

THE CHILDREN'S CHAPTER

FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT



School Supply Bingo

B-I-N-G-O for school supplies. Come play Bingo and win supplies for the upcoming school year. This event is for grades Kindergarten and up! All materials will be provided.

Tues., Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Tues., Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Thurs., Aug. 18 at 11:30 a.m. – Carlson Library



Birding for Kids with Audubon Dakota

Can you tell the difference between a Nuthatch and a Chickadee? What does a Cardinal sound like? Kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to find out the answers to these and other questions when we go in search of different bird species with staff from Audubon Dakota. We'll start with a meet-up in the Main Library's Community Room for a presentation about the characteristics used to identify birds common to our region, and then walk to one of Audubon Dakota's nearby Urban Woods and Prairies sites. A limited number of binoculars will be available for use, or bring your own! *Pre-registration is required.* (Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Sat., Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 8/13)

Oceans of Reading All Summer Long!

Register for the
Summer Reading Challenge Today
June 1 – August 20



From the tropical shores of the Pacific islands to the chilly waves of the Antarctic Ocean, it's time to set sail as we explore, create, and celebrate stories and reading. This summer we'll dive to the depths of the deep blue sea in our quest for adventure and excitement. Come along on our journey beginning June 1 with our Beach Party Bonanza (see page 3) at the Main Library. We'll have a bounty of activities, snacks, and crafts for all ages to start the summer off right.

Nothing but smooth sailing in sight as you register online for Beanstack to keep track of your daily reading to earn spins on our prize wheel. For every seven days of reading, you earn a spin. Once you've reached 42 days, you've found the treasure – a book of your own! We are also featuring drawings for 11 weeks of splashy prizes. Record one day of reading during the week and you are automatically entered to win! For weekly prizes, check out the prize board at each library location. If you need a map to keep track of your reading progress, pick up or download a paper copy of the reading log – but don't forget Beanstack marks the spot. To be eligible for the weekly prize drawings, you need to record all of your reading in Beanstack.

Reading isn't the only fish in the ocean this summer! There are lots of events and activities happening for everyone from the youngest landlubber to the most senior deck-swabber. Little guppies will plunge into storytime each week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays while older kids go full steam ahead into events featuring the Titanic, coral reefs, ocean trivia, and more!

For a full list of the events and activities this summer, take a look inside.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge or any of the Fargo Public Library's programs and services, please contact the Children's Services department at 701.241.1495, email kids@fargolibrary.org, or visit www.fargolibrary.org/kids.



Teen Garden Club

Interested in learning about gardening and earning volunteer hours? Teens ages 11 to 18 can join the Teen Garden Club at the Carlson Library this summer. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 3 p.m. from June 7 through August 23. Volunteers will help care for and maintain the Fargo Public Library's community garden. To participate, fill out a Teen Garden Volunteer Application and return to any Fargo Public Library location, or contact Bree at 701.476.5978.

Teen Crafts

Spend the summer creating! Weekly teen crafts are offered for ages 11 to 18 at the Main and Carlson Libraries. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required and begins May 23 for all events. All materials will be provided. Dates and crafts are listed below. For more information, contact Bree at 701.476.5978.

Carlson Library at 11 a.m.

Tues., June 7 – Hydro Dip Planters

Tues., June 14 – Stamped Leather Father's Day Gifts

Tues., June 21 – DIY Book Tote

Tues., June 28 – Beachscape Ornament Craft

Tues., July 5 – Game Day (No registration required)

Tues., July 12 – Ocean Slime

Tues., July 19 – Donut Decorating

Tues., July 26 – Spray Dye T-Shirt

Main Library at 11 a.m.

Wed., June 8 – Hydro Dip Planters

Wed., June 15 – Stamped Leather Father's Day Gifts

Wed., June 22 – DIY Book Tote

Wed., June 29 – Beachscape Ornament Craft

Wed., July 6 – Game Day (No registration required)

Wed., July 13 – Ocean Slime

Wed., July 20 – Donut Decorating

Wed., July 27 – Spray Dye T-Shirt



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- Call our **Dial-a-Story** phone line and hear a story read by Children's Services Staff. The story changes every Monday, so make it a regular event! Call 701.298.6927 and select the children's line to hear the story.
- Visit one of our outdoor **StoryWalks®**. The Fargo Public Library hosts two StoryWalks®; one in Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.) and the other in the Sodbuster Plaza outside the Main Library. Each features various interactive stories throughout the season to encourage readers of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors. This summer the Brunsdale StoryWalk® will feature *Summer Song* by Kevin Henkes, and the Sodbuster Plaza StoryWalk® will present *Not Quite Narwhal* by Jessie Sima.*



*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.



- Submit a request for personalized reading recommendations using our **What's Next? Readers Service**. Use the online form located at www.surveymonkey.com/r/fplwhatsnext and librarians will start compiling a list of books based on your specific interests and reading level. We'll even put them on hold and send the books to your chosen Fargo Public Library location.

All events are FREE. Materials are available while supplies last.

Registration is required for some events and is noted in the description. A valid email address is required for online or virtual events. See event descriptions for age guidelines and registration requirements.

To register, or for more information, call 701.241.1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org.

Pokémon Trivia: Deep Dive Edition

Calling all Pokémon experts! We know you gotta catch 'em all, but this time around we're taking a deep dive into all things water! Join us for Pokémon Trivia: Deep Dive Edition! We want to test your knowledge with this water-themed Pokémon trivia contest for kids ages 6 to 12! Groups and individuals are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams! *Pre-registration is required.*

Sat., July 16 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 7/2)

Treasures of the Sea

What wonders from below will you discover at this craft and activity event? We'll explore the deep blue seas and make some treasure. This event is open to families and children ages 5 and up. All materials will be provided.

Mon., July 18 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch
Tues., July 19 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
Wed., July 20 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Oceans of Trivia

Swim on down to the Main Library for an evening of water-related trivia. We'll troll the depths of your knowledge about water, oceans, lakes, and rivers for prizes. *Families and teams are invited to pre-register starting July 1.* This event is most appropriate for school-age children and their families – adults and teens are welcome too! All materials will be provided including prizes for our top winners and snacks for all.

Thurs., July 21 at 6 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 7/1)

Bermuda Triangle Escape Room

Escape the Bermuda Triangle or get lost trying! Kids ages 8 to 12 are welcome to try their luck and test their wits to escape the infamous Bermuda Triangle located conveniently in the Main Library. Sign up for one of two sessions, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. All materials will be provided.

Sat., July 23 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
Sat., July 23 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 7/1)

Exploring Coral Reefs

Coral reefs may look like just a pile of rocks, but they're really made up of tiny animals. Known as "rainforests of the sea," they're actually a lot more complicated than they seem!

Come take a closer look at coral reefs with us at the Main Library. We'll explore reefs through fun activities like making edible "coral" polyps, sculpting coral reefs, and playing a coral reef game. This event is for kids ages 6 to 12. *Pre-registration is required.*

Mon., July 25 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 7/11)

Little Squirt Ocean Science

How does a shark float? What's the difference between ocean water and lake water? These are just a couple of the questions we'll answer through experiments, stories, and discussion as we examine the amazing ocean. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 are invited to attend one of our sessions held at the Main or Carlson Libraries. *Pre-registration is required* – all materials will be provided.

Thurs., July 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
Sat., July 30 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library
(Registration begins 7/14)



Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead: The Science of the Titanic

Near. Far. Wherever you are, you must have heard about the Titanic! We will be exploring all the inner workings of the doomed ship. Using the S.T.E.A.M. method, we will conduct experiments with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in an attempt to understand the mysteries of the Titanic! They said it was the ship of dreams, and it was, it really was. Find out why at this hands-on experience! This event is open to children ages 6 to 12. *Pre-registration is required.*



Mon., June 20 at 6 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 6/6)

Kids' Watercolor Painting Party!

Experiment with watercolors at this painting party! We will have several different techniques of using watercolors available for kids to make messy masterpieces. You supply the imagination, we'll supply the rest! This event is open to children ages 3 to 12. This is an open-house event, so stop by any time between 1 and 3 p.m.

Fri., June 24: 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Main Library

Oceans Alive at the MSUM Oceanarium

You could probably make a wish on a sea star. And though some people do eat sea cucumbers, they're definitely not a vegetable! You wouldn't want to play games with a horseshoe crab – but have you ever touched one? Now you can! You won't have to travel far to get up close and personal with all of these ocean dwellers when we visit the MSUM Oceanarium. Stingrays, seahorses, clownfish, and lionfish are just a few of the other Oceanarium residents. Kids ages 12 and younger are invited to join us for one of three sessions on the campus of MSUM. *Pre-registration is required.*

Mon., June 27: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
(Registration begins 6/13)

Tide Pool Creature Crafts

Tide pools form where the ocean meets the land and are full of fascinating creatures. Learn some tide pools facts as you make a few of the most common creatures found in these seawater pockets. This open house event is most appropriate for kids ages 6 and older. All materials will be provided.

Tues., June 28: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Thurs., June 30: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Northport Branch

Gooseberry Park Players Preview of *SpongeBob the Musical*

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea? SpongeBob! Cast members from Gooseberry Park Players' production of *SpongeBob the Musical* will have all ages singing along with songs from the show and theater games for kids!

Thurs., July 7 at 10:30 a.m. – Main Library

Thurs., July 7 at 11:30 a.m. – Carlson Library

Brunsdale Park StoryWalk® Unveiling

Enjoy a stroll and read *Summer Song* by Kevin Henkes, our new StoryWalk® story. The BookBike will be on hand so you can check out other summer-themed books and enjoy a treat (while supplies last).

Fri., July 8 at 11 a.m.

Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.)

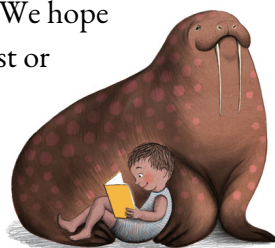
Homeward Bound Theater Presents *The Wonder Weavers: Pue the Pirate*



Yo Ho! Yo Ho! A reader's life for me! The Homeward Bound Theater Company will be sailing into the Main Library this summer! All ages are invited to join Pue the Pirate on a high-sea adventure filled with pirate lore, captain's magic tricks, and more! If you're feeling daring, dress up as your favorite swashbuckler for a chance to win booty! We hope you're inclined to acquiesce to our request or we'll make you walk the plank, matey.

Mon., July 11 at 11 a.m.

Main Library

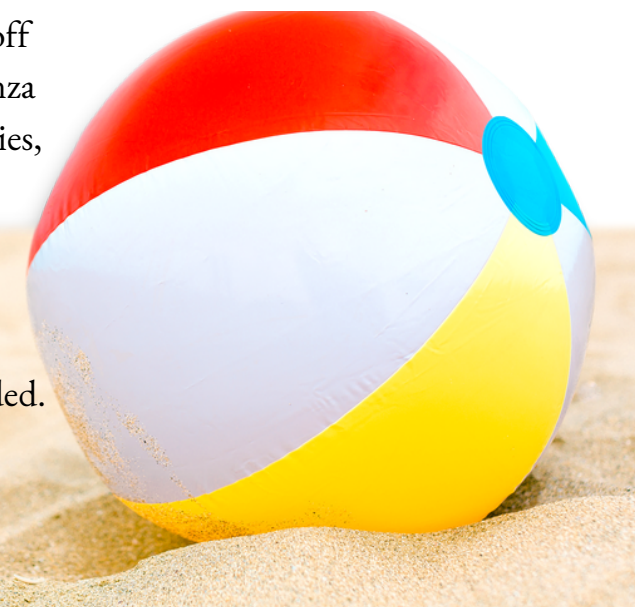


Beach Party Bonanza: Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off Party

It's finally summer – let's have some fun in the sun! Kick off the Summer Reading Challenge with a Beach Party Bonanza at the Main Library. Join us for a bounty of beachy activities, crafts, and snacks. While you're enjoying your day at the beach, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack and get started reading for a treasure trove of prizes! All ages are welcome to attend, no pre-registration is required, and all materials will be provided.



Wed., June 1 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



While at storytime, be sure to ask about the Storytime Punch Card! Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.

Summer 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! **All storytimes are open to children ages 2 to 6.** Some storytimes are followed by a craft – all materials provided.

Main Library – June 7 through July 26

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – June 8 through July 27

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

EVENTS

SUMMER MOVIES



Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

- Fri., June 10 – Finding Nemo (G)
- Fri., June 17 – Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13)
- Fri., June 24 – Hook (PG)
- Fri., July 1 – Disneynature: Oceans (G)
- Fri., July 8 – The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie (PG)

- Fri., July 15 – DolphinTale (PG)
- Fri., July 22 – Luca (PG)
- Fri., July 29 – Finding Dory (PG)
- Fri., Aug. 5 – The Little Mermaid (G)
- Fri., Aug. 12 – Free Willy (PG)
- Fri. Aug. 19 – Flipper (G)



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.

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

- Tues., May 3 & 17
- Tues., June 7 & 21
- Tues., July 5 & 19
- Tues., Aug. 2 & 16

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

- Thurs., May 5 & 19
- Thurs., June 9 & 23
- Thurs., July 7 & 21
- Thurs., Aug. 4 & 18

Oceans of Possibilities with Sidewalk Chalk

Come to the east side of the Main Library to chalk up the sidewalk with your favorite under-the-sea creatures. Two local artists, Kristin Ide and Allison Bauers, will be on hand to bring our sidewalk to life! This event is best suited for children ages 4 and up.

**This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Mon., June 6 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Welcome to Camp Ocean, Little Guppies!

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company returns in person to the Fargo Public Library stage. This summer's performance is *Camp Ocean*. Mr. Sharky, your snaggle-toothed camp counselor, has planned a fish-fact-filled voyage to the bottom of the sea. Learn the ropes: how to puff like a puffer fish, flop like a flounder, and fence with a swordfish. You'll search for buried treasure and dive into the mysteries of the ocean. All hands on deck as we get underway for a summer of fun. This show is best suited for ages 5 and up.

Tues., June 7 at 1 p.m. – Main Library 

Parent/Child No-Bake Energy Bites

Bring your creativity to this no-bake energy bite-making class. We will use a basic recipe that can then be personalized by adding ingredients from a buffet of options. These little treats are a source of fat, protein, and carbohydrate that will give you energy for hours. One child per adult. Children age 3 to 18 are welcome to attend with adult registration.

**Note: honey and nuts will be used*

Wed., June 8 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 5/25)

Register adult(s) only



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

Tiny Art Show

Artists of all ages are invited to be a part of the Fargo Public Library's Tiny Art Show. To participate, come to one of three events to make a painting at the library. Can't make it? No problem! You can also pick up a mini canvas at any Library location to paint at home beginning June 13, and return it by July 5. Finished paintings will be on display at all three Fargo Public Library locations in July. Open to all ages. One canvas per person, while supplies last. For more information contact Bree at 701.476.5978.



Sat., June 11 at 10:30 a.m. – Carlson Library

Tues., June 14 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

Thurs., June 16 at 6 p.m. – Northport Branch

Going Places Book Club: Summer Edition

Kids in grades 3 to 7 are invited to join us as we experience the featured book through related activities, discussion, snacks, and crafts. Pick up your book and register for the book club at the Children's Desk, or call 701.241.1495.

Wed., June 15 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

BookBike Picnic Party

Pack a lunch and meet up with the BookBike by the Lindenwood playground! A brief storytime will start at noon, with a reading party after. You can bring a book to read or check one out from the BookBike. We'll bring dessert to share (while supplies last)!

Thurs., June 16 at 12 p.m.

Lindenwood Park (1905 Roger Maris Drive)