

# TEEN EVENTS

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# THE CHILDREN'S CHAPTER

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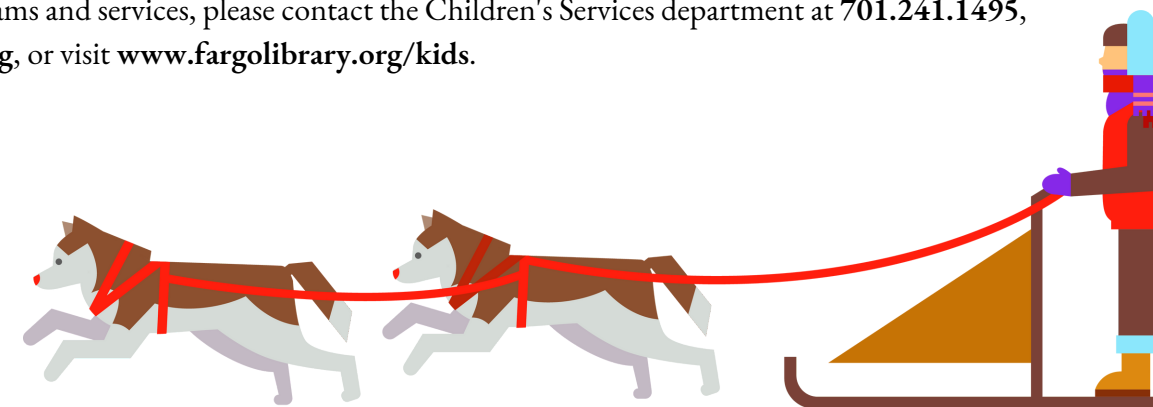
## IDITAREAD: Winter Reading Challenge January 2 – March 3

Brave the winter weather by joining us at the Fargo Public Library for the IDITAREAD: Winter Reading Challenge. This year we're gearing up for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race by running, racing, and reading. Register for the Challenge in Beanstack, pick up a reading log at any Fargo Public Library location, and you are off on a snowy adventure! Log 30 days of reading and win the ultimate prize - a new book! Kids can earn their own 2024 Official Iditarod Magnet by completing activities in the Junior Trailblazer Activity book (available at all Fargo Public Library locations). We'll also have weekly prize drawings - just log your reading in the Beanstack app during the week to be entered to win.

We've also got great events to keep you on track.

- January 27 at 1 p.m. – **Iditaroad Movie: Togo (PG)** Togo tells the true story of a team of dogs who delivered life-saving serum to the citizens of Nome, AK after a diphtheria outbreak in 1925. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race commemorates these historic events. (see page 4)
- March 2 at 1:30 p.m. – **The Iditarod: What Does It Take to Run the Last Great Race?** Join us for a visit from Jim and Mary Ann Miller of Prairie Bilt Sleds. The Millers have built sleds for mushers for more than 20 years and will let us know what is needed to successfully finish the race. (see page 5)
- April 6 at 1:30 p.m. – **Dreaming Big: Dogsled Racing with Eva Robinson.** At seventeen, Eva Robinson is already a veteran competitive musher. Listen to her inspiring story and meet one of her dogs! (see page 5)

For a full list of the events and activities this winter/spring, take a look inside. For more information about 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](mailto:kids@fargolibrary.org), or visit [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids).



### Make a Clay Pot Leprechaun Hat

Leapin' Leprechauns! St. Patty's day is on the way! We're preparing by crafting cute leprechaun hats. Teens and tweens are invited to create a clay pot hat container to fill with some edible gold. We'll be getting our Irish on as we also snack on some Irish treats and listen to traditional tunes. *Register beginning Feb. 17.*

Mar. 4 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

### Harry Potter Light Switch Cover Craft

Do you know the magical spells to turn on and off the light? Lumos! Nox! Join us in making a glittery glow in the dark Harry Potter themed light switch cover. *Registration is recommended, but not required. Register beginning Mar. 1.*

Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

### Volunteer Fair

Learn about different volunteering opportunities in the FM area. Representatives from local organizations will be in attendance.

Mar. 23 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

### DIY Leather Keychains

Come make a fun stamped leather keychain! *Register beginning April 18.*

April 1 at 5 p.m. – Carlson Library

### Needle Felted Dinosaurs

Celebrate National Velociraptor day at the library by making a needle felted dinosaur. Needle felting is an easy, quick, and relaxing technique for beginning crafters and experienced artists alike. *Register beginning April 4.*

April 18 at 5 p.m. – Main Library

### Canvas Spray Paint

Come in and try spray painting! We will be practicing on cardboard before making our final pieces on canvas. Wear something comfortable and that you're okay with getting permanent paint on! *Register beginning April 20.*

May 4 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

### Poe's 215th Birthday Party

Start your year out Gothic style and celebrate Edgar Allen Poe's 215th birthday. Enjoy treats, watch scary movies, and create a Poe inspired craft. Goth clothing is highly recommended for extra fun! *Register beginning Jan. 6.*

Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

### Tea Tasting

Explore some of the many unique teas available. Samples of 4 different teas from around the globe will be provided each month, along with brewing tips and relevant information on the background of that month's selection. Bring a friend so you can sip tea and socialize. *Registration for February event begins Jan. 27.*

Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Mar. 9 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

May 4 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

### Community Game Night

We'll feature one game each session along with a variety of tabletop games. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite game to share. All tabletop gaming experience levels are welcome! **Recommended for ages 16 and up.**

Feb. 5      March 4      April 1      May 6  
Northport Branch: 5 – 7:30 p.m.

### DIY Bookmarks

Come make some cool bookmarks for yourself, friends, or other library goers. Experiment with different mediums like watercolors, washi tape, and collage!

Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. – Carlson Library

Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. – Main Library

### Takis Tasting and Sweets Sampler

Get your snack on after school! Sample a variety of Takis and unique sweets, and try to guess their flavors. *Register beginning Feb. 8.*

Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

To register, call 701.476.5978 or go to [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).



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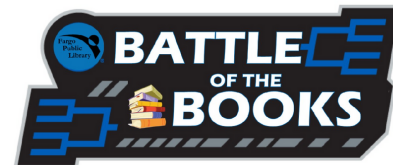


## Battle of the Books Tournament

March Madness isn't the only battle going on this spring! Join us for our annual Battle of the Books. Sixteen books will battle, but only one will win! Stop by the Main Library every two weeks beginning Sunday, Feb. 25 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! For more information about the Battle of the Books, contact Children's Services at 701.241.1495 or visit [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids).

February 25 – April 21 at Main Library

Winning book announced Monday, April 22



## 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.
- Check out our online resources like: **Hoopla**, **Tumblebooks**, and **Overdrive Kids' Reading Room** for ebooks and eaudiobooks; **Creativebug** for art 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.
- Visit one of our outdoor **StoryWalks**. The Fargo Public Library hosts three StoryWalks; Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.), in the Sodbuster Plaza outside the Main Library, 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.



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](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids).

## On a Blind Date with a Bat

How would you react if you saw a bat flying overhead? With fear, disgust, or confusion? Bats are mysterious creatures, and from Dracula to the present day, they can seem a bit frightening. If you're curious about bats, join Sam Devick, a North Dakota 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassador, for a "blind date" with a bat. You'll find out which animal bats really are, if they're actually blind, and how you can become friends with them. A bat-related activity will follow the presentation. **This event is open to all ages, but is geared towards kids in grades K to 5th.**



April 20 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

## Josie Dances with Author Denise Lejmodiere

Join us as we welcome North Dakota Poet Laureate Denise Lajimodiere for a reading and book signing for *Josie Dances*, which was the children's book selected to represent North Dakota at the 2023 National Book Festival. As an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Lajimodiere will also include a cultural show and tell. **All ages are welcome.**



The North Dakota Great Reads from Great Places program for the National Book Festival is sponsored by the Library of Congress and the North Dakota Center for the Book.

April 22 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

## Butterfly Garden Adventures Reader's Theater with Playwright Annie Hough

Star in the debut production of local playwright Annie Hough's new play! Hough received a 2023 TAP (The Arts Partnership) Individual Arts Partnership grant, and the reader's theater performance will be produced and videoed as part of the grant. **Open to kids in grades 1 to 7.** There are opportunities for older kids to perform the speaking roles, and younger kids to play non-speaking roles. *Register beginning April 6.* If kids are interested in helping to create simple costumes and prop pieces, but don't want to perform, please call 241-1495. Kids will be reading from the script, there is no need to memorize lines. *Please note: Parents/legal guardians must sign and turn in a video release form prior to the event.*

10:00 AM: Divvy up roles & prop work; read through & rehearse the play or create simple costumes

12:00 PM: Lunch Break (Pizza provided)

1:00: Reader's Theater performance of Butterfly Garden Adventures

April 27 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



## Need help finding your next book?

Do you need reading suggestions? Maybe you're a parent trying to find the right reading level or a grandparent looking for gift suggestions, whatever it is, we've got you covered! Just answer a few questions about what you are seeking and we'll do the rest. We'll even put the books on hold for you! After you answer the questions, we'll get to work putting together a list of titles and authors that we think you'll like. Depending on your preference, we can send you a list or put the books on hold for pickup at any Fargo Public Library location. Fill out the **What's Next? Reading Recommendations** survey online ([www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids)) about your reading likes and dislikes. Our trained experts will work through your responses to help you find authors and titles that match your interests. Look for your completed What's Next reading recommendations delivered to you in 3 to 5 days. As always, we value your privacy and will keep your answers strictly confidential.

To register, call 701.241.1495 or go to [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).





# STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

## The Iditarod: What Does It Take to Run the Last Great Race?

Mushers and their dog teams have participated in the Iditarod race for the past half century. This grueling race is held each year to commemorate the 1925 Serum Run, when dog sled teams relayed life-saving medicine after an outbreak of diphtheria. What does it take to run the 1,000 mile race through some of the harshest winter conditions? What is packed on a sled to help both dogs and their musher survive? Learn this and more when Jim and Mary Ann Miller of Prairie Bilt Sleds visit on March 2 - start day of the 2024 Iditarod. The Millers have been building sleds for mushers around the country since 1999. Many of them have been used in the Iditarod. They've also visited both the start and finish of the race. A dog sled craft will follow the presentation. **This event is open to all ages, but is geared toward kids in grades K-5.**

Mar. 2 at 1:30 p.m. – Main Library



## Mind Mysteries LIVE

School- age kids in grades 1 to 6 can stop by between 2 and 3 p.m. to join Dr. Ben Balas from NDSU Psychology for Mind Mysteries LIVE! We'll have an all-new experiment to learn how kids' brains help them understand what they see. Whether you've already done a Mind Mysteries packet or want to try one out for the first time, join us to make your mark for science!

Mar. 16 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Mar. 24 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

## Pi/e Day Celebration for All Ages

PI = 3.1415926535897... or maybe PIE is more your style. Celebrate both at the Pi/e Day Celebration! **All ages** are invited to make Pi/e related crafts and enjoy snacks. Adults and teens can create colorful felt coasters to match your favorite pies (hand-sewing involved). Kids (ages 3 and up) can choose from a selection of pi/e related crafts and activities. *Registration is required - to register please call Children's Services at 701.241.1495.*

Mar. 14 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

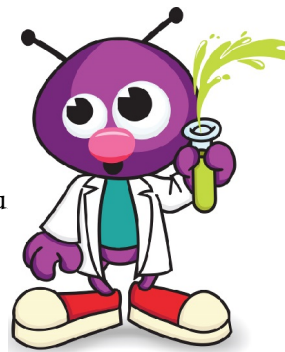
Mar. 16 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library



## Little Squirt Sun & Moon Science

Another solar eclipse is on the way! On April 8, North America will again experience a total eclipse of the Sun. **Kids ages 3 to 5** are invited to learn about the Sun and Moon and what causes an eclipse at this session of Little Squirt Science.

Through stories and hands-on activities, we'll explore the fiery star and natural satellite. Parent/child interaction during these sessions is necessary to foster a child's success, which is best accomplished through undivided attention. *Register beginning Mar. 14.*



Mar. 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Mar. 30 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library



## Dreaming Big: Dogsled Racing with Eva Robinson

At 17-years-old, Eva Robinson of Cavalier, ND is already a veteran competitive musher. She and her dogs have participated in numerous races, including the Jr. Iditarod and the Jr. Beargrease where she took first place in 2021. **All ages** are invited to hear Eva's inspiring story of dreaming big, persevering to fulfill a 10-year dream of racing in the Alaska wilderness, staying humble, and never quitting. She'll also introduce us to one of her team dogs!



April 6 at 1:30 p.m. – Main Library

## Winter 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.**

Main Library – Jan. 22 through April 15

*Mondays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.*

Northport Branch – Jan. 23 through April 16

*Tuesdays at 10 a.m.*

Carlson Library – Jan. 24 through April 17

*Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.*



## Baby Rhyme Time

**Babies ages birth to 24 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.

Jan. 4 & 18

Feb. 1 & 15

March 7 & 21

*Carlson Library at 10 a.m.*

April 4 & 18

May 2 & 16

## 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!

Jan. 6

Feb. 3

March 2 - Seuss-tastic Storytime

*Main Library at 10 a.m.*

April 6

May 4



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



To register, call 701.241.1495 or go to [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).



# EVENTS



## 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. 2 – May 28

Main Library at 5:30 p.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.**

Jan. 9: *Turtles of the Midnight Moon* by María José Fitzgerald

Feb. 13: *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson

March 19: *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers

April 9: *Slugfest* by Gordon Korman

Main Library at 4 p.m.



## Namaste: Toddler & Preschool Yoga with Mojo Fit

It's never too soon to learn how to relax, breathe, pose, and find your center all while having fun with a certified instructor. Come dressed to stretch. 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.**



Jan. 11 April 11

Feb. 8 May 9

March 14

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.**

Jan. 13

Feb. 10

March 9

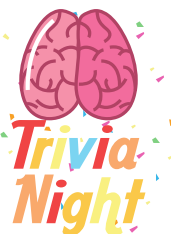
April 13

Main Library at 10 a.m.



## Family Trivia Nights

Rally your relatives and join us for family trivia 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 register for the current month.** Prizes for our top winners and snacks for all!



Jan. 25: *The Hobbit & Lord of the Rings*

Feb. 29: *We the People: American History*

March 28: *Snow, Shine, & Showers: Weather*

April 25: *Big Blue Ball: Planet Earth*

May 30: *May the Force Be with You: Star Wars*

Main Library at 6 p.m.

## IDITAREAD Movie: Togo (PG)

Most everyone has heard of Balto, the dog who led a team of sled dogs to deliver life-saving serum to the citizens of Nome, AK after a diphtheria outbreak in 1925. But Balto's team only ran the final stretch of the 674 mile trek, for a total of 78 miles. Togo was the true hero of the grueling serum run. Togo and his team, with musher Leonhard Seppala, ran the longest distance at 264 miles, and this is their story.



Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

## CRAFTERNOONS

Makers **ages 15 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. 29 – April 29

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Carlson Library

Jan. 30 – April 30

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!



## Libraries Dance! Storytime & 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 followed by stories and snacks, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! **Dance storytimes are geared toward children ages 3 and up.**



Feb. 14: BFF Dance Off

March 20: *Alice in Wonderland* Preview

April 10: Bunny Hop

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

## Pajama Party Storytime

Get comfy, cozy, and hopefully dozy with a bedtime storytime geared towards **2 to 6-year-olds**. Attendees are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring any favorite teddy bears, blankets, etc.

Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

## Leap Year Storytime & Craft

What better way to spend this extra day than by coming to storytime! **Children ages 2 to 6** are welcome to share stories and make a leap-year related craft.

Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

## Winter Pop-Up STEM Event

Kids in **Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to join us for a Winter Pop-Up STEM Event at the Main Library on Feb. 17. We're excited to partner with staff from the Fargo-Moorhead Science Museum, students from Concordia's Physics Dept., Dr. Graeme Wyllie and students from Concordia's Science Academy, students from MSUM's Physics and Astronomy Dept. and NDSU's Society of Women Engineers, for lots of hands-on STEM learning activities and fun! This open house event will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

