# **Children's Events**



# Battle of the Books Tournament

March Madness isn't the only battle going on this spring! Join us for the Fargo Public Library's 4th annual Battle of the Books. Sixteen books

will battle, but only one will win! The Battle officially kicks off in March, but kids can get a head start by suggesting possible contenders online in January and February. Stop by the Main Library or vote online every 2 weeks and to make sure that your favorite advances to the next round. Correctly predict the winner and you could win a prize! For more information and to vote online, visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

#### Sunday, Feb. 28 – Sunday, April 25

Feb. 28 to March 14: Round 1 voting March 15 to March 28: Round 2 voting March 29 to April 11: Round 3 voting April 12 to April 25: Round 4 voting Winner announced Monday, April 26

#### Seuss-tastic Celebration Week at HOME!



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! The Fargo Public Library along with the Valley Reading Council invite all ages to enjoy a week full of all things Seuss. Celebrate from home with a bag of goodies. Inside you will

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www.nea.org/readacross find Seuss-tastic treats including suggestions for books, crafts, and a Read Across America

Celebration Certificate! Grab your bag beginning March 1 at any Fargo Public Library location. This is going to be fun! These bags will go quickly, maybe quite fast. Alas, the bags are only available while supplies last.

Beginning Monday, March 1 at all Fargo Public Library locations



### Denali's Dinosaurs

Denali National Park in Alaska was created to protect wild animals, but it also protects some of the most expansive and significant dinosaur trackways in the world. Kids from preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to travel back in time with a park ranger from Denali, to learn about how the predator-prev interactions of Denali's dinosaurs mirror those of wild animals in Denali today. Kids are encouraged to submit questions for the ranger in advance of the program at kids@fargolibrary.org. 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, March 17 at 12 p.m. (registration begins 2/17)

#### Northern Narratives Jr.

Grab your pencils and paper, kids! The Fargo Public Library is accepting writing and art entries for its first ever kids-only edition of the library's literature publication, Northern Narratives. Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to submit entries in any of the categories including short stories, poetry, comics, nonfiction essays, drawing, or photography. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each category. All submissions will be included in the online literary magazine (provided they meet eligibility requirements and guidelines).

For a full list of guidelines including how to submit entries and the entry form, visit

https://bit.ly/FPLNorthernNarratives. If you have any questions, please

contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495.

Entries accepted Monday, March 22 through Friday, April 30.

Winners announced on Friday, May 28. Northern Narratives Jr. Online Magazine will be available on Monday, June 14.





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The 2021 winter season will see the return of popular library events and the introduction of new activities. From modified familiar favorites like the Winter Read-a -Thon and annual Seuss-tastic Celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday to the inaugural Northern Narratives Ir. online magazine, we've got lots in store for you!

Returning this season:

- April. (See page 2)

New this season:

- - (See page 4)

Whatever you choose, you can be sure that we'll do our best to make sure it's a creative, fun, and a quality experience. For more information, 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 more information on the web at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

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

# Fargo Public Library The Children's Chapter

**Old Favorites and** 

**New Adventures** 

Winter Read-a-Thon Returns. LEGO® Design Contest Goes Virtual, and Introducing Northern Narratives Jr.

• Winter Read-a-Thon runs Jan. 4 through Feb. 28 with the theme Reading Gives Us a Place to Go When We Have to Stay Where We Are. (See page 4) • **LEGO**•**Design Contest** goes online this year with kids building their creations at home and submitting photos for the contest. Entries will be accepted beginning Feb. 1. (See page 5)

Seuss-tastic Celebration for Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day spreads out to a whole week with our packaged parties. (See page 6) • Storytime to Go Packets and Crafts to Go will continue from Jan. through

• Northern Narratives Ir. invites children in Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade to submit writing and art pieces for inclusion in our children's version of the library's literary magazine. Children may enter poems, short stories, essays, comics, photographs, or drawings. (See page 6)

• Library Pen Pals program encourages children to communicate with Children's Librarians who will share jokes, book recommendations, and more.

Wolf Pups 101 from the International Wolf Center will explore the first year of wolf puppy life in an online event sure to entertain. (See page 5)

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#### **Main Library** 102 3rd St. N.

Monday-Thursday9-9	
Friday11-6	
Saturday9-6	
Sunday1-6	

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

Monday-Thursday10-8
Friday11-6
Saturday9-6
Sunday 1–6

#### **Northport Branch**

2714 N. Broadway

Monday-Thursday10-8	
Friday11-6	
Saturday9-6	
SundayClosed	

#### **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



Join the Friends of the Fargo Public Library, for details visit bit.ly/FriendsFPL



### **Storytime to Go Packets**

Storytime is on the run with our Storytime to Go packets. Inside you'll find everything you need to have storytime success at home. Storytime to Go packets are geared towards young children ages 2 to 5 and include a book for your home library, themed songs and action rhymes, tips on reading to your child, craft ideas, and more! New Storytime to Go packets will be available for FREE at all Fargo Public Library

locations (see availability dates below). No registration is required. Please note packets are available while supplies last, limit 1 per family, must be present to request packet.

Jan. 19 (Tuesday) – Stomp by Uncle Ian Aurora

- Feb. 1 Veggie Soup by Dorothy Donohue
- Feb. 16 (Tuesday) Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald had a Farm by James Dean
- Mar. 1 We're Roaming in the Rainforest by Laurie Krebs
- Mar. 15 **Scowl** by Steve Smallman

Mar. 29 – Moo, Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton

April 5 – Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw

April 19 – Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems



### Crafts to Go for Kids

Crafts to Go for Kids will be available for pickup twice a month (except Jan.). Children ages 12 and younger are welcome to register online for a craft packet. Then stop by one of the Fargo Public Library locations any time during the designated weeks to pick up your craft. Pre-registration is required and will open 2 weeks prior to each session. Please note this a take home project only. The same craft will be available at each location. Limit 1 craft per child, while supplies last.

Jan. 25 – Polar Bear Mask Feb. 8 – Monster Felt Pencil Topper Feb. 22 – Egg Carton Goldfish March 8 – Paper Straw Tulips

March 22 – Paper Plate Dragon April 12 – Nature Suncatcher Windchimes April 26 – Caterpillar Clothes Pin

All events are FREE. Materials available while supplies last.

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

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



#### **Online Board Games for Kids**

Have fun playing board games online! These events are most appropriate for kids ages 8 to 12. Pre-registration is required. Please note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m. (registration begins 12/20)

#### LEGO® Mania Design Contest



Fargo Public Library's annual LEGO® Mania Design Contest is going virtual. Kids 12 and under are invited to participate by creating to your hearts

content in the comfort of your own home and then taking a photo to submit to kids@fargolibrary.org. For building guidelines or more information about the Contest please visit www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

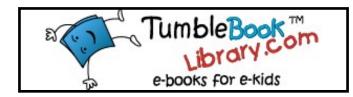
Entries accepted Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 26 with judging on Feb. 27 and 28. Winners announced on Monday, March 1.

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#### Virtual Mardi Gras Party

Beads and bling are a Mardi Gras thing and we'll be breaking out both at this virtual Mardi Gras celebration! Join us as we gather to craft shoe box parade floats, play Mardi Gras Bingo, listen to Cajun music, and try a Mardi Gras treat! This event is most appropriate for ages 6 to 12. Pre-registration is required. Party supply packets will be available to pick up in advance at the Main Library beginning Wednesday, Feb. 10. Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.

Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. (registration begins 1/16)



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



#### Wolf Pups 101

Journey with Minnesota's International Wolf Center pups during their first year, via video and audio recordings, at a special online event. Staff from the Wolf Center will interact with program

participants in fun, live discussions regarding the stages of wolf development, and show footage of pups practicing their instinctive behaviors. Will you see any wolf pup behaviors you recognize? This event is most appropriate for kids ages 4 to 10. 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, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. (registration begins 1/17)

#### **Virtual Trivia for Kids**

What are you an expert in? Test your knowledge with a virtual themed trivia contest for kids! Join us online for trivia for children ages 6 to 12. Groups and individuals are welcome and preregistration is required. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams! Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. – Disney (registration begins 1/22) Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. – Pokémon (registration begins 3/19)



#### **Going Places Virtually Book Club**

Going Places Book Club is geared towards kids in 3rd to 7th grade. Participants may pick-up the books at the Children's desk, or download them as eBooks/eAudiobooks through the Overdrive app. Activity packets will be available to pick -up a week before the online session. **Pre-registration is** required and begins the first of the month. Please note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required to register.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 at 4 p.m.