

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 11 TO 19 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Paper Airplane Competition

Flex your folding muscles and challenge your friends! Design your airplane, then give them a throw and see how far they go! Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library (Ages 11 to 15)

Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. – Carlson Library (Ages 14 to 18)

Pirate Storm Globes

Ahoy matey, we're making pirate storm globes for Talk-Like-a-Pirate-Day. A storm globe is like a snow globe, but contains 100% more pirates. Bring your favorite pirate hat and eye patch, we're going to sea! *Registration opens Sept. 5.*

Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

How to Draw Anything

Enhance your stick figures without fear and turn them into amazing drawings. Perfect for art beginners (and those who think they can't be an artist). *Registration opens Sept. 1.*

Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

Art and Chill

Join in the Artober fun at the library. Lots of supplies and prompts will be available to make art that brings you joy.

Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Teen Puzzle Day

Get your puzzle on at the library! Collaborate or work on your own. Jigsaw puzzles not your style? We'll have logic puzzles and board games. Join us to relax and have fun.

Nov. 4: 5 to 7 p.m. – Main Library

Zine Making

A zine is a small, handmade booklet. They originated as a way for fans of popular TV shows to share their artwork based on their favorite show. Zines can be filled with writing, drawing, collage, stamping, or anything else you can think of to do to paper.

Express yourself by making your own. *These events are for ages 14 to 19. Registration opens Oct. 31.*

Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. – Main Library

Book Club

Teens in grades 7 to 9 are invited to discuss, snack, craft, and experience *Coyote Lost and Found* by Dan Gemeinhart. *Pick up a book (available Oct. 1) and register at the Main Library.*

Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Cookie Decorating

Get into the winter groove by decorating sugar cookies! We'll provide the cookies, frosting, and decorations, you supply the imagination. *Registration opens Nov. 25.*

Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. – Main Library (Ages 14 to 19)

Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. – Carlson Library (Ages 11 to 15)

Break From the Holidays

Take a break from holiday stress with a relaxed afternoon of fun. We'll have board games and jigsaw puzzles, some snacks, and nothing holiday themed in sight. So take a break, get away from the adults, and relax at the library.

Dec. 27: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Cauldron Bath Bombs

Double, double, toil and trouble – make a potion and watch it bubble! Make bath bombs just in time for Halloween! *This event is for ages 11 to 15. Registration opens Sept. 27.*

Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Spooky Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Make a spray tie-dye shirt with a spooky element – glow-in-the-dark! *Registration opens Oct. 1.* Participants will be contacted via e-mail for shirt size.

Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

Northport Branch

Sewing Spooky Felt

Celebrate the spooky season by making a stuffed ghost or jack-o-lantern out of felt. No sewing experience needed. *This event is for teens ages 14 to 19. Registration opens Oct. 15.*

Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. – Main Library

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Design a Bookmark Contest

Kids, Teens, Adults

In 2010, the Fargo Public Library held its first Design a Bookmark Contest. Since then, hundreds of kids have submitted designs hoping that theirs will be the next one chosen. Over the years, we've seen every book, library, and reading pun imaginable, but the thing that keeps us excited is the creativity and care the kids show in their designs. Several years ago, due to demand, we added categories for adults and teens – these too, have demonstrated originality and imagination.

We are continuing the creative tradition this year with the 15th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. All ages are invited to stop by any library location **beginning Sept. 3** (or visit us online beginning Sept. 1) and pick up an entry form. Grab your art supplies, fill the space with your most brilliant creation, and **return it before close on Sept. 30**. Need some help with supplies? We've got those too! Ask any library staff for crayons, markers, and more from our Homework Help supplies (in-library use only). The top designs in each age category (as voted on by library staff) will be made into full-color bookmarks that will be printed and distributed throughout the following year at library locations and events. Winners will be announced on Oct. 7.

We've got lots of other events and activities happening this fall including Crafternoons, storytime, PAWS for Reading, book club, and more! **For a full list, take a look inside. For more information about any of the Fargo Public Library's programs, events, and services, please contact the Children's Services department at 701.241.1495, email: kids@fargolibrary.org, or visit www.fargolibrary.org/kids.**



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Submit a request for personalized reading recommendations using our **What's Next? Reader's Service**. Use the online form at www.fargolibrary.org/kids and librarians will compile a list of books based on your interests and reading level. We'll put them on hold and send them to your chosen Fargo Public Library location.

Check out our online resources like: **Hoopla**, **Tumblebooks**, and **Overdrive Kids' Reading Room** for ebooks and eaudiobooks; **Mango** for language learning; and **Nat Geo Kids** to explore the natural world. Find these and more by visiting fargond.gov/city-government/departments/library/online-resources#kids – don't forget to have your library card on hand to access these resources from home.

Visit one of our **StoryWalks**®. The Fargo Public Library hosts two StoryWalks®: **Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.)** and **Ed Clapp Elementary (3131 28th Street S.)**. Each features various interactive stories throughout the year to encourage readers of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors.

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



Thursday Learning Garden Club

Growing Together, a local community garden group, and the Library have partnered to maintain and harvest the Library Learning Garden Plots located near the Dr. James Carlson Library. Gardening sessions occur **weekly on Thursdays starting at 10 a.m.** in September. These sessions are a wonderful way to learn about gardening, be active, and spend time as a community. No gardening experience is necessary; **families with children of all ages** are welcome. For more information, contact Nancy Jones at nkjones@fargolibrary.org.

All events are FREE.
All materials provided and are available while supplies last.
Groups of 5 or more should contact the Children's Services Department at 701.241.1495 before attending any event.
Registration is required for some events and is noted in the description. To register, or for more information, call 701.241.1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Prepare with Pedro & the American Red Cross

September is National Preparedness Month and Pedro the penguin loves learning how he can prepare for an emergency to stay safe. *Prepare with Pedro* is a youth-centered program that teaches kids in a fun and educational way, how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard. Specially-trained American Red Cross employees and volunteers introduce Pedro and facilitate activities designed to help kids learn basic preparedness concepts, including how to remain calm in stressful situations. These sessions will focus on fire safety. *All ages are welcome, but content is geared towards kids ages 5 to 8. Registration opens Aug. 22.*



Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Stream Table Workshop

Teens ages 11 and older are invited to join the Fargo-Moorhead Science Museum for hands-on activities exploring the secret work of rivers. This workshop features a mobile EmRiver Stream Table where teens will see and feel geomorphology in action and learn how rivers shape our ever-changing landscapes.



Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Water Science

Kids ages 5 to 10 are invited to explore the science of water through hands-on activities! We'll learn about the water cycle, water behavior, freshwater habitats, and more.

Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Christmas Tree Trimming Storytime and Craft

Celebrate the magical Christmas tree decorating tradition at this special storytime and craft. Catch the spirit of the season as we listen to stories, and then make a dazzling ornament or two to hang on your own tree!

Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

History Alive! Book Club

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to experience history in an entertaining and thought-provoking way at our newest book club. Join us as we experience books and history through fun activities, lively discussion, snacks, and more! *Pick up your book and register at the Children's Desk in the Main Library.* Registration opens, and books become available, one month in advance of the meeting.



Main Library at 2 p.m.

Oct. 11: *A Kidnapping in Kentucky* by Elizabeth Raum
Dec. 13: *Mountain of Fire* by Rebecca Barone

Pumpkin Decorating

Make your pumpkin scary or make it super nice, any which way will suffice! You supply the pumpkin and we supply the rest to make your porch-worthy pumpkin the very best. *This event is best suited for ages 3 and up.*

Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Family Thanksgiving STEAM

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, gathering with loved ones, and delicious food! In celebration of this heart-warming holiday, families are invited to gather for a feast...of food science! We'll serve up experiments with cranberry sauce and popcorn, along with sides of turkey and butter. *This event is best suited to families with kids ages 6 through 12.* Space is limited, so please register each participating family member. *Registration opens October 31.*

Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

AGES 2 TO 6 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Libraries Dance!

F-M Ballet and Gasper's School of Dance will be at the Main Library for movement and fun! These storytimes are interactive with a brief dance lesson followed by stories and snacks, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! Dance storytimes are geared toward children ages 3 and up.

Oct. 16: Spooky Ballet

Nov. 13: Mermaids & Mermen

Dec. 4: Nutcracker Preview

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.



Pumpkin Decorating

Make your pumpkin scary or make it nice, any which way will suffice! You supply the pumpkin and we supply the rest to make your porch-worthy pumpkin the very best. *This program is best suited for ages 3 and up.*

Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch

Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

Train Days

November is National Model Railroad Month and we're celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club will display and demonstrate model trains. This year will feature a unique LEGO train set. A special train-themed storytime will take place on Saturday in the Children's Room and a craft will be available both days. *All ages are welcome.*

Nov. 16: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library

Storytime at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Nov. 17: 1 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

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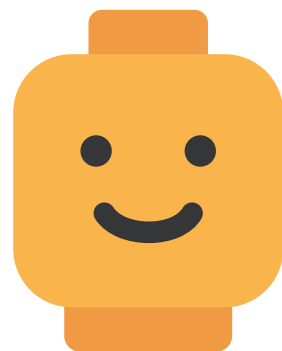
Space is limited, so please register each participating family member (including adults). *Registration opens November 9.*

Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Family Puzzle Competition

Do you think your family of puzzlers is the speediest in all the land? Test your skills at our puzzle competition! Teams will have two hours to complete a 300-piece puzzle. Participants are also welcome to bring a puzzle or two to exchange. *The competition is recommended for families with school-age children.* Teams can consist of no more than 4 members. *Register beginning Nov. 16 by calling 701.241.1495.*

Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



LEGO Mania Design Contest

Show off your creativity at the Fargo Public Library's annual Lego Mania Design Contest! *Kids 12 and under* are invited to build an original creation at home, then bring it to the Main Library on Dec. 30 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Judging will begin at 12 p.m. and winners will be announced at 12:45 p.m. Games and other activities will take place in the Children's Room to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions. *Registration is required and can be completed by calling 701.241.1495 beginning Dec. 2.* Before you begin to build, please check out the rules and guidelines on our webpage (www.fargolibrary.org/kids). Good luck!

Dec. 30: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Main Library

Fall Storytime

The Fargo Public Library offers storytime opportunities for families to spend quality time sharing stories, learning school-readiness skills, and preparing for a lifetime love of reading. Through the use of age-appropriate stories, songs, and fingerplays in a group setting, library staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills – all while having super storytime fun!

Main Library – Sept. 16 through Dec. 9 (No Storytime 11/11) Carlson Library – Sept. 18 through Dec. 11

Mondays at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Northport Library – Sept. 17 through Dec. 10

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Attend any storytime and get your Storytime Punch Card! Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.



Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth to 18 months are invited to join us each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes with your baby while introducing them to books and the library! Each session concludes with open play time. One child per grown-up lap.

Sept. 5 & 19

Nov. 7 & 21

Oct. 3 & 17

Dec. 5 & 19

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Toddler/Preschool Tumble Time

Introducing Toddler/Preschool Tumble Time! Kids can wiggle and giggle with Fargo All-Stars. Learn tumbling moves and shake your sillies out! We'll start with a short storytime and end with creative movement. Wear clothes that you can move and groove in!

Sept. 5: Falling into Fall

Nov. 7: Feeling Grateful

Oct. 3: Spooky Tumblers

Dec. 5: Jingle, Jingle

Main Library at 11 a.m.



Kindergarten Success!

Get your child ready for Kindergarten by exploring literacy and STEAM topics through music, stories, songs, and play. Library staff will share tips you can use to instill a love of reading in your child. These events are appropriate for *children ages 3 to 5*. Activities follow storytime and all children receive a FREE book!

Sept. 7

Nov. 2

Oct. 5

Dec. 7

Main Library at 10 a.m.

Tuesdays for Toddlers

PLAINS ART MUSEUM

Featuring storytime by librarians, followed by art experiences led by Plains Art Museum staff, Tuesdays for Toddlers is a time for *young children ages 2 to 5* and their grown ups to foster creativity and imagination. Visit www.plainsart.org to register. Stories and art project repeat during the month.

Oct. 8 & 22

Dec. 10 & 24

Nov. 12 & 26

9:30 a.m. at the Plains Art Museum (704 1st Ave N)

Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Tuesdays for Toddlers storytimes!



Music and Moves

"More accordion," you said! Well, get ready to shake, move, and sing with Sarah and Cindy. We'll end with gentle lullabies to set the mood for bedtime.

Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

Stories After Dark

Do you like to tell stories in the dark? So do we! Come to storytime bundled in your favorite pajamas and bring a stuffed animal friend.

Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

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All Ages Chess Club

All area kids, teens, and adults are invited to be a part of the library's Chess Club. Whether you are an expert or new to the game, *players of all ages and abilities are welcome.*

Local chess expert Joe McNamara will facilitate sessions. Adults must accompany children under 10 years old. For more information, please contact 701.476.5977.

5:30 p.m. at the Main Library
Sept. 3 – May 27

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Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library
Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Northport Branch



Mind Mysteries LIVE

NDSU | PSYCHOLOGY

School-age kids in grades 1 to 6 can join Dr. Ben Balas from NDSU Psychology. We'll have all-new experiments to learn how kids' brains understand what they see. Whether you've already done a Mind Mysteries packet or want to try one for the first time, join us to make your mark for science!

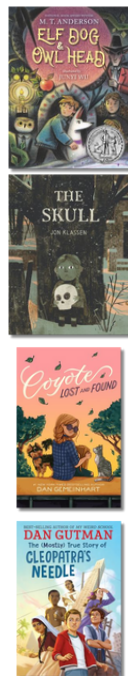
Sept. 7	Nov. 2	Sept. 21	Nov. 16
Oct. 5	Dec. 7	Oct. 19	Dec. 21
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.		9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
Main Library		Carlson Library	

Going Places Book Club

We're reading all over the place! *Kids in grades 3 to 7* are invited to join us as we experience each month's featured book through related activities, discussion, snacks, and crafts. *Pick up a book and register for the current month at the Main Library.*

Main Library at 4 p.m.

Sept. 10: *Elf Dog & Owl Head*
by M.T. Anderson
Oct. 8: *The Skull* by Jon Klassen
Nov. 12: *Coyote Lost & Found*
by Dan Gemeinhart
Dec. 10: *The (Mostly) True Story of Cleopatra's Needle* by Dan Gutman



Namaste Toddler and Preschool Yoga



It's never too soon to learn how to relax, breathe, —FIT STUDIOS— pose, and find your center all while having fun with a certified yoga instructor from Mojo Fit. Come dressed to stretch and move. We have a few mats for kiddos, but if you have your own – bring it along! *This class is best suited for ages 2 to 6.*

Main Library at 10 a.m.

Sept. 12	Nov. 14
Oct. 10	Dec. 12

PAWS for Reading

Reading Therapy pets are available to listen to children practice their reading in a relaxed, informal setting. *Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade* are invited to register for a 15-minute session with one of our non-judgmental listeners. Bring your own books to read or choose from a selection of library books. *Registration is required for each month's session. Call Children's Services at 701.241.1495 to register.*



Main Library at 10 a.m.

Sept. 14	Oct. 12
Nov. 9	Dec. 14

CRAFTERNOONS

Makers *ages 15 and younger* are welcome to stop by the Carlson or Northport Libraries each week to get their craft on! Note that the same weekly project will be done at both locations.

Oct. 7 – Dec. 16
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library
No Crafternoons on Oct. 28 and Nov. 11

Oct. 8 – Dec. 17
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch
No Crafternoons on Oct. 29

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



First Amendment Film Festival: Captain Underpants (PG)

In conjunction with Banned Books Week and Constitution Day, the Library is hosting a series of weekly movie matinees consisting of book-to-screen adaptations of banned and challenged titles.



Movie Description: Two overly imaginative pranksters named George and Harold, hypnotize their principal into thinking he's a ridiculously enthusiastic, incredibly dimwitted superhero named Captain Underpants.



Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Intro to Engineering for Kids

Calling all creative and curious problem solvers in *Kindergarten through 6th grade!* Learn about the wide world of engineering through hands-on demonstrations of mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering (and more!) with NDSU's Society of Women Engineers.



Sept. 21: 9 to 11 a.m. – Northport Branch

Know My Culture: Philippines



In celebration of Filipino American History Month, the North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative (NDAACI) presents Know My Culture: Philippines. This immersive cultural presentation is for *all ages* and includes history of the Filipino-American people, a showcase of cultural items and costumes, music, and food!

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.

Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

Pumpkin Carving Secrets with Scott "Stormin" Norman

All ages are invited to learn the secrets of turning ordinary pumpkins into works of art when carver extraordinaire, Scott "Stormin" Norman, visits the library. Get the inside scoop on how to select the perfect carving pumpkin, draw the pattern you want to carve, easily clean out the inside, and much more – just in time for Halloween!

Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Reptiles in the Library!

National Reptile Awareness Day is a way to promote education, conservation, and appreciation for reptiles. In honor of these cold-blooded creatures, we're celebrating with a visit from some live reptiles! *Kids of all ages* are invited to investigate the really-not-so-creepy crawlers with members of the NDSU Herpetology Club, who will show some off their scaly sidekicks. A reptile craft and other activities will be available during this open house event.

Oct. 12: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Main Library

