

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 11 TO 18

Teen TikToks and Selfies

Learn a new TikTok dance or teach one to the group. We'll have selfie props available, too! Bring your own device or borrow ours.

Jan. 17 at 4:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

Hot Chocolate Stir Spoons

Warm up with hot chocolate and make your own chocolate-dipped stir spoon for added deliciousness.

Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library (Registration begins 1/9)

Teen Craft: Card Making

Design cards for family, friends, or your special someone! We'll make cards with watercolors, pop-up surprises, and more.

Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Escape the Library for Teens

Test your sleuth skills and solve clues with your team to "break-out" of the library.

Feb. 17: 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. – Carlson Library
(Registration begins 1/30)

Teen Craft: Faux Stained Glass

Create a masterpiece using glue!

Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 2/7)

Great Chemistry for Teens

We'll be hosting fun, hands-on science experiments just for teens with help from Dr. Graeme Wyllie and the Concordia Science Academy.

Mar. 9 at 6 p.m. – Main Library
(Registration begins 2/20)

Teen Spring Break STEM

Join us for fun STEM activities! All locations will feature the same activities.

Mar. 14 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Mar. 15 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

(Registration begins 2/28)

Teen Craft: Polymer Clay Keychain

Use polymer clay to make a one-of-a-kind keychain.

Mar. 21 at 4:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

(Registration begins 3/6)

Teen Craft: String Art

Make a unique string art masterpiece!

Apr. 4 at 4:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

Teen Craft: Binary Code Bracelet

Design a bracelet with your birthday in binary code.

Apr. 18 at 4:30 p.m. – Northport Branch

(Registration begins 4/3)

Teen Star Wars Day Celebration

Celebrate Star Wars Day at the library! Make your own lightsaber, play Star Wars trivia, and more!

May 4 at 4:30 p.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 3/21)

Crafts 2 Go for Teens: Clay Diffuser Pendant

Pick up a kit to make a clay diffuser pendant for yourself or to give as a gift.

Pick Up May 8 through May 13 at All Library Locations

(Registration begins 4/17)

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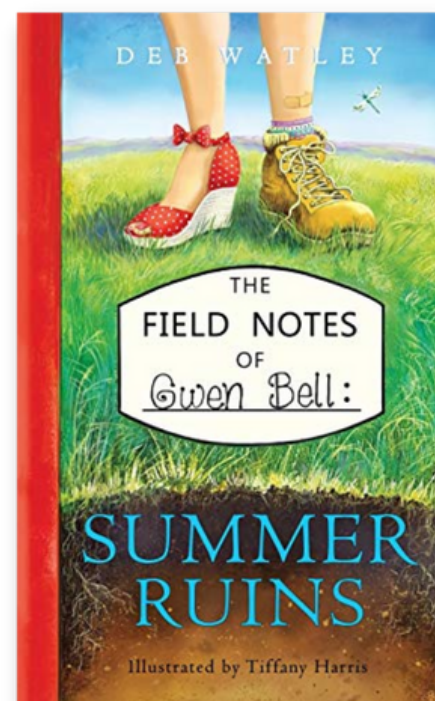
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Red River Valley Kids Read

Featuring *Summer Ruins* by Deb Watley



Eleven-year-old Gwen Bell was not happy about getting roped into spending her summer with her parents, both professors, on an archaeology dig in South Dakota where she has to babysit two young boys. She had other ideas about how to enjoy the summer and her approaching 12th birthday. Through a series of mishaps and adventures, and despite her best efforts, Gwen soon learns a bit about archaeology, and a lot about life.

Summer Ruins by Deb Watley is the next book in the **Red River Valley Kids Read** regional reading program, a partnership between the public libraries in Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, Grand Forks, and Wahpeton. Throughout March, kids are invited to read the book, attend an author visit, and take part in book-related events. A limited number of free books will be available beginning March 1st thanks to a grant from the Awesome Foundation: Cass Clay. This book is most appropriate for kids in grades 3 and above.

In addition to the Red River Valley Kids Read, there are a variety of events to participate in this winter and spring.

- From Hermione Granger to Llama Llama, experience "**All the Feels**" by spending time with your favorite characters during the **Winter Reading Challenge**. Kids read to win weekly prizes and earn a free book (see page 2).
- **Storytime** returns in January at all library locations. Young children ages 2 to 6 are invited to share stories, songs, and laughs all while developing early literacy skills to last a lifetime (see page 3).
- Young makers are invited to **Crafternoons** every Monday and Tuesday. You supply the imagination, we'll supply the materials (see page 4).
- The **Going Places Book Club** sets out once again on its monthly adventures – from California and Chicago to South Dakota and all places in between be sure to join in the fun (see page 4).
- Teens and tweens can look forward to a wide range of events from **crafts** to **Star Wars** and **chemistry experiments** to **escape rooms** (see the back page).



For more information about any of the Fargo Public Library's events, 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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Winter Reading Challenge All the Feels Jan. 2 through Feb. 26

We've got the stories and you've got the feels – now is the time to put them together to meet the **Winter Reading Challenge!** Beginning Jan. 2, kids and families are able to start their reading journey by registering online in Beanstack. (fargolibrary.beanstack.org) Paper logs will be available when the Library opens on Jan. 3.

Build a reading habit and discover new stories by reading every day. Log your daily reading online or on paper and earn your free book at 25 days (days do not have to be consecutive). Kids using Beanstack will also be eligible for weekly prize drawings. Log a minimum of one day of reading each the week and you are automatically entered to win. Drawings are held on Mondays and winners will be posted at all library locations

Mind Mysteries to Go

In collaboration with NDSU's Department of Psychology's High-Level Vision Lab, we're presenting a series of mysteries and we need YOUR help to work them out!

Mind Mysteries to Go packets will be available at all library locations beginning January and feature a child-friendly, science experiment for children to complete. Solve the mystery and share your answer to help solve the bigger mystery of how children's brains work. Packets are available while supplies last, future cases will follow. All materials and instructions included.

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.

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Don't forget, even 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. 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.
- Submit a request for personalized reading recommendations using our **What's Next? Reader's 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.
- 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 year to encourage readers of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors. This winter the Brunsdale StoryWalk will feature *We Want Snow* by Jamie A. Swenson, and the Sodbuster Plaza StoryWalk will present *When the Snow is Deeper Than My Boots are Tall* by Jean Reidy.*



*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.



- Check out our online resources like the ones shown below: Hoopla, Tumblebooks, and Overdrive Kids' Reading Room for ebooks and audiobooks; Creativebug for art lessons and video tutorials; Mango for language learning; and Nat Geo Kids to explore the natural world. Find these and more by visiting <https://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.



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

EVENTS

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

Uncovering Pieces of the Past



Archaeology is the study of the past using materials that people left behind. It is practiced in every country in the world. Archaeology is even happening in the Fargo-Moorhead area!

In our area, archaeologists study the Native American past and the history of the more recent 19th and early 20th centuries. Dr. George Holley, archaeologist and retired MSUM professor, will visit the Main Library to explain the practice of archaeology. He'll provide hands-on opportunities and a chance to view artifacts found in our region. **This event is most appropriate for kids ages 8 and older.** *This program is part of the Red River Valley Kids Read series of events.*

Mar. 14 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



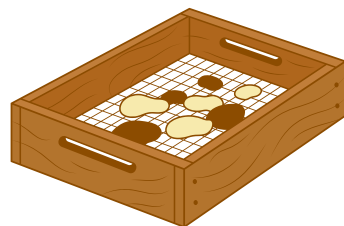
Archeology Lab Tours

You might know that archaeologists look for old things by digging in the ground, but searching for historical artifacts is bit more complicated than just digging a hole. And what happens to the artifacts after they're found? **Kids in grades 4 to 6** can learn more about this fascinating field of study when we tour NDSU's Archaeology Lab with Dr. John Creese, anthropological archaeologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology. Multiple sessions are available for kids and families, but space is extremely limited. **Pre-registration is required and we ask that families minimize the number of adults attending to provide as many children an opportunity to participate as possible.** Registrants will receive directions and additional information the day before the tours. *This program is part of the Red River Valley Kids Read series of events.*

Mar. 25: 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

NDSU Archaeology Lab

(Registration begins 3/11)



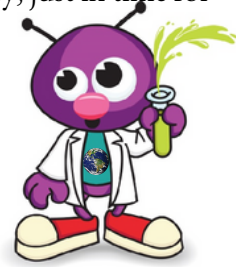
Little Squirt Earth Science

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 are invited to explore the Earth at our next sessions of Little Squirt Science. We'll dig into fun activities and experiments on our journey, just in time for Earth Day!

Apr. 22 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Apr. 25 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 4/8)



Enola Holmes and the Case of the Bizarre Books

Whether you're a fan of the movies, the books, or both, come and show off your detective skills and solve the mystery! **This event is open to ages 10 to 18.**

Apr. 22 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 4/8)

Preparing for Pollinators



Kids and teens are invited to join us to make seed balls! Samuel Devick, a North Dakota 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassador, will teach you how to make this fun and easy craft that can turn any patch of soil into a beautiful pollinator habitat. Seed balls are mixtures of soil, clay, and seeds that sprout easily and are low maintenance.

Apr. 29 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Little Mermaid

Mother's Day Pre-Party

Get ready for the new Little Mermaid movie release with a Little Mermaid Party! There will be themed snacks and crafts for kids to work on with their treasured adult, while the 1989 Disney film (G) plays in the background. **This event is geared towards kids ages 3 and up and their favorite adults.**



May 13 at 10 a.m. – Main Library (Registration begins 4/24)

Winter/Spring 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 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.**

Main Library – Jan. 23 to Apr. 10 (No Storytime Feb. 20)

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Northport Branch – Jan. 24 to Apr. 11

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – Jan. 25 to Apr. 12

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.



While at storytime, be sure to ask about the 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.

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 3 & 17

Feb. 7 & 21

Mar. 7 & 21

Apr. 4 & 18

May 2 & 16

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Jan. 5 & 19

Feb. 9 & 23

Mar. 9 & 23

Apr. 6 & 20

May 4 & 18



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 are new to the game, chess players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Chess Club meets **Tuesday** evenings at the Main Library. Local chess expert Joe McNamara will facilitate and lead the sessions. **Adults must accompany children under 10 years old.** For more information, please contact 701.476.5977.

Jan. 3 – May 30

5:30 p.m. at the Main Library

EVENTS

Kindergarten Success! Storytimes

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! March will feature a special Seuss-tastic themed storytime and craft.



Jan. 7 at 10 a.m.
Feb. 4 at 10 a.m.
Main Library



Mar. 4 at 10 a.m.

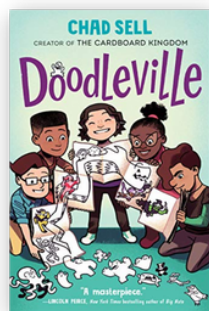
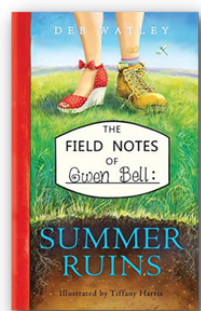
Apr. 1 at 10 a.m.
May 6 at 10 a.m.

Going Places Book Club

We're reading all over the place in the Going Places Book Club! 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 your book and register for the current month at the Main Library or call 701.241.1495.**

Main Library at 4 p.m.

Jan. 10 – *Odder* by Katherine Applegate
Feb. 14 – *The Midnight Children* by Dan Gemeinhart
Mar. 14 – *Summer Ruins* by Deb Watley
Apr. 11 – *Doodleville* by Chad Sell



PAWS for Reading

Our furry friends from the Pet Partners of the Red River Valley are here to continue a season of reading fun. 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. **Pre-registration is required for each month's session. Call Children's Services at 701.241.1495 to register.**



Main Library at 10 a.m.

Jan. 14 Mar. 11
Feb. 11 Apr. 8

CRAFTERNOONS

Makers ages 12 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.

Jan. 23 – Apr. 24
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library

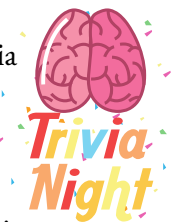
Jan. 24 – Apr. 25
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch

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



Family Trivia Nights

Rally your relatives and join us for family trivia night at the Main Library. 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 pre-register at the beginning of the current month.** Prizes for our top winners and snacks for all!



Jan. 26 – Get Kraken!: World Mythology

Feb. 23 – Wonderful World of Disney

Mar. 30 – Road Trip!: World Geography

Apr. 27 – Mammals, Reptiles, & Birds, Oh My!

May 25 – Harry Potter and the Night of Trivia
6 p.m.

Intro to Engineering for Kids

Calling all creative problem solvers in Kindergarten – 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.



Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch

Libraries Dance! Storytime and Dance Series

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, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! **Dance storytimes are geared toward children ages 3 and up.**

Feb. 8 – Tutus, Tutus, Everywhere

Mar. 8 – Boys Dance Too!

Apr. 12 – A Robot Dance Party
6:30 p.m.



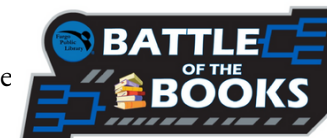
Animal Adaptations

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 Main Library. Kids will also have an opportunity to see and touch real animal pelts!

Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. – Main Library

Battle of the Books

March Madness isn't the only battle going on this spring! Sixteen books will battle, but only one will win! Stop by the Main Library every two weeks and vote to make sure that your favorite advances to the next round. You can also cast your vote online through the Library's website. Correctly predict the winner and you could win a prize!



Feb. 26 – Apr. 23 at Main Library
Winning book announced Apr. 24

It's a Mystery: Archaeology & Fiction with Author Deb Watley



Deb Watley, author of *Summer Ruins*, will be visiting with kids at Bonanzaville in West Fargo. She will share what she's learned about the science of archaeology and how she researches and writes her novels. Following her presentation, Bonanzaville curator David Hubin will provide a guided tour of the historical artifacts in the Main Building. **This event is most appropriate for kids ages 8 and up.** *This program is part of the Red River Valley Kids Read series of events.*

Mar. 11 at 2 p.m. – Bonanzaville
1351 Main Avenue W.
West Fargo, ND 58078

