss the book *Danger and Other Unknown Risks* by Ryan North and Erica Henderson. Snacks and an activity related to the book will be part of the event. Pick up a book and sign up at the Information Desk at the downtown Main Library (on the 2nd Floor) or call 701.241.1492 for details.

**Monday, May 5 | Main Library | 6 p.m.**



# Teen Events

(For Tweens and Teens, 11 – 18 years old)  
(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ THE LIBRARY

Volunteer at the Fargo Public Library! You can make the library a great place to visit, earn volunteer hours for clubs or scholarships, and have fun at the same time. Participants must be 12 to 18 years old. *NOTE: teen volunteers need a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.* Sessions are once a month from January – May. *Registration is required* and can be done online for the current month. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

Jan. 6 | Main Library | 5 p.m.

Feb. 1 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 1 p.m.

March 1 | Northport Library | 1 p.m.

April 5 | Main Library | 1 p.m.

May 12 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 5 p.m.

## LIBRARY LAIR @ THE DR. JAMES CARLSON LIBRARY

Step into the Library Lair, where imagination, adventure, and creativity come to life. Designed for teens and tweens (ages 11 to 18), Library Lair offers a fun and interactive space to hang out, meet new friends, and explore cool activities in the library including robots, candy games, electronics, paper airplanes, and more. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960.

Tuesdays | Dr. James Carlson Library | 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 – May 27 (No Library Lair 3/18)

## TEEN CRAFT: REVERSE GLASS PAINTING

Reverse glass painting is a different style of painting where you build on your design backwards – starting with the details and ending with the background. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required*; register online or call Elle at 701.241.1492.

Friday, Jan. 17 | Main Library | 2 p.m.

## TEEN WORKSHOP: ORIGAMI

You have heard of origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, but how much do you know about it? Learn how to fold a few shapes and hear the history of origami from staff of the Japan Outreach Initiative. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required.*

Register online or contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

Friday, Feb. 7 | Northport Library | 4:30 p.m.



## TEEN WORKSHOP: KNITTING BASICS

Try a new hobby this winter by learning the basics of knitting with Cari Jehlik from the Prairie Arts Center. Learn how to cast on, knit, and bind off by making a simple washcloth. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 1. Register online or contact Cindy M. at 701.241.1495.

Saturday, Feb. 15 | Main Library | 10 a.m.

## COOPERATIVE GAME NIGHT FOR TEENS

Board games can be lots of fun, but sometimes you don't feel like competing. That's what makes cooperative games different – instead of competing with each other, players work together to beat chance or a ticking clock. Work with other teens to save the world, fly to the moon, escape a sinking island, and more at this engaging event. No registration is required. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

Monday, Feb. 24 | Main Library | 5 – 7 p.m.

## HANDS-ON ELECTRONICS FOR TEENS

Play with electronics to make things light up, spin, play music, and more with easy-to-use parts. Help assemble a small motion-detecting car and even make a skittering critter to take home with you. All materials will be provided. This program is for teens ages 12-18, and no registration is required. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

Thursday, March 20 | Main Library | 1 p.m.

## TEEN CRAFT: FLOWER BOOK BAGS

People have used flowers as natural dye for centuries. Join us in making your own naturally dyed flower print book bags just in time for spring. *Pre-registration is required* and opens March 15. Register online or contact Lauren at 701.241.1495.

Saturday, March 29 | Northport Library | 2 p.m.

## ILLUSTRATED FOUND POETRY FOR TEENS

"Found poetry" is the art of creating a poem using text that someone else has written and making it your own by rearranging and deleting words. Teens are invited to make poems from the words on the page of a recycled book, and then draw or color over all the other words to make a one-of-a-kind illustrated poem. *Pre-registration is required* and opens March 11. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960 for details.

Friday, April 11 | Northport Library | 4:30 p.m.

## TEEN HANGOUT

School's out for the day, so let's have some fun! Join us for snacks and a movie. Art supplies will be available as well as mazes, puzzles, and electronic building toys. All materials will be provided. Contact Anna at 701.298.6960.

Thursday, April 17 | Main Library | 2 to 4 p.m.

# Library Events...

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## GARDENING WORKSHOPS WITH THE GROWING TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDENS

Excited about planning your 2025 garden? Learn gardening tips and tricks for a successful year with leaders from Growing Together, a local community garden group. Recommended for adults and teens. No registration is required, and all materials will be provided. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977.



### ▪ *Indoor Tomato Seed Starting*

Get your tomato plants ready for a strong start with Jack Wood, founder of Fargo's Tomato Seed Savers Club. A great class to learn how to set up a seed starting station.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Introduction to Food Preservation*

Learn about different methods of preserving the harvest for long winters.

**Tuesday, Feb. 25 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Planning Your Herbal Tea Garden*

Taste-test herbs you can grow in your own garden for teas.

**Tuesday, March 25 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Get Your Hands in the Dirt*

Join us off-site at Growing Together's Gathering Farm Garden (3910 25th St. S., Fargo) to learn from GTCG's member experiences and connect with other gardeners.

**Tuesday, April 29 | Gathering Farm Garden | 4 p.m.**

## WINDS OF CHANGE: LOCAL AGRICULTURE THROUGH AERIAL FARM PHOTOS

Join us to view local aerial farm photos from WWII to the present and learn about the changes in regional agriculture over the last 60 years. Jacob Clauson, Assistant Professor of Geography at Valley City State



University, will present his research findings about local changes in agriculture including farm layout, buildings, machinery, and crop coverage. No registration is required. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.

**Tuesday, March 11 | Main Library | 6 p.m.**

## HAPPY ROCK GARDEN MARKERS

Potato or tomato? Jalapeño or sweet pepper? Paint unique rock vegetable reminders of what you have planted in your garden. All materials and instructions will be supplied for each participant to make 3 markers. (Or bring your own special rocks if you want to make more.) *Pre-registration is required.* Register online starting March 3. Recommended for adults and teens (13+). Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.

**Saturday, March 22 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 2 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 Kirstie at 701.298.6954 for details.



**Monday, May 19 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 6 p.m.**

## Coming Soon! Seed Library 2025

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 the launch date. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.



**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](http://www.friendsfpl.org) or email [friendsoffargopubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffargopubliclibrary@gmail.com)

 Follow the Friends: [www.facebook.com/friendsofthefargopubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthefargopubliclibrary)

# Book Clubs & Events...

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## SENSE OF PLACE BOOK CLUB



Join us as we discover 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. 2** | *We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies* by Tsering Yangzom Lama

**Feb. 6** | *Free: Coming of Age at the End of History*, a memoir by Lea Ypi

**March 6** | *Greek Lessons* by Han Kang

**April 3** | *Better the Blood* by Michael Bennett

**May 1** | *Anita de Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez

## TEA TIME BOOK CLUB



Enjoy a great discussion 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](mailto:jkanenwisher@fargolibrary.org).

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

**Jan. 13** | *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

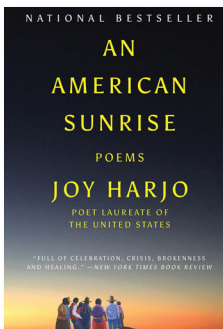
**Feb. 10** | *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

**March 10** | *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

**April 14** | *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

**May 12** | *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer

## DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES BOOK CLUB



A book club that works to center the voices of marginalized communities and people through novels, nonfiction, and memoirs. All interested readers are welcome. Ask at the Main Library Adult Services Desk for each month's book, while supplies last. Contact Megan at 701.476.6615 with questions.

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

**Jan. 9** | *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo

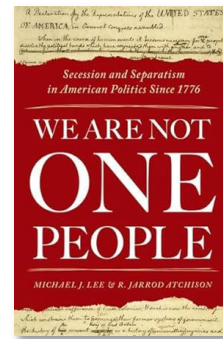
**Feb. 13** | *Stakes Is High: Life After the American Dream* by Mychal Denzel Smith

**March 13** | *While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence* by Meg Kissinger

**April 10** | *We Were Once a Family: A Story of Love, Death, and Child Removal in America* by Roxanna Asgarian

**May 8** | *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

## 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. 28** | *We Are Not One People: Secession and Separatism in American Politics Since 1776* by Michael Lee and Jarrod Atchison

Jarrod Atchison

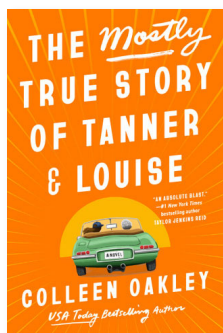
**Feb. 25** | *Black Spartacus: the Epic Life of Toussaint Louverture* by Sudhir Hazareesingh

**March 25** | *Reds: The Tragedy of American Communism* by Maurice Isserman

**April 29** | *New Cold Wars: China's Rise, Russia's Invasion, and America's Struggle to Defend the West* by David Sanger

**May 27** | *France on Trial: The Case of Marshal Pétain* by Julian Jackson

## SENIOR BOOK CLUB



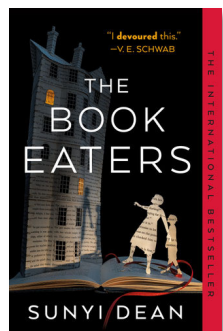
Join the Senior Book Club (for readers 55+) for an engaging book discussion every other month. Books will be available at both the Dr. James Carlson Library and Main Library Information Desks in both regular and large print, while supplies last. Contact Kirstie at 701.298.6954.

**Meets at the Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.**

**Feb. 18** | *The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise* by Colleen Oakley

**April 15** | *A Life Without Regrets* by Marci Bolden

## SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY BOOK CLUB



Join in an engaging discussion every quarter featuring either a science fiction or fantasy book. Books will be available at the Dr. James Carlson Library Information Desk while supplies last. For details, contact Robert at 701.476.5978.

**Meets each quarter at the Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.**

**March 26** | *The Book Eaters* by Sunyi Dean



# Library Events...

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## 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 and teens (13+). *Pre-registration is required.* Contact Katrina at [kgunderson@fargolibrary.org](mailto:kgunderson@fargolibrary.org) for details.



**Saturday, Jan. 11 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 8 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, March 8 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 10 a.m.**

## 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. Our librarians might have a few recommendations too. No registration is required. Contact Megan at 701.241.1492 if you have questions.

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

**Jan. 16 | Feb. 20 | March 20 | April 17 | May 15**

## CASUAL CRAFTERS AT 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.

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

**Jan. 13 | Feb. 10 | March 17 | April 21 | May 19**

## 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 April 14. The swap will be open to everyone on April 26, at 11 a.m.; those who donate items in advance will receive an early entry ticket for 10 a.m. Any leftover supplies will be donated. Suggested supplies include: fabric, yarn, embroidery thread, rubber stamps, scrapbooking items, craft kits, craft books, art supplies, model kits, patterns, children's craft kits/supplies, etc. Contact Christina at 701.241.8199 for details.



**Saturday, April 26 | Main Library | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Ticketed early entry : 10 a.m.**

## WINTER CRAFT WORKSHOPS

### ▪ *Beaded Picture Frame*

Make a unique beaded picture frame using different types of beads, stones, trinkets, and everything in between. Spend a couple of hours creating a one-of-a-kind picture frame for your photos. All supplies will be provided. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Dec. 28. Contact Lori at [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).

**Saturday, Jan. 11 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 1 p.m.**

### ▪ *Finger Knitting*

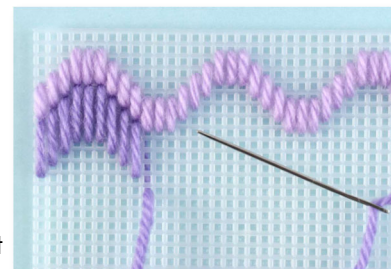
Learn finger knitting with a super soft, bulky yarn on a scarf project! These workshops are recommended for adults and older teens (16+); *pre-registration is required* and opens Jan. 4. Contact Lori at [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).

**Saturday, Jan. 18 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 21 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Bargello Bookmark*

Learn bargello needlepoint and make a colorful bookmark! These workshops are recommended for adults and older teens (16+); *pre-registration is required* and opens Jan. 25. Contact Lori at [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).



**Saturday, Feb. 8 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Chicken Scratch Embroidery*

Learn this simple geometric stitching technique using the grid of gingham fabric to create a design. These workshops are recommended for adults and older teens (16+); *pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 15. Contact Lori at [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).



**Saturday, March 1 | Dr. James Carlson Library | 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 4 | Northport Library | 6 p.m.**

### ▪ *Father of the Bride (1991) Movie & Craft*

Create a crafty floral bouquet with Franck while watching the movie *Father of the Bride* (1991) and sharing some snacks. All materials will be provided. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens Feb. 8. Register online or call 701.241.1492.

**Saturday, Feb. 22 | Main Library | 10 a.m.**

# Notes & Events...

## FEATURED SERVICES & RESOURCES

### TECH HELP SESSIONS

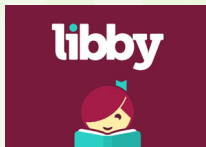
Do you have difficulty with your phone, laptop, or tablet? Our librarians can help you with your technology questions at our weekly Tech Help sessions. Call the Adult Services Desk at 701.241.1492 or 701.476.5980 to reserve a 30-minute appointment, or drop in at one of the weekly sessions – drop-ins 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 to download 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 documentaries, movies, 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](http://fargolibrary.org/outreach), or ask at any Checkout Desk. For more information, contact Pam Strait at 701.241.8111 or email [pstrait@fargolibrary.org](mailto:pstrait@fargolibrary.org).

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#### FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fargo Public Library serves as a vital center of knowledge and is an integral part of our vibrant community. A social and intellectual gathering place for everyone, the Fargo Public Library provides lifelong learning opportunities and library resources for all. Gifts to the library's endowment fund will continue to enhance and enrich library programs and library experiences for future generations.

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](mailto:tdirks@fargolibrary.org).

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