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Big Changes at the Main Library New Picture Book Categories

This fall the Children's Services staff have begun the process of rearranging the picture book collection to better serve the browsing needs of children and their families. Over the past few years, library staff have noted several frequently requested topics and have used these as guidelines for the new categories. Colorful stickers on the books' spines indicate their new status. Books that do not fit into any of the categories will continue to be organized by author's last name. Current Children's Favorites (Superheroes, Princesses, Disney, etc.) will be incorporated into the new categories.

New picture book categories include:

Bedtime	Books for Big Kids	Community Helpers
Concepts	Dinosaurs	Family & Pets
Famous People	Fantastic Creatures	Feelings & Emotions
Find the Picture	Folk Tales & Fairy Tales	Friends & Neighbors
Growing Up	Historical Events	Machines & Construction
Manners & Character	My Body	Natural World
Sports & Physical Activities	Toddler Tales	Tough Topics

Future plans for the picture book collection include signage explaining what topics are incorporated into each category, expanding the format to the Carlson Library picture book collection, and adding new categories. If you have any suggestions for categories, please contact Amber Emery, Children's Services Manager, at aemery@fargolibrary.org.

For more information about the picture book collection or any of the children's material collections, 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.



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102 3rd St. N.

Monday–Thursday9–9
Friday11–6
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Dr. James Carlson Library
2801 32nd Ave. S.

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Friday11–6
Saturday9–6
Sunday1–6

Northport Branch
2714 N. Broadway

Monday–Thursday ...10–8
Friday11–6
Saturday9–6
SundayClosed

Telephone Numbers

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



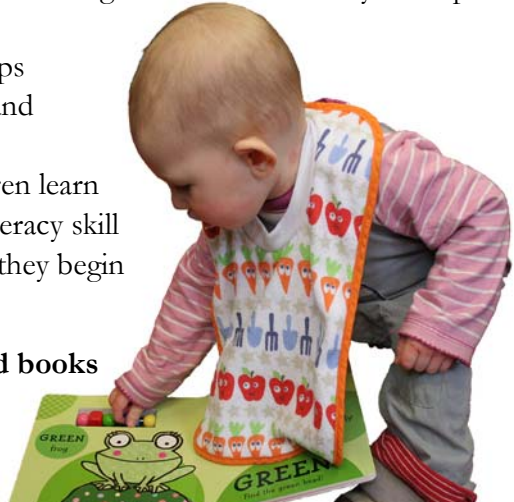
Early Literacy and Your Child

Early literacy is what children know about reading or writing before they can actually read or write. Research shows that literacy learning is an ongoing process that begins at birth. The meaningful interactions children have with adults and literacy materials, such as books, at an early age directly affect their development of reading, writing, and speaking skills. Whether your child is four days old or four years old, it is not too early or too late to help them develop important literacy and pre-reading skills.

Children learn early literacy skills through five simple but powerful practices. These five practices are easy to do with children of all ages. They can be done at home, at the doctor's office, in the car, or anywhere you and your child spend time together. The five best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

Talking – talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills.
Singing – singing, which includes rhyming, increases children's awareness of and sensitivity to the sounds in words. This helps prepare children to decode print (written language).
Reading – reading together, or shared reading, remains the single most effective way to help children become proficient readers.
Writing – writing and reading go together. Writing helps children learn that letters and words stand for sounds and that print has meaning.
Playing – play is one of the primary ways young children learn about the world. General knowledge is an important literacy skill that helps children understand books and stories once they begin to read.

For more information about early literacy or to find books to share with your young child, please contact the Children's Services department at 701-241-1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.








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Frozen New Year's Eve Party
Do you want to build a snowman? Come on let's go and play! We know it's cold outside, but the cold never bothered you anyway, right? Join us on New Year's Eve at the Main library where we'll be letting go of 2019 and sliding into 2020 with a Frozen New Year's Eve Celebration! This will be a magical morning filled with Frozen themed activities, crafts, and snacks. Come test the limits and break through! We promise this celebration will be worth melting for. This event is open to families with children of all ages. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required to attend.




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

PARKING AT YOUR DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Wondering where to park at the downtown Main Library? Parking is available in the library's west parking lot along 4th Street North. More parking can be found in the City Hall/Library parking lot located east of the building along 3rd Street North. Library patrons park for free when using these lots each day. These spots have a 3-hour time limit in order to accommodate as many library patrons as possible each day.


Handicapped parking spaces are available in both parking lots.

Upcoming Children's Events



Storytime will return for the Winter Session in January 2020.

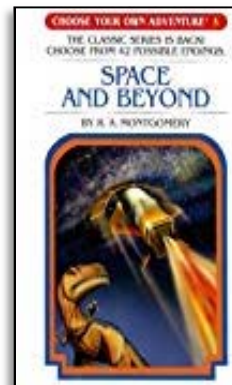
Registration begins Dec. 1, 2019.



RENAISSANCE, SCIENCE, MAGIC, AND MEDICINE IN HARRY POTTER'S WORLD
"When in doubt, go to the library!"
—Hermione Granger
Look for an exciting exhibition featuring the role of the Renaissance in the development of magic in Harry Potter's world.
Exhibit Dates: **Feb. 10 – Mar. 21, 2020**
In addition, the Fargo Public Library will provide activities and events for children, teens and adults based on the magical world of Harry Potter!

Watch for the Winter Read-a-Thon Returning January & February 2020!

Children's Events



Choose Your Own Adventure at the Library

Revisit the popular series as we bring one of the books to life throughout the library! Participants will start out together, make their own adventure choices, and see how their story ends! These events are open to adventurers ages 9 and up. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required to attend.

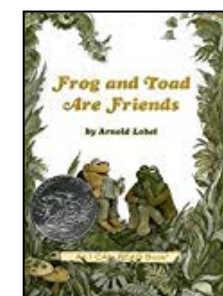
Tues., Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library
Thurs., Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

Catch a Train at the Library: Red River Modules Display

November is National Model Railroad Month and once again we're celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club returns to display and demonstrate model trains on Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17 in the Community Room. 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 and no pre-registration is required.

Sat., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library
Sun., Nov. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Train Storytime: Sat., Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. – Main Library



Frog and Toad are Friends

Join your good friends Frog and Toad as they bring to life one of their charming, classic stories as written and illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Then enjoy related activities and snacks. This event is geared towards readers ages 6 to 10 years old. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration required to attend.

Wed., Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Trivia at the Library: Family Edition

Have you and your team seen every Disney movie? Do you know all the theme songs? Then for the first time in forever, join us under the sea, and before the stroke of midnight to test your knowledge! We'll provide the snacks and nostalgia. Groups and individuals are welcome and pre-registration is requested but not required. Contact Amber at 701-241-1495 with any questions. This event is open to families with children ages 6 and up.

Fri., Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. – Main Library



Gingerbread House Decorating

Run, run as fast as you can! You can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man! My house is a wreck I need a quick fix, it may take more than stones and sticks. I've heard the

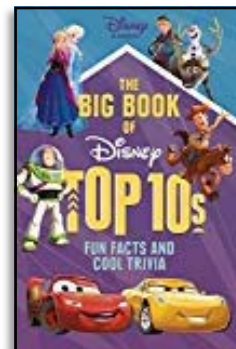
library has candy galore perhaps you could use some to spruce up my décor! These decorating events are open to families with children ages 4 to 12. All materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required and may be completed online at www.fargolibrary.org or by calling 701-241-1495.

Thurs., Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch
Sun., Dec. 15 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 Monday, Dec. 30 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. Preregistration is required and can be completed by calling 701-241-1495. Before you begin to build, please check out the rules and guidelines. Good luck!

Mon., Dec. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library



EveryCHILD Ready to READ® @ your library®

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!

Sat., Aug. 17 – Let's Love Books!
Sat., Sept. 21 – Write All About It!
Sat., Oct. 19 – You'll Sing, I'll Sing!
Sat., Nov. 23 – Make It Count!
Sat., Dec. 21 – Do You See What I See?
10 a.m. at the Main Library

Talking Singing Reading Writing Playing



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.

Thurs., Sept. 5 & 19
Thurs., Oct. 3 & 17
Thurs., Nov. 7 & 21
Thurs., Dec. 5 & 19

10 a.m. at the Carlson Library
6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Fall Toddler, Preschool, & 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. 9 – Dec. 11

No Storytime on Monday, Nov. 11

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 – 6 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.

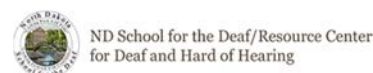
Children's Events

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. 14, 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.** Bring your own books to read or choose from a selection of library books. **Call 701-241-1495 to register for the current month.**

Sat., Sept. 14 Sat., Nov. 9
Sat., Oct. 12 Sat., Dec. 14
10 a.m. at the Main Library

2019 International Week of the Deaf: American Sign Language Storytime



Friends from the North Dakota School for the Deaf will be our guests at one of our regularly scheduled Fall preschool storytimes. We'll learn what it's like to use American Sign Language to communicate and share stories using signs. These events are open to all children ages 3 to 6 whether they are registered for Fall Storytime or not.

Mon., Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Tues., Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. – Northport Branch
Wed., Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

2019 UND Air Race Classic Team: The Frozen Force

Did you know that 2019 marked the 90th year of women's air racing in the U.S.? Following in the footsteps of female aviation pioneers, a team from UND took part in the June 2019 Air Race Classic, flying from Jackson, TN to Welland, Ontario, Canada. In September, they will share their racing experience, explain how they became involved in aviation, and tell us what the future holds for this unique women's sport. Kids can also make an airplane craft! All ages are invited to attend and no pre-registration is required.

Sat., Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library



Crafternoons

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It's time to get crafty! Crafternoons returns to Carlson on Monday, Sept. 23 and Northport on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Children up to age 12 are welcome to drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 p.m. 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. 23 – Dec. 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library
No Crafternoons on Monday, Nov. 11

Tuesdays, Sept. 24 – Dec. 17 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!



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.



Fri., Sept. 27
Fri., Oct. 25
11 a.m. at the Main Library

Sat., Sept. 28
Sat., Oct. 26
11 a.m. at the Carlson Library

Fri., Nov. 29
Fri., Dec. 27

Sat., Nov. 30
Sat., Dec. 28

Children's Events

Libraries Dance!

Whether you plié, twirl, or two step, you can learn from the best in town with this dance series for kids. 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.



Tues., Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Spooky Spectacular Storytime and Ballet Class
Tues., Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Hip Hop! Libraries Bop! Storytime and Dance Class
Tues., Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library
Nutcracker Sneak Peek Storytime and Ballet Class

Physics of Flight with the Concordia Science Academy

Kids in grades 4 – 6 are invited to investigate the science involved in flight and see how form affects function at this event led by staff from the Concordia Science Academy. Pre-registration is required and may be completed online at www.fargolibrary.org or by calling 701-241-1495. All materials will be provided.

Tues., Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Hurry! Hurry! Fire! Fire!

The Fargo Fire Department is coming to the library! We will have a storytime and meet some REAL firefighters. We will learn what our heroic first responders do every day to make our community safer and a better place to live. They will go over some safety tips to use in your home and school while participating in Fire Prevention Week. A Fargo Fire Department engine and crew will also be on hand, adding to our fun experience with true heroes! Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend and no pre-registration is required.



Sat., Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Going Places Book Club

We're going places this year and we hope you'll join us on all our adventures. From fantasy to mystery to geography, we're looking forward to reading all over the place. 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 the 3rd Wednesday each 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.

Wed., Oct. 16
Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older
Wed., Nov. 20
The Night Garden by Polly Horvath
Wed., Dec. 18
The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands



Pumpkin Decorating

Whether you like a shiny, glittery pumpkin or a hairy, scary one, we will have some fun. Dress to make a mess. **You bring a pumpkin** and your imagination and we will supply the rest. Apple cider for everyone while we decorate away. Decorating materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required. Children ages 3 and up along with their families are welcome to attend.

Wed., Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch
Thurs., Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

