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What's Next?



Personalized Reading

Helping Readers One Book at a Time!

Do you need reading suggestions? Need materials for an assignment and don't know where to look? Maybe you're a parent trying to find the right reading level or a grandparent looking for gift suggestions. Whatever it is, we've got you covered! Just fill out the enclosed What's Next? form or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/whatsnext to tell us what you are looking for and we'll do the rest. We'll even put the books on hold for you!

After you fill out the form, we'll get to work putting together a list of titles and authors that we think you'll like. Depending on your preferences, we can send you a list or put the books on hold for pickup at any Fargo Public Library location.

- For Parents and Guardians: With so many choices out there, it can be difficult to find books that meet your child's reading needs. We can help you find books at your child's reading level that also fit their interests. Whether it's a young child who reads far above their grade level or reluctant readers who struggle to find something that interests them, let us help you navigate the world of children's literature.
- For Grandparents and Other Relatives: The librarians are happy to provide suggestions for books to make the next visit to Grandma and Grandpa's house a success or great gift ideas for birthdays or the holidays.
- For Teachers, Caregivers, and Homeschooling Families: Our librarians can help you, too! We are available to put together a collection of materials according to specific themes or lesson plan needs.

Complete as much or as little of the form (paper or online) as you like. The more information you provide, the better the recommendations we can give you. Our trained experts will work through your responses to help you find authors and titles that match your interests. Look for your completed What's Next reading recommendations delivered to you in 3 to 5 days (1 week for curriculum requests). As always, we value your privacy and will keep your answers strictly confidential.

Children's Event News

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

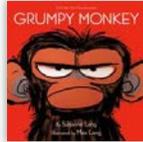


StoryWalk® Outdoor Literacy Activities

A self-paced, family-friendly activity, the StoryWalk® consists of book pages which are spread out on sign posts along a path to encourage families to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors. The Fargo Public Library has two StoryWalks®. They are free and available during regular park hours.



Fargo's Brunsdale Park StoryWalk® project was made possible with support from the Fargo Public Library, the Fargo Park District, the Fargo Park District Foundation, and the Fargo Park District



The **Brunsdale Park StoryWalk®** is located at 1702 27th Ave. S. It begins on the northwest end of the park near the playground and extends to the south along the trail. Featured Fall Story: *Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang.



The **Sodbuster Plaza StoryWalk®** is outside of the Main Library located at 102 3rd St. N. The story begins on the east side of the building. Featured Fall Story: *A Fall Ball For All* by Jamie A. Swenson **Please note that the StoryWalk® will remain in the Sodbuster Plaza through the end of October weather permitting.*

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a

12th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest

The Fargo Public Library is commemorating creativity with the 12th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Stop by anytime starting September 1st and pick up an entry form. Fill the space with your most brilliant creation and return it to any library location before close on September 30th. The top designs (as voted on by library staff) will be made into full color bookmarks that will be printed and distributed throughout the following year at library branches and events. The contest is open to children 12 and under. For more information, contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Wed., Sept. 1 to Thurs., Sept. 30

Events are FREE and open to the public. Materials available while supplies last.

Masks are strongly encouraged for all indoor library events.

Registration required for events when noted in the description. A valid email address is required for online or virtual events. See event descriptions for age guidelines and registration requirements.

All outdoor events are weather permitting.

Children's 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! In-person sessions conclude with open play time. One child per grown-up lap.

Virtual Sessions – Pre-Registration Required

Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required. Registration is for the current month.

Tues., Sept. 7 & 21

Tues., Nov. 2 & 16

Tues., Oct. 5 & 19

Tues., Dec. 7 & 21

6:30 p.m.

In Person Sessions – No Pre-Registration Necessary

Thurs., Oct. 7 & 21

Thurs., Dec. 9 & 23

Thurs., Nov. 4 & 18

10 a.m. – Carlson Library

PAWS for Reading

Our furry friends from Pet Partners 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 Kind, 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. 11

Sat., Jan. 8

Sat., Oct. 9

Sat., Feb. 12

Sat., Nov. 13

Sat., March 12

Sat., Dec. 11

Sat., April 9

10 a.m. at the Main Library

Birding for Kids with Audubon Dakota



Do you know the difference between a Nuthatch and a Chickadee? What does a Cardinal sound like? Kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to find out the answers to these and other questions when we go in search of different bird species with staff from Audubon Dakota. We'll start with a meet up in the Main Library's Community Room for a presentation about the characteristics used to identify birds common to our region, and then walk to one of Audubon Dakota's nearby Urban Woods and Prairies sites. A limited number of binoculars will be available for use, or bring your own! **Pre-registration is required.** (Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Sat., Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.

Main Library

(Pre-registration begins 8/28)



World YoYo Champion John Narum

Kids of all ages will be amazed when former world yo-yo champion John Narum visits to share his award winning yo-yo tricks. Crowned a yo-yo champion as a teenager, Mr. Narum performs all over the country engaging audiences with his dazzling skills. Registration is not required for the performance. The performance is set to be outdoors on the Sodbuster plaza north of the Main Library. For details about the performance contact Steve Hubbard at 701-241-1492. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Sat., Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Children's Events

Crafternoons

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Crafternoons returns to Carlson and Northport. To provide a safe environment, Crafternoons will offer both in-person and take home options. Children up to age 12 are welcome to pre-register every week for one 45-minute session or a take home packet. Each week will feature a new craft. We supply the materials – you supply the imagination!

Please note: the same weekly craft will be featured at all sessions/locations and in take home packets. **Pre-registration is required for each week and begins each Monday.** Please limit 1 adult per child or family. Limit one craft per person per week (either in person or take home).

Mondays, Sept. 27 – Dec. 20

Session 1: 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Session 2: 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Take Home Packet Pick Up Time: 3 to 4:45 p.m.

Carlson Library

Tuesdays, Sept. 28 – Dec. 21

Session 1: 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Session 2: 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Take Home Packet Pick Up Time: 3 to 4:45 p.m.

Northport Branch

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



Festive Fall Farm Storytime & Petting Zoo

Old MacDonald is coming to the Library E-I-E-I-O! Bundle up for this outdoor storytime to see festive folktales come to life with a visit from the Rusty K Petting Zoo! Enjoy that fall feeling with cozy treats, activities, songs, and a special storytime at 11:15 a.m. With an oink, oink here and a neiiiigh there, this is sure to be a special treat! All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*



Sat., Oct. 2: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Main Library

Storytime: Sat., Oct. 2 at 11:15 a.m. – Main Library

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To register: call 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org.



Fall 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.**

For safe distancing, please register all attendees including adults (except infants under age 6 months)

Fall Storytime has 2 sessions:

Session 1 runs Oct. 4 – Nov. 3. (Pre-registration begins 9/20)

Session 2 runs Nov. 8 – Dec. 8. (Pre-registration begins 10/25)

All times are open to children ages 2 – 6

Main Library

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Mondays at 11 a.m.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Northport Branch

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Carlson Library

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

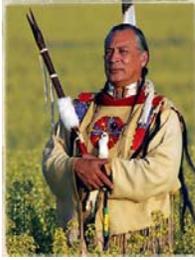
Wednesdays at 11 a.m.



While at storytime be sure to ask about the **Storytime Punch Card!** Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.

To register: call 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org.

Children's Events



Native American Stories & Music with Keith Bear

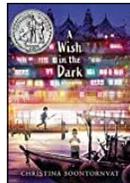
World-renowned Mandan-Hidatsa storyteller and musician, Keith Bear, from the Three Affiliated Tribes in Fort Berthold, ND will be presenting a morning of Native American stories and music. Families and kids of all ages are invited to take part in this cultural experience as Bear weaves a magic of story, song, history and personal reflection. This activity is held in conjunction with the One Book, One Community series of events. No pre-registration is required.

Sat., Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. – Main 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, and crafts.

Book Club meets at 4 p.m. 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. 13

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

Wed., Nov. 10

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Wed., Dec. 15

100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson

To register: call 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org.



Recognizing Reptiles

October 21 is National Reptile Day! In appreciation of these cold-blooded creatures, kids of all ages are invited to the Main Library to visit some live reptiles.

From 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., members of the NDSU Herpetology Club will be on hand to show off some of their scaly sidekicks. A reptile craft and other themed activities will also be available. No pre-registration is required.

Thurs., Oct. 21: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Main Library

CONCORDIA
COLLEGE
Science Academy

Spooky Science

Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble! Get ready for the Halloween season by learning some spooky science experiments at the library. Mad scientist (and Concordia College Chemistry Professor) Dr. Graeme Wyllie and his minions from Concordia Science Academy will be here teaching us some interesting science experiments for a spooky good time! Halloween costumes are encouraged. All materials will be provided. **Pre-registration is required.**

Fri., Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Grades 1 – 3

Fri., Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Grades 4 – 6

(pre-registration begins 10/8)



Libraries Dance!

We are back with our popular dance & storytime series. In collaboration with F-M Ballet and Gaspers School of Dance, we'll gather for a series of themed storytimes followed by short dance sessions. These events are interactive, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! Storytimes are geared towards children ages 3 and up. **Pre-registration is required.**

Spooky Ballet: Tues, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

To register: call 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org.

Children's Events

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. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21 in the Community Room. A special train-themed storytime is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Children's area and kids are invited to make a train craft throughout the day. All ages are welcome and no pre-registration is required.



Sat., Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library

Sun., Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Train Storytime: Sat., Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. – Main Library



Gingerbread House Decorating

Run! Run! As fast as you can to help decorate a house for a gingerbread man. A gingerbread house is a home made of sweets adorned with many fabulous treats – join us to decorate a house to keep. All materials will be provided and **pre-registration is required**. This activity is best suited for children 5 and up.

Wed., Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. – Northport Library

Thurs., Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. – Carlson Library

(Pre-registration begins 11/1)

Christmas Tree Ornament Workshop

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, we need to fill your branches! If your Christmas tree is looking a little bare this holiday season, join us at the Main Library on Saturday, Dec. 11 between 2 and 4 p.m. for a Christmas ornament-making workshop. Kids in grades 1 – 6 are invited to make some family keepsakes at this holiday event. **Pre-registration is required.**



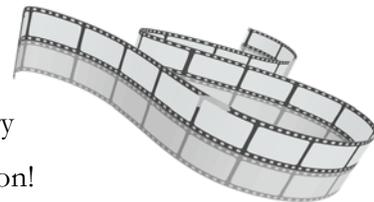
Christmas Vacation

Drive-In Movie Night

Drive-in movie night at the library is back for your Christmas vacation!

You'll build your own cardboard-box sleigh, park it in the perfect spot, and enjoy Dr. Seuss's

How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Popcorn, hot cocoa, and cider will be served to keep you toasty and warm. This program will be best enjoyed by children aged 3 to 9. **Pre-registration is required.**



Tues., Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

(pre-registration begins 12/14)

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. 30 between 2 and 3 p.m. Judging will begin at 3 p.m. and winners will be announced at 3:45 p.m. Games and other activities will take place in the Children's Room to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling 701-241-1495. Before you begin to build, please check out the rules and guidelines on our website. Good luck!

Thurs., Dec. 30: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

(Pre-registration begins 12/1)



New Year's Party to Go