

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 11 TO 18

Volunteering for Teens

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** and need a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. Sessions are weekly from June 5 to Aug. 14. *Registration opens May 22.*

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Spray Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Make a unique spray tie-dye shirt! *Registration opens May 23.* You will be contacted after registration for your shirt size.

June 6 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Chamoy Pickles

Didn't get to try one yet or wish you had a redo? Make your own chamoy pickle from a variety of ingredients, then pucker up and try your creation. *Registration opens on May 29.*

June 12 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Wonka Movie and Craft

Watch the movie Wonka and make a craft using candy wrappers while you munch on snacks! *Registration opens June 6.*

June 20 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Taylor Swift Party

All's fair in love and poetry. Celebrate your era with music, crafts, and snacks (no champagne, sorry).

June 26 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Investigator Adventures

Learn to decode secret messages, analyze handwriting, compare fingerprints and more! *Registration opens June 15.*

June 29 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Watercolor World Map

Learn the basics of watercolor and follow along with a video tutorial to create a world map. *Registration opens June 26.*

July 10 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Shiver Me Timbers!: A Piratical Escape Room

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? **The escape rooms are appropriate for ages 14 and up.** *Registration opens June 20.*

July 11: 5:30 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. – Main Library

July 13: 1:30 p.m. or 2:45 p.m. – Carlson Library

Reverse Glass Painting

Reverse glass painting is a style of painting where you build on your design backwards – starting with the finishing touches and ending with the background. *Registration opens on July 5.*

July 19 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Adventures in Science!

Oh, the places you'll go as you get set for an adventure exploring strange new environments! Join Dr. Graeme and students from Concordia Science Academy to learn how science keeps us safe as we explore the world – and beyond. *Registration opens July 9.*

July 23 at 3 p.m. – Main Library

Make Your Own Comics

Comics are as fun to make as they are to read! Don't like to draw? We'll have templates available with the characters already on them, just add words. *Registration opens July 11.*

July 26 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Cupcake Decorating Contest

Decorate a cupcake and vote on your favorites! Cupcakes, frosting, candy, sprinkles, and more will be provided – just bring your creativity! *Registration opens July 18.*

Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

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Register for the Summer Reading Challenge Today!
June 3 – August 17

Start your reading adventure today with the Summer Reading Challenge! How does the challenge work? Log in to the Beanstack app or online at fargolibrary.beanstack.org to log your daily reading. For every 10 days you read or listen to someone read, you earn a spin on our prize wheel (up to 30 days). Once you've completed 40 days of reading, you've finished your quest and receive a book of your own! You decide what to read and how much each day. We suggest 20 minutes (or 2 picture books), but choose whatever goal works best for you. We also feature weekly drawings all summer long. Log one day of reading during the week in Beanstack and you are automatically entered to win. Paper logs are available to chart your reading journey, but don't forget, to be eligible for the weekly prize drawings you need to enter your reading in Beanstack.

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.



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Summer Reading Adventures Kickoff Party

Journey to Rheault Farm on June 3 where adventure awaits at the Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party! Test your skill and strength with games and activities. Because every adventurer needs supplies, we will have drawstring backpacks free while supplies last. Be sure to bring provisions (snacks) for a picnic at the Farm! While you're there, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Challenge! **All ages are welcome.**

June 3: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Rheault Farm
(2902 25th Street S, Fargo)



Thank you to the
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Be a College SAVE Reading Champion!

Every child who completes the Fargo Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge and is a North Dakota resident will automatically receive a certificate for a contribution to a new or existing College SAVE account. New account owners receive \$25; existing account owners receive \$10. Avid readers will be entered for a drawing for a \$529 scholarship to a College SAVE account. For more information, visit the Bank of North Dakota at www.collegesave4u.com.



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 (beginning May 30) starting at 10 a.m.** throughout spring, summer and early fall. 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.

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Navy Week: Educational Displays & Storytime

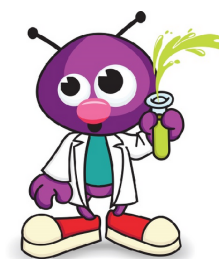
Personnel from the Navy History and Heritage Command will be on hand to share about the deep ties between ND and the Navy; Sailors from the USS Constitution will talk about the oldest commissioned ship in the Navy, where they currently serve; and personnel from the US Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command will inform visitors of the importance of atmospheric and oceanographic science and the value of STEM education to the Navy. Join us for a storytime featuring Navy Operational Support Center Sailors, who will share their favorite stories as well as talk to kids about what it's like to serve in the Navy. **This event is open to all ages, but is most appropriate for kids ages 3 to 7.**

July 25 – Educational Displays & Personnel

Storytime at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Little Squirt Travel Science

How do boats float? How do airplanes stay in the sky? How does a bicycle work? Whether your travel adventure is by boat, plane or bike, it involves science! Explore the science of travel through stories and hands-on activities at this session of Little Squirt Science, for **kids ages 3 to 5**. Please note: parent/child interaction during these sessions is necessary to foster a child's success. This is best accomplished through undivided attention. *Registration opens July 8.*



July 26 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

July 27 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Happy Birthday, Harry Potter



A Harry Potter party after all this time? Always! Join us at the library for a bewitching evening of Harry Potter-themed crafts, and snacks. **This open house event is for kids ages 5 and up.**

July 29: 6 to 7:30 p.m. – Main Library

School Supply BINGO

B-I-N-G-O for school supplies. Come play to win supplies for the upcoming school year. **This event is for ages 5 and up!**

Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch

Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

SUMMER MOVIES



June 7



June 21



July 5



July 19



August 2

Join us for free movies and popcorn every other Friday this summer. Adults must accompany children age 9 and younger.

Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

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

EVENTS



There and Back Again: A Hobbit Adventure
Are you ready for an adventure? Celebrate author J.R.R. Tolkien’s classic stories and have your very own Hobbit/Lord of the Rings adventure this summer. Join us for a scavenger hunt filled with tricky riddles that will lead you through the Main Library on a quest filled with monsters and Tolkien’s magic. **This event is best suited for Tolkien fans ages 9 and up.**

July 1 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Crafternoons: Airborne Arts and Crafts
Up, up, and away! This special summer session of Crafternoons at Northport will feature crafts that can fly! Stop by and get crafty this summer! **Featured crafts are best for kids ages 3 and up.**

July 6 at 3 p.m. – Northport Branch

Monster Movie Monday
Monster Movie Monday is HERE! *Monsters Inc.* (G) that is... come watch the movie and have some popcorn too. Make a not so scary monster yarn craft. **Best suited for ages 4 and up.**



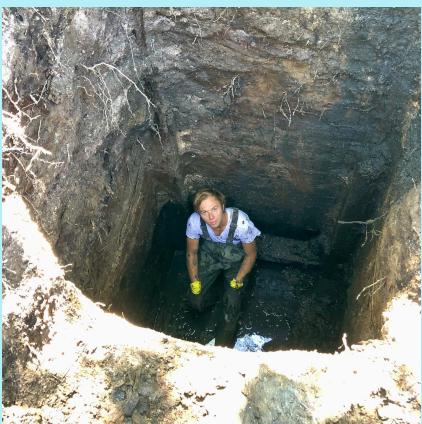
July 8 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Pirate Booty Camp
Brush Me Barnacles, it’s a pirate training camp for **kids ages 4 to 10!** Get your pirate name, learn the vernacular and some rowdy pirate sea shanties, and hear stories from professional pirate Anne Bonnie Bigbeard (aka entertainer Aimee Klein) and library staff. Pirates will then have the chance to practice their pirate skills and craft a pirate accessory.

July 15 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Adventures in Science!
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July 23 at 1 p.m.
Main Library
Grades 3 – 6



Below the Plains for Kids and Families
Tom Askjem digs history – literally! The self-taught archeologist makes his living digging for historical treasure on sites where garbage pits and homesteads used to sit. There he unearths history and uncovers stories that might otherwise be lost forever. Askjem will highlight two digs from the Wild West era – Fort Pembina, ND, and Tackett Station, a former stagecoach stop in South Dakota. He’ll share his finds and explain how he researches and locates his targets. He’ll also explain what led to the unique occupation that has taken him across the Midwest, produced two books, and is the subject of his YouTube channel *Below the Plains*.

July 22 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

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.**

Carlson Library – June 4 through July 30
Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Main Library – June 5 through July 31
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.



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.

June 6 & 20
July 18
Aug. 1 & 15
Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series
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 held at the Main Library and are appropriate for children ages 3 to 5.** Activities follow each storytime and all children receive a FREE book!

June 1
Main Library at 10 a.m.

July 6

Aug. 3



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



EVENTS



UP Movie and Craft (PG)

Start "UP" a summer full of adventure with Carl, Russell, and Dug! We'll watch the movie and enjoy snacks all while making a craft related to the movie. **All ages are welcome!**

June 8 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

June 8 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Smokey Bear Visits the Library

"Only YOU can prevent wildfires!"

Famous words from a famous bear – Smokey Bear is turning 80! Join us to celebrate this special bear and this milestone birthday at the Main Library.

The event will feature a reading of Jane Werner Watson's *The True Story of*

Smokey Bear. Kids will also get to meet Smokey himself as part of this event. Fargo's own Fargo Fire Department will be on hand with impressive equipment and important information about fire safety in the forest and at home. **This event is open to all ages, but is best suited for children ages 3 and up.**

June 10 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Family Craft Nights for All Ages

Be crafty with us this summer! **Kids, teens, and adults** are all welcome! At each craft session, we will have a variety of styles to choose from depending on age and skill level. All materials will be provided.

June 11: Bookmarks

June 25: Shrinky Dinks

July 9: Mosaics

July 23: Hand Sewing Projects

Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

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Namaste Toddler and 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 to use, but if you have your own – bring it along! **This class is best suited for ages 2 to 6.**

June 13 Aug. 8
July 11 Sept. 12
Main Library at 10 a.m.



The World of Fungi: They are Everywhere!

What are fungi? What do they look like? Why are they important? **Kids of all ages** are invited to learn the answers to these questions and more with Berlin Nelson Jr., retired professor emeritus from NDSU, where he taught and conducted research on the biology of fungi for 41 years in the Dept. of Plant Pathology. He will show various types of fungi that you might find while on an adventure exploring nature!

June 17 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



Let's Get Buggy!

Something bugging you? Summertime means that the bugs are out! But how well do you know the creepy crawlers that share our world? Bethany Robertson, Research Specialist in Insect Ecology at NDSU's School of Natural Resource Sciences, will show us some cool insects (both live and from NDSU's collection). She'll explain their main characteristics and tell us about all the neat stuff they can do! She'll also share safe ways we can catch and look at insects, and how to help them out at home and in our yards. A fun insect-related activity will follow. **Kids of all ages are welcome, but this event is geared toward those going into grades 1 to 6.**

June 18 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Bird Identification for Kids

How do you tell a Chickadee from a Sparrow? What is the difference between a Crow and Raven? Discover the answers to these questions and learn the basics of bird identification at this birding event. Presenter Grant Mehring will introduce the birds we find in our neighborhoods and help us learn how to identify the birds we see. Join us for this fun and interactive event that will leave you a better bird identifier! **This event is for all ages, but geared towards kids 7 to 12 years old.**

June 21 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



Know My Culture: Japan

In collaboration with the Japan Outreach Initiative, North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative (NDAAACI) presents Know My Culture: Japan. This immersive cultural presentation is for **all ages**, and includes a tea ceremony demonstration and traditional clothes (yukata and kimono) demonstration while children will have the opportunity to try Japanese games and toys.

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

June 22 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Bioblitz!

Become a citizen scientist at a Bioblitz! What is a Bioblitz? It's a fun, short search for biodiversity in a specific location. **Children, teens and adults** are invited to the Bioblitz at Oak Grove Park. Document different species of birds, plants, insects, mammals and more using the *Seek* (kid-safe) and *iNaturalist* (ages 13 and older) apps. Install the *Seek* or *iNaturalist* app to record and share your findings. Photo observations are instantly uploaded into the global data base and used by real conservationists and researchers. Paper forms will also be available. We'll be joined by researchers from NDSU's School of Natural Resource Sciences, staff from the City of Fargo Forestry Dept., United Prairie, and NDSU's Plant Sciences, and other experts. Together, let's discover the natural world in our own backyard! (*Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.*)

June 22 at 9 a.m. – Oak Grove Park (170 Maple St N, Fargo)

Family Trivia Nights

Rally your relatives and join us for family trivia night. Each month we'll feature a different theme and see who knows the most! Family trivia night is open to **individuals, families, or teams of all ages** – trivia works best for kids who are reading independently. *Families are invited to register at the beginning of the current month.* Prizes for our top winners and snacks for all!

June 27 – Taylor, Ariana, Billie, & Beyoncé! Girl Pop Stars
July 25 – From Marmaduke to Bluey: Famous Dogs
Main Library at 6 p.m.

Gooseberry Park Players Preview The Little Mermaid

Cast members from Gooseberry Park Players' production of *The Little Mermaid* will have **all ages** singing along with songs from the show and theater games for kids!

June 28 at 11:30 a.m. – Main Library

Mixed Nuts Comedy Show

Kids of all ages are invited to experience *Mixed Nuts*, a wacky, family-friendly comedy show! Join them for age-appropriate humor, physical comedy and uproarious audience participation. This talented twosome will tickle your funny bone with their special blend of hilarious hi-jinks, guaranteed to produce side-splitting laughter!

June 28 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

