

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 12 TO 18 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Library Lair

Step into the Library Lair, where imagination, adventure, and creativity come to life! Designed specifically for teens and tweens (*ages 10 to 18*), Library Lair offers a fun and interactive space to hang out, meet new friends, and explore cool activities in the library. Plus snacks! Whether you want to get creative, game with friends, or just hang out, the Library Lair is your go-to spot for all things fun and cool! Don't miss out on the action – see you there! No registration is required.

Sept. 4 – Dec. 18
(No Library Lair Nov. 27)
Thursdays: 5 to 6 p.m.
Carlson Library

Volunteering

Teens are invited to volunteer once a month at the Fargo Public Library. Help the library, see behind the scenes, meet new people, and have fun while doing it! A signed permission form completed by a parent or guardian is required. Volunteer sessions are two-hours long on the first Saturday of every month from September through May. Volunteer session location varies, please verify which branch we will be at each month. Separate registration is required for each session. *Register for the current month at www.fargolibrary.org.*

Sept. 6	Oct. 4
Nov. 1	Dec. 6
Jan. 3	Feb. 7
March 7	April 4
May 2	Carlson Library: 1 to 3 p.m.
Main Library: 1 to 3 p.m.	

Harvest Craft

Join us at the library to have some treats and make a harvest themed craft. This program is organized for you by the FPL Super Teen volunteers! *Register beginning Aug. 30.*

Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Halloween Tea Tasting

Explore the world of tea. Samples of 4 different Halloween-themed teas from around the globe, along with brewing tips and relevant information on the selection. Bring a friend so you can sip tea and socialize. *Register beginning Sept. 20.*

Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Snap Circuits

School's out for the day so come to the library and play with electronics! You can put together a mini arcade game, make electricity from cola or juice, and make a mini powered car. We'll be using Snap Circuits which are an easy way to explore electronics without extra tools. No registration is required.

Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch

Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Community Game Night

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. *Recommended for ages 16 and up.*

Sept. 10
Oct. 6
Oct. 8
Nov. 3
Nov. 12
Dec. 1
Dec. 10
Northport Branch:
Carlson Library:
5 to 7:30 p.m.
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Syringe Painting

Squirt and splatter your way to creating one-of-a-kind artwork with syringe painting. Aprons will be provided, but be sure to dress for mess. *Register beginning Nov. 29.*

Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

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16th Annual 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 16th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. **All ages** are invited to stop by any library location **beginning Sept. 2** 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. 6.

We've got lots of other events and activities happening this fall including Crafternoons, storytime, yoga, LEGO Design Contest, 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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All materials provided and are available while supplies last.

Accessibility Notice: If you need any accommodation in order to participate, we are happy to help to the best of our ability. Please contact us at accessibility@fargolibrary.org or call 701.241.1495 with at least 3 business days advance notice.

Registration Requirements: Registration is required for some events and is noted in the description. Groups of 5 or more should contact the Children's Services Department at 701.241.1495 before attending any event.

Photography Notice: 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 event.

Don't forget, when the Library is closed, you can still...

Call our **Dial-a-Story** phone line and hear a story read by Children's Services Staff. Call 701.298.6927 and select the children's line to hear the story.

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.



HOMESCHOOL EVENTS



Book Swap

Does your family have shelves filled with books that are no longer being read or that kids have outgrown? Bring them to the Main Library for a book swap! Books of all kinds (including curriculum) from all age groups will be collected from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and then the swapping begins! The swap shop will close at 3:30 p.m. so get there early for the best selection.

Sept. 15: 2 to 3:30 p.m. – Main Library

Animal Adaptations

Our local area has a tremendous diversity of wildlife. Each species survives and thrives through adaptations to our climate and habitat. **Kids of all ages** are invited to learn about these adaptations when Jeffrey Miller, Director of the Cass County Soil Conservation District, visits the library. Kids will also have an opportunity to see and touch real animal pelts!

Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Harvest Moon STEAM

The annual harvest moon (the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox) this year is also a supermoon, which will cause it to look bigger and brighter than a regular full moon. Let's explore our beautiful moon together! **Kids of all ages** are invited to this open house event between 2 and 4 p.m. to experience a variety of hands-on activities related to the moon.

Oct. 3: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Edible Christmas Crafts

To eat or not to eat? That will be your question as we make fun Christmas-themed crafts using sugar cones, marshmallows, frosting, candy, and more! Decorate your home or save for a sweet snack – you decide! **This program is geared towards kids ages 5 and older. Register beginning Dec. 2.**

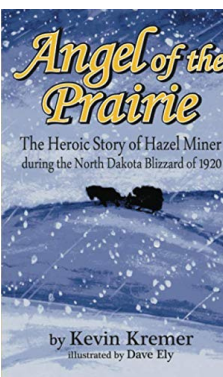
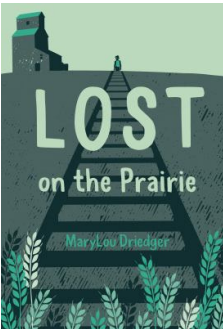
Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

History Alive! Book Club

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to experience history in an entertaining and thought-provoking way at book club. Join us as we experience history through fun activities, lively discussion, snacks, and more! **Pick up a copy of the 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.

Oct. 10: *Angel of the Prairie*
by Keven Kremer

Dec. 12: *Lost on the Prairie*
by MaryLou Driedger
Main Library at 2 p.m.



Building Bridges & Navigating Rivers

Dive into the science of moving water! In this hands-on workshop, kids will explore the power of hydraulics in nature and engineering with professional engineers Zach Cormican from Moore Engineering and Karl Klindworth from John Deere ISG-Fargo. We'll learn how rivers shape the land through erosion and flow, then build working hydraulic bridge models to see how similar principles help engineers solve real-world problems. Perfect for curious minds who love science, building, and discovery! **This event is open to kids from 6 to 10 years old. Register beginning Oct. 20.**

Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



To register, call 701.241.1495 or go to www.fargolibrary.org.

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Train Day

November is National Model Railroad Month and we're once again celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club will return to display and demonstrate model trains at the Main Library in the Community Room. A unique LEGO train set will be included. Kids are invited to make a train craft in the Children's Room throughout the day. *All ages are welcome.*

Nov. 22: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library

Reptiles at 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 class, who will show some off their scaly sidekicks. A reptile craft and other activities will be available during this open house event.

Oct. 11: 10 a.m. to 12 p.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 400-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. 14 by calling 701.241.1495.

Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Edible Christmas Crafts

To eat or not to eat? That will be your question as we make fun Christmas-themed crafts using sugar cones, marshmallows, frosting, candy, and more! Decorate your home or save for a sweet snack – you decide! *This program is geared towards kids ages 5 to 12. Register beginning Dec. 2.*

Dec. 20 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

Happy Blue Year: A Bluey Noon Year's Eve Party!

Ring in the New Year with Bluey and Friends – before bedtime! Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of giggles, games, and good times at our "Noon Year's Eve" celebration inspired by everyone's favorite blue heeler – Bluey! Perfect for young fans (*ages birth to 5*) and their families, this daytime event is packed with crafts, music, dancing, and a special countdown to "midnight" at noon with confetti and cheers.

Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m. – Main Library



STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

AGES 2 – 6 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

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 stories, songs, and fingerplays, library staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills – all while having super storytime fun!

Main Library – Sept. 15 through Dec. 1

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

Northport Library – Sept. 16 through Dec. 2

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – Sept. 17 through Dec. 3

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

Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth – 18 months are invited each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, 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.

Sept. 4 & 18

Oct. 2 & 16

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Nov. 6 & 20

Dec. 4 & 18

Kindergarten Success!

Prepare your child for the transition into Kindergarten through music, stories, songs, and play. This event focuses on building essential skills like listening, following directions, and socializing, all while fostering a love of reading. These events are appropriate for *children ages 3 – 5*. Activities follow storytime and all children receive a FREE book!

Sept. 6

Oct. 4 – featuring Troll Stories

Main Library at 10 a.m.

Nov. 1

Dec. 6



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

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 – 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. 14 & 28

Nov. 11 & 25

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

Dec. 9 & 16

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



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.*

Sept. 30: Elephant and Piggie

Oct. 28: Pumpkin-Palooza

Nov. 25: Stomp and Roar: a Di-November Adventure

Dec. 30: Knotty Gnomes and Nisse

Main Library at 6 p.m.

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All Ages Chess Club

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.

Sept. 2 – Dec. 30 (Tuesdays) – No Chess Club Nov. 11
Main Library: 5 to 8 p.m.

Toddler/Preschool Tumble Time

Introducing Toddler/Preschool Tumble Time! *Kids ages 2 to 6* 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. 4 Nov. 6
Oct. 2 Dec. 4
Main Library at 11 a.m.



Mind Mysteries LIVE

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. Join us to make your mark for science!

Sept. 6	Nov. 1	Sept. 20	Nov. 15
Oct. 4	Dec. 6	Oct. 18	Dec. 20
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.		10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
Main Library		Carlson Library	

Namaste Toddler & Preschool Yoga

It's never too soon to learn how to relax, breathe, 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.*

Sept. 11	Nov. 13
Oct. 9	Dec. 11
Main Library at 10 a.m.	



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.*

Sept. 13	Nov. 8
Oct. 11	Dec. 13
Main Library at 10 a.m.	



Troll Storytime: One Book One Community Event

Are you ready to growl, scowl, and dance like a troll? Troll Storytime will have your little troll singing, moving, and active storytelling with our resident Scandinavian Studies and accordion-playing children's librarian. *Geared towards kids ages 3 to 6 and their families.*

Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library
Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



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 to 5 (with an adult) will explore, create, and learn. Registration for each session begins two weeks before event.*

Sept. 18	Nov. 20
Oct. 16	Dec. 18
Main Library at 11 a.m.	



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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. 20: 9 to 11 a.m. – Northport Branch

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.*

Oct. 7: *Max in the House of Spies*
by Adam Gidwitz

Nov. 4: *Max and the Midknights*
by Lincoln Peirce

Dec. 2: *The Curse on Spectacle Key*
by Chantal Acevedo

Main Library at 4 p.m.



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. 8: Spooky Ballet
Nov. 12: Great Pumpkin Shuffle
Dec. 3: Nutcracker Preview
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.



CRAFTERNOONS

This fall Crafternoons has a new schedule – makers *ages 15 and younger* are welcome to stop by the Carlson or Northport Libraries twice a month to get their craft on! Crafts will be available the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. Note that the same project will be done at both locations.

Sept. 8 & 22	Sept. 9 & 23
Oct. 13 & 27	Oct. 14 & 28
Nov. 10 & 24	Nov. 25
Dec. 8 & 22	Dec. 9 & 23
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library	Northport Branch
	No Crafternoons on Nov. 11

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