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Fargo Public Library Celebrates 125 Years *Building on a Legacy of Service*

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Fargo Public Library, celebrating over a century of literacy, learning, and community connection. To mark this milestone, a series of events honoring the library's history and connection to the community is planned, and area residents are encouraged to attend:

- **Saturday, Jan. 10 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

125th Anniversary Celebration Open House at the **Main Library** featuring historical photographs and memorabilia, book-themed crafts, behind-the-scenes tours, live music, and refreshments.

- **Monday, Jan. 26 • 6 p.m.**

Trivia Night: History Edition (*pre-registration is required*) at the **Main Library**

- **Saturday, Feb. 28 • 10 a.m.**

Bookworm Birthday Bash! (for kids) at the **Main Library**

- **Saturday, Feb. 28 • 2 p.m.**

JT Kennelly Band Concert: A Music Celebration for the Whole Family at the **Main Library**

- **Monday, March 16 • 6:30 p.m.**

Author talk with J. Ryan Stradal (limited seating; *pre-registration is required*), best-selling author of *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*, *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, and *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, at the **Main Library**.



- **Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30 p.m.**

"Pioneering Public Libraries in North Dakota" presented by Dr. Ashley Baggett at the **Main Library**

Support for the library's 125th Anniversary event series is generously provided by Friends of the Fargo Public Library.



Take Part in the Winter Reading Challenge

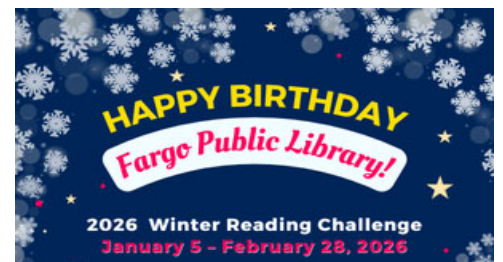
Winter is a great time to read and we want you to take part in the library's "Happy Birthday Fargo Public Library!" winter reading challenge for kids, teens, and adults. The free program runs from **Jan. 5** through **Feb. 28, 2026**.

To start, register at 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. Beanstack is accessible via web browser or Apple/Android apps. Printed reading logs are also available at all library locations.

Reading logs are due on or before **Saturday, Feb. 28**, to be eligible for prizes

and prize drawings.

For more details, contact the Main Library at 701.241.1492, the Dr. James Carlson Library at 701.476.5980, or the Northport Library at 701.476.4026, or visit the library's website at www.fargolibrary.org.



Library News & Notes...

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

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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

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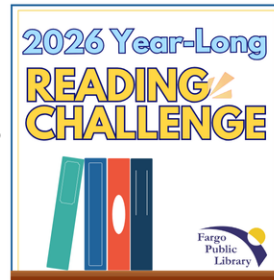


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YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE

Adults and older teens (16+) are invited to take part in the library's year-long reading challenge. Registration starts Jan. 1 online in Beanstack at fargolibrary.beanstack.org. Throughout the year, complete any of the reading prompts by telling us the title of what you read. Participants who complete a bingo will be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the year. Designed for readers who want a little extra motivation for reading during the year, the challenge runs through Dec. 31, 2026.

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



LIBRARY'S ANNUAL NORTHERN NARRATIVES WRITING PROJECT STARTS FEBRUARY 1

The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for our 10th 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, 2026** in three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. **The program is open to adults and teens 13 years and older.** Please see all rules and information on the library's website fargolibrary.org/nnnf. For any questions not answered on the website, please email NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org or call Andy at 701.241.1412. *This project is generously supported by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.*

2026 Submission Categories:

Fiction: 1,000 – 6,000 words
Nonfiction: 1,000 – 6,000 words
Poetry: 1,000 words or less per poem

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE



Thursday, April 23 – Saturday, April 25
Main Library* breezeway area

*Book Sales are also at the Dr. James Carlson Library and Northport Library branches during library hours.

PHOTOGRAPHY STATEMENT

When attending a library event, you or those attending with you may be photographed or recorded on video that will be used for library promotional purposes. If you or a member of your group would not like to be photographed, please alert a staff member at the program.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

If you need any accommodation in order to participate in library programs, we are happy to help to the best of our ability. Please contact us at accessibility@fargolibrary.org or call [701.241.1495](tel:701.241.1495) at least 3 business days in advance.

All Fargo Public Library events are FREE and open to the public.

Library Events...



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

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Spring Storytime • 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. • Main Library
• Ages 2-6 (*Jan. 26 to April 13*)

TUESDAYS

Spring Storytime • 10 a.m. • Northport Library
• Ages 2-6 (*Jan. 27–April 14*)

Tech Help • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

Chess Club • 5:30-8 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 7+

WEDNESDAYS

Spring Storytime • 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Ages 2-6 (*Jan. 28 – April 15*)

Tech Help • 3-5 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

THURSDAYS

TEEN: Library Lair • 5-6 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Teens (*Jan. 8 – June 4*)

Beginner Yoga for Adults • 6 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Adults

JANUARY Events

1/1 Year-Long Reading Challenge begins. • Register at fargolibrary.beanstack.org • For Adults & older Teens (16+)

1/3 Kindergarten Success! Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

1/3 Read to Comet the Mini Horse* • 10:30 a.m. • Carlson Library • K-6th Grade

1/3 Teen Volunteers* • 1-3 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 12-18

1/5 Winter Reading Challenge begins. • Register at fargolibrary.beanstack.org or any Fargo Public Library locations • All Ages

1/5 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • All Ages

1/6 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

1/8 Toddler & Preschool Yoga • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

1/8 Sense of Place Book Club • 11 a.m. • Main Library • *Clear* by Carys Davies • Adults

1/8 Diverse Perspectives Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • *Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next)* by Dean Spade • Adults

1/9 Free Friday Movie • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library • *Elio* (PG) • Adults

1/10 Paws to Read* • 10 a.m. • Main Library • K-6th Grade

1/10 Spanish Language Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

1/10 125th Library Anniversary Open House (125th Anniversary series) • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages • Sponsored by 

1/11 "Silent" Reading Party • 2 p.m. • Brewhalla, 1702 1st Ave. N. • All Ages

1/12 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

1/12 Casual Crafters • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • Adults

1/12 Tea Time Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop* by Hwang Bo-Reum • Adults

1/13 Crafternoons @ Northport • 3-4:30 p.m. • Northport Library • Ages 3-15

1/13 Cozy Craft: Cross Stitch* • 6 p.m. • Northport Library • Adults

1/13 Broken Skull River: A Whitewater Canoe Adventure presented by Berlin Nelson Jr. • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages

1/15 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Babies-24 months

1/15 Wondery Art & Adventure* • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

1/15 Virtual (Online) Book Party • 7 p.m. • Library's Facebook page • Adults

*** ***Registration is required for some events and is noted in the event listing.***

To register, call 701.241.1492 or go to www.fargolibrary.org.

Library Events...

1/17 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 9 a.m. • Main Library
• Adults

1/17 Tea Tasting* • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Adults & Teens (13+)

1/17 Jigsaw Puzzle Competition* • 10 a.m.-noon
• Main Library • All Ages

1/17 My Fair Audrey: Audrey Hepburn Film Series
• 2 p.m. • Main Library • *Sabrina* (not rated, 1954)
• Adults

1/17 Cozy Craft: Cross Stitch* • 2 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

1/19 Library Closed

1/20 ND Job Service Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4p.m.
• Main Library • Adults

1/20 Community Options Walk-In Help Sessions
• 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

1/21 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages

1/24 My Fair Audrey: Audrey Hepburn Film Series
• 2 p.m. • Main Library • *Charade* (not rated, 1963)
• Adults

1/26 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

1/26 Cozy Craft: Paper Piecing* • 6 p.m. • Northport Library • Adults

1/26 Trivia Night: History Edition* (125th Anniversary series) • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Adults & Teens
• Sponsored by



1/27 Crafternoons @ Northport • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Northport Library • Ages 3-15

1/27 Family Reading Rumpus • 6 p.m. • Main Library
• Ages 2-6 & Families

1/27 History Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
• *The Birth of Plenty* by William J. Bernstein • Adults

1/31 Cozy Craft: Paper Piecing* • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

1/31 Let's Paint Birds! Watercolor Lesson* • 10 a.m.
• Main Library • Ages 9-12

1/31 My Fair Audrey: Audrey Hepburn Film Series
• 2 p.m. • Main Library • *Two for the Road* (not rated, 1967) • Adults

FEBRUARY Events

2/2 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • All Ages

2/3 Going Places Book Club* • 4 p.m. • Main Library
• Grades 3-7

2/3 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Adults

2/5 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

2/5 Tumble Time • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

2/5 Sense of Place Book Club • 11 a.m. • Main Library
• *Under Ground* by Megan Marsnik • Adults

2/7 Kindergarten Success! Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

2/7 Teen Creative Writing Workshop* 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Teens

2/7 Teen Volunteers* • 1-3 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 12-18

2/7 My Fair Audrey: Audrey Hepburn Film Series • 2 p.m.
• Main Library • *Wait Until Dark* (not rated, 1967) • Adults

2/7 "Silent" Reading Party (This is a 21+ event) • 2 p.m.
• Bear Creek Winery, 8800 25th St. S. • Adults

2/9 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

2/9 Casual Crafters • 5 p.m. Northport Library
• Adults

2/9 Tea Time Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich • Adults

2/10 Crafternoons @ Northport • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Northport Library • Ages 3-15



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

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Library Events...

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2/11 Libraries Dance! Out of This World • 6:30 p.m.
• Main Library • Ages 3+

2/12 Toddler & Preschool Yoga • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

2/12 Galentine's Day Celebration • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Adults and Teens

2/12 Diverse Perspectives Book Club • 6:30 p.m.
• Main Library • *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson • Adults

2/13 Free Friday Movie • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library
• *Freakier Friday* (PG) • Adults

2/14 Spanish Language Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

2/14 Paws to Read* • 10 a.m. • Main Library
• K-6th Grade

2/14 First Wives Club Movie & Craft* • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Adults

2/14 Little Squirt Astronaut Training Academy Open House • 10 a.m. – noon • Carlson Library • Ages 3-5

2/16 Library Closed

2/17 Senior Book Club • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library
• *The Retirement Plan* by Sue Hincenbergs • Adults

2/17 ND Job Service Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m.
• Main Library • Adults

2/17 Community Options Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

2/17 Cozy Craft: Hardanger Embroidery* • 6 p.m.
• Northport Library • Adults

2/18 Winter Classes with AARP North Dakota: Understanding Social Security* • 1:30 p.m. • Carlson Library
(Register online: <https://events.aarp.org/SS2-18-26>)
• Adults

2/18 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages

2/19 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

2/19 Wondery Art & Adventure* • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

2/19 Virtual (Online) Book Party • 7 p.m. • Library's Facebook page • Adults

2/21 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 9 a.m. • Main Library • Adults

2/21 Tea Tasting* • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Adults & Teens (13+)

2/21 Legend of Zelda Party* • 1 pm. • Main Library • Adults, Teens and Kids

2/21 Cozy Craft: Hardanger Embroidery* • 2 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

2/23 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

2/23 Author Visit: Barb Solberg, Author of *What We Leave Behind* • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

2/24 Crafternoons @ Northport • 3-4:30 p.m. • Northport Library • Ages 3-15

2/24 Family Reading Rumpus • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6 & Families

2/24 History Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
• *Rising Tide* by John M. Barry • Adults

2/28 Bookworm Birthday Bash! (125th Anniversary series) • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Kids & Families
• Sponsored by 

2/28 JT Kennelly Band Concert (125th Anniversary series) • 2 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages
• Sponsored by 

MARCH Events

3/1 "Silent" Reading Party (This is a 21+ event) • 2 p.m.
• Noble Hare, 344 Sheyenne St., West Fargo • Adults

3/2 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • All Ages

3/3 Going Places Book Club* • 4 p.m. • Main Library
• Grades 3-7

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3/3 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Adults

3/5 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

3/5 Tumble Time • 11 a.m. • Main Library
• Ages 2-6

3/5 Sense of Place Book Club • 11 a.m. • Main Library • *Daughters of Shandong* by Eve J. Chung
• Adults

3/7 Read to Comet the Mini Horse* • 10:30 a.m.
• Carlson Library • K-6th Grade

3/7 Kindergarten Success! Seuss-Tastic Storytime
• 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

3/7 Teen Volunteers* • 1-3 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 12-18

3/9 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

3/9 Tea Time Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn • Adults

3/10 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Northport Library • Ages 3-15

3/10 Spring Craft: Latch Hook Coaster* • 6 p.m.
• Northport Library • Adults

3/11 Libraries Dance! Leaping Leprechauns
• 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 3+

3/12 Toddler & Preschool Yoga • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

3/12 Journal Writing Workshop with Kevin Zepper
• 6 p.m. • Main Library • Adults and Teens

3/12 Diverse Perspectives Book Club • 6:30 p.m.
• Main Library • *Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm* by Robin Diangelo
• Adults

3/13 Free Friday Movie • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library
• *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* (PG) • Adults

3/14 Spanish Language Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

3/14 Paws to Read* • 10 a.m. • Main Library
• K-6th Grade

3/14 Spring Craft: Latch Hook Coaster* • 10 a.m.
• Carlson Library • Adults

3/14 "MAR10 Day" Celebration • 1 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages

3/16 Casual Crafters • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • Adults

3/16 Author Visit with J. Ryan Stradal* (125th Anniversary Series) • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
• Adults • Sponsored by



3/17 ND Job Service Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m.
• Main Library • Adults

3/17 Community Options Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

3/18 Winter Classes with AARP North Dakota: Social Security – We Earned It!* • 1:30 p.m. • Carlson Library
(Register online: <https://events.aarp.org/SS3-18-26>)
• Adults

3/18 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages

3/19 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

3/19 Wondery Art & Adventure* • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

3/19 Teen Event: Kpop Demon Hunters Trivia • 2 p.m.
• Main Library • Tweens (11+) and Teens

3/19 "Silent" Reading Party (This is a 21+ event) • 5 p.m. • Bear Creek Winery, 8800 25th St. S. • Adults

3/19 Virtual (Online) Book Party • 7 p.m. • Library's Facebook page • Adults

3/21 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 9 a.m. • Main Library
• Adults

3/21 Tea Tasting* • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Adults & Teens (13+)

3/21 Easter Egg Fun! Open House • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 5-12

3/23 2026 FPL Seed Library Opens • 10 a.m. • Main Library & Carlson Library • Adults and Teens • Sponsored by the North Dakota Extension Master Gardeners

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3/23 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

3/24 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Northport Library • Ages 3-15

3/24 "Pioneering Public Libraries in North Dakota"
presentation by Dr. Ashley Baggett (*125th Anniversary series*) • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • Adults • *Sponsored by*  **FRIENDS**
OF THE FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

3/25 Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club • 6 p.m.
Carlson Library • *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden • Adults and Teens

3/28 Teen Creative Writing Workshop* • 1 p.m. • Main Library • Teens

3/31 Family Reading Rumpus • 6 p.m. • Main Library
• Ages 2-6 & Families

3/31 History Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
• *Flight of the WASP* by Michael Gross • Adults

APRIL Events

4/2 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

4/2 Tumble Time • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

4/2 Sense of Place Book Club • 11 a.m. • Main Library
• *If I Survive You* by Jonathan Escoffery • Adults

4/3 Library Closed

4/4 Kindergarten Success! Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

4/4 Soldiers of the American Revolution living history program • 1 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages

4/4 Teen Volunteers* • 1-3 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Ages 12-18

4/6 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • All Ages

4/7 Going Places Book Club* • 4 p.m. • Main Library
• Grades 3-7

4/7 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library
• Adults

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4/9 Toddler & Preschool Yoga • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

4/9 Diverse Perspectives Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • *Postcolonial Love Poem* by Natalie Diaz • Adults

4/10 Free Friday Movie • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library
• *The Fantastic Four: First Steps* (PG-13) • Adults

4/11 Spanish Language Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6

4/11 Paws to Read* • 10 a.m. • Main Library
• K-6th Grade

4/11 Defy Gravi-Tea Party • 11 a.m. • Main Library
• All Ages

4/11 "Silent" Reading Party (*This is a 21+ event*) • 2 p.m.
• Front Street Taproom, 614 Main Ave. • Adults

4/13 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Carlson Library • Ages 3-15

4/13 Tea Time Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • *Yellow Wife* by Sadeqa Johnson • Adults

4/14 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m.
• Northport Library • Ages 3-15

4/15 Spring Class with AARP North Dakota: Vigilance Against Cybercrime* • 1:30 p.m. • Carlson Library
(Register online: <https://events.aarp.org/Cyber4-15-26>) • Adults

4/15 Libraries Dance! Snow White Preview • 6:30 p.m.
• Main Library • Ages 3+

4/15 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages

4/16 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library
• Babies-24 months

4/16 Wondery Art & Adventure* • 11 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5

4/16 Virtual (Online) Book Party • 7 p.m. • Library's Facebook page • Adults

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• Adults

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- 4/18 Volunteer Fair • 1 p.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 4/18 Spring Craft: Mini Book Making Session* • 1:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults
- 4/18 Spring Craft: Mini Book Making Session* • 3 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults
- 4/20 Casual Crafters • 5 p.m. Northport Library • Adults
- 4/21 ND Job Service Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4p.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 4/21 Community Options Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 4/21 Senior Book Club • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library • *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson • Adults
- 4/21 Prairie Garden Workshop with United Prairie Foundation • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 4/22 Earth Day Crafts • 5:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages
- 4/27 Crafternoons @ Carlson • 3-4:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • Ages 3-15
- 4/28 Crafternoons @ Northport • 3-4:30 p.m. • Northport Library • Ages 3-15
- 4/28 Family Reading Rumpus • 6 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6 & Families
- 4/28 History Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • *A History of the World in Six Plagues* by Edna Bonhomme • Adults

MAY Events

- 5/1 Teen Craft: Decorate Your Own Planter • 4 p.m. • Northport Library • Ages 12-18
- 5/2 Kindergarten Success! Storytime • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 3-5
- 5/2 Teen Volunteers* • 1-3 p.m. • Main Library • Ages 12-18
- 5/4 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Northport Library • All Ages
- 5/5 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults

- 5/7 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Babies-24 months
- 5/7 Sense of Place Book Club • 11 a.m. • Main Library • *The Storm We Made* by Vanessa Chan • Adults
- 5/8 Free Friday Movie • 1 p.m. • Carlson Library • *Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere* (PG-13) • Adults
- 5/9 Paws to Read* • 10 a.m. • Main Library • K-6th Grade
- 5/9 Craft Supply Swap • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Main Library • All Ages
- 5/11 Tea Time Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Carlson Library • *The Blue Hour* by Paula Hawkins • Adults
- 5/12 Spring Craft: Beaded Suncatchers* • 6 p.m. • Northport Library • Adults
- 5/14 Toddler & Preschool Yoga • 10 a.m. • Main Library • Ages 2-6
- 5/14 Diverse Perspectives Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu • Adults
- 5/16 Jigsaw Puzzle Social • 9 a.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 5/16 Spring Craft: Beaded Suncatchers* • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Adults
- 5/18 Casual Crafters • 5 p.m. Northport Library • Adults
- 5/18 Plant Swap • 6 p.m. • Carlson Library • Adults
- 5/19 ND Job Service Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults
- 5/19 Community Options Walk-In Help Sessions • 2-4 p.m. • Main Library • Adults

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5/20 Community Game Night • 5 p.m. • Carlson Library • All Ages

5/21 Baby Rhyme Time • 10 a.m. • Carlson Library • Babies-24 months

5/21 Virtual (Online) Book Party • 7 p.m. • Library's Facebook page • Adults

5/25 Library Closed: Memorial Day

5/26 History Book Club • 6:30 p.m. • Main Library • *Realigners* by Timothy Shenk • Adults

TEEN TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

It can be hard to make library events fit in your busy schedule, so we're bringing the events to you! Register for a Teen Take and Make, then pick up instructions and all the supplies you need for that project, plus a link to a Discord where you can ask questions, chat, and show off your project. Teens on Facebook or Instagram are encouraged to post your project and tag Fargo Public Library to share the fun. Pre-registration for each month's craft will open the month prior to pick up. Be sure to choose the correct location where you would like to pick up the craft. Register online or call 701.241.1495.

Dates and craft projects:

Jan. 5-10: Mini Gem Painting

Feb. 2-7: Clay Button Heart

March 2-7: Bead Animal Keychain

April 6-11: DIY Mini Books

May 4-9: Marble Snails



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

All Fargo Public Library events are FREE.

SEED LIBRARY 2026

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. The Seed Library is scheduled to launch March 23. Contact Lori at 701.476.5977 for details.

COMING IN APRIL: FPL'S 7TH ANNUAL NORTHERN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

The library is hosting the seventh 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 2026*. Submissions will be accepted from **April 1 through May 31, 2026**. The program is open to adults and teens, 13 years and older. Please see all rules and information on the library's website fargolibrary.org. For any questions not answered on the website, contact Nicole at 701.476.5974 or email nhofer@fargolibrary.org for further information. *This project is generously supported by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.*



LIMITED EDITION LIBRARY CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Fargo Public Library and as part of marking this milestone, the library is introducing three limited-edition library card designs. The new cards are now available at all three library locations. Residents are invited to apply for a library card and receive one of the new designs while supplies last. Current library cardholders are welcome to update their existing card with a sticker featuring one of the new designs.



The limited-edition card designs were created by area artists of all ages who submitted designs to the library's "Color Our World" Library Card Design Contest during the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge. The winning artists' designs in each age category were then created into the new library cards. The winners, who were selected through a public vote, are Savannah Wohlers (kids 12 and younger), Maria Kamrud (teens 13 to 18) and Nikki Nelson (adults 19+).

Thanks to everyone who participated in our card design contest last summer. We are thrilled to share these fresh designs.

News & Notes...

FEATURED SERVICES & RESOURCES

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.



RADON DETECTOR KITS

The library now has radon detector kits to check out from the Library of Things Collection. These reusable kits are available through a partnership with the University of North Dakota as a way to take action against radon health risks. Designed to make it easier for library patrons to determine if a home contains unsafe levels of this radioactive, carcinogenic gas, digital radon detectors can be checked out for three weeks with a Fargo Public Library card in good standing. Each kit contains instructions on how to use the device and what patrons can do to fix a home if high levels of radon are detected.



The lending program is a project of UND CONNECT. Funding for UND CONNECT projects is provided by a grant from the North Dakota Economic Diversification Research Grant Fund.

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.



BOOKS BY MAIL SERVICE

Do you or a family member have difficulty reading standard printed materials and are unable to leave home because of a temporary or permanent disability? You may be eligible for the library's free Books by Mail service. City of Fargo residents can qualify to borrow books (large print included), audiobooks, DVDs, and CDs through the mail. To find out if you qualify, or for more information, call Outreach Services at 701.298.6954 or email outreach@fargolibrary.org.



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 Outreach Services at 701.298.6954 or email outreach@fargolibrary.org.

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The Fargo Public Library serves as a vital center of knowledge and is an essential 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.

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