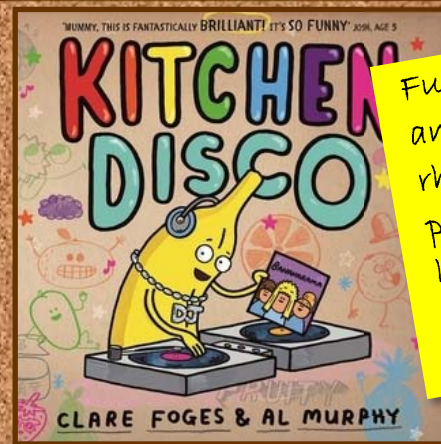


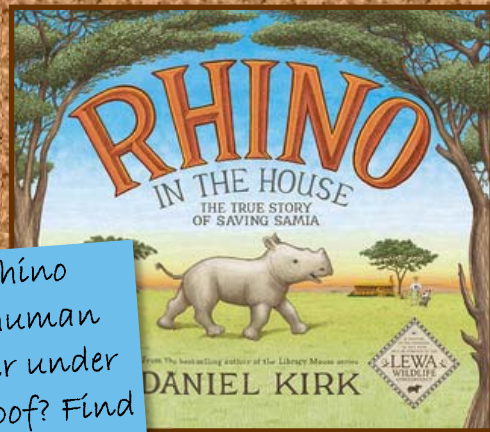
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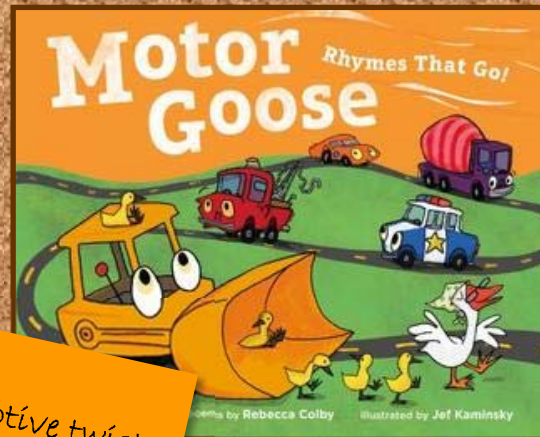
Full of laughs and a great rhyming beat - this picture book will help everyone get their groove on at bedtime!



3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Take a trip to outer space with astronaut John Herrington.



Can a rhino and a human live together under the same roof? Find out in this amazing story!



An automotive twist on traditional nursery rhymes.



An international twist on an old favorite! Anything can happen as the tuk tuk rolls through town - from an elephant encounter to a grand fireworks display.



A celebration of the bond between parent and child, this is the perfect song to share with your little ones.



The Children's Chapter

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1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN SETS CHILDREN ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS ... ONE BOOK AT A TIME

The Fargo Public Library is excited to announce the addition of the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* initiative to its growing body of services for young children and their parents and caregivers. 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.

Stop by any Fargo Public Library location beginning Jan. 22 to get started. Help us kick off the new program with a bang! Join us Thursday, January 25 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library or Saturday, January 27 at 10 a.m. at the Carlson Library. These events are open to all ages, but are most appropriate for children ages 5 and younger. We'll have read aloud activities, crafts, snacks, and maybe a special guest or two! Sign up to participate in the 1,000 Books program at one of the Kick Off Parties and receive a book bag (while supplies last).

For more information about the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* initiative or any of the other Fargo Public Library services, please contact us at 701-241-1495 or visit us online at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.



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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



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Make Reading Your Winter Sport: Winter Read-a-Thon 2018

The Olympic athletes will be going for the gold in South Korea, but you can earn a medal of your own by making reading your winter sport! Take part in the 2018 Winter Read-a-Thon between Monday, January 8 and Sunday, March 4 to earn a medal and entry in the grand prize drawing. Pick up a book log at any Fargo Public Library location or print one from the website at www.fargolibrary.org. Then track your reading to become a winner! Bring in your completed book logs to claim your prizes!

Monday, Jan. 8 – Sunday, Mar. 4
All Fargo Public Library Locations

9th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest

March is Youth Art Month and the Fargo Public Library is commemorating creativity with the 9th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Stop by anytime starting Thursday, March 1 and pick up an entry form. Fill the space with your most brilliant creation and return it to any library location before close on Saturday, March 31. 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.



Thursday, Mar. 1 – Saturday, Mar, 31
All Fargo Public Library Locations

Winners announced Monday, Apr. 16

Battle of the Books Tournament

March Madness may be over but the Battle is just beginning! Join us for the Fargo Public Library's first ever Battle of the Books. Sixteen books will battle, but only 1 will win! The Battle officially kicks off in April, but kids can start early by suggesting possible contenders during February and March. The top 8 chapter books will battle with 8 chapter books chosen by library staff. Stop by the Main Library every two weeks beginning Sunday, April 1 and vote to make sure that your favorite makes it to the next round. Correctly predict the winner and you could win a prize! For more information about the Battle of the Books, contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Sunday, Apr. 1 – Saturday, May 29
Main Library

Apr. 1 – Apr. 14: Round 1 voting
Apr. 15 – Apr. 28: Round 2 voting
Winner announced Tuesday, May 29

Apr. 29 – May 12: Round 3 voting
May 13 – May 26: Round 4 voting

Artsy Babies

It's never too early to dabble in the arts! Babies ages 4 – 24 months are invited to explore their senses through creative art. Introduce your little one to a world of colors, textures and smells through the process of art – and don't be afraid to get messy! No pre-registration is required to attend this event. All materials will be provided.

Monday, Mar. 19
6 – 7 p.m.
Carlson Library

Thursday, Mar. 22
10 – 11 a.m.
Main Library



APRIL EVENTS



Parrot Pals

The Fargo Public Library is going to the birds when members of the Center for Avian Adoption, Rescue, and Education (C.A.A.R.E.) visit the Main Library. Kids of all ages are invited to meet Molly the African Gray, Yogi the Blue Macaw, and other parrots at this bird-brained event! Learn how the volunteers at the center help rescue exotic birds and find out how to care for them as pets. Then make a parrot craft. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.

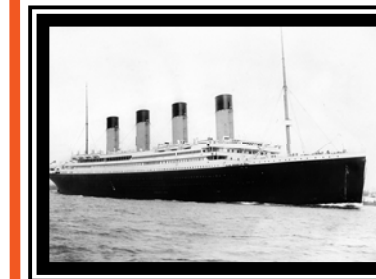
Monday, Apr. 2
2 p.m. at the Main Library

A Day in the Life of... Junie B. Jones

Junie B. is in the house! Join cast members of the NDSU production of *Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!* as they give us a sneak peek at their upcoming show. Meet the characters, make a craft, and share in some silly Junie stories. This event is open to all ages, but best suited to children ages 4 and up. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.



Saturday, Apr. 7
11 a.m. at the Main Library



Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead! The Science of the Titanic

Near. Far. Wherever you are, you must have heard about the Titanic! On Titanic Remembrance Day, April 15, help us explore the inner workings of the doomed ship.

Using the S.T.E.A.M. method, we will conduct experiments with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in attempt to understand the mysteries of the Titanic. They said it was the ship of dreams and it really was. Find out why at this hands-on event! **Children ages 6 – 12 are invited to pre-register beginning March 15. Pre-registration can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visiting us at www.fargolibrary.org.**

Sunday, Apr. 15
2 p.m. at the Main Library

Children's Events



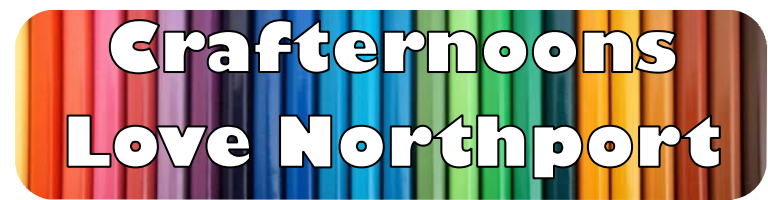
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick Off Parties

Reading to your young child is one of the most important activities you can do to ensure their academic success. The Fargo Public Library is proud to bring the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge to the Fargo community. Read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten. Help us kick off the new program with a

bang! **These events are open to all ages, but are most appropriate for children ages 5 and younger.** We'll have read-aloud activities, crafts, snacks, and maybe a special guest or two! Sign up and receive a book bag (while supplies last). No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided. Sign up to participate in the 1,000 Books program at one of the Kick Off Parties and receive a book bag (while supplies last).

Thursday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

FEBRUARY EVENTS



Crafternoons Love Northport

Northport will feel the love this Valentine's Day with a special edition of Crafternoons. Spend the afternoon showing your library love by making crafts and having fun. Drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 p.m. to make a Valentine treasure. No pre-registration is necessary and all materials will be provided. This art activity is open to children of all ages.

Wednesday, Feb. 14
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch



Author Visit with Ame Dyckman



Children's book author and self-described "mischief elf" Ame Dyckman will share some of her playfulness at the Main Library. Kids of all ages are invited to meet the author and learn why she loves writing for children. This event is co-sponsored by the Valley Reading Council. No pre-registration is required to attend.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
6:30 p.m. at the Main Library



Adventures in Asgard! Norse Mythology for Kids



Sure, you've heard of Thor and Loki but what about the rest of the Norse gods? Stop by the library to explore the nine realms of Norse mythology! Scholars and would-be Vikings ages 6 – 12 will explore the stories where sea serpents lurk and giant wolves wait to devour the faint of heart. Adventures await the bold! Skoll! No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 24
2 p.m. at the Carlson Library

MARCH EVENTS

Seusstastic Day @ the Library



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Let's have a party! Should we have it on a boat? Or should we have it with a goat? Should we read and sing all with just one note? Join us for some stories and fun. We invite everyone! The Fargo Public Library, along with the Valley Reading Council, invite all ages to enjoy a day of all things Dr. Seuss at our annual Read Across America Day celebration. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.



Saturday, Mar. 3
11 a.m. at the Main Library

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, Jan. 4 and 18 Thursday, Apr. 5 and 19
Thursday, Feb. 1 and 15 Thursday, May 3 and 17
Thursday, Mar. 1 and 15

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

Winter Storytime 2018

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 get their children ready to learn to read.

Pre-registration is required and begins Dec. 1, 2017
Winter Storytime runs 14 weeks from Jan. 8 – Apr. 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 – 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

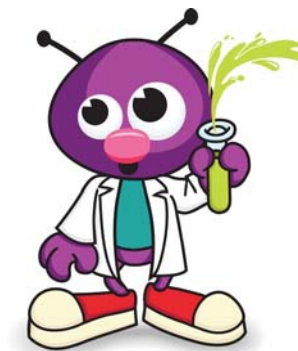
No Storytime on Jan. 15 and Feb. 19



Little Squirt Science

Preschoolers ages 3 – 5 can learn about their world each month through science activities 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. 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, Jan. 11
Thursday, Feb. 8
11 a.m. at the Carlson Library
6:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Friday, Jan. 12
Friday, Feb. 9
11 a.m. at the Main Library

Thursday, Mar. 8
Thursday, Apr. 12

Friday, Mar. 9
Friday, Apr. 13



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



We Need You for the Wizard of Oz!

We're off to see the Wizard! The library is putting on a play and you're the star! Just click your heels three times and join our cast of *The Wizard of Oz*. Don't like the spotlight? Don't worry. We need set designers, builders, painters, and yellow brick makers. Children ages 7 – 12 of all skill levels are welcome. Whether you are onstage or backstage, we have a role for you. **Register starting December 12, 2017 to join the cast and crew!** Contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 to register or for more information.

Play Practice:
Thursdays, Jan. 11 – Mar. 22
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library
Dress Rehearsal:
Monday, Mar. 26
4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at The Stage at Island Park

Performance:
Tuesday, Mar. 27
6 p.m. at The Stage at Island Park

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



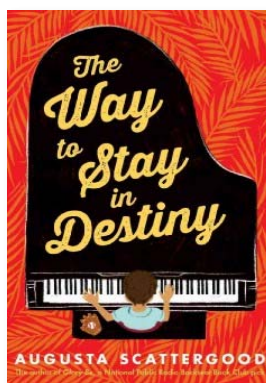
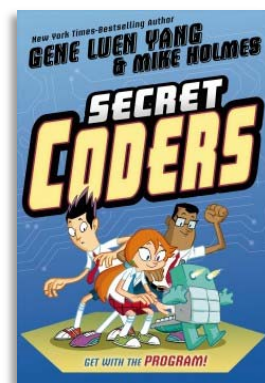
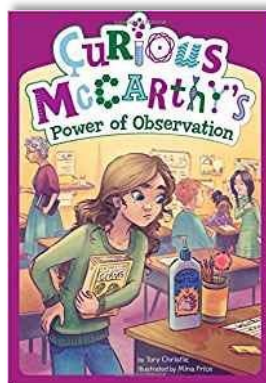
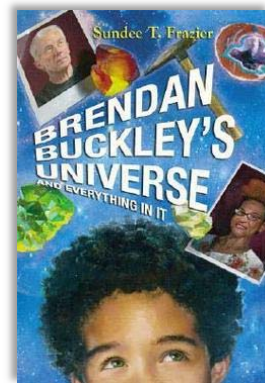
Saturday, Jan. 13	Saturday, Mar. 10
Saturday, Feb. 10	Saturday, Apr. 14
Main Library	



S.T.E.A.M. Powered Adventures Book Club

Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead! Geared towards kids in grades 3 – 7, the S.T.E.A.M. 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:
Jan. 17 – *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It* by Sundee T. Frazier
Feb. 21 – *Curious McCarthy's Power of Observation* by Tory Christie
Mar. 21 – *Secret Coders: Get with the Program* by Gene Luen Yang & Mike Holmes
Apr. 18 – *The Way to Stay in Destiny* by Augusta Scattergood
May 16 – Movie



Children's Events

Crafternoons @ Carlson

Crafternoons at Carlson
Crafternoons at Carlson returns on January 22 at the Carlson Library. Children ages 12 and younger 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, Jan. 22 – May 21
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library
No Crafternoons on Feb. 19



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

Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series

Drop in to one, or all, of these special storytimes focused on preparing your child for Kindergarten success. Library staff will share tips 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 – 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, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. – Let's Love Books!
Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. – Write All About It!
Saturday, Mar. 17 at 10 a.m. – You'll Sing, I'll Sing!
Saturday, Apr. 21 at 10 a.m. – Make It Count!
Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. – Do You See What I See?

Talking | Singing | Reading | Writing | Playing



Kickin' It With the Co-op!

Ever wonder what is going on at your local food Co-op? Prairie Roots Food Co-op, along with the Fargo Public Library, invite you to enjoy some family fun while learning what the Co-op is all about. Join us the second Saturday of March, April, and May when we will have activities and adventures filled with fun for the whole family. All ages are welcome, but these events are most appropriate for children ages 4 – 12. No pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.



Saturday, Mar. 10
11 a.m. at **Prairie Roots Food Co-op**
Let's see what the Co-op is all about! We will have a funny food storytime followed by vegetable painting.

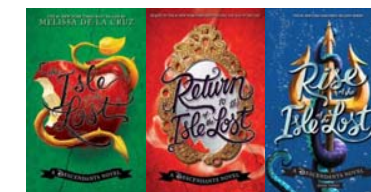
Saturday, Apr. 14
11 a.m. at the **Main Library**
We bring the Co-op to you! Come play games and learn how to make a nutritious treat – all by yourself! Select your own ingredients, build your snack, and, then the best part, eating it!

Saturday, May 12
11 a.m. at **Prairie Roots Food Co-op**
Mother's Day is quickly approaching! Come to the Co-op to make a special gift for that special person in your life.

JANUARY EVENTS

Villain Viewing Party: Descendants Movie and Craft

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the baddest of them all? Catch the first limo off the Isle of the Lost and head straight for the library! Dress as your favorite Disney outcast for an afternoon of mischief. We'll show the original *Descendants* movie (TV-G) and concoct some truly evil crafts during the film. This wicked event will be most appropriate for villains ages 7 – 12. **Pre-registration is required and will start December 13, 2017. 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.



Saturday, Jan. 13
11 a.m. at the Main Library