

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 12 TO 18 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Volunteering

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. Volunteers need a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.

June 10 – Aug. 19: 2 to 4 p.m. (Tuesdays)

Main Library

Suminagashi: Japanese Marbling

Teens are invited to learn about the Japanese art of Suminagashi with Mika Usuki of the Plains Art Museum. Teens will create their own marbling designs on paper using this traditional method of suspending ink in water. *Register beginning May 30.*

June 14 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Book Club

Teens in grades 8 – 12 are invited to join us at the Carlson Library for book discussion with a related activity and snacks. We will talk about a different book each month and participants will help to select the book for future months. Didn't read the book? You can still join in! *Pick up your book and register for the current month at the Information Desk at the Dr. James Carlson Library, or call 701.476.5980.*

June 16 July 14 Aug. 11
Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Needle Felted Bird

Learn to needle felt and make your own bird buddy. Needle felting is an easy, quick, and relaxing technique for beginners and experienced artists alike. It can be used for 3-dimensional art and to decorate clothing, bags, and anything else made of fabric. *Register beginning June 2.*

June 25 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Sand Art

Join us for a creative sand art experience, where you'll design patterns by layering and shifting sand in a sealed container. Bring your imagination, and we'll provide everything else. *Best suited for ages 10 – 16. Register beginning June 19.*

July 3 at 11 a.m. – Northport Library

Silk Dyeing

Customize a silk scarf with your own choice of colors and design. We will be using a special type of dye that sticks to the silk as soon as it touches it and doesn't take any time or heat to make it permanent! Dyeing can be messy, please dress with this in mind. *Register beginning June 10.*

July 10 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

String Art

Stretch string between nails to fill in a shape to create one-of-a-kind decor. Give this exciting craft a try and make your own masterpiece. *Register beginning June 24.*

July 24 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Geometric Canvas Art

Experiment with shapes and colors with geometric canvas art! *Register beginning July 19.*

Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Anime Night

Join us for an evening of anime at the library. Attendees get to choose what we watch from a selection of TV shows and movies, with plenty of popcorn to go around.

Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

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Summer Reading Challenge

June 9 through Aug. 23

Orange you glad we have so many stories to choose from? In the “Color Our World” reading challenge, every book you read adds a splash of color to your world. From silly stories to thrilling adventures, each page transports you to a new destination. Get ready to ROYGBIV through the summer with a whole rainbow of stories at the Library!

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).
- After completing 40 days of reading, you receive a book of your own!

You decide what to read and how much each day. We recommend 20 minutes (or 2 picture books), but choose the goal that works best for you. Additionally, we feature weekly drawings throughout the summer. Simply 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 event 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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MAIN LIBRARY

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FRIDAY 11-6
SATURDAY 9-6
SUNDAYCLOSED

DR. JAMES CARLSON LIBRARY

2801 32ND AVE. S.

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10-8
FRIDAY 11-6
SATURDAY 9-6
SUNDAYCLOSED

NORTHPORT BRANCH

2714 N. BROADWAY

MONDAY-TUESDAY..... 10-8
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY.....10-6
FRIDAY 11-6
SATURDAY 9-6
SUNDAY CLOSED

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Color Our World Library Card Design Contest

Calling all artists: This is your chance to showcase your talent and design a library card that will be seen by our entire community! We want YOU to help us celebrate the vibrant and imaginative world around us using our Summer Reading Challenge theme "Color Our World." Whether it's through books, art, or culture, the library is a place where we explore all the colors of the world. We want your design to capture that spirit!

Submit your artwork and you could have your design featured on our official library cards! Bonus points for those that make their design bold and colorful. Submissions are open to all ages – whether you're a young artist or an experienced designer, we encourage you to participate!

Submit your artwork between June 9 and July 31 for a chance to make your mark in the library and inspire others to explore the world through books, art, and more. For information about age categories, guidelines, how to submit, please visit www.fargolibrary.org. Get ready to color outside the lines and show us how you can truly Color Our World!

Submission Dates: June 9 to July 31
Public Voting: Sept.1 to 30
Winners Announced: Oct. 30



Fargo Public Library events are FREE.

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.

Behold the Beautiful Butterfly

Learn all about butterflies with Research Specialist Bethany Robertson and students from NDSU's School of Natural Resources. We'll track the life cycle of the butterfly, examine some specimens, learn what butterflies eat and how to identify them and make a butterfly craft! *This event is geared towards kids ages 6 to 12 years old.*

July 24 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Colorful Parrot Pals

The Fargo Public Library is going to the birds when members of the Center for Avian Adoption, Rescue, and Education (C.A.A.R.E.) visit the Main Library. *Kids of all ages* are invited to meet Molly the African Gray, Yogi the Blue Macaw, and other parrot friends at this colorful bird event! Learn how the volunteers at the center help rescue exotic birds and find out how to care for them.



July 25 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Stream Table Workshop

Kids ages 10 and older are invited to join the FM Science Museum for hands-on activities exploring the secret work of rivers. This workshop features a mobile EmRiver Stream Table where kids will see and feel geomorphology in action and learn how rivers shape our ever-changing landscapes. Find out how rivers color our world! *Space is limited; register beginning July 12.*

July 26 at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch

Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library



Little's Art Day

Celebrate our youngest artists with a day dedicated to creativity and the arts! Spend the morning engaging in art, dance, music, storytelling, and theater activities alongside your little one. *Families are encouraged to participate, with activities designed for children aged 2 to 6.*

July 26: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Plains Art Museum (704 1st Ave. N.)

Galactic Bowling Wrap Up Party

Ready to STRIKE up lots of fun with the Library? Wrap up the Fargo Public Library's Summer events with Galactic Bowling! The Fargo Public Library, in partnership with The Bowler, will provide free admission and shoe rental for children and teens. We hope this free event is right up your alley! *All ages are welcome to attend.*

July 28: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Bowler (2630 S. University Dr.)



School Supply BINGO

Join us for a fun-filled game of B-I-N-G-O, where you can win essential supplies for the upcoming school year! *This event is open to participants aged 5 and older.*

Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch

Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Summer 2025 Tournament

Engage in friendly competition in a Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament for the Nintendo Switch! Prizes awarded for 1st –4th place winners. A limited number of controllers are available, but players are encouraged to bring their own. Spectators are welcome. Adults must accompany children under 10 years old. Contact Shane at 701.241.1484 for further details. *Register beginning Aug. 1.*

Aug. 30 at 12 p.m. – Jr. Bracket (Age 13 and younger)

Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. – Sr. Bracket (Age 14 and older)

Main Library

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

EVENTS

Mixed Nuts Comedy Show

They're back! *Kids of all ages* are invited to experience "Mixed Nuts," a wacky, family-friendly comedy show featuring 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 27 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Fire Safety & Fun!

Fire! Fire! Join us for an exciting opportunity to meet some of our incredible first responders! We'll enjoy a brief storytime and learn valuable fire safety tips from the dedicated members of the Fargo Fire Department. Plus, you'll have the chance to see a big red firetruck up close! *All ages are welcome.*



June 30 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library



Meet the Fargo-Moorhead Derby Girls

Meet members of the Fargo-Moorhead Roller Derby League and get a first-hand demo of what they do. Learn

about gear, safety tips, and create your roller derby alter ego name! A wheelie-good time is in store for everyone! *All ages are welcome.*

July 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Life-Size Candyland®

It's Candyland® taken to a whole new level – life size! Spin the wheel and follow the candy road to earn sweets or prizes! *This event is open to kids ages 5 and up.*

July 7: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Main Library



Going Places Book Club: Summer Edition

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



July 15: Max and the Midknights by Lincoln Peirce
Main Library at 4 p.m.

Puzzle Competition

Do you consider yourself a fast puzzler? Put your skills to the test at the FPL puzzle competition. Teams will have two hours to complete a 500-piece puzzle. First team to finish will win a prize! Participants are also welcome to bring puzzles to exchange. The competition is recommended for adults, teens, and families. Teams can consist of no more than 4 members – please call 701.241.1495 to register. *Register beginning July 5.*

July 19 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Color Rocks Our World

The world beneath our feet is filled with amazing colors – you just have to know where to look! *Kids of all ages* are invited to discover the beautiful, often surprising colors found in rocks, gems and minerals, learn how they're formed, and find out where to look when Amy and Terry Hamilton from Emporium 706 rock shop visit the library. Amy is a Certified Diamond Grader and an Accredited Jewelry Professional who attended the Gemological Institute of America. She has worked with lapidary and silversmithing and has been an amateur geologist for 27 years.



July 22 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
July 23 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

AGES 2 – 6 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Summer Storytime

The Fargo Public Library offers storytime for families to spend quality time sharing stories 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 – June 10 through July 29
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – June 11 through July 30
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth – 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.

June 5 & 19
July 3 & 17
Aug. 7 & 21
Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

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!

June 7
Main Library at 10 a.m.

Aug. 2



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.

June 3 & 10: Art Capes
July 8 & 22: Masks
Aug. 12 & 26: Mini Parade Floats
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!



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.*

June 24: Colorful Mixups
July 29: A Splash of Color
Aug. 26: The Color Parade
Main Library at 6 p.m.

EVENTS



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.

June 3 – Aug. 26 (Tuesdays)

Main Library: 5 to 8 p.m.

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. 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.

June 5 – Sept. 4 (Thursdays)

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Craft Nights for All Ages

Join us for a creative summer experience! Everyone is invited to participate. During each crafting session, you'll have a selection of materials tailored to different ages and skill levels.

June 10: Shrink Plastic Crafts **July 8: Papermaking**
June 24: Fabric Art **July 22: Fairy Houses & Toad Abodes**
Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Mario Kart Club

Mark your calendar for a friendly, multiplayer Mario Kart 8 Deluxe club (Nintendo Switch)! Learn tips and secrets from experienced Mario Kart veterans. Mario Kart Club welcomes *participants of all age or skill levels*.

- A limited amount of equipment will be available, but players are highly encouraged to bring their own.
- Adults must accompany children under 10 years old.
- The final club meeting on Aug. 25 will feature a "Retro Day" theme, showcasing classic versions of Mario Kart for a throwback to the early days of gaming.



June 9 – Aug. 25 (Mondays)

Main Library at 5:30 p.m.

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.*



June 12 **July 10**
Aug. 14 **Sept. 11**
Main Library at 10 a.m.

Color Fun Kickoff Party featuring a Mini Color Run

Kick off the summer with a burst of color and creativity at the Color Fun Kickoff Party – featuring a mini color run for kids and families! No need to run, move at your own pace around the course featuring 3 color stations, 2 bubble stations, and 3 starting times: 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Listen to live music to move and groove with Loop in Color. Enjoy Games to Go activities, Face Painting with Hopscotch Studios, and Balloon Twisting by Jeffrey Salvesson. We recommend wearing white or light-colored clothing for the full color effect. Sunglasses/glasses are also suggested and a limited number will be available. Park in the east lot next to the Main Library downtown and look for the entrance near City Hall. Mini color run and other activities will take place in the green space between the Library, City Hall, and Civic Center. In case of inclement weather, some activities will move inside the Main Library.

June 9: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Main Library

Summer Movies at Carlson Library

Join us for free movies and popcorn this summer at the Dr. James Carlson Library. Movies begin at 1 p.m. Adults must accompany children age 9 and younger.

June 27: Paddington in Peru (PG)

July 11: Moana 2 (PG)

July 25: Dog Man (PG)

Aug. 8: Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)

Carlson Library at 1 p.m.



Tiny Art Show

Be a part of "Coloring Our World" by creating a mini masterpiece and displaying it at our Tiny Art Show! *All ages* are welcome to join us at the Carlson Library to paint a mini canvas.

If you can't make it to the event, no problem! You can pick up a canvas at any Fargo Public Library location to paint at home beginning June 14. Return it by June 28 to be included in our Tiny Art Show. Finished paintings will be on display at all three Fargo Public Library locations in July. One canvas per person.

June 14 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Fabric Art Collages

Create a masterpiece from fabric scraps, paper, and cardboard backing. Young children may work together with their adults and older kids may choose to work on their own. Follow an example for inspiration or create your own design. *These events are best suited to ages 4 and up. Register beginning June 2.*

June 16 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

June 19 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

Funky Tie-Dye Towels

Kids ages 8 – 12 are invited to tie-dye a beach towel for summer. Add your name with tape resist, twist it, or create your design – the funkier the better! *Register beginning June 9.*

June 23 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

June 24 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

June 25 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

Fargo 70s Retro Rewind Time Capsule Opening Event

Travel back in time as Fargo rewinds the clock to the 70s! Join us in the courtyard between the Fargo Public Library and Civic Center as we crack open the time capsule buried during the Fargo-Moorhead Centennial Celebration in 1975. The fun kicks off with 70s tunes, kid's activities, and food vendors beginning at 4 p.m., followed by the time capsule opening ceremony at 5 p.m. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and get comfortable on the lawn as we flashback to Fargo 1975! *All ages are welcome.*

June 26 at 5 p.m. – Main Library