Recommended Reads

Animal Tales

Picture Books

Chato and the Party Animals by Gary Soto
Animals Brag About Their Bottoms by Maki Saito
Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner
I Got a Chicken for My Birthday by Laura Gehl
Bob, Not Bob by Liz Garton Scanlon & Audrey Vernick
Lali's Feather by Farhana Zia
Lola Gets a Cat by Anna McQuinn
Night Animals Need Sleep Too by Gianna Marino
Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog by Lisa Papp
Hockey in the Wild by Nicholas Oldland
The Home Builders by Varsha Bajaj
This is a Dog by Ross Collins
Follow That Car by Lucy Feather
How I Trained My Dog in 10 Days by Norma Lewis
I'm Sticking With You by Smriti Prasadam-Halls
A Family for Faru by Anitha Rao-Robinson
Amadou's Zoo by Rebecca Walsh
Truman by Jean Reidy

Readers and First Chapter Books

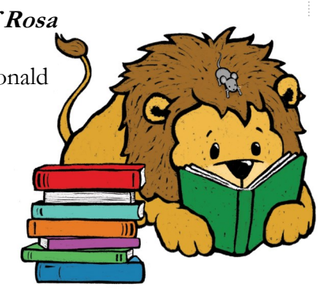
No Bugs Here by Margo Gates
Jane Goodall: Champion of Chimpanzees by Sarah Albee
Animals That Change Color by Libby Romero
The Case of the Icky Ice Cream by Dosh Archer
Jack at the Zoo by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli
Bunny Will Not Be Quiet by Jason Tharp
Duck Stays in the Truck by Doreen Cronin
Fly Guy Presents Scary Creatures by Tedd Arnold
Roo the Rabbit by Debbi Michiko Florence
The Case of the Gold Ring by Dori Hillestad Butler
The Story Puppy by Holly Webb
Starla Jean: Which Came First, the Chicken or the Friendship? by Elana K. Arnold
Pug's Got Talent by Kyla May
Zebra at the Zoo by Patricia Reilly Giff
Lulu and the Duck in the Park by Hilary McKay
Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro
Our Friend Hedgehog by Lauren Castillo
Super Rabbit All-Stars by Thomas Flintham
Lily to the Rescue by W. Bruce Cameron

Fiction and Graphic Novels

The Line Tender by Kate Allen
Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
InvestiGators by John Patrick Green
Case File: Little Claws Eliot Schrefer
The Hedgehog of Oz Cory Leonardo
The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
Meow or Never Jazz Taylor
Stella by McCall Hoyle
Scaredy Cat by James Patterson
Because of the Rabbit Cynthia Lord
The Last by Katherine Applegate
Animal Jamboree: Latino Folktales by Judith Ortiz Cofer
Tua and the Elephant by R.P. Harris
Yuzu the Pet Vet by Mingo Ito
Mr. and Mrs. Bunny: Detectives Extraordinaire! by Polly Horvath
Endangered by Eliot Schrefer
The Crystal Ribbon by Celeste Lim
Harvey Holds His Own by Colleen Nelson
Catwad by Jim Benton
The Secret Zoo by Brian Chick

Non Fiction

Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness by Donna Janell Bowman
Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World by Sy Montgomery
This Side of Wild: Mutts, Mares, and Laughing Dinosaurs by Gary Paulsen
Untamed: the Wild Life of Jane Goodall by Anita Silvey
Galápagos Girl by Marsha Diane Arnold
Buzzing with Questions: the Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner by Janice N. Harrington
The Elephant Doctor of India by Janie Chodosh
Byrd & Igloo: a Polar Adventure by Samantha Seiple
What Linnaeus Saw: a Scientist's Quest to Name Every Living Thing by Karen Magnuson Beil
The Strange Birds of Flannery O'Connor by Amy Alznauer
Rosa's Animals: the Story of Rosa Bonheur and Her Painting Menagerie by Maryann Macdonald



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Summer Reading Challenge

June 7 – August 21

Every summer the Fargo Public Library hosts the summer reading challenge to help school-age children stop summer learning loss. We know that children who read over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than children who do not read. Studies show that reading as few as 4 to 5 books over the summer helps children enter the new school year ready to learn.

We also recognize the importance of including younger children in our summer activities, and we have a challenge just for them. Children get ready to read long before they start school. Babies and young children who have been read to from an early age have a larger vocabulary, better language skills, and are more likely to want to learn to read than children who have not been exposed to books and reading.

The theme for 2021 – **Tails & Tales** – celebrates animal antics with a summer filled with exciting stories, events, and activities! This summer the Fargo Public Library is using online software called Beanstack for children and families to track their reading. Beginning **May 26**, children ages 12 and younger are welcome to visit fargolibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to pre-register. On **June 7**, children can begin to log their reading each day to earn prizes.

The challenge this year also includes early literacy activities, prize drawings, online and outdoor events, and the College SAVE program through the Bank of North Dakota. Look for these exciting activities and more information inside:

- **Kick-Off Event at the Red River Zoo – June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show – June 17 at 2 p.m.**
- **Library Learning Garden at the Dr. James Carlson Library**
- **Tasty Traveling Tales video series**
- **Continental Crafts to Go for Kids**
- **PAWS for Reading Summer Edition**
- **Going Places Book Club – July 13 at 2 p.m.**

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Summer Reading Challenge

Main Library
102 3rd St. N.

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

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

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

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

Tails and Tales at the Red River Zoo Summer Reading Challenge Kick Off Party

This summer we are wild about animals! Kick off the Fargo Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge by visiting our amazing animal friends at the Red River Zoo! The Fargo Public Library, in partnership with the Red River Zoo, will provide free admission for children ages birth – 14.* Kids are encouraged to explore the zoo with a scavenger hunt activity and craft. There will also be animal storytimes. While you're enjoying the zoo, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Challenge to get started reading! All ages are welcome. No pre-registration is required to attend and all materials will be provided.
**Admission for adults and teens (ages 15 and up) is $11.25 per person.*

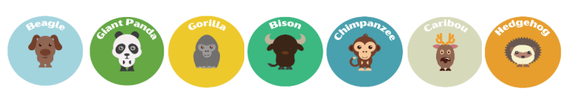
Monday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Red River Zoo
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Summer Reading Challenge Prizes

School-Age Children: Animal Patches

School-age children (ages 4 to 12) who participate in the Summer Reading Challenge can earn up to seven animal patches – one from each continent! Each day that you read, log your reading in Beanstack. We suggest reading for 20 minutes a day, but choose whatever goal works best for your schedule. For every ten days you read, you earn a patch. If you reach the end of the challenge and collect all of the patches, you earn your prize book! Days do not need to be consecutive to count towards your patches.*



Young Children: Animal Stickers and Other Prizes

Young children (ages birth to 4) who participate in the Summer Reading Challenge can earn up to seven animal stickers as well as finger puppets, animal masks, and more! Each day that you read together, log your child's reading in Beanstack. We suggest reading for 20 minutes or 2 picture books a day, but choose whatever goal works best for you and your child. For every ten days they read, they earn a sticker and/or prize. If they reach the end of the challenge and collect all of the stickers, they earn their prize book! Days do not need to be consecutive to count towards the stickers and prizes.*

Prize Drawings

Both age groups earn digital tickets to enter Prize Drawings held at the end of the summer. To see the prizes, log into the Beanstack website at fargolibrary.beanstack.org.

**Paper reading logs are available upon request. Paper logs will be available beginning June 7.*

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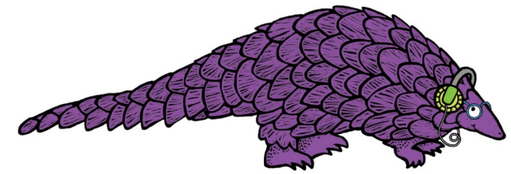

Going Places Book Club: *Astrid the Unstoppable*

We'll be reading, discussing, and crafting about *Astrid the Unstoppable* by Maria Parr. Meet in Sodbuster Plaza at the Main Library. Book club is open to ages 8 to 13 and pre-registration is required. Participants may pick up the books at the Main Library Children's desk once they are registered.

Tuesday, July 13 at 2 p.m. – Main Library
(registration begins 6/12)

BookBike Visit & Storytime @ Roosevelt Elementary

We'll be hanging out in the schoolyard at Roosevelt Elementary. Come say hi to check out books from the BookBike or sign-up for a library card. Join us for a Troll-themed storytime at 12:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required and all ages are welcome. Storytime is most appropriate for children ages 2 to 6. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Wednesday, July 14: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Troll Tales Storytime at 12:30 p.m.

Fairytale Treasure Hunt

Ready to outsmart the tricksters? Show how clever you are by completing a library treasure hunt based on European folktales, fairytales, and animal tails. Your quest will take you inside and out of the Main Library. Geared towards 8 to 12-year-olds; younger children may complete the scavenger hunt with the help of an adult. Pre-register for a start time. Meet in Sodbuster Plaza on the north side of the Main Library. We'll start groups every few minutes to allow for safe numbers and distancing. If you are an adult helping a younger child, please register yourself too!
**This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Friday, July 16 starting at 11 a.m. – Main Library
(registration begins 6/25)

Live Safari Watch Party

Take a virtual ride with professional guides through the top game reserves of South Africa and Kenya during a live safari watch party! We'll be keeping an eye out for Africa's unique wildlife as we make crafts, play games, and chomp down on some safari snacks. This event is most appropriate for kids in grades K through 6. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesday, July 21 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
(registration begins 6/21)

African Animal Stories with Dr. Hamzat Koriko

Journey to Africa with Dr. Hamzat Koriko as he takes kids of all ages on trip to his native home through stories about some of the amazing animals found on the continent. Dr. Koriko is the Executive Director of the African Arts Arena based in Grand Forks and has worked with theater institutions in West Africa, France, Italy, and the U.S. He currently teaches at UND. No pre-registration is required for this event.

Friday, July 23 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company Presents *The Caterpillar Hunter*

Crickey! Join the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company virtually and meet the Caterpillar Hunter in his exciting backyard adventure where he shrinks himself and sets off to explore the terrain, pursuing elusive bugs and strange herbage in the wild recesses of a vegetable garden! Pre-registration is required.
Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.

FRIENDS of the Fargo Public Library

Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.
(registration runs 7/12 – 7/30)

School Supply Bingo

With the school year just around the corner, it's time for school supply BINGO! This event is open to school-age children and all materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library
Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
(registration for both sessions begins 7/17)

Children's Events

Magical Journey: Storytelling with Origami Animals

Prepare to be dazzled by an exciting storytelling show! Join us virtually to watch award-winning magician and storyteller, Yasu Ishida, as he beautifully imbues the essence of traditional Japanese culture into his storytelling. His show incorporates Japanese folktales with origami and magic. Stories will come together in visual ways. Children can pick up origami paper to use during the show to make simple origami animals at home (while supplies last)! This online event is most appropriate for families with children ages 6 to 12. No pre-registration is required.

Monday, June 28 – Saturday, July 3
Link will be available at **www.fargolibrary.org/kids**

Gooseberry Park Players: *Beauty and the Beast*

Be our guest to revisit this tale as old as time! Cast members from Gooseberry Park Players' production of the *Beauty and the Beast* will have you singing along with performances of songs from the show and theater games for kids! This event is for all ages and no pre-registration is required to attend. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Wednesday, June 30 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Modern Pop Art Experience & Collage Workshop with Artist/Author Michael Albert

Michael Albert, pop artist and author of *An Artist's America*, will lead a collage workshop for families with children of all ages. With direction from the artist, participants will make their own collages using the same cereal and cardboard box technique Albert uses in constructing his masterpieces. All participants will also receive a free, autographed poster of the artist's work. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesday, June 30:
3 to 5 p.m.
Carlson Library
Families with Children (All Ages)
(registration begins 6/7)

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company Presents *Tale of the Rainbow Lizard*

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will be offering a virtual performance this summer with a virtuoso. Pablo Del Peacock is trying to paint a picture of beautiful Monique Gecko, but every morning she arrives a different color and he has to begin all over again. He and his friend Fatima Flamingo search for answers. Pre-registration is required.
Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.

Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, July 11 at 7 p.m.
(registration runs 6/21 – 7/9)

Slothy Sloth Messy Art for Kids

It's time to bring our art outside and get messy! Celebrating some fun animals of South America with fingers, hands and paint! Wear clothes that you can get messy in and let's have some fun. This event is open to children ages 3 and up. Pre-registration is required.. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Wednesday, July 7 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library
Thursday, July 8 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
(registration for both sessions begins 6/7)

Trickster Tails Storytime

Can you trick a troll? Outfox a fox? Join us outdoors at the Main or Carlson Libraries for activities, songs, and stories based on European folktales. Then take a simple troll craft to make at home. These storytimes are most appropriate for children ages 3 to 8. Pre-registration is required. **This outdoor event is weather permitting. If event is canceled, troll crafts will still be available for pick-up.*

Monday, July 12 at 11 a.m.
Main Library
Tuesday, July 13 at 11 a.m.
Carlson Library
(registration for both sessions begins 6/11)

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

Children's News

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 Foundation Matching Grant Program.

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 Summer Story: ***I Got the Rhythm*** by Connie Schofield-Morrison

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 Summer Story: ***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*** by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

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

Dial-A-Story: Children's Stories, Poems, and More!

If you've ever wished you could listen to a story, a poem, or even a joke at any time, day or night, now you can! Call the Library's Dial-A-Story phone line at 701-298-6927 anytime and choose the children's option; new recordings are available every Monday. Selections are recorded by Children's Library staff and are up to 5 minutes in length. Dial-A-Story recordings can be accessed by any phone.

Be a College SAVE Reading Champion!

Every child who completes the Fargo Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge and is a North Dakota resident will automatically receive a certificate for a contribution to a new or existing College SAVE account. New account owners receive $25; existing account owners receive $10. Avid readers will be entered for a drawing for one of 10 – $529 scholarships to a College SAVE account. For more information, visit the Bank of North Dakota at collegesave4u.com.

Crafts to Go

Continental Crafts to Go for Kids

Crafts to Go for Kids goes around the world this summer. Twice a month (in June and July), kids ages 12 and younger can sign up to receive a Craft to Go packet featuring animals from different continents. Once registered, stop by your selected Fargo Public Library location any time during the designated weeks to pick up your craft. **Pre-registration is required. Please note that this is a take-home project only. The same crafts will be available at each location. Limit 1 craft per child, while supplies last.**

Monday, June 14 (registration begins 5/31)
Monday, June 28 (registration begins 6/14)
Monday, July 12 (registration begins 6/28)
Monday, July 26 (registration begins 7/12)

Join the Friends of the Fargo Public Library!

If you like the enhanced programs, services, and events that the Friends of the Fargo Public Library support and sponsor at the library, please consider joining the Friends.

For details, visit: **www.fargolibrary.org/friendsofthelibrary** or email **friendsoffargopubliclibrary@gmail.com**

Follow & Like us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheFargopubliclibrary/

Children's Events

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

Masks required at library events per Fargo Public Library COVID-19 Face Covering Policy.

Registration required for some events and is noted in the description. A valid email address is required for most online or virtual events. See event descriptions for age guidelines and registration requirements.
All outdoor events are weather permitting.

To register or more information, call 701-241-1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org.

Pop Up Animal Science Activities

Expect the unexpected at the Main Library! Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, we'll be conducting science-related, animal activities during occasional pop-up sessions. All ages are invited to participate. Watch the library's social media accounts for same day announcements.

Virtual Pet Show and Tell with a Game of Bingo

Showcase your pet(s) at this fun family online event. All ages and pet types are welcome! We'll also have a Bingo game for a chance to win prizes both for yourself and your pet. Pre-registration is required for this event. *Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.*

Wednesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. (registration begins 5/26)

PAWS for Reading: Summer Edition

Tails will be wagging at the library when, for the first time ever, our furry friends and their human volunteers from Pet Partners of the Red River Valley visit two of our locations each month, all summer long! They will be lending an ear – and shaking those tails – to help kids practice and polish their reading skills during fifteen minute sessions beginning at 10 a.m. Kids in K through 6th grade are invited to register for a session with one of our non-judgmental listeners. Pre-registration is required. Pre-registration for each month's sessions begins the first of the month. **Call 701-241-1495 to register.**

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.	**Main Library at 10 a.m.**
June 12	**June 26**
July 10	**July 24**
August 14	**August 28**

Baby Rhyme Time Online

Babies ages birth to 18 months are invited to join us online for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes with your baby while introducing them to books and the library! **Pre-registration is required and will open the first of each month.** *Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.*

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.	**Thursdays at 10 a.m.**
June 15	**June 17**
July 20	**July 22**
August 17	**August 19**

Birding 101 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, as we walk to one of the organization's nearby Urban Woods and Prairies sites. Learn to properly use binoculars (a limited number will be available for use, or bring your own) and find out about the characteristics used to identify birds that are common to our region. Pre-registration is required. *(Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) *This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Wednesday, June 16 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
(registration begins 5/16)

Children's Events

Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show

Magician Jeff Quinn returns to Fargo with another adventurous, fun-filled, wild show! Kids of all ages are invited to watch as he performs amazing tricks featuring silly snakes, enormous elephants, and Gnatalie, the world's only trained gnat. No pre-registration is required.

Thursday, June 17 at 2 p.m.
Civic Center

Tasty Traveling Tales Video Series

Tune in to join librarians Cindy and Lauren as they snack their way around the world! During their journeys you will hear a special tale from each continent they visit and learn how to make a tasty treat to go along with it! Destinations will include South America, Asia, Australia and even Antarctica! Prepare your taste buds for takeoff during these tasty travels! These videos are most appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

Video Release Schedule:

June 21 – Antarctica	**June 28 – Asia**
July 6 – South America	**July 26 – Australia**

All About Animals Outdoor Yoga with MojoFit Studios!

Stretch like a cat and bend like a dog. Stand like an eagle and sit like a frog! Stop by the library and learn some of the amazing animal inspired yoga poses. Join one of our favorite yoga instructors from MojoFit Studios outside at the Main Library (Sodbuster Plaza) to practice beginning yoga poses for children, listen to an animal yoga story (11 a.m. sessions only), and breathe. Pre-registration is required. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Monday, June 21 at 11 a.m. (registration begins 5/22)
Wednesday, July 28 at 11 a.m. (registration begins 6/29)
Ages 3 – 6

Monday, June 21 at 4 p.m. (registration begins 5/22)
Wednesday, July 28 at 4 p.m. (registration begins 6/29)
Ages 7 – 12

The Penguin Lady is coming to Fargo ONLINE!

Dyan Denapoli is a penguin expert, TED speaker, and author of the award-winning book, ***The Great Penguin Rescue***. She took care of the penguins at Boston's New England Aquarium for nine years and visited Antarctica 4 times, she shares her passion for penguins and the Antarctic with others. Pre-registration is required. *Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.*

Wednesday, June 23 at 11 a.m. (registration begins 5/24)
All About Penguins – Ages 3 and Up
Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. (registration begins 5/24)
Antarctic Journeys – Ages 6 and Up

Library Learning Garden Storytime & Craft

Come to the Dr. James Carlson library and get down and dirty in the garden! We will gather outside for a story, then make/take crafts. Kids of all ages can build a self-watering planter made out of recyclable material and plant some marigolds, decorate some plant stakes to identify our plants at the new Library Learning Garden, make a rain gauge and more! Pre-registration is required. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. – Carlson Library
(registration begins 5/23)
Tuesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. – Carlson Library
(registration begins 6/6)

BookBike Visit & Storytime @ Hawthorne Elementary

We'll be hanging out in the schoolyard at Hawthorne Elementary. Come say hi to check out books from the BookBike or sign-up for a library card. Join us for a sloth-themed storytime at 12:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required and all ages are welcome. Storytime is most appropriate for children ages 2 to 6. **This outdoor event is weather permitting.*

Thursday, June 24: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sloth Storytime at 12:30 p.m.