

2025



IMPACT REPORT





The Fargo Public Library had another year marked by the tremendous support of the Fargo community. For the second consecutive year the library had record program attendance and circulation. Programming attendance in 2025 was twelve percent higher than the previous record year, of 2024, with a total of **48,650** attendees. Total circulation in 2025 was **1,139,919** items which means our patrons checked out 80,000 more items than they did in 2024.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work and creativity of the library staff which was instrumental to our record-setting library programming attendance in 2025. The wide range of programming for all ages and interests has continued to resonate with the community.

In the 2025 legislative session, local control of libraries was challenged again by proposed legislation in the form of Senate Bill 2307. The bill would have moved decisions related to library collections and policies from local library boards into the hands of the North Dakota Attorney General's office. Throughout the session, the Fargo community continued to be immensely supportive. I want to thank the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for hosting a "Read In" event for the community to show their support for the library.

The library continued to work across the community to provide services and build public capital. In 2025 the library partnered with 124 different organizations and businesses. These partnerships enhance our abilities and expand our reach to the residents of our community.

We look forward to continuing to build on the library's successes in 2026. I believe that despite the budgetary challenges for 2026, our dedicated staff, with the strong support of our partners, will continue to provide the highest level of library services to the citizens

Regards,

Timothy S. Dirks, MLIS, MPA
Director, Fargo Public Library



I'm so grateful for the story we've been able to write together in 2025. This year at the library felt less like a list of accomplishments and more like a collection of moments — children gathering wide-eyed for storytimes, teens finding a quiet corner to study, adults discovering something new at a class or community event, and neighbors connecting in ways both big and small. Behind the scenes, your library board and staff have been having thoughtful conversations about how we keep our spaces welcoming, safe, and responsive to what our community needs most. We've worked to make borrowing easier, expand access to digital resources, and strengthen partnerships that stretch beyond our walls.

What makes all of this possible is the heart and dedication of our library staff. Day in and day out, they show up with creativity, patience, and a genuine love for serving this community. Whether they're planning programs, helping someone navigate a new technology, recommending a great read, or simply offering a warm smile at the front desk, they are the steady, caring presence that brings our library to life.

As we turn the page toward 2026 and prepare to celebrate 125 years of serving Fargo, we do so with pride in our history and excitement for what comes next. Our library has always been about neighbors connecting with neighbors, and that spirit — carried forward by the incredible people who work here — continues to guide us into the future.

- Amy Ouren



The Fargo Public Library provides effective and efficient library services to meet our community's personal, professional, and lifelong learning needs.



The Fargo Public Library will be a model of excellence in library services, and the primary place in the community for people of all ages to fulfill their informational, recreational, and lifelong learning needs.



- We offer free, open, and equitable access to information, technology, and community resources.
- We are culturally aware and engaged with our community.
- We strengthen our community by valuing and respecting differences to promote inclusiveness.
- We welcome and serve everyone.

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2025 FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ACHIEVEMENTS, INNOVATIONS AND INITIATIVES IN 2025



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

48,650

(includes all events: Adult, Teen, and Children's events, along with in-library and community engagement events)

VISITS

414,895

Total visits to the Fargo Public Library in 2025
(all three library locations)

In 2025 our patrons checked out a record

1,139,919

ITEMS

(across all formats)

AUTO-RENEWAL OF MATERIALS

In September 2025, the library launched a new **Auto-Renewal** service to simplify the borrowing process and enhance patron convenience. This automated feature ensures that eligible items are renewed up to two times—provided they are not on hold for another patron—without requiring any action via phone or email. By removing the need to “opt in,” the library has made it easier than ever for our residents to enjoy materials for longer, effectively reducing the stress of due dates.





COLOR OUR WORLD LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

A highlight of the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge was the library’s “Color Our World” Library Card Design Contest. Area artists of all ages were encouraged to submit designs during the summer. Selected by public voting, the three winning designs were created by Savannah Wohlers (Kids 12 and younger); Maria Kamrud (Teens 13 to 18); and Nikki Nelson (Adults 19+). The winning artists’ designs in each age category were made into limited-edition library cards.

Library Card Design Contest
128 total entries

YWCA ONSITE TECH HELP

In March of 2025, the Adult Services staff launched a new Tech Help outreach service with the YWCA shelter. Building on our successful in-library Tech Help sessions, our staff bring their expertise to shelter clients and assist them with common technology issues and challenges. Our librarians have assisted at-risk individuals with resume creation, online job application processes,

and resolving issues through submitting various forms of documentation electronically. At year’s end, FPL was recognized by the YWCA’s leadership with a certificate of gratitude citing our “selfless, outstanding service to others.”

FAMILY READING RUMPUS STORYTIME

In 2025, the Children’s Services Department added a new monthly storytime series. These interactive, evening storytimes are designed for children and parents to enjoy together and feature storytelling and hands-on activities. They offer a chance for working parents to share storytime with their young children.

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ID PROGRAM

(2025 UPDATE)

Now in its fourth year, the Fargo Public School Student ID Program registered over **12,000 students** for library cards during the fall 2025 registration period. This initiative allows students to access the library’s materials and services using their FPS Student ID.

AARP TAX HELP AT CARLSON LIBRARY

(2025 UPDATE)

In its second year at the Carlson Library, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers provided tax assistance to **242 people** during weekly sessions held February through mid-April.

NOTARY SERVICES

(2025 UPDATE)

Notary services at the library continue to be in high demand. In 2025, library staff notarized **805 documents** as compared to 729 in 2024.



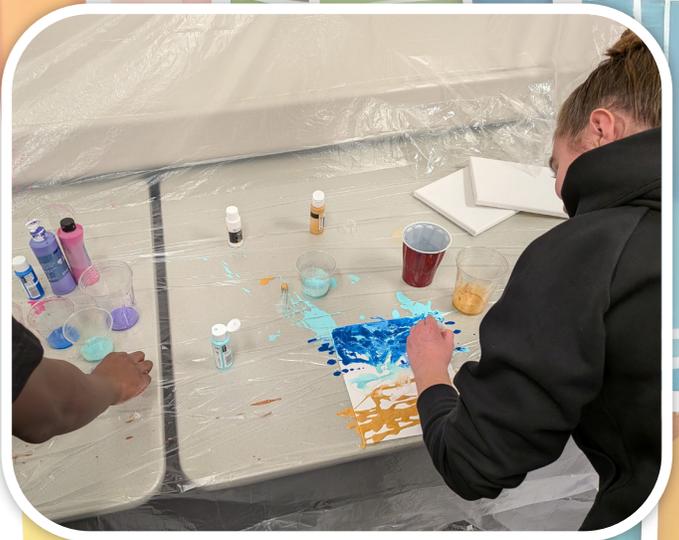
2025 FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES MASTERPLAN UPDATE



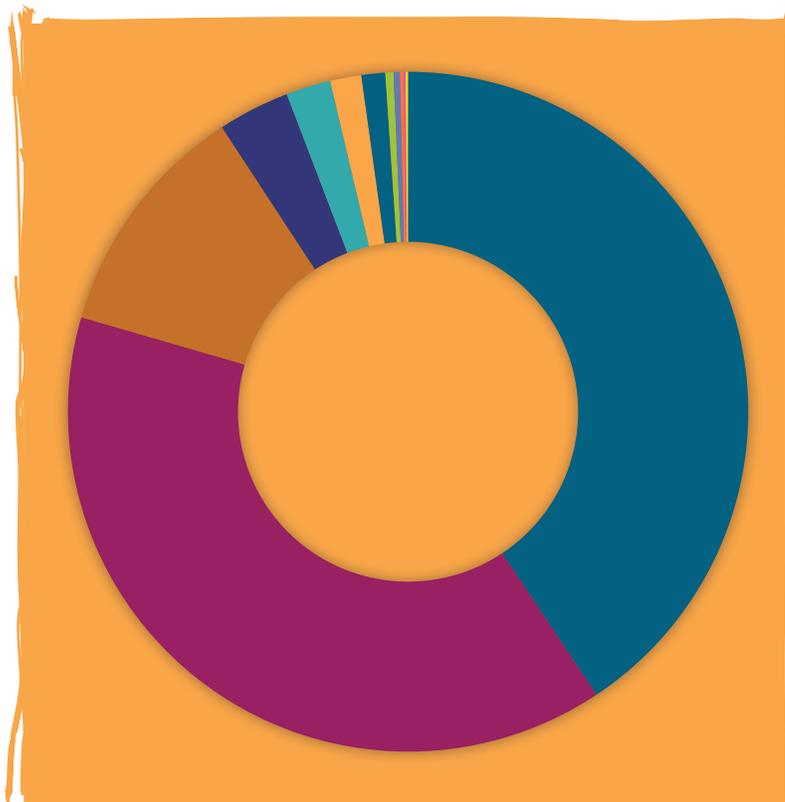
The library's current Facilities Master Plan, developed with JLG Architects and Library IQ, provides an important roadmap for the future, ensuring the library continues to deliver exceptional service and welcoming facilities to the Fargo community. In 2025, the Fargo Public Library worked closely with the City of Fargo's Facilities Management Department to complete a number of important improvements including:

- A facility-wide door override system for emergency lockdowns was installed at both the Main Library and Dr. James Carlson Library locations.
- The Northport Library Branch received a refresh with new paint throughout.
- Select seating in the Main Library was reupholstered.
- Vibrant new furniture was purchased for the Children's Area at the Dr. James Carlson Library.
- Essential mechanical system upgrades were completed at both the Main and Dr. James Carlson Library locations to improve energy efficiency and climate control.



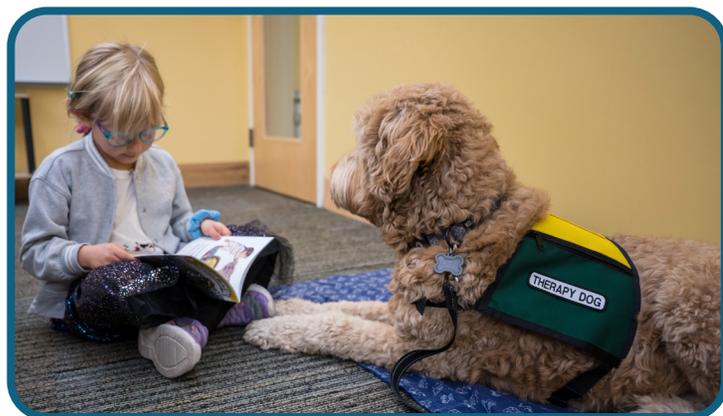


2025 LIBRARY COLLECTIONS



TOTAL PHYSICAL ITEMS
IN THE COLLECTION:

249,772



- 
ADULT PRINT
101,569
- 
CHILDREN'S PRINT
96,951
- 
ADULT A/V
28,234
- 
CHILDREN'S A/V
8,521
- 
YOUNG ADULT/TEEN PRINT
5,306
- 
ND COLLECTION
3,698
- 
MAGAZINES
2,820
- 
ADULT KITS
966 (includes board games & not-for-loan kits – Keep Me Posted kits & activity kits)
- 
REFERENCE COLLECTION
772 (both kids and adults)
- 
CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES
364 (both kids and adults)
- 
CHILDREN'S KITS
293 (includes kits and totes)
- 
EQUIPMENT
220 (includes day-use items, equipment, passes, and book club-in-a-bag)
- 
CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT
58 (includes devices)

CIRCULATION BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2025, OUR PATRONS CHECKED OUT A RECORD

1,139,919

TOTAL ITEMS
(across all formats)

**TOTAL ECONTENT/
ELECTRONIC
ITEMS CIRCULATED**

370,062



Libby.

360,257

9,589

kanopy

Children's
Devices

216

TOP 3 MOST POPULAR ONLINE RESOURCES IN 2025



**1. NEW YORK TIMES
ALL ACCESS**



**2. ANCESTRY
LIBRARY
EDITION**



Value Line **3. VALUE LINE
INVESTMENT
SURVEY**

431,463

**Total Print
Items Circulated**
(includes Adult, Children's,
and Young Adult print items)

228,849

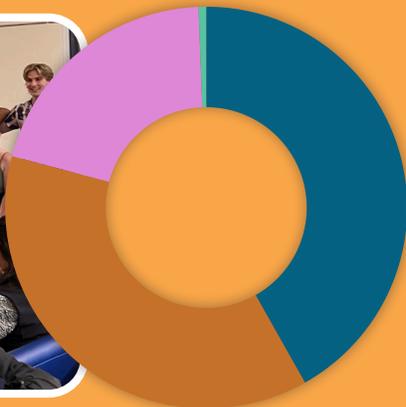
Renewals
(across all formats)

472,682

**Total NonPrint
Items Circulated**
(includes Adult AV, Children's
AV, and Young Adult AV, Video
Games, Kits, Equipment, and
Other items)

6,925

**Interlibrary
Loans**
(Includes borrowed
2,816 & loaned: 4,109)



2025 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING PARTICIPATION

(INCLUDES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

12,315

ON YOUR OWN PROGRAMMING

11,636

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMMING ATTENDANCE

10,873

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

34,824

TOTAL BOOKS GIVEN OUT **1,878** (DOES NOT INCLUDE READ AND SHARE BOOKS)



STORYTIME TOTAL ATTENDANCE

(AGES BIRTH TO 6)

4,287

Weekly Storytime
2,406

Tuesdays for Toddlers at the Plains Art Museum
363

Kindergarten Success
406

Tumble Time
250

Baby Rhyme Time
464

Libraries Dance
315

Family Reading Rumpus
94



ON YOUR OWN PROGRAMMING



These were activities that Children's Services staff provide either to take home or were available outside of the physical building. These include:

10,575 • Scavenger Hunt

1,138 • Battle of the Books
(in-person & online votes)

170 • Dial-a-Story

100 • Free Comic Book Day



1,000 BOOKS
Before Kindergarten

Fargo Public Library

535

young children earned a book by reading

100

books with an adult



STORYTIME PUNCH CARDS

115

(each card represents 10 storytimes)



WHAT'S NEXT READING RECOMMENDATIONS

69

requests were fulfilled



DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST

170

entries



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Library used Beanstack software for families to register and log their reading online. There was a paper version offered to those who choose to participate that way.

To complete the SRC, kids ages 0 to 12 read (or were read to) for 40 days.

1,503

CHILDREN REGISTERED

800

CHILDREN COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

45,686

DAYS READ

1,652

EVENT ATTENDANCE

(excludes weekly storytime)

752

WEEKLY SRC STORYTIME ATTENDANCE



average number of days read per reader



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

388

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

228

COMPLETED CHALLENGE



CRAFTERNOONS

(sessions moved to every other week)

2,438



HOMESCHOOL EVENTS ATTENDANCE

325



TOTAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ATTENDANCE

(includes all Community Engagement)

10,873

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT KIDS' EVENTS

Trunk or Treat • **2,151**

Boo at the Zoo (Red River Zoo) • **2,033**

Midwest Kid Fest (Fargo Parks) • **1,423**

Pride in the Park • **1,138**

Party for the Planet • **636**

Be My Neighbor Day (Prairie Public) • **475**

YMCA Summer Lunch Visits • **396**

Library Night at the RedHawks • **201**

NEW FOR 2025

FAMILY READING RUMPUS

These interactive evening storytimes are designed for children and parents to enjoy together, and feature storytelling and hands-on activities. They are held once a month and offer a chance for working parents to share storytime with their young children.

2025 ADULT PROGRAM AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

SEED LIBRARY

North Dakota State University Extension Master Gardeners partnered with the Library to give out **over 7,000 seed packets** in the Seed Library – up by 1,000 packets from 2024!

MARIO KART CLUB AND TOURNAMENTS

Mario Kart players connected for more friendly competitions at the Library in 2025. Game tips and tricks were shared plus friendships were formed. 478 players of all ages participated in 2025.

FARGO '70S RETRO REWIND EVENT SERIES

The Library traveled back in time to highlight the 1970s over the summer!

- In partnership with the Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre and its production of *Saturday Night Fever*, the Library hosted a groovy Far Out Fashion Show with musical numbers performed by the cast.
- On June 26, the Library and City of Fargo celebrated the city's sesquicentennial by holding a Fargo Time Capsule Opening Ceremony. The time capsule was buried in 1975 during the FM Centennial Celebration. With '70s tunes, kids' activities, and food vendors plus Mayor Tim Mahoney and archivists from NDSU and Bonanzaville, the opening of the time capsule was a great community event with 135 people of all ages in attendance.



NEW FOR 2025

AARP OF NORTH DAKOTA CLASSES

Speakers from AARP of ND taught six workshops on topics ranging from decluttering and downsizing, to using your smartphone, with over 100 seniors attending. More workshops are planned for 2026!

GARDENING WORKSHOPS WITH GROWING TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDENS

The January-May monthly sessions, led by garden leaders from the local Growing Together organization, provided valuable tips to gardeners on topics including indoor tomato seed starting, food preservation, and growing your own herbal tea garden. Over 220 people attended the workshops.

BOOK SWAP

The Library's first book swap was a great success with 92 people attending! People were encouraged to drop off gently used books and take home something "new to you." Another book swap is planned for 2026.

LIT LOUNGES

In 2025, the Library held four lit lounge events featuring different literature genres – romance, crime, horror, and fantasy. Readers discussed subgenres, favorite authors, upcoming releases, and shared recommendations.



PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH DAKOTA ASIAN-AMERICAN ARTS AND CULTURE INITIATIVE (NDAAACI)

The Library continued its partnership with North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Culture Initiative (NDAAACI) for cultural events highlighting China and Thailand. Over 70 people of all ages attended these events.

READING CHALLENGES



WINTER READING CHALLENGE
358 adult participants



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
613 adult participants



YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE
725 adult participants

1,696 Total adult participants in reading challenges

POPULAR EVENT TYPES IN 2025



1. Online Book Parties (on Facebook): **1,438**



2. Community Game Nights: **886**



3. Art & Craft Events: **712**



4. Author Events: **534**



5. Book Clubs: **525**



6. Movie Screenings: **524**



7. Gardening Events: **503**

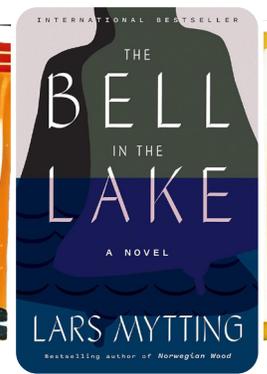
8,897

Total Adult Program Attendance in 2025

(includes in-person, on your own, virtual, and streaming)

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR ADULT EVENTS IN 2025:

1. One Book One Community Author Event with Lars Mytting: **440**
2. Craft Supply Swap: **192**
3. *Northern Narratives + Northern Focus* Reception: **148**
4. Spring Plant Swap: **140**
5. 1975 Time Capsule Opening Celebration: **135**



2025 ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

THE BELL IN THE LAKE
BY LARS MYTTING

On September 29, Norwegian author Lars Mytting presented to **386 community readers on the campus of Concordia College with an additional 54 viewers joining via the livestream of the event.**

In its 14th year, the One Book, One Community annual reading program celebrated the 200th anniversary of the first organized Norwegian emigration to the United States and our region's deep connection to Norway and Scandinavia with its title selection of *The Bell in the Lake*. Supporting events ranged from lefse and rosemary classes, Hardanger fiddle concerts, and troll storytimes for families.

Support for the project was provided by: the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage through the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Friends of the Fargo Public Library, Concordia College Cultural Events, Friends of the West Fargo Public Library, Friends of the Moorhead Public Library, and Moorhead Community Education.

NORTHERN NARRATIVES WRITING PROJECT

89

PARTICIPANTS WITH

127

QUALIFIED SUBMISSIONS

39

FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS

(43% INCREASE FROM 2024)

83

POETRY SUBMISSIONS

26

FICTION SUBMISSIONS

18

NONFICTION SUBMISSIONS

NORTHERN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

In addition to choosing a winning photo for the cover of the *Northern Narratives 2025* anthology, 13 photos were awarded honorable mentions as part of the project.

136

PARTICIPANTS

(UP FROM 77 PARTICIPANTS
IN 2024, AN INCREASE OF 76%!)

111

FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS

(82% INCREASE FROM 2024)

A reception honoring the community artists involved in the 2025 *Northern Narratives* and Northern Focus projects was held in mid-October. Writers, photographers, and the general public were all invited to celebrate by enjoying the photo gallery, admiring the published book, listening to artist's talks, and readings from the writers. This year's celebration was held in the CityCommissionRoomlocatedinFargoCityHall. This new venue provided more seating space and allowed for the event to be livestreamed and recorded. The recording is available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/@fargolibrary>.

Both projects were generously supported by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.

NORTHERN NARRATIVES 2025



2025 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Community engagement events allow the Library to meet community members where they are at, and provide opportunities to share information about our programs, collections, and services, open library accounts, and check out materials. The Library Book Bike is a highlight of many summer community engagement events, including the popular Tour de Bookbike and the Fargo Police Community Picnic.

Community Engagement events also facilitate connections with community organizations, such as NDSU, Fargo-Moorhead Pride, the Indigenous Association, Fargo Public Schools, and many others.



84

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS EVENTS



12,791

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE MET

(an increase of over 1,700 from 2024)



153

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATIONS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

- Coffee & Cocoa Crawl • February 8**
- Unglued Craft Fest • March 9**
- Older Adult Resource Fair • April 17**
- CASA Resource Fair • April 19**
- Touchmark Staff Vendor Fair • August 13**
- Freedom Resources Fair • September 23**
- Trunk or Treat at Bonanzaville • October 26**

The Library held **12 Silent Reading Parties** over the year at **eight different venues** with a total of

500 PEOPLE ATTENDING!

By attending multiple reading parties, attendees can earn small prizes
54 prizes given away in 2025!

Venues:

- Bear Creek Winery
- Black Coffee & Waffle (new in 2025)
- Drekker Brewing Company/Brewhalla
- Front Street Taproom
- Sons of Norway's Troll Lounge
- Twenty Below Coffee
- Uncorked Lounge (new in 2025)
- Vampire Penguin (new in 2025)
- Wild Terra

2025 TEEN PROGRAM AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge offered engaging activities and encouraged teens to read over the summer. Teen volunteer sessions were the most attended events, with crafting programs such as needle felting and sand art also popular activities.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE



POPULAR TEEN EVENTS IN 2025

1. Library Lair – Minute to Win It: 25
2. Knitting Basics: 19
3. Origami for Teens: 18
4. Library Lair – Dice Games: 18
5. Library Lair – Snap Circuits: 17

2025 TEEN TOTALS



TEEN VOLUNTEERS

The teen volunteer program continues to grow. In 2025, this program expanded with sessions held during school year. A total of 41 individual volunteers provided 238 hours of service, focusing on decorating the teen areas and collection care. This effort was boosted by 41 additional teens from local partner organizations—including the North High Student Council, a group from West Fargo High School, and a confirmation group from Lutheran Church of the Cross—who contributed another 71 hours to library projects.

NEW IN 2025

The **Super Teen** volunteer program was added in summer 2025, and four teens successfully completed the orientation and went on to volunteer 115 hours to the library. They assisted library staff with the Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff event, they created some of the teen area displays, and they developed unique library programs tailored for other teens.

NEW IN 2025 – LIBRARY LAIR

Library Lair at the Dr. James Carlson Library provides a weekly, drop-in space for teens to socialize and express themselves. By offering optional activities and snacks in a low-pressure environment, the program has become a vital community hub for teen patrons.

MORE TEEN HIGHLIGHTS



- **Youthworks Sessions:** A weekly, summer partnership with Youthworks provided snacks, games, and a safe social space in the Teen Room at the Dr. James Carlson Library.
- **Japanese Cultural Series:** A partnership with Mika Usuki (Japanese Outreach Initiative) through the Plains Art Museum provided workshops on traditional games and Suminagashi, Japanese paper marbling, for teens.

2025 OUTREACH SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025 the Fargo Public Library's Outreach Services Department made **376 Lobby Stops**, served **4,728 patrons** at our **21 partner sites**, and checked out/delivered **11,623 items** items to patrons.



LOBBY STOPS
376

PATRON COUNT
4,728

ITEM COUNT
11,623



QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING EVENTS

23

Presentations

281

Attendees



DIAL-A-STORY SERVICE

(poem, story, monologue)

491

Calls to Dial-A-Story



SENIOR BOOK CLUB

6

Sessions

60

attendance total



BOOKS BY MAIL

13

Individuals

90

Books by mail deliveries

353

Books by mail items delivered



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are essential to the success of library services. We deeply appreciate the contributions of each individual who volunteered their time and talents to the library in 2025.

171

Individual volunteers
(including garden & teen volunteers)

Main Library • 1,604

Dr. James Carlson Library • 624

Outreach Services • 604

2,832

Volunteer hours

OUTREACH SERVICES PARTNER AGENCIES AND SITES

- Crossroads Senior Living Community
- Ecumen Evergreens of Fargo
- Edgewood Fargo
- Eventide Senior Living Community
- Fargo Elim Care Center
- Goldmark Property Management
- Good Samaritan Society – Fargo
- Homefield Senior Living Apartments
- Maple View Memory Care – Fargo
- MetroPlains Management
- Milton Earl Senior Living Apartments
- North Sky Apartments
- One Oak Place
- Pioneer House Assisted Living
- River Square
- Riverview Place
- SMP Health – St. Catherine North
- SMP Health – St. Catherine South
- Sunrise North
- The Meadows on University
- The Plaza Senior Apartments
- Touchmark at Harwood Groves
- Trollwood Village



TOP CIRCULATING BOOK TITLES FOR 2025

ADULT

- 1
The Let Them Theory
by Mel Robbins
- 2
The Women: A Novel
by Kristin Hannah
- 3
The Bell in the Lake
by Lars Mytting
- 4
The God of the Woods
by Liz Moore
- 5
Just for the Summer
by Abby Jimenez
- 6
Great Big Beautiful Life
by Emily Henry
- 7
Fourth Wing
by Rebecca Yarros
- 8
The Wedding People: A Novel
by Alison Espach
- 9
Onyx Storm
by Rebecca Yarros
- 10
Say You'll Remember Me
by Abby Jimenez



KIDS

- 1
Dog Man: Big Jim Begins
by Dav Pilkey
- 2
Escaping Peril: The Graphic Novel
by Tui T. Sutherland
- 3
Dog Man: Fetch-22: A Graphic Novel
by Dav Pilkey
- 4
Wings of Fire: Winter Turning
by Tui T. Sutherland
- 5
Wings of Fire: The Brightest Nights
by Tui T. Sutherland
- 6
Karen's Sleepover: A Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin and Katy Farina
- 7
Dog Man: Mothering Heights
by Dav Pilkey
- 8
Kristy and the Walking Disaster: A Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin and Ellen T. Crenshaw
- 9
Wings of Fire: Lost Heir
by Tui T. Sutherland
- 10
Dog Man Unleashed
by Dav Pilkey

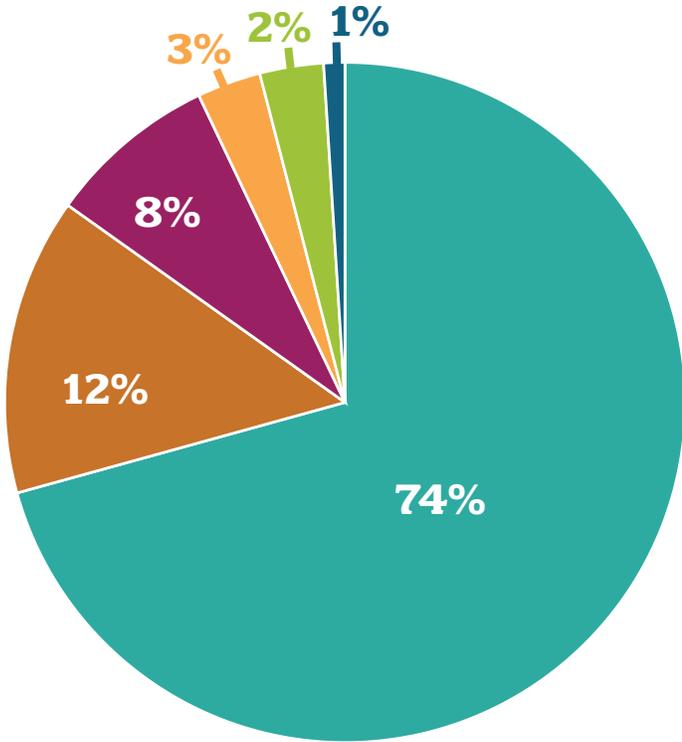
YOUNG ADULT

- 1
Sunrise on the Reaping
by Suzanne Collins
- 2
A Court of Thorns and Roses
by Sarah J. Maas
- 3
Throne of Glass
by Sarah J. Maas
- 4
The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes
by Suzanne Collins
- 5
Powerless
by Lauren Roberts
- 6
The Hunger Games
by Suzanne Collins
- 7
Fearless
by Lauren Roberts
- 8
Empire of Storms
by Sarah J. Maas
- 9
Queen of Shadows
by Sarah J. Maas
- 10
Reckless
by Lauren Roberts





FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECTED BUDGET

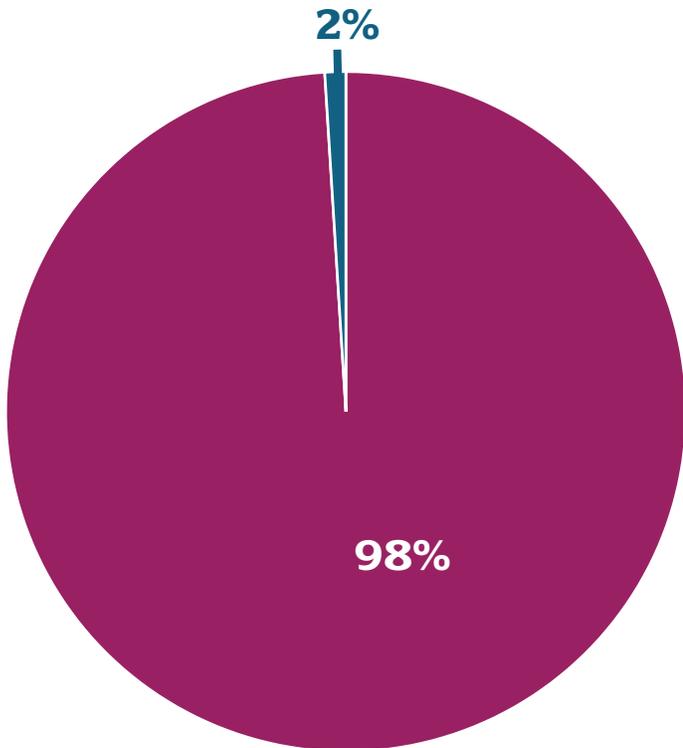


PROJECTED EXPENSES

- **SALARIES & BENEFITS**
\$4,258,141
- **COLLECTIONS**
\$668,013
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
\$435,167
- **RENT & MAINTENANCE**
\$190,660
- **UTILITIES**
\$174,918
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
\$37,150

EXPENSES

\$5,764,049



- **CITY OF FARGO GENERAL FUND**
\$5,625,049
- **STATE AID AND FEES**
\$139,000

REVENUE

\$5,764,049

FRIENDS OF THE FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Fargo Public Library is a volunteer non-profit committed to championing the library's mission and amplifying its vital role within the community. Through fundraising activities, advocacy, and programming support, the Friends help the library better serve the residents in our community by improving and expanding the unique services and programs offered by the library.

Friends of the FPL 2025 Approved Donations

Mixed Nuts Children's Program	\$825
Summer Reading Challenge	\$2,850
Summer Reading Challenge Kick Off Event	\$2,318
Northern Narratives / Northern Focus 2025	\$3,600
One Book One Community	\$3,500
Jazz Into Fall	\$2,030
Tuesday For Toddlers	\$2,500
Summer Reading Challenge Wrap Up Party	\$500
Fall Crafternoons	\$500
Library's 125th Anniversary Celebration	\$5,000
BookPage Subscription	\$1,650
Spring Crafternoons	\$500
Library's 125th Anniversary Refreshments	\$1,200
Friends Donations in 2025 total	\$26,973



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