

Children's Events



StoryWalk® Outdoor Literacy Activities

StoryWalks® are a series of permanent signs designed to connect reading and learning with physical activity. A self-paced, family-friendly activity, the signs are spread out to encourage residents of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors. The Fargo Public Library currently has two StoryWalks® that feature books which change every few months. These StoryWalks® are a free activity available during regular park hours.

The **Brunsdale Park StoryWalk®** is located at 1702 27th Ave. S. in Fargo. It begins on the northwest end of the park near the playground and extends to the south along the trail before returning to end near the playground. 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. Featured Stories:

If You Were a Penguin by Wendell and Florence Minor (Jan. through May) and ***I Got the Rhythm*** by Connie Schofield-Morrison (May through Sept.).

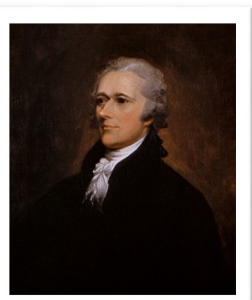
The **Sodbuster Plaza** outside of the Main Library also features a StoryWalk®. The story begins on the east side of the building. These stories change every two months. Featured Stories: ***Dancing Feet*** by Lindsay Craig (Jan. through Feb.), ***Stretch*** by Doreen Cronin (March through April), and ***What Does Bunny See?*** by Linda Sue Park (May through June).

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 Adds Children's Stories, Jokes, and Other Fun Children's Materials

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 beginning **Jan. 11**. 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.



Alexander Hamilton: Immigrant, Patriot, Visionary Traveling Exhibit

Alexander Hamilton is with us every day, not only in our wallets, on the \$10 bill, but also in the republic's most vital institutions. An exhibit honoring the statesman, scholar, and former Secretary of the Treasury will **visit the Main Library from March 31 to April 28**. ***Alexander Hamilton: Immigrant, Patriot, Visionary***, a national traveling exhibition developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and made possible by the Rockefeller Foundation, will examine Hamilton's role during the Revolutionary War and Founding period (1774-1804) in creating the economic, constitutional, social, journalistic, political, and foreign policy templates for modern America. It will acquaint visitors with a statesman and visionary whose life inspired discussion, controversy, and shaped the America we live in two hundred years after his death. ***Colonial era information and craft packets will be available for kids in the Children's Area at the Main Library while supplies last.***



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Escape the Library: Online!

Are you frightfully clever? Is there no riddle that can stump you? Well, we have a challenge for you! Join us for Escape the Library: Online! This program is modeled after the popular Escape Room concept, and will be for children ages 6 to 12. **Pre-register for this program to test your wits.** *Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to access the Escape Room; an email address is required.*

Saturday, Jan. 2: 12 – 3 p.m. (registration begins 12/3)

Saturday, March 6: 12 – 3 p.m. (registration begins 2/4)

Library Pen Pals

Do you miss coming to the library? Guess what?! We miss you too – let's be Library Pen Pals! Kids are invited to write a letter to the library and a Children's Librarian will write back with book recommendations, encouraging words, and even a funny joke or two! **To get started, request a free stamped envelope anytime between Monday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, May 30, then write a letter and mail it to the library at:**

Library Pen Pals – Fargo Public Library
102 3rd ST N
Fargo ND 58102

Requests for envelopes can be made in person, by phone (701-241-1495), or by email (kids@fargolibrary.org). Don't forget to include your return address!

Winter Read-a-Thon

The pandemic and the weather may keep us at home, but thankfully *Reading Gives Us a Place to Go When We Have to Stay Where We Are!* All ages are invited to pick up a book during the 2021 Winter Read-a-Thon and travel to a magical world, around the country, or through time – and earn prizes as you go! From Monday, Jan. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 28, log onto fargolibrary.readsquared.com and track your reading to earn a prize and a free book. For more information, contact Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or visit us online at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Jan. 4 through Feb. 28 at all Fargo Public Library locations or at fargolibrary.readsquared.com



PAWS for Reading Online

Our furry friends are returning, this time for a virtual season of reading fun! We are excited to partner with members* of Pet Partners of the Red River Valley (PPRRV) and their canine companions to offer virtual reading visits. Though they aren't able to meet readers in person, the Pet Partners would still love to lend an ear to help kids practice and polish their reading skills. Fifteen minute sessions are available on the second Saturday of each month (through April), beginning at 10 a.m. Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to register for a session with one of our non-judgmental listeners. **Pre-registration is required and begins 30 in advance.** Call 701-241-1495 to register. *Note: Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session; an email address is required.*

Saturday, Jan. 9 (registration begins 12/10)

Saturday, Feb. 13 (registration begins 1/14)

Saturday, March 13 (registration begins 2/11)

Saturday, April 10 (registration begins 3/11)

*All human volunteers are members of PPRRV but may not be a registered Pet Partners team.

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.

Jan. 19

Feb. 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Jan. 21

Feb. 18

March 18

April 22

May 20

