

Recommended Reads

No matter which House you belong to – we've got a book for you!

Gryffindor – Courageous, Determined, Chivalrous, Brave

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
The Land of Stories by Christopher Colfer
The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani DasGupta
The Lost Conspiracy by Frances Hardinge

The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend
Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger
Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
The Adventures of a South Pole Pig by Chris Kurtz



Hufflepuff – Patient, Hard-Working, Dedicated, Loyal

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Firefly Hollow by Alison McGhee
Bronze and Sunflower by Cao Wenxuan
The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl by Shannon Hale

Pax by Sarah Pennypacker
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser
The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz
Murder is Bad Manners by Robin Stevens

Ravenclaw – Witty, Wise, Creative, Individual

Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett
The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
From the Mixed Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

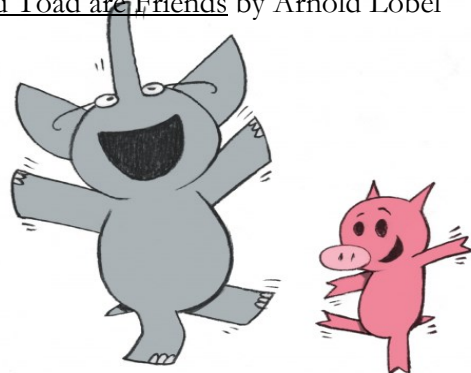
Slytherin – Shrewd, Ambitious, Resourceful, Strong

The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett
Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson
Going Wild by Lisa McMann

A Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis
A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting by Joe Ballarini
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt

Friends Forever – More Books Like Elephant and Piggie!

The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat
We Are Growing! by Laurie Keller
Don't Throw It to Mo! by David A. Adler
Up, Tall and High by Ethan Long
Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by Grace Lin
Cork & Fuzz by Dori Chaconas
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel



My Kite is Stuck! and Other Stories by Salina Yoon
Snail & Worm: Three Stories about Two Friends by Tina Kügler
Dance! Dance! Underpants! by Bob Shea
Clara and Clem Take a Ride by Ethan Long
Scribbles and Ink: Out of the Box by Ethan Long
Rabbit and Robot: the Sleepover by Cece Bell
What This Story Needs is a Pig in a Wig by Emma J. Virján
Max Spaniel: Funny Lunch by David Catrow
Benny and Penny in Just Pretend by Geoffrey Hayes
Benjamin Bear in "Bright ideas!" by Philippe Coudray
Written and Drawn by Henrietta by Liniers
George and Martha: the Best of Friends by James Marshall
Buddy and Earl by Maureen Fergus
The Good for Nothing Button! by Charise Mericle Harper
Tony Baloney: Buddy Trouble by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Rafi and Rosi by Lulu Delacre
Frog and Friends: Best Summer Ever by Eve Bunting
The Doghouse by Jan Thomas



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Free

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Crafternoons is Expanding!

Our Popular Afterschool Program is Expanding to Northport!

Since its launch in 2016, Crafternoons at Carlson has become one of the Fargo Public Library's signature events. **This fall we are excited to announce the expansion of Crafternoons to our Northport branch. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 25, children 12 and younger can also stop by the Northport branch for an afternoon of creative inspiration.** Crafternoons follows an open house format where children and their families are welcome any time between 3 and 4:30 p.m. to make a craft with a group of their peers. The library strives to provide interesting projects that encourage creativity, discussion, and quality time between children and adults. Whether you come to Carlson or Northport, our goal for Crafternoons is to make a fun, welcoming space for everyone.

We endeavor to create an environment at Crafternoons that fosters a child's imagination and inventiveness; where children take ordinary objects and turn them into pieces of art. A selection of this season's projects include sleepy unicorn ceramic pots, felt turkey pinecones, and mini yarn hat ornaments. Each week features a different craft and all materials are provided.

For more information about Crafternoons or any of the activities 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. You can also find us on the web at www.fargolibrary.org/kids. Remember, all Fargo Public Library events are FREE and open to the public.

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



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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



Sunspotter Telescopes Are Available for Check-Out

Though NASA's Parker Solar Probe launched this fall, you can safely take a look at the Sun right now with the Fargo Public Library's Sunspotter Solar Telescopes. The Fargo Public Library was generously gifted three telescopes from the MSUM Dept. of Physics and Astronomy through a grant from the American Astronomical Society. The Sunspotter is a Keplerian telescope that projects an image of the sun through a series of mirrors onto a white surface providing observers with a safe way to view sunspots, solar eclipses, and other solar activity. It's easy to set up and allows for group viewing. A copy of *Solar Science: Exploring Sunspots, Seasons, Eclipses, and More* by Dennis Schatz and Andrew Fraknoi is included with each telescope kit, providing a great starting point for instruction on the Sun. Telescopes check out for three weeks and are available at each Fargo Public Library location. Checkout is limited to one per card.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



1,000 BOOKS
 Before Kindergarten

Designed to encourage reading and sharing stories, the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program highlights the benefits of reading to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Children who have been read to from a young age begin school with the tools they need for academic success. It is our goal to help prepare all children in the Fargo community to become lifelong readers.

Participation in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is easy. Read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years and provide their children essential early literacy skills. Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help prepare children to enter Kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

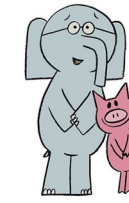
To get started with the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, stop by any Fargo Public Library location and pick up a tracking log. Once completed, bring back the tracking log and receive a FREE book!

For more information, please contact the Children's Services department at 701-241-1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.



Elephant & Piggie Party

Are you more like Elephant or Piggie? Come dressed as your favorite character or make your own themed accessories once you arrive! Gerald and Piggie will be on-site for a storytime, craft, and series-related activities. No pre-registration required and all materials will be provided. Most appropriate for children ages 4 to 8.



Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

EVENTS BEGINNING IN DECEMBER

Harry Potter Escape Room for Kids and Teens

Are you clever like a Ravenclaw? Brave like a Gryffindor? Cunning like a Slytherin? Or are you wonderfully patient like a Hufflepuff? You'll need all of these traits to break out of the Harry Potter Escape Room at the library! Join us for a Harry Potter Celebration with a day full of magic and mayhem! This program is modeled after the popular Escape Room concept, and will be for children in grades 1 to 6 and teens in grades 7 to 12. Pre-register for the Escape Room to test your wits and may the best wizard win! **Registration begins Nov. 1 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org.**

Saturday, Dec. 1 from 12 to 3 p.m. – Main Library

Harry Potter Crafts for All Ages

Magical Harry Potter themed crafts will be available for all ages (including adults) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All materials will be provided, but pre-registration is required for the crafts (see above for registration).

Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library



Sneaky Elves

Shhhh! Don't tell anyone, but there are sneaky elves at the library! They're here to help out with all of your holiday gift-making. All ages are welcome to stop by one of our open house style crafting sessions. We'll feature a variety of projects for all age levels from young children to adults. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.

Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Carlson Library

Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. – Main Library

Gingerbread Houses

"You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" Every gingerbread person needs a home. Bring your creative decorating talents to the library and make a colorful house fit for a gingerbread boy or girl! This activity is open to children ages 2 to 12 years. All materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required. **Registration begins Nov. 15 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org.**



Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. – Carlson 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, Dec. 27 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 area to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions. Pre-registration is required. **Registration begins Dec. 1 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495.** Before you begin to build, please check out the rules. Good luck!

Thursday, Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

'PJ Masks' arade

Who goes into the library to save the day? You do! Grab your favorite pjs and hurry into the library for a PJ Masks New Year's Eve celebration! Don't have a mask? Don't worry! At the PJ 'Masks' arade you can make your own. Then suit up and test out your skills with some superhero activities. We're bringing bedtime into the daytime at the library! Superheroes of all ages are welcome to participate. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.



Monday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Children's Events

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Choose Your Own Book Club

We provide the books, you choose the name! Kids in grades 3 to 7 will experience each month's featured book through related activities, discussion, snacks, and crafts. **Book Club meets at 4 p.m. on one Wednesday a month at the Main Library.** Pick up your book and register for the current month at the Children's Desk or call 701-241-1495. Bring your ideas for the book club's new name on Oct. 10 and we'll decide with a vote!

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
Wednesday, Nov. 21 – *The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer
Wednesday, Dec. 19 – *The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell



EVENTS BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Native American Festival & Education Series

Speakers, storytellers, artists, and film screenings are planned as part of the Festival and Education Series. Children and their families are invited to a tasting featuring food prepared by the Daughters of the Earth.

Events include:

October and November – Main Library

Art exhibit featuring Native American artists and their work

Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Main Library

Native American speakers, Native American commission members, drummers, and a storyteller will start at 10 a.m. A light lunch will be served. Families are encouraged to attend and no pre-registration is required.

Additional events are scheduled at the Plains Art Museum as part of this event series.

This program is in partnership with the Native American Commission, Daughters of the Earth, Cultural Diversity Resources, and the Plains Arts Museum. All ages are welcome, and these events are free and open to the public. For details, contact Megan Richardson at 701-241-1492.

American Sign Language Storytime

Friends from the North Dakota School for the Deaf will be our special guests at one week of our regularly scheduled Fall storytimes. We'll learn what its like to use American Sign Language to communicate and share stories using signs. This event is open to all children ages 3 to 6 whether you are registered for Fall Storytime or not. If you are interested in attending our weekly storytimes, see page 4 for more information.

Monday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

America Recycles!

Let's get together with Jen Pickett, City of Fargo Recycling Coordinator, and hear how our city is doing in the world of recycling. We'll have activities and a recycled craft for the whole family. As a part of the event, we'll participate in a "Day Without a Bag." This campaign aims to cut down on plastic grocery bags by focusing on changing consumer habits instead of banning bags. Bring your plastic bags to the America Recycles event to be recycled and receive a reusable shopping bag (while supplies last)! This is a family fun event for children of all ages. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.

Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. – Carlson Library

Catch a Train at the Library

November is National Model Railroad Month and we're once again celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club returns to display and demonstrate model trains. **A special train-themed storytime is scheduled for 11 a.m. and kids are invited to make a train craft throughout the day.** All ages are welcome and no pre-registration is required.

Red River Modules Display

Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Main Library

Train Storytime

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

EVENTS BEGINNING IN AUGUST

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.

Thursday, Aug. 2 & 16

Thursday, Nov. 1 & 15

Thursday, Sept. 6 & 20

Thursday, Dec. 6 & 20

Thursday, Oct. 4 & 18

10 a.m. at the Carlson Library

6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Mission to the Sun:

The Parker Solar Probe

Launched on Aug. 12, NASA is attempting to "touch the sun" with the Parker Solar Probe, a spacecraft that will fly closer to the sun than any before.

Learn about the mission when Juan Cabanela, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at MSUM, visits us. Find out how the spacecraft will survive the intense heat, what scientists are looking for, and how the information may affect our lives on Earth. Then learn how to safely view solar activity with the library's Sunspotter Telescopes available for checkout at each Fargo Public Library location. This event is open to all ages, but is most appropriate for school age children and older. No pre-registration is required.



Monday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Red River Farmer's Market

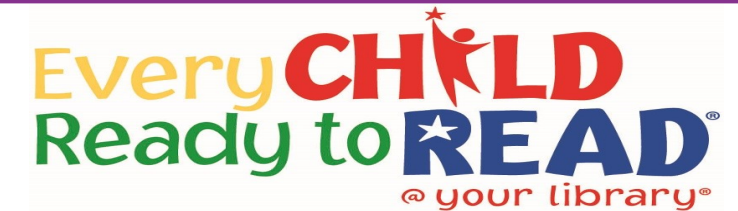
Join the children's staff for an outing at the Red River Farmer's Market. Stop by anytime to browse selected books.

Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Downtown Fargo



Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series

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 – 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 a 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 all children will receive a FREE book!

Saturday, Aug. 18 – Let's Love Books!

Saturday, Sept. 15 – Write All About It!

Saturday, Oct. 20 – You'll Sing, I'll Sing!

Saturday, Nov. 24 – Make It Count!

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Do You See What I See?

10 a.m. at the Main Library

EVENTS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

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. 8, 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.** This year sessions begin at **10 a.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. 8

Saturday, Nov. 10

Saturday, Oct. 13

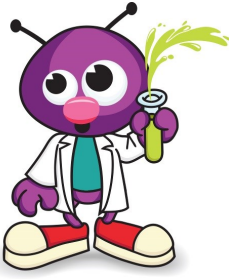
Saturday, Dec. 8

10 a.m. at the Main Library

Children's Events

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. Pre-registration is for the current month only.



Registration can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org. All materials will be provided.

Thursday, Sept. 13
Thursday, Oct. 11
11 a.m. at the Carlson Library
6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Thursday, Nov. 8
Thursday, Dec. 13
11 a.m. at the Carlson Library
6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Friday, Sept. 14
Friday, Oct. 12
11 a.m. at the Main Library

Friday, Nov. 9
Friday, Dec. 14
11 a.m. at the Main Library

Fall Toddler, Preschool, and Family Storytime

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. Registration can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org. Fall Storytime runs 14 weeks from Sept. 10 – Dec. 12. No Storytime on Monday, Nov. 12.

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.

Crafternoons

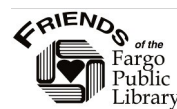
Crafternoons

Crafternoons is back and it's expanding! Crafternoons returns to Carlson on Monday, Sept. 24 AND a new session of Crafternoons begins at Northport on Tuesdays! 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! Please note: the same craft will be featured at both locations.

Mondays, Sept. 24 – Dec. 17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library
No Crafternoons on Monday, Nov. 12

Tuesdays, Sept. 25 – Dec. 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch

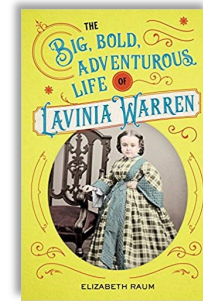
Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Crafternoons program!



Children's Events

EVENTS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

The Big, Bold, Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren: A Visit with Author Elizabeth Raum



Children's book author Elizabeth Raum will join us for a presentation on her new book *The Big Bold Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren*. Teacher, P.T. Barnum show entertainer, world traveler, and wife of Tom Thumb, Lavinia Warren was all of these things and more. Standing no more than three feet tall, Warren never let it keep her from "leading a full and adventurous life." Learn more about this fascinating woman at this all ages event. A book signing will follow the presentation and books will be available to purchase. This program is open to all ages, but most appropriate for school age children and older. No registration is required.

Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. – Main Library

Pumpkin Decorating

It's become a library tradition! You bring the pumpkin, we supply the rest. Make it scary, goofy, or snazzy – it's all up to you. Apple cider for everyone while we decorate away. Decorating materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required. Children ages 12 and younger and their families are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. – Main Library
Thursday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch



Shimmer and Shine Boutique



Greetings genies divine, it's your lucky day – we're granting you three wishes! Join us at the Shimmer and Shine Boutique where you can get made up like your favorite genies Shimmer, Shine, and Kaz! We'll have face painting, a glittery genie hair station, and special crafts! We hope all your wishes come true at the

library! This program is open to children ages 3 to 5. Pre-registration is required. Registration begins Sept. 14 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org. All materials will be provided.

Saturday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

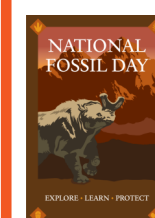
Libraries Dance!

Whether you plie, twirl, or two step, you can learn from the best in town with our new dance series for kids. Fargo Public Library, along with Gasper's School of Dance/F-M Ballet, will provide a fun-filled evening once a month at the Main Library downtown. We will listen to a story and then spend time moving and stretching while getting basic techniques and lessons on different types of dance. This dance series is open to children ages 3 to 12 years. No pre-registration is required.



Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Spooky Spectacular Ballet and Storytime
Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Dance and Storytime
Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Nutcracker Ballet Preview and Storytime

Celebrate National Fossil Day



The theme for National Fossil Day 2018 is *The Age of Reptiles – More Than Just Dinosaurs* in celebration of non-dinosaur reptiles! No pre-registration is required for this all-ages event.

Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. – Main Library