

# Recommended Reads

## REACH FOR THE STARS!

### First Chapter Books for Newly Independent Readers

First Chapter Books, aimed at 1st – 3rd grade students, are designed with newly independent readers in mind. These books make the transition from leveled readers to chapter books an easier and more rewarding process for children and parents alike. Featuring books with less than 125 pages, larger font size, and visual cues, these books help children gain confidence and discover the pleasure of independent reading.

Here are a few new additions to the collection to get you started:

#### ***Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!*** by Thomas Flintham

When King Viking and his evil robot army attack Animal Town, it is up to Super Rabbit Boy to save the day.

#### ***Shu-Li and the Magic Pear Tree*** by Paul Yee

When Shu-Li's school is threatened with closure, she and her friends find unexpected help from a magic pear tree in the back yard of an intriguing neighbor.

#### ***Ugly Cat & Pablo*** by Isabel Quintero

Ugly Cat and Pablo couldn't be more different, but when these two mejor amigos come together, there are loads of laughs, misunderstandings, and tasty treats.

#### ***Krypto! The Origin of Superman's Dog*** by Michael Dahl

Even Superman needs a loyal sidekick. But how did Krypto the Super-Dog become the Man of Steel's best friend? Discover the origin of this super-powered Super-Pet.

#### ***The Big Secret*** by Alexa Pearl

Sasha discovers that she really isn't like the other horses in her valley when wings sprout from her back and she soars through the air!

#### ***Dolphin Rescue*** by Catherine Nichols

Maddie and Atticus live with their father on the New England coast. One day, garbage starts showing up all over town. They're on the case of "The Trasher" when they spy dolphins in trouble in the cove.

#### ***Dayshaun's Gift*** by Zetta Elliott

After putting on his grandfather's gardening hat, Dayshun travels back in time to the free Black community of Weeksville, Brooklyn, during the summer of 1863.

#### ***A Big Day for Baseball*** by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie use the magic tree house to travel back in time to 1947 Brooklyn, New York, where they pretend to be batboys at Jackie Robinson's first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers against the Boston Braves.

## Reluctant Reader? Booklist for Ages 9 – 12



### **Over the Garden Wall** by Pat McHale

Lost in a strange and endless wood, Wirt and his half-brother Greg befriend a sardonic bluebird named Beatrice who promises to guide them to safety, but with every strange adventure the brothers seem to travel deeper into the wood.

### **Bird & Squirrel on the Run** by James Burks

Easygoing and upbeat, Bird lives on the spur of the moment. Squirrel, on the other hand, is fearful, fretful, and hates to be without his toothbrush. But these unlikely companions will have to work together if they want to escape the villainous Cat and survive their trip south for the winter.

### **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier

An autobiography in graphic novel format, *Smile* describes how the author lost two of her front teeth in an accident when she was twelve, and her subsequent struggles with various corrective dental techniques throughout adolescence.

### **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Series** by Nathan Hale

Readers interested in American history will enjoy these graphic novels. Comic panels of varying sizes enhance the real-life events and support the stories' over-the-top humor. The writing is accessible and entertaining; author Hale's style gives readers an insider-y, you-are-there-type scoop.

### **El Deafo** by Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."



# The Children's Chapter

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Fall Edition: September – December 2017

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## Hello Autumn, It's Nice to See You!

Wow, summer has just flown by! It's hard to believe that cooler weather is right around the corner. Summer is a busy time at the Fargo Public Library with more than 1,300 children participating in the Summer Reading Program. Children age 12 and younger read more than 26,000 hours this summer and helped stop summer learning loss in the process. In addition, over 5,000 children, along with their families, participated in activities throughout June and July. Look for the return of the Summer Reading Program next year when "Libraries Rock" into summer!

The change of seasons brings with it a return of some of the library's most popular activities including **Fall Storytime** for toddlers and preschoolers (see page 4) and **Crafternoons at Carlson**. Don't miss any of these fun, family afternoons filled with crafty goodness (see page 5). If you are looking for a book club – look no further than the **STEAM Powered Adventures Book Club**, where kids in 3rd through 7th grades will explore all things science through book-related discussions and hands-on activities (see page 5 for a list of titles).

September is **Library Card Sign-Up Month**, so if you don't already have one stop by any library location to sign up for a card. While you're at it, get one for the kids as well! Children of any age are eligible for a library card and children under 7 can get a special **My First Library Card**.

In October, participate in exciting events like **National Fossil Day** or stop by to watch **The LEGO Batman Movie** (see page 7). November brings trains to the library with our annual **Catch a Train at the Library** weekend as well as special guests from the **FM Ballet** with a special **Nutcracker storytime** (see page 8 – 9). Don't forget December! With winter just around the corner, the library will be an active place with a **Reader's Theater Workshop** and our first ever **Day of Code!** (see pages 9 – 10) December also brings activities during the Winter Break including a **New Year's celebration in the tropics** (see page 10 for more details).

For more information about any of the programs described in the Children's Chapter, please contact the Fargo Public Library's Children's Services Staff at (701) 241-1495 or email us at [kids@fargolibrary.org](mailto:kids@fargolibrary.org). Find us on the web at [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids). Remember all Fargo Public Library events are FREE and open to the public.





# Children's Event News Upcoming Children's Events

## Main Library 102 3rd St. N.

Monday–Thursday .....9–9  
Friday .....11–6  
Saturday .....9–6  
Sunday .....1–6

## Dr. James Carlson Library 2801 32nd Ave. S.

Monday–Thursday ...10–8  
Friday .....11–6  
Saturday .....9–6  
Sunday .....1–6

## Northport Branch 2714 N. Broadway

Monday–Thursday ...10–8  
Friday .....11–6  
Saturday .....9–6  
Sunday .....Closed

## Telephone Numbers

Administration 241–8277  
Carlson Library 476–4040  
Children's Services 241–1495  
Circulation Desk 241–1472  
Information Desk 241–1492  
Northport Branch 476–4026  
Outreach 241–8111



## Storytime Returns to the Fargo Public Library

Toddler, Preschool, and Family storytime is back! Join us at all 3 library locations for weekly storytimes focused on stories, songs, and having fun. Reading to young children is one of the most effective ways for parents and caregivers to ensure their child's academic success. Storytime at the Fargo Public Library introduces young children to books, rhymes, music, creative movement, and other fun activities all with the goal of instilling a life-long love of reading.

These programs are designed to match the developmental level and typical attention span of young children. Library storytimes integrate early literacy skills that help children be ready to learn to read. In storytime, library staff model simple strategies for adults to use at home to enhance their child's learning.

Because children love to imitate their parents, it is very important for parents to be totally engaged in all of the storytime activities. Participating in a group at this age helps children feel comfortable in other group or classroom settings. Since this may be the first time a child is in a storytime, it is vital for adults to model the listening behavior they want to instill in their child. As with all new experiences, a child will look to their adult for cues on what kinds of behavior is acceptable. They need adults to show them how to listen, pay attention, and interact with others.

Children, ages 6 and younger, are invited to participate in storytime at the Fargo Public Library. For more information about dates, times, and locations, see page 4 or contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495. Visit us online at [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids) for more information about early literacy skills and storytime.

## How Can Adults Make the Most of Storytime for Their Child?

- By coming to storytime on a regular basis.
- By arriving a few minutes early to allow time for parking and getting situated in the storytime room.
- By participating in the stories and activities with children during storytime.
- By modeling good listening behavior and refraining from socializing during storytime.
- By removing children who are struggling until they are comfortable and in a better state of mind.
- By talking with children about the stories and activities after storytime.
- By keeping distractions like cell phones and snacks for after storytime.
- By honoring the age guidelines for each storytime session.

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Coming January 2018!



## All the World's a Stage!

Calling all actors! Join us for the Fargo Public Library's first ever theatrical performance!

Performed by who? YOU!

Look for more information in the Winter/Spring edition of the Children's Chapter

Watch for the Winter Read-a-Thon  
Returning January & February 2018!

# Recommended Reads

## Have You Got a New Reader in Your Home?

Try a Ready to Go Reader tote! Each Ready to Go Reader tote contains an assortment of Easy Reader books all at the same reading level. This makes picking out books easy – just find your child's reading level and go. Ready to Go Reader totes have four reading levels:

- \* Pre-Reader – features familiar characters, simple vocabulary, and compelling stories for children just starting the learning-to-read process
- \* Beginning Reader – highlights simple sentences with familiar words just right for sounding out
- \* Middle Reader – includes complex story lines, longer sentences, and more challenging words for the increasingly confident reader
- \* Advanced Reader – contains challenging vocabulary, high interest topics, and more complex themes and plots for the independent reader

Also look for the Phonics Fun kits. By featuring well known characters like Curious George, Biscuit, Berentain Bears, and My Little Pony, these kits assist children in beginning to make the transition from sharing stories solely with adults to reading on their own. Phonics Fun kits collect 10 – 12 short books all at the same reading level with a smaller size and format. Each book focuses on specific letter sound combinations to give children experience in recognizing, practicing, and strengthening their reading skills.



# Children's Events

## Day of Code

Help the Fargo Public Library commemorate Computer Science Education Week with its first ever Day of Code! Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to sign up to spend an hour learning and playing coding games. Sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Space is limited so children should register for only one session. To register beginning Nov. 6, contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 or online at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).

Saturday, Dec. 9: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

## WINTER VACATION EVENTS

### Fairy Houses

Do you have fairies at home or in your garden? Quick! Build them a place to live so they will stay! Create whimsical fairy houses. All ages are welcome to attend, but **pre-registration is required and will begin Nov. 27.** Fairy furniture and other craft accessories will be provided. To register contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495.

Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Friday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

### Mary Poppins Sing Along and Tea Party

Wind in the east, mist coming in... like somethin' is brewin' and about to begin. What could it be? It's Mary Poppins, of course! Stop by the Main Library and step in time to watch the classic movie *Mary Poppins* (PG). We'll do crafts and tuck in for some tea and treats while we sing along with Mary and Bert. We hope you'll be saying Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious by the time we are done. This should be an afternoon that is practically perfect in every way. Children of all ages are welcome to attend and no pre-registration is required. All materials will be provided.

Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

## LEGO. Mania Design Contest

Show off your creativity at the Fargo Public Library's annual LEGO Mania Design Contest! Kids 12 and under are invited to participate. **Build an original creation at home, then bring it to the Main Library on Thursday, December 28 between 2 and 3 p.m.** Judging will begin at 3 p.m. and winners will be announced at 4 p.m. Games and other activities will take place in the Children's Room to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions. **Before you begin to build, please pre-register by calling Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 starting Dec. 1.** Don't forget to check out the contest rules. Good luck!



Thursday, Dec. 28: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Need some ideas to get you started? Check out these titles from the Children's Nonfiction collection to prepare for the contest:

*365 Things to do with LEGO Bricks* by Simon Hugo

*The Art of LEGO Design* by Jordan Schwartz

*Awesome LEGO Creations with Bricks You Already Have* by Sarah Dees

## Moana's New Year's Luau

Make way, make way for the New Year! Let's ring in the New Year the island way! We're turning the Main Library into the island of Motunui. Join us for activities, island snacks, and get creative with Moana-themed crafts. We hope you'll be singing **YOU'RE WELCOME**. Children of all ages are invited and no pre-registration is required to attend. All materials will be provided.

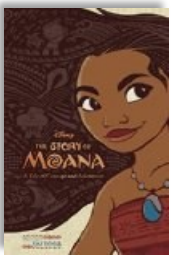
Saturday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

For more Moana stories, check out one of these:

*Moana and the Ocean* by Heather Knowles (Picturebook)

*Pua and Heihei* adapted by Mary Tilworth (Easy Reader)

*The Story of Moana* by Kari Sutherland (Children's Fiction)



# Children's Events

## ONGOING EVENTS

### 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. No pre-registration is required to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 7 & 21

Thursday, Oct. 5 & 19

Thursday, Nov. 2 & 16

Thursday, Dec. 7 & 21

10 a.m. at the Carlson Library

6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

The library has many books in the Parent/Teacher Resource Collection that can help you instill a love of reading in your young child. Here are a few to get you started:

*Born Reading: Bringing Up Bookworms in a Digital Age* from *Picture Books to EBooks and Everything in Between* by Jason Boog  
*Hooked on Phonics: Discover Reading Baby Edition*  
*Reading with Babies, Toddlers, & Twos: A Guide to Laughing, Learning, & Growing Together Through Books* by Susan Straub & KJ Dell'Antonia

### Chess Club

All ages and skill levels are invited to participate in the Fargo Public Library's Chess Club! Meetings are held every Thursday at **5:30 p.m. at the Main Library**. No pre-registration is required to participate.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28

Thursday, Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26

Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30

Thursday, Dec. 7, 14, 21, & 28



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### Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series

Drop in to one, or all, of these special storytime and activity sessions focused on preparing your child for Kindergarten success. Library staff will share tips for easy strategies you can use to instill a love of reading in your child and help get them ready to learn – all while having super storytime fun!

These are parent/child storytimes geared for your child's success; therefore, we ask one adult per child to keep the learning to the maximum. **This event series will be held at the Main Library and is most appropriate for children ages 3 to 5.** No pre-registration is required to attend and all materials will be provided. Activities will follow each storytime and every child will leave with a new book!

Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. – Write All About It!

Saturday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. – You'll Sing, I'll Sing!

Saturday, Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. – Make It Count!

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. – Do You See What I See?

For more help in preparing your child for school success, see the Parent/Teacher Resource Collection. In this collection you will find titles like these:

*The Parent Backpack for Kindergarten through Grade 5: How to Support Your Child's Education, End Homework Meltdowns, and Build Parent-Teacher Connections* by ML Nichols

*Kindergarten Success: Helping Children Excel Right From the Start* by Jill Frankel Hauser

*Helping Young Children Learn Language and Literacy: Birth Through Kindergarten* by Carol Vukelich

*Already Ready: Nurturing Writers in Preschool and Kindergarten* by Katie Wood Ray

Talking | Singing | Reading | Writing | Playing



# Children's Events

## Fall Storytime 2017

The Fargo Public Library has several storytime sessions available for families to spend quality time sharing stories, learning school-readiness skills, and preparing children for a lifetime of reading. Through the use of age-appropriate stories, songs, and fingerplays in a group setting, staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills that prepare their children to learn to read.

**Pre-registration is required and begins Aug. 1.**

**Fall Storytime runs 14 weeks from Sept. 11 – Dec. 13**

### Toddler Sessions (Ages 18 months – 3 years):

*Mondays at 10 a.m. – Main Library*

*Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch*

*Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library*

### Preschool Sessions (Ages 3 - 5 years):

*Mondays at 11 a.m. – Main Library*

*Tuesdays at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch*

*Wednesdays at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library*

### Family Session (Ages 18 months - 6 years):

*Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library*

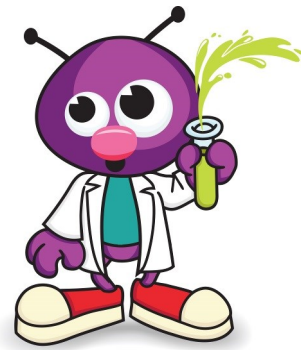


While at storytime be sure to ask about the **Storytime Punch Card!**

Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.

## Little Squirt Science

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 can learn about their world each month through science activities and stories that provide a little knowledge and a lot of fun! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration is for the current month only. All materials will be provided.



**Thursday, Sept. 14**

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

**11 a.m. at the Carlson Library**

**6:30 p.m. at the Main Library**

**Friday, Sept. 15**

**Friday, Oct. 13**

**11 a.m. at the Main Library**

**Thursday, Nov. 9**

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

**Friday, Nov. 10**

**Friday, Dec. 15**

More science for little ones can be found in these titles and others:

*Rachel & the TreeSchoolers: Scientific Reasoning* (Children's DVD)

*Bite-Sized Science: Activities for Children in 15 Minutes or Less* by

John H. Falk & Kristi S. Rosenberg (Parent/Teacher Resource Collection)

*The Kids' Science Book: Creative Experiences for Hands-On Fun*

by Robert Hirschfeld & Nancy White (Parent/Teacher Resource Collection)

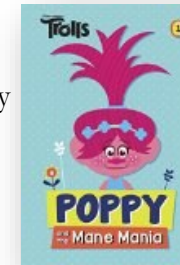
*Outdoor Science Lab for Kids: 52 Family-Friendly Experiments for the Yard, Garden, Playground, and Park* by Liz Lee Heinecke (Parent/Teacher Resource Collection)

**To register for any of the Fargo Public Library events for children, please contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 or online at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org)**  
**For more information visit us on at [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids)**

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## The Biggest, the Loudest, the Craziest Troll Party!

Calling all trolls! It's time to put your hair in the air! The library will be throwing the biggest, the loudest, the craziest Troll Party ever. Help us keep an eye out for Bergens and stay for an afternoon of Troll activities, snacks, crafts, and, of course, HUGGING! If you've got that feeling in your body, come on down to the library. No pre-registration is required to attend and all materials will be provided.



**Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. – Main Library**

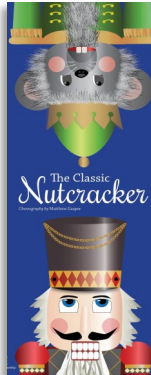
## Friday Family Movie: A Dog's Purpose (PG)

A dog discovers his purpose in life over the course of several lifetimes and owners. Beverages and popcorn will be served. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Friday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.**


**Main Library**

**Carlson Library**



**FM Ballet Presents the Nutcracker Storytime**

Join us as we welcome back members from the FM Ballet's cast of the *Classic Nutcracker*. Children of all ages are welcome to share stories and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, toy soldiers, and others. Pose for a photo with your favorite character and learn a few basic ballet steps too! Tutus are welcome! No pre-registration is required to attend.



**Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library**

Want to check out a copy of the *Nutcracker* to share with your little one? Try one of these:

*Nutcracker* by E.T.A. Hoffman (Children's Nonfiction)

*Max & Ruby in The Nutcracker Suite* (Children's CD)

*The Nutcracker* adapted by Kate Davies (Children's Fiction)

*The Nutcracker Sweet* (Children's DVD)

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Reader's Theater Workshop

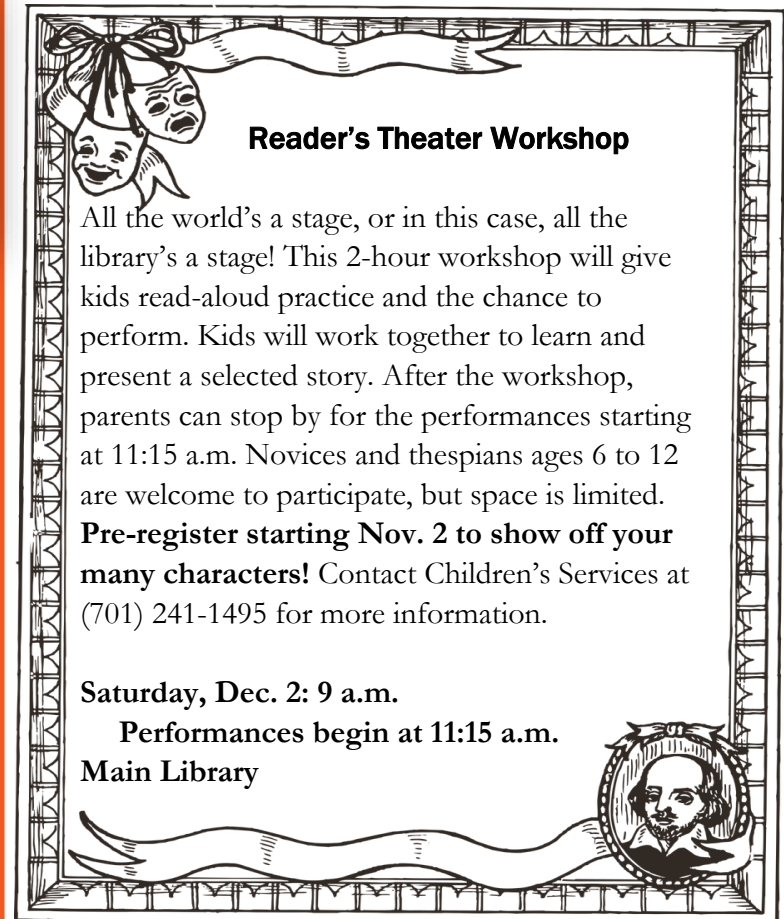
All the world's a stage, or in this case, all the library's a stage! This 2-hour workshop will give kids read-aloud practice and the chance to perform. Kids will work together to learn and present a selected story. After the workshop, parents can stop by for the performances starting at 11:15 a.m. Novices and thespians ages 6 to 12 are welcome to participate, but space is limited.

**Pre-register starting Nov. 2 to show off your many characters!** Contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 for more information.

**Saturday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m.**

**Performances begin at 11:15 a.m.**

**Main Library**



Caught the acting bug? Find more ideas in title like these:

*How Does the Show Go On? An Introduction to the Theater* by Thomas Schumacher with Jeff Kurti

(Children's Nonfiction)

*Curtain Up! A Book for Young Performers* by Dirk McLean (Picturebook)

*All the World's a Stage: A Novel in Five Acts*

by Gretchen Woelfle (Children's Fiction)

*Playing Juliet* by JoAnne Stewart Wetzel (Children's Fiction)

*Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Children's Fiction)



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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Native American Festival Activities for Families

November is Native American Heritage Month and the Fargo Public Library welcomes residents to the first Native American Festival at the library. Children and their families are especially invited to attend a lunch featuring food prepared by the *Daughters of the Earth* on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m. and a family-friendly storytelling event by Anne Dunn and Annie Humphrey at 2:15 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 5, the library will host Native American artisans with demonstrations and displays of their work. Families are encouraged to attend and no pre-registration is required for any of the events.

**Saturday, Nov. 4: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Lunch at 12 p.m.**  
**Storytelling at 2:15 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Nov. 5: 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Main Library**

Here are more stories that explore the Native American experience:

*Fatty Legs: A True Story* by Margaret Pokiak-Fenton & Christy Jordan-Fenton (Children's Biography)  
*Kamik: an Inuit Puppy Story* adapted from the memories of Donald Uluadluak (Picturebook)  
*Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Picturebook)  
*Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* words by Robbie Robertson (Children's Fiction)  
*The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich (Children's Fiction)  
*How I Became a Ghost: a Choctaw Trail of Tears story* by Tim Tingle (Children's Fiction)  
*In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall III (Children's Fiction)

### Family Fun Craft: DIY Notebooks

Share time with a special friend or family member by creating handmade notebooks together! These make a great gift for the holidays. This program is most appropriate for school-age children (with an adult), teens, or adults. **All materials will be provided, but pre-registration is required and will start Oct. 16.** Pre-register by calling Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 or online at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).

**Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library**

For more family fun ideas, take home one of these:

*The Golden Book of Family Fun* by Peggy Brown (Children's Nonfiction)  
*Fun Family Crafts* by Kelly Doust (Adult Nonfiction)  
*ProjectKid: 100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun* by Amanda Kingloff (Adult Nonfiction)  
*Make Stuff Together: 24 Simple Projects to Create as a Family* by Bernadette Noll & Kathie Sever (Parent/Teacher Resource Collection)

### Catch a Train at the Library



November is National Model Railroad Month and we're celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club will display and demonstrate model trains from **10 a.m. to 5**

**p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Main Library.** A special train-themed storytime is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Children's Room and kids are invited to make a train craft throughout the day. All ages are welcome! No pre-registration is required to attend this event and all materials will be provided.

**Saturday, Nov. 18: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Storytime at 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Nov. 19: 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Main Library**

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### PAWS for Reading

Our furry friends from *Therapy Pets of the Red River Valley* are returning for another season of reading fun at the library.



Beginning Sept. 9, Reading Therapy pets will be available on the second Saturday of each month (through April) to listen to children practice 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.** Sessions begin at 1 p.m. at the Main Library. Bring your own books to read or choose from a selection of library books. **Call (701) 241-1495 to register for the current month.**

**Saturday, Sept. 9**  
**Saturday, Oct. 14**

**Saturday, Nov. 18**  
**Saturday, Dec. 9**

## Crafternoons @ Carlson

### Crafternoons at Carlson

Crafternoons at Carlson returns on Monday, Sept. 25 at the Carlson library. Children up to age 12 are welcome to drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 p.m. to get crafty at the library. Each week will feature a new craft. No registration is required to participate. We supply the materials – you supply the imagination!

**Mondays, Sept. 25 – Dec. 18**  
**3 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Carlson Library**



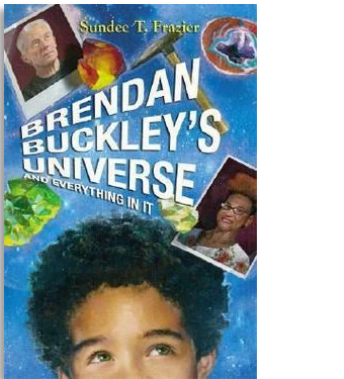
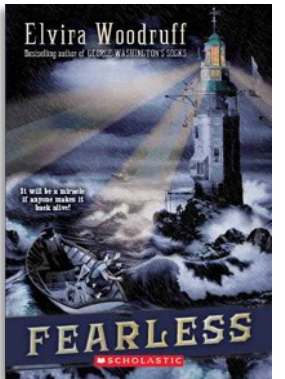
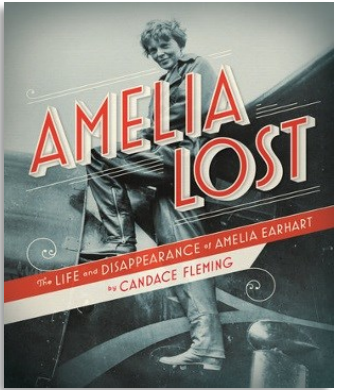
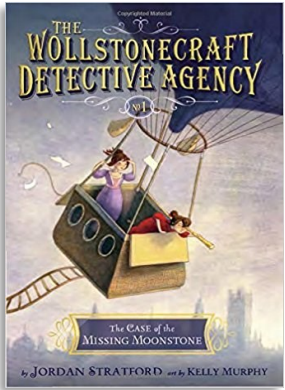
Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Crafternoons program!

### STEAM Powered Adventures Book Club

Full STEAM ahead! Geared towards kids in grades 3 to 7, the STEAM powered book club explores books of fiction and nonfiction involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math. **We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Main Library.** Kids can expect book-related discussion, hands-on activities, crafts, and snacks. All materials will be provided, but space is limited so pre-register and pick up a copy of the current month's book by stopping by the Main Children's Services desk or calling (701) 241-1495.

#### Titles:

**Oct. 18 – *The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency: The Case of the Missing Moonstone* by Jordan Stratford**  
**Nov. 15 – *Fearless* by Elvira Woodruff**  
**Dec. 20 – *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming**  
**Jan. 17 – *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It* by Sundee T. Frazier**





# Children's Events

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Tots Tumble Time at the Library

TNT Kid's Fitness & Gymnastics presents tumble time at the library. Children ages 0 to 3 along with an active helper are invited to join us at **10 a.m. in the Wiggle Room at the Main Library** for a series of 4 interactive sessions designed to expose your child to new experiences and to enhance their development through music, creative movement, and exploration. Space is limited. For more information, contact Children's Services at (701) 241-1495.



**Thursdays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 5  
10 a.m.**

**Wiggle Room – Main Library**

### Fall Is Here! Storytime & Craft

Celebrate the first day of autumn with stories and a fun FALL craft. This event is open to children ages 3 to 6 and their families. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.

**Friday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library**

Fall into the season with great stories like these:

*Fall Leaves Fall!* by Zoe Hall (Picturebook)  
*Mouse's First Fall* by Lauren Thompson (Picturebook)  
*A Is For Autumn* by Robert Maass (Picturebook)  
*The Fairest of the Fall* by Melissa Lagonegro (Picturebook)  
*We Harvest Apples in Fall* by Rebecca Felix (Children's Reader)  
*Clifford's First Autumn* by Norman Bridwell (Picturebook)  
*Every Autumn Comes the Bear* by Jim Arnosky (Picturebook)  
*Little Elliot, Fall Friends* by Mike Curato (Picturebook)  
*Full of Fall* by April Pulley Sayre (Children's Nonfiction)

### The Oz Brothers



Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy's friends, the Lion and the Scarecrow! On Saturday, Sept. 23 the beloved characters (performed by Judy Garland Festival veterans Jeff Kortman and Tom Hendricks) will take kids through the story of the Wizard of Oz. Using a pop-up story

book and props to plot their journey, everyone will enter the world of make believe only to return home where the heart is. Audience members get to join in the fun by playing the other characters, providing sound effects, and helping the characters through many twists and turns. This event is open to all ages, but is most appropriate for children age 5 and older. No pre-registration is required to attend.

**Saturday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. – Main Library**

### Calling All Ballet Dancers!

Get out those tights and tutus – Gasper's School of Dance is coming to the library to share stories about dance and teach a mini-ballet class. This event is open to children ages 3 to 12 and no pre-registration is required, so plié your way to the Main Library!

**Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library**

Got the itch in your feet to keep dancing? Try one of these:

*Miss Tutu's Star* by Lesléa Newman (Picturebook)  
*My First Ballet Book* by Kate Castle (Children's Nonfiction)  
*A Sparkly Ballet Story* by Nicola Baxter (Board Book)  
*My First Ballet Class* by Alyssa Capucilli (Children's Nonfiction)  
*Angelina Ballerina* by Katharine Holabird (Children's DVD & Picturebook)



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### Choose Your Own Adventure: Storytelling with Code

uCodeGirl Jr. Edition invites creators, storytellers, adventurers, and artists to use their imagination to construct a tale with twists and turns. You are the star of the story. You get to decide how the story ends. An exciting opportunity for your curious mind to write a digital story using code. Draw inspiration from classic fables and fairy tales, or write an original story to illustrate your idea. These events are open to kids in grades 4 to 6. **Space is limited so pre-registration is required and will start Sept. 1.** Pre-register by calling Children's Services at (701) 241-1495 or online at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org). All materials will be provided.

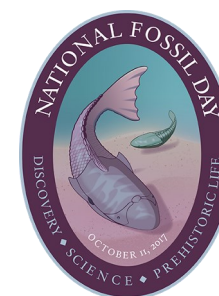


**Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6:30pm – Main Library**

**Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library**

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## OCTOBER EVENTS



### Celebrate National Fossil Day @ Your Library

Dr. Lydia Tackett and Jessie Rock from NDSU's Dept. of Geosciences return to the Main Library to help us celebrate National Fossil Day. With presentations and hands-on activities, kids ages 5 and older are invited to attend this annual

celebration designed by the National Park Service "to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations." No pre-registration is required to attend. All materials will be provided.

**Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. – Main Library**

### Friday Family Movie: The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)

A cooler-than-ever Bruce Wayne must deal with the usual suspects as they plan to rule Gotham City, while discovering that he has accidentally adopted a teenage orphan who wishes to become his sidekick. Beverages and popcorn will be served. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Friday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.**

**Main Library**

**Carlson Library**

### Pumpkin Painting

Are you ready to put that pumpkin on the porch? **Bring your pumpkin** and your imagination and we will provide the rest. With paintbrushes and the kiddos ever near, dress in appropriate painting gear! This event is open to children of all ages and no pre-registration is required to attend.

**Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch**

**Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library**

### Diwali: Festival of Lights Storytime & Craft



The days are getting shorter and that means Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is right around the corner! Join Professor Rajani Ganesh-Pillai at the **Main Library on Saturday, Oct. 28th** for a Diwali celebration. We will have a storytime, Diwali crafts, and festive activities for children ages 3 and older. Stop by the library to learn about this extraordinary time of year. There is no pre-registration required to attend this event and all materials will be provided.

**Saturday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. – Main Library**

Want to more about the Hindu holiday Diwali? Check out these titles:

*Diwali: Festival of Lights* by Rina Singh (Children's Nonfiction)  
*Prince of Fire: The Story of Diwali* retold by Jatinder Verma (Children's Nonfiction)  
*Cultural Traditions in India* by Molly Aloian (Children's Nonfiction)