

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 12 TO 18 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Take and Makes

It can be hard to make library events fit in your busy schedule, so we're bringing the events to you! Register for a Take and Make, then pick up instructions and supplies, plus a link to a Discord chat room where you can ask questions, chat, and show off your project. If you're on Facebook or Instagram you can even post your project and tag Fargo Public Library to share the fun!

Registration for each month will open the month prior to pick up. Register for any month that interests you and be sure to choose the correct location. *Register online or call 701-241-1495.*

February: Clay Button Heart (Pick up Feb. 2 – 7)

March: Bead Animal Keychain (Pick up Mar. 2 – 7)

April: DIY Mini Books (Pick up Apr. 6 – 11)

May: Marble Snails (Pick up May 4 – 9)

Library Lair

Step into the Library Lair, where imagination, adventure, and creativity come to life! Designed specifically for teens and tweens (ages 10 to 18), Library Lair offers a fun and interactive space to hang out, meet new friends, and explore cool activities in the library. Plus snacks! Whether you want to get creative, game with friends, or just hang out, the Library Lair is your go-to spot for all things fun and cool! Don't miss out on the action – see you there!

Jan. 8 – June 4

Thursdays: 5 to 6 p.m.

Special Spring Break Edition – Mar. 19: 1 to 3 p.m.

Carlson Library

Legends of Zelda Party

Calling all heroes of Hyrule: join us to celebrate the Legend of Zelda's 40th anniversary! Fans of all ages are invited to join the library for a celebration of all things Zelda. Enjoy Zelda-themed treats and trivia, explore the library with a Korok scavenger hunt, make your own Zelda-style treasure chest, and catch a fairy in a bottle. Costumes are welcome! *Register beginning Jan. 31.*

Feb. 21: 1 to 3 p.m. – Main Library

K-Pop Demon Hunters Trivia

Join us for K-Pop Demon Hunter Trivia, where your idol knowledge meets supernatural fun! Test your skills through rounds of trivia, enjoy delicious themed snacks, and compete for prizes. Gather your fellow hunters, summon your fandom spirit, and see who's gonna be golden! *Open to ages 11 and up.*

Mar. 19 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Volunteer Fair

Looking to give back to your community? Join us to learn about volunteer opportunities in the FM area. Representatives from a variety of local organizations will be on hand to share how you can get involved.

Apr. 18: 1 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Decorate Your Own Planter

Celebrate the beginning of spring by decorating a terracotta pot, then put a plant in it to bring some of the spring inside. Pots and plants will be provided. *Register beginning Apr. 1.*

May 1 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Happy Birthday, Fargo Public Library!



Join the Fargo Public Library Winter Reading Challenge as we celebrate 125 years of stories and sweets, books and birthdays, check outs and community! Mix things up by trying new stories, sprinkle in some fun activities, and join in events that are sure to take the cake. The more days you read, the more you'll frost your way to awesome prizes. So grab a book, take a whisk, and let's make this birthday celebration the most flavor-filled one yet!

Highlights:

- Use Beanstack to track your daily reading – find more information at fargolibrary.beanstack.org. Paper logs will be available at all library locations beginning Jan. 5.
- Read each day to earn tasty treats – 15 days of reading earns a prize and 30 days earns a book!
- Weekly prize drawings to keep the fun going.
- Perfect for readers of all ages and reading levels.

The more you read, the bigger the celebration – so grab your favorite books, cozy up, and let the birthday magic begin!

For a full list of events and activities, take a look inside. For more information about any of the Fargo Public Library's programs, events, 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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MONDAY-TUESDAY 10-8
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY10-6
FRIDAY 11-6
SATURDAY 9-6
SUNDAY CLOSED

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CIRCULATION DESK	241.1472
INFORMATION DESK	241.1492
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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.

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. Stop by the Main Library every two weeks beginning Mar. 2 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.

Mar. 2 – Apr. 25

Winning book announced Apr. 27

Northern Narratives Jr.

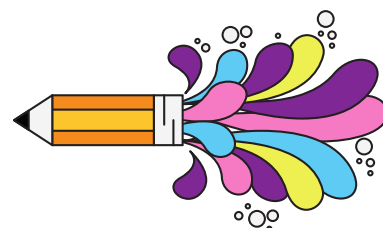
Grab your pencils and paper, kids! The Fargo Public Library is accepting writing and art entries for its kids-only edition of the library's literature publication. *Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade* are welcome to submit entries in any category including short stories, poetry, comics, nonfiction essays, drawing, or photography. Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each category. All submissions will be included in the online literary magazine (provided they meet eligibility requirements and guidelines).

A full list of guidelines, including how to submit entries and the entry form, will be available Feb. 1 at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Entries accepted Mar. 2 through Apr. 30

Winners announced on June 1

Northern Narratives Jr. Online Magazine
will be available on June 29



Chemistry Connections

Make some connections at the library – chemistry connections, that is! Join Dr. Graham Wyllie from Concordia College's Science Academy for some cool hands-on chemistry experiments. Learn which connections will cause a reaction as Dr. Wyllie mixes learning with a bit of humor for a lot of fun!

Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. – Main Library
Grades 1 – 4

Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. – Main Library
Grades 5 – 9

History Alive! Book Club

Kids ages 8 – 13 are invited to experience history in an entertaining and thought-provoking way at book club. Join us as we experience history through fun activities, lively discussion, snacks, and more! *Pick up a copy of the book and register at the Children's Desk in the Main Library.* Registration opens, and books become available, one month in advance of the meeting.

Feb. 13: *Ben and Me*

by Robert Lawson

Apr. 10: *By the Light of Fireflies*

by Jenni Walsh

Main Library at 2 p.m.



All About Artemis

What is Artemis? Learn all the details at this event introducing kids to NASA's multi-mission plan to return humans to the Moon. Students from MSUM's Dept. of Physics and Astronomy will join us for some hand's-on activities and learning fun. *This event is geared toward kids 6 and older.*

Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. – Main Library



Intro to Engineering for Kids

Join us as we explore different STEM-related topics through hands-on activities with the NDSU's Society of Women Engineers! We'll have stations to teach students about the disciplines of engineering, including mechanical, civil, electrical, and more! *This open house event is open to all ages.*

Mar. 23: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library



Crochet Basics

Learn crochet basics with designer, teacher, and artist Cari Jehlik. We'll talk slip stitches, chains, and single crochets, then practice making and reading those stitches. If time allows after some practice with these, we'll add a couple bonus stitches. *This event is most appropriate for ages 8 and older.* Register beginning Apr. 3.

Apr. 17 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



Let's Paint Birds! Watercolor Painting

Professional artist and instructor Barbara Benda will teach and guide *students ages 9 – 12* through the process of sketching and painting a Black-Capped Chickadee in this 2-hour class. Register beginning Jan 16. In case of a cancellation, please call 701.476.5985 or email cmason@fargolibrary.org. This will allow any students on the waiting list the opportunity to attend.

Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

EVENTS

Bookworm Birthday Bash

Get ready to wiggle into a world of stories as we celebrate the library's 125th birthday! Join us for a morning packed with party games, crafts, and sweet surprises. Explore new books, meet fellow bookworms, and help us make this birthday one for the storybooks! Come party among the pages and make this the Fargo Public Library's birthday the best chapter yet! *All ages are invited to attend, but most appropriate for kids ages 2 – 6.*



Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



JT Kennelly Band: A Fargo Public Library 125th Anniversary Music Celebration

The 125th Anniversary Party continues with music by the JT Kennelly Band. The JT Kennelly Band is a country/folk/bluegrass band based in Fargo whose experienced musicians play from the heart! They blend folksy bluegrass with a modern twist. *They'll have all ages dancing and singing along.*

Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Read to Comet

Comet the mini-horse is returning to the Carlson Library to lend an ear! Kids in *Kindergarten through 6th grade* are invited to sharpen their reading skills by reading to Comet during a 15-minute session with the certified therapy pet. Bring your own books to read or choose from a selection of library books. *Call the Children's Services desk at 701.241.1495 to register beginning Feb. 21.*

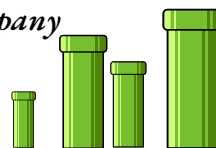


Mar. 7: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Carlson Library

MAR10 Day Celebration

Celebrate Mario with the Fargo Public Library! Play retro and modern Mario games, enjoy themed crafts and activities, snack on treats, test your knowledge with trivia, and take photos with Mario characters! *Adults must accompany children under 10 years old.*

Mar. 14 at 1 p.m. – Main Library



Defy Gravi-Tea Party

Have a "Wicked: For Good" time with other fans! Enjoy themed snacks and crafts, and test your wicked knowledge. Dressing up as, or inspired by, your favorite character is encouraged! *Open to ages 8 – 18.*

Apr. 11 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Earth Day Crafts

Celebrate Earth Day with sustainability crafts! Make a beeswax food wrap to pack your lunches with or a pine-cone bird feeder to hang outside! *All ages welcome.*

Apr. 22 at 5:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

Easter Egg Fun!

Hop on down to the Main Library for some Easter egg fun! We'll be playing games, making crafts and experimenting with plastic Easter eggs at this open-house event. *This event is geared towards kids ages 5 and up.*

Mar. 21: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Main Library

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

AGES 2 – 6 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

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 stories, songs, and fingerplays, library staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills – all while having super storytime fun!

Main Library – Jan. 26 through Apr. 13 (No Storytime 2/16)

Mondays at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Northport Library – Jan. 27 through Apr. 14

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – Jan. 28 through Apr. 15

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & 11 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!

Feb. 7

Mar. 7 – Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Main Library at 10 a.m.

Apr. 4

May 2

Spanish Language Storytime

Educator Mónica Olivares will share stories, songs, and activities in Spanish that celebrate the rich cultures of Latin America. Children will build vocabulary, develop early literacy skills, and explore traditions from Spanish-speaking countries. Perfect for bilingual families and learners alike!

Jan. 10

Feb. 14

Main Library at 10 a.m.

Mar. 14

Apr. 11

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.

Jan. 13 & 27

Feb. 10 & 24

Plains Art Museum (704 1st Ave N) at 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 10 & 24

Apr. 14 & 24

Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Tuesdays for Toddlers storytimes!



Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth – 24 months are invited each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, 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.

Feb. 5 & 19

Mar. 5 & 19

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Apr. 2 & 16

May 7 & 21

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.*

Jan. 27: Happy Birthday, Fargo Public Library

Feb. 24: Fabulous Fairy Tales

Mar. 31: Under the Sea

Main Library at 6 p.m.

Apr. 28: Rainy Days

May 26: Let's Go Camping!

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.

Jan. 6 – May 26 (Tuesdays)

Main Library: 5 to 8 p.m.

Wondery Art & Adventure

Step into a world of creativity and exploration at the library! Explore art concepts like color, shape, and composition through hands-on art activities to help develop fine motor skills and patience. *Children ages 3 – 5* (with an adult) will explore, create, and learn. *Registration for each session begins two weeks before event.*

Jan. 15 – Colorful Squids

Feb. 19 – Handsy Penguins

Mar. 19 – Fluffy Chicks

Apr. 16 – Grassy Gremlins

Main Library at 11 a.m.

Going Places Book Club

We're reading all over the place! *Kids in grades 3 – 7* are invited to experience each month's featured book through related activities, discussion, snacks, and crafts. *Pick up a book and register for the current month at the Main Library.*

Feb. 3: **The Fairy-Tale Detective** (Sisters Grimm)

by Michael Buckley

Mar. 3: **The BFG**

by Roald Dahl

Apr. 7: **The Fort**

by Gordon Korman

Main Library at 4 p.m.



Tumble Time

Kids ages 2 – 6 can wiggle and giggle with Fargo All-Stars. Learn tumbling moves and shake your sillies out! We'll start with a short storytime and end with creative movement. Wear clothes that you can move and groove in!



Feb. 5: Little Valentines

Apr. 2: Little Bunnies

Mar. 5: Little Leprechauns

Main Library at 11 a.m.



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Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



Mind Mysteries LIVE

School-age kids in grades 1 – 6 can join Dr. Ben Balas from NDSU Psychology. We'll have experiments to learn how kids' brains understand what they see. Join us

to make your mark for science!

Feb. 7

Apr. 4

Feb. 21

Apr. 18

Mar. 7

May 2

Mar. 21

May 16

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Main Library

Carlson Library

Libraries Dance!

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. 11: Out of this World

Mar. 11: Leaping Leprechauns

Apr. 15: Snow White Preview

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.



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 – 6.*

Feb. 12

Apr. 9

Mar. 12

May 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 setting. *Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade* are invited to a 15-minute session with one of our canine listeners. *Registration is required for each month's session. Call Children's Services at 701.241.1495.*

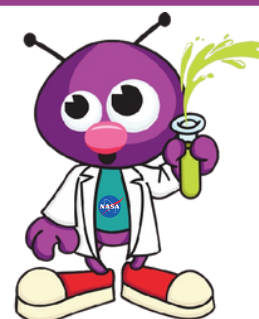
Feb. 14

Apr. 11

Mar. 14

May 9

Main Library at 10 a.m.



Little Squirt Astronaut Training Academy

We're going back to the Moon! NASA's Artemis Mission will soon send astronauts back to the Moon for the first time in more than 50 years. What does it take to be an NASA astronaut? A lot of training. See if you have the right stuff at our Astronaut Training Academy! *This open-house event is most appropriate for ages 3 – 5.*

Feb. 14: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Carlson Library

CRAFTERNOONS

Makers *ages 15 and younger* are welcome to stop by the Carlson or Northport Libraries twice a month to get their craft on! Crafts will be available the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. Note that the same project will be done at both locations.

Jan. 12 & 26

Feb. 9 & 23

Mar. 9 & 23

Apr. 13 & 27

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

Carlson Library

Jan. 13 & 27

Feb. 10 & 24

Mar. 10 & 24

Apr. 14 & 28

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 Crafternoons!