

Winter Read-A-Thon Starts January 7

Cozy up with a good book and put an end to those winter blahs. Area residents are invited to warm up with some good books during the library's annual Winter Read-A-Thon reading program for kids, teens, and adults. With events and reading opportunities for readers of all ages, the winter reading program can add a little excitement, adventure and mystery to dreary winter days; plus it also provides opportunities to win prizes for reading books.

To participate, stop by any Fargo Public Library location beginning **Monday, Jan. 7**, or

visit the library's website at www.fargolibrary.org for details. Book logs are also available online and can be printed at home starting Jan. 7.

All readers are encouraged to read to earn chances to enter prize drawings. Book logs are due on or before **Sunday, March 3**, to be eligible for prizes and prize drawings. Prize drawings will be held in mid-March. For further details about the library's Winter Read-A-Thon, visit www.fargolibrary.org.

WIRELESS HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Fargo Public Library has recently added mobile wireless hotspots to its circulating collection to enable individuals and families to access needed digital resources. The library can help residents get connected whether they are doing homework, accessing the latest e-book, or streaming movies at home or on the road.

The hotspots can be checked out the same way as a book or DVD and will provide internet access from almost anywhere to any internet-enabled device, such as a tablet, smartphone or laptop.

The library's wireless mobile hotspots are available at all three library locations and can be checked out for up to three weeks. These hotspots may be renewed if there are no holds or requests for the item. Patrons must have a Fargo Public Library account in good standing to check out a wireless hotspot from the library. The wireless hotspots operate on the Sprint network.

For more information or for help using the hotspots, ask a librarian at any of the library locations, or call the Main Library Information Desk at 701-241-1492.



HOLIDAY HOURS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Dec. 24...Open until Noon (12 p.m.)

Dec. 25...Closed

Dec. 31...Open until 6 p.m.

Jan. 1.....Closed

Jan. 21....Closed

Feb. 18...Closed



Library Events & Notes...

Main Library

102 3rd St. N.

Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday 11–6
Saturday 9–6
Sunday 1–6

Dr. James Carlson Library Branch

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 Branch 476-4040
Children's Services 241-1495
Circulation Desk 241-1472
Information Desk 241-1492
Northport Branch 476-4026
Outreach 241-8111

www.fargolibrary.org



AUTHOR VISIT WITH DR. JACQUELINE BUSSIE: *LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS*

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, award-winning author, public speaker and Concordia religion professor, will do a reading and signing of her new book *Love Without Limits* at the downtown Main Library. Bussie's book, a memoir and how-to guide for love across differences in these divided times, has received rave reviews from the *Chicago Tribune* and *Publisher's Weekly*, who deemed it a "must-read." This event is free and open to the public; books will be available for purchase. Contact Lori West at 701-476-5977 or email lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

BOARD GAMES!



Join us to try out a new game or bring a favorite to play with friends.

Recommended for teens and adults. No registration is required. Call 701-241-1492 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 26 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

Expand your knowledge about the Francophone world with the diversity of French cinema! Join us for six French films, with English subtitles, at the downtown Main Library location. The NDSU Department of Modern Languages, who received a Tournées Film Festival award from the FACE Foundation (French-American Cultural Exchange), is sponsoring the French Film Festival. Film descriptions are at face-foundation.org/tournees-film-festival. All films are free and open to the public. Freepopcorn will be served. Contact Lori West at lwest@fargolibrary.org or Jeanne Hageman at jeanne.hageman@ndsu.edu for details.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. – *Félicité* (2017)**
- **Saturday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. – Family Film Selection: *The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales* (2017)**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. – *Fatima* (2015)**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. – *My Life as a Zucchini* (2016)**
- **Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. – Classic Film Selection: *Jaguar* (1967)**
- **Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. – *The Workshop* (2017)**

FINES ELIMINATED ON CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Earlier this year, the Fargo Public Library eliminated overdue fines for all children's materials. This change increases access to books and materials for children and makes it easier for children to continue to check out books and read.

For many, overdue fines and late fees are a barrier that stops children and families from accessing and benefiting from the resources the library offers. With this initiative, the library hopes to increase access to books and reading, boost literacy and remove barriers for all children in Fargo.

Research shows that materials are generally returned on time and the lack of fines does encourage youngsters to check out more books. The library will continue to charge patrons fees for lost, missing, or damaged items.

For more information about the library's fine policy, visit the policy page on our website or call 701-241-1472.

Event Notes...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

BEGINNER YOGA FOR ADULTS AT CARLSON

This is a class for those who haven't tried yoga before, or who want a refresher. Along with gentle stretching, this class will also teach breathing exercises to provide calmness. Bring a yoga mat if you have one, or a large towel, and wear comfortable clothing that's easy to move in. This program is recommended for adults. Call Lori at 701-476-5977 or email lwest@fargolibrary.org with questions. No registration is required.

Wednesdays – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 5, 19, & 26; Jan. 2, 16, 23, & 30; Feb. 6, 20, & 27

Thursdays – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 6, 13, 20, & 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28

RESTORATIVE YOGA CLASSES AT CARLSON

This winter, the library will offer monthly, 90-minute “Restorative Yoga” classes for adults. Restorative yoga has potential benefits to every person, regardless of age, gender or physical ability. Some possible benefits to practicing restorative yoga include deep relaxation of the physical body and gentle stretching of muscles for increased flexibility. Props are used in the classes for every pose to completely support the body and allow for full relaxation. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat or a large towel and wear comfortable clothing. These classes are recommended for adults and no registration is required. For more information, contact Lori at 701-476-5977.

Monday, Dec. 17 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

BEHIND THE BOOKS: A LIBRARY TOUR (& MURDER MYSTERY) “ENCORE PERFORMANCE”

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at the library? Be careful, you know what they say about curiosity and the cat! Join library staff for a special, after hours tour of the library. What could possibly go wrong? Probably nothing, right?! Be ready to solve the mystery, should there be one. These events are for Adults & Teens (16+). *Pre-registration is required*; register online or call 701-241-1492. Participants must arrive promptly for security reasons. Questions? Call Sarah at 701-241-8295.

Friday, Jan. 25 – Main Library

Session 1 at 6 p.m. & Session 2 at 7:15 p.m.

TEA TASTING

Explore some of the many unique teas available. Samples of four different teas from around the globe will be provided each month, along with brewing tips and relevant information on the background of that month's selection. Bring a friend so you can sip tea and socialize. This event is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required*. Contact Katrina at kgunderson@fargolibrary.org with questions.

Saturday, Jan. 26 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 23 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 27 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Related Resources:

Modern Tea: A Fresh Look at an Ancient Beverage by Lisa Boalt Richardson (Adult Nonfiction)

The Art and Craft of Tea: An Enthusiast's Guide to Selecting, Brewing, and Serving Exquisite Tea by Joseph Uhl (Adult Nonfiction)

Homegrown Tea: An Illustrated Guide to Planting, Harvesting, and Blending Teas and Tisanes by Cassie Liversidge (Adult Nonfiction)

HYGGE: A COZY AFTERNOON



Winter got you down? Join us for an evening in the Danish style of cozy contentment. Wear your comfiest sweater and bring a book to read or a craft to work on. We'll also have some quiet activities prepared if you aren't sure

“how to hygge” yet. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided. Recommended for older teens (15+) and adults. No registration is required. Call Jenilee at 701-241-8123 for more information.

Sunday, February 10 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

Related Resources:

The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living by Meik Wiking (Adult Nonfiction)

How to Hygge: The Nordic Secrets to a Happy Life by Signe Johansen (Adult Nonfiction)

The Simplicity of Cozy: Hygge, Lagom & the Energy of Everyday Pleasures by Melissa Alvarez (Adult Nonfiction)

Programs for Families...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)



Find ALL of the events for Kids & Families in the
Children's Chapter newsletter!
Pick one up at any FPL location or view it online.

WINTER TODDLER, PRESCHOOL & FAMILY STORYTIME SERIES STARTS JAN. 7

The winter session of *Storytime for Preschoolers, Toddlers and Families* begins **Monday, Jan. 7**, and continues through **Wednesday, April 10**. Storytimes are offered at all three library locations. A schedule is available on the library's web-site or at any library location. *Space is limited; pre-registration is required for this free program.* Register online or call the Children's Librarian at 701-241-1495. Daycares or groups with five or more kids must call Children's Services at 701-241-1495 to register. All weekly storytime events count as punch card events.

BABY RHYME TIME

Introduce your baby to books and reading with our storytimes for infants on the **first and third Thursday of each month**. Babies from birth through 18 months, along with their caregivers, are invited to experience songs, finger plays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes. Each session concludes with open play time. No registration is required. One child per grown-up lap, please. Call 701-241-1495 for details.

Thursday, Dec. 6 & 20 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3 & 17 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7 & 21 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

PAWS FOR READING

Our furry friends from Therapy Pets of the Red River Valley are here for more 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 K–6th grade are invited to register for a 15-minute session with one of our non-judgmental listeners. Bring your own books to read or choose a library book to read. Call 701-241-1495 to register.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

SNEAKY ELVES

Shhhh! Don't tell anyone, but there are sneaky elves at the library! They're here to help out with all of your holiday gift-making. All ages are welcome to stop by one of our open house style crafting sessions. A variety of projects for all age levels from young children to adults will be featured. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required. Call 701-241-1495 for details.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Main Library at 6 p.m.

TRAVELING LANTERN THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will be returning to the Main Library this holiday season with a performance of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Kids of all ages are invited to see the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a nasty, mean old geezer with no care for anything but his money. After his one and only friend visits him as a ghost, Ebenezer begins the journey that melts his icy heart and teaches him the joys of caring for, and giving to others. No registration is required for this event.

Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Winter Vacation Events for Families

LEGO® MANIA DESIGN CONTEST

Show off your creativity at the Fargo Public Library's annual Lego Mania Design Contest! Kids 12 and under are invited to participate. Build an original creation at home, then bring it to the Main Library on Thursday, Dec. 27 between 2 and 3 p.m. *Pre-registration is required.* Registration begins Dec. 1 and can be completed by calling Children's Services at 701-241-1495. Before you begin to build, please check out the rules.

Thursday, Dec. 27 – Main Library from 2 to 4 p.m.

'PJ MASKS' ARADE

Who goes into the library to save the day? You do! Grab your favorite pjs and hurry into the library for a PJ Masks New Year's Eve celebration! Don't have a mask? Don't worry! At the PJ 'Masks' arade you can make your own. Then suit up and test out your skills with some superhero activities. We're bringing bedtime into the daytime at the library! Superheroes of all ages are welcome to participate. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required.

Monday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

DIY & Event Notes...

(More events are listed at www.fargolibrary.org)

FAMILY HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERT SET FOR DEC. 8



The library welcomes the Fargo-Moorhead Choral Artists for a Family Holiday Concert. Come to the downtown Main Library to hear favorite holiday songs in a family-friendly setting. Children can join in the music-making with various rhythm instruments, including sleigh bells! For details, contact Beth at 701-241-1492.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

PODCASTING 101 WITH J.J. GORDON & TUCKER LUCAS



Local comedian and radio host J.J. Gordon along with producer Tucker Lucas are the creative and entertaining forces behind the podcast *JJ Meets World*. With over 60 podcast episodes to date, J.J. and Tucker will share the fundamentals of what makes a good podcast, and the basic technical steps you can take to start your own. No registration is required. Contact Lori at 701-476-5977 with questions.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

PODCAST LOVERS UNITE

Love podcasts? Want to talk about podcasts with other people who love podcasts? Or maybe you just want to find some new favorites or learn what this whole podcast thing is even about. True crime, self-help, comedy, pop culture, whatever your fave is – join us for a casual discussion and snacks! Recommended for adults. No registration is required. Contact Jenilee at 701-241-8123 with questions.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

UNRAVELED CRAFTERS CLUB

Calling all crafters from beginners to experienced! The Unraveled Crafters Club will meet this winter at the Dr. James Carlson Library from 1 to 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month. Unraveled Crafters is a friendly group of enthusiastic knitters, crocheters, and crafters. All interested crafters are welcome to join; no registration is required. Contact Lori at 701-476-5977 or lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13 & 27 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10 & 24 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

WINTER ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

This winter the library is offering some art and craft programs for adults (and teens!). Additional programs are listed on the library's online calendar of events. *Pre-registration is required for **most** art or craft sessions.* Register online or call 701-241-1492.

▪ *Bullet Journaling*

Want to get more organized as you start a new year? Learn bullet journaling methods and see lots of examples of how to use your journal – from stripped down to wonderfully embellished. You'll even have a chance to win a bullet journaling starter kit! No registration is required. This program is recommended for adults. Call 701-241-8123 with any questions.

Saturday, Jan. 5 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

▪ *Stamped Tea Towels*

Want to freshen up your kitchen? Join us to make a DIY stamp. Add some paint and you'll leave with custom tea towels! *Pre-registration is required* and opens Dec 29. Register online or call 701-241-1492 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 12 – Main Library at 1 p.m.

▪ *Crocheted Drink Cozy*

Join us as we crochet reusable mug or cup cozies and embellish them. This class is great for those who want to learn or who are beginner crocheters. All materials will be provided. This program is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-1492 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 24 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 2 p.m.

▪ *Sassy Cross Stitch*

Have you seen a sassy cross stitch on Pinterest or Etsy and thought: "I could probably do that"? Learn the basics of cross stitch and start your own project. All materials will be provided. This program is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-1492 for details.

Thursday, Feb. 7 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 2 p.m.

Technology, Films & Book Clubs...

E-BOOKS OPEN HOUSE



Curious about how to access FREE e-books, movies, music, and more from the Fargo Public Library? Stop by with your Kindle, Nook, iPad, Android tablet, or smart phone to learn more about our digital services, including Hoopla, RBDigital, and Overdrive, and use the Library anytime, anywhere! No registration is required. Contact Lori at

701-476-5977 or email lwest@fargolibrary.org with questions.

Thursday, Jan. 10 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

“WORLD WAR I ON SCREEN” FILM SERIES CONTINUES IN DECEMBER

Film historian/collector and former Concordia College professor Tony McRae, along with local film critic Matt Olien, will continue with the final two films in the series featuring classic World War I movies. Films begin at 2 p.m. at the Main Library and will be followed by a brief discussion. Free popcorn!

- **Sunday, Dec. 9 – *Gallipoli*** (1981, PG)
- **Sunday, Dec. 16 – *Testament of Youth*** (2014, PG-13)

FREE FRIDAY MOVIES @ CARLSON

Free Friday movies are screened at the Dr. James Carlson Library on the second Friday of each month at 1 p.m. Free popcorn!

- **Friday, Dec. 14 – *Eddie the Eagle*** (PG-13)
- **Friday, Jan. 11 – *Ocean's Eight*** (PG-13)
- **Friday, Feb. 8 – *Going in Style*** (PG-13)

READING THE WORLD BOOK CLUB

The library's Reading the World Book Club is open to all interested readers. Discussions center on books from a non-Western perspective and are a mix of fiction, memoir, and travel literature. Copies of the titles are available at the Main Library, while supplies last. Contact Beth at 701-241-8198 or email bpostema@fargolibrary.org for more information and a list of upcoming titles. *Reading the World Book Club does not meet in January 2019.*

Thursday, Dec. 6 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *Woman of the Ashes* by Mia Couto

Thursday, Feb. 7 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *The Cavemen Chronicle* by Mihkel Mutt

TEA TIME BOOK CLUB

Tea Time Book Club meets at the Dr. James Carlson Library on the second Monday of the month. No registration is required, and all interested readers are welcome. Tea and dessert are served at each session; feel free to bring a favorite teacup.

Ask at the Dr. James Carlson Library Information desk for each month's selected title. Additional copies of each month's book are available, while supplies last. Contact Katrina at kgunderson@fargolibrary.org for details.

Monday, Dec. 10 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig

Monday, Jan. 14 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Monday, Feb. 11 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne

NORTHPORT CLASSICS BOOK CLUB



The Northport Classics Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month (September–May) at the Northport Library. Interested readers can contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org for details

and a list of upcoming titles.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *The Song of the Lark* by Willa Cather

Wednesday, Feb. 20 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Interested in recent historical events and the people, places, and actions that caused them? The History Book Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Main Library and is open to all interested readers. Additional copies of each book are available, while supplies last. Contact Steve at 701-241-1492 for a list of upcoming titles. *Current History Book Club does not meet in December.* The next meeting is **January 29.**

Tuesday, Jan. 29 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *The Billion Dollar Spy: A True Story of Cold War Espionage and Betrayal* by David E. Hoffman

Tuesday, Feb. 26 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia* by Michael McFaul

Teen Programs (11 – 18 years old) & More

CLAY GINGERBREAD ORNAMENTS

We'll provide all the materials necessary to make a festive and fun holiday ornament. For teens in grades 6-12. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-476-5978 for details.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 – Northport Library at 4 p.m.

GRAPHIC NOVEL MEET N' GREET

You love your favorite graphic novel or comic book series so much, you know *everything* about it! Now you want to read something new, but you're not sure what to try. Head to the library and "meet" some new suggested graphic novels to consider while you geek out with other graphic novel fans over snacks and a simple comic book craft. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-8295 for more details.

Monday, Jan. 14 – Main Library at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 4 p.m.

TEEN VALENTINE'S PARTY & ANTI-VALENTINE'S PARTY

Are you a lover or a loner? Are you into sweets, rom-coms, and valentine's gifts, or would you rather wear black, be snarky, and eat chips and dip? Maybe you're somewhere in-between. Come celebrate with like-minded 'tweens and teens at our Valentine's and Anti-Valentine's festivities. Watch a romance or an action movie, eat sweets or eat savorys, work on a valentine craft for someone special or make a unique, gloomy craft just for you. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-8295 for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Main Library at 4 p.m.

A Valentine's Party – Fercho Room

Anti-Valentine's Party – Dawson Room

NERF CHALLENGE FOR TEENS & 'TWEENS

It's time to beat cabin fever and test your Nerf skills. Practice your precision and accuracy, try out your strategy, and finally have a Nerf showdown. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-8295 for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21 – Main Library at 4 p.m.

For Adults & Teens

LIBRARY'S WINTER WRITING PROJECT RETURNS



Not only is winter a great time to read, it is also a great time to write. The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for *Northern Narratives*, the library's third annual winter writing project for adults and teens 13 years and older. Selected submissions will be included in the library's North Dakota Collection.

Submissions will be accepted through **Monday, March 4, 2019**. Submissions will be only be accepted online at <https://fargolibrary.wufoo.com/code/northern-narratives-2019>. All of the guidelines and rules for the project are available on the library's **Northern Narratives** webpage. For more information, email NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org or call Sunny at 701-298-6956.

We will accept the following submission types:

Short Stories: 1,500 – 6,000 words

Essays: 1,000 – 2,500 words

Poems: less than 750 words

Material selected for the *Northern Narratives* print publication will be announced in April. All submissions must be original, unpublished, proofread, and edited works. All entries are final and stories will not be returned. The selection committee reserves the right to withhold publication at their discretion.

Chosen selections shall be subject to "first rights" copyright. Any future publication, unrelated to the Fargo Public Library, shall require appropriate attribution.

Open writing sessions will be held on the following dates. All authors are encouraged to attend a workshop to have their piece reviewed by one of our handy writing helpers. Pre-registration is required. Register online or call 701-241-1492.
Thursday, Dec. 27 – 6:30-8 pm Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 11 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 11 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.



This project is generously supported by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.

Outside-the-Library Events & Library Notes...

LIBRARY'S GO CLUB

All ages and skill levels are invited to participate in the Fargo Public Library's new Go Club! Go is a Chinese board game older than chess and arguably more sophisticated, while having very simple rules. No pre-registration is required. The library's Go Club is free and open to all ages and abilities. For details, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701-241-1492 or visit our website.

Wednesdays – Main Library at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5, 12, 19, & 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27

LIBRARY'S CHESS CLUB

All ages and skill levels are invited to participate in the Fargo Public Library's Chess Club! No pre-registration is required. Local chess expert Joe McNamara leads the sessions. The library's Chess Club is free and open to all ages; registration is not required. For details, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701-241-1492 or visit our website.

Thursdays – Main Library from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 6, 13, 20, & 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, & 24; Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28

Outside-the-FPL Events

SILENT READING PARTY @ FRONT STREET TAPROOM

B.Y.O.Book (or pick a librarian-selected title), order a beverage, and read together—independently. Pick a cozy spot in Front Street Taproom's Mezzanine and read uninterrupted as vinyl plays in the background and Fargo Public Library staff are on hand to check out books & provide snacks. Please note: this event is for adults (21+).

Sunday, Dec. 16 – Front Street Taproom (614 Main Ave.) from 3 to 5 p.m.

BE A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

All it takes to be a library hero is a few hours two days a month. That's it. You can be a hero by taking the library out to people who love to read but can't get to the library themselves. Through the Fargo Public Library's Outreach program, readers at local senior centers, nursing homes, and senior apartments get books, movies, music, and information about the world. And you get to be a hero. No cape necessary. To get your hero on, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pam Strait at pstrait@fargolibrary.org or call 701-241-8111.

Growing to Meet the Future

FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fargo Public Library serves as a vital center of knowledge and is an integral part of our vibrant community. A social and intellectual gathering place for everyone, the Fargo Public Library provides lifelong learning opportunities and library resources for all. Gifts to the library's endowment fund will continue to enhance and enrich library programs and library experiences for future generations.

If you are interested in giving to the library's endowment fund, or if you need additional information regarding the library's endowment fund, please contact Library Director Tim Dirks at 701-241-1493 or email tdirks@fargolibrary.org.

Donations to the Fargo Public Library Endowment Fund are eligible for the North Dakota Charitable Income Tax Credit. Through the North Dakota Charitable Income Tax Credit, you can claim a credit of 40% on a donation to a qualified North Dakota charitable organization. Consult your tax advisor for more information, or call the FM Area Foundation at 701-234-0756.

PARKING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Wondering where to park at the downtown Main Library this winter? Parking is available in the library's west parking lot along 4th Street North. Parking is also available in the Civic Center Quad parking lot located north of the Main Library between the Civic Center and the library. More parking can be found in the Civic Center/Library parking lot located east of the building along 3rd Street North. Library patrons park for free when using these lots each day. These spots have a 3-hour time limit in order to accommodate as many library patrons as possible each day. *Handicapped parking spaces are available in all three parking lots.*