

2009 – 2019: The Main Library Building's 10 Years of Service

Celebrating a Decade of Growth

Join the staff and Friends of the Fargo Public Library in April and May as together we celebrate the success and achievements of the Fargo Public Library since our current Main Library building opened on April 29, 2009. What first began as a dream in 2004 of a new and bigger library to meet the needs of a growing city took shape a decade ago; now we are celebrating how that dream has become a successful reality!

The Fargo Public Library will be hosting a series of events for the public to celebrate the Main Library building's 10-year anniversary:

- **Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.**
Day of the Book presentation and discussion on **“Don Quixote: What Makes the Modern Novel Modern?”** with Dr. Carlos Hawley, Professor of Spanish at NDSU, at the **Main Library**.
- **Monday, April 29 from 4 to 7 p.m.**
Reception and Open House. A short presentation by Fargo Mayor, Dr. Tim Mahoney, and Library Director, Tim Dirks, is scheduled for **5 p.m.** at the **Main Library**. Light refreshments and live music featuring the Dave Ferreira Trio will also be part of the festivities.



- **Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.**
Library Trivia Night at the **Main Library** will test your knowledge of library and book-related trivia. Prizes will be awarded. Groups and individuals are welcome and *pre-registration is requested, but not required*. Call Amber Emery at 701-241-1495 for details.
- **Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.**
Author visit and discussion with **William Kent Krueger**, best-selling writer of the Cork O'Connor mystery series and also the novel *Ordinary Grace*, at the **Main Library**.

This community celebration is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.



How the Library Has Grown in 10 Years

Just how successful have the last ten years been for the Main Library? Here are some examples:

- There have been **2,571,069 visits** to the Main Library since April 29, 2009. If you lined up 2.5 million people shoulder to shoulder, the line would go from Fargo all the way to Seattle – a little over **1,200 miles** away!
- Over **5,100,000 items** have checked out of the Main Library in the past decade. If each of those 5.1

million items was a book that was an inch and a half thick, that book shelf would stretch from Fargo to Aberdeen, SD – **120 miles** away!

While the Fargo Public Library has grown in service significantly over the past ten years, so has our city. Fargo now has over 33,000 more residents than it did in 2009. So we continue to strive to keep up with our community's growth by providing effective and efficient library services for all.



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

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BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST FOR ARTISTS OF ALL AGES



Calling all artists! Entries are now being accepted for the Fargo Public Library's annual **Design-a-Bookmark Contest**. The contest is open to **teens**, ages 13 to 18, and **kids**, ages birth through age 12, and, for the first time, **adults** 19 and older can enter, too. The bookmark design contest runs **March 1 through March 31**. Entry forms and contest rules can be picked up at any library location and are also available on the library's website. Entries will be accepted at all three library locations and must be submitted on or before Sunday, March 31. Library staff will vote to determine the winners of the contest; winners will be announced in mid-April. Winning bookmark designs will be printed and distributed at all three library locations.

Adult Contest: Two winners will be selected for the adult contest; adults 19 and older are welcome to submit up to two designs. All design entries will also be displayed at the Dr. James Carlson Library. For further information, visit the library's website or call Jenilee at 701-241-8123 or email jkanenwisher@fargolibrary.org.

Teen Contest: Two winners will be selected for the teen contest – one for each age group: 13 to 15 years, and 16 to 18 years; teens are welcome to submit up to two designs. All design entries will be displayed at the Dr. James Carlson Library. For further information, visit the library's website or call Sara M. at 701-298-6960 or email teens@fargolibrary.org.

Kids' Contest: Three winners will be selected for the kids' contest – one for each age group: 0 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years, and 9 to 12 years; children are welcome to submit up to three designs. All design entries will be displayed in the Children's Department at the Main Library. For further information, visit the library's website or call Children's Services at 701-241-1495 or email kids@fargolibrary.org.

CULTURAL EVENT FEATURING IRAN IS MARCH 24



Join us for a presentation titled **“From Saffron & Rosewater to Blood & Oil: Iran and Its Culture”** presented by Miriam Dashtipour. Ms. Dashtipour is biracial, Iranian-American, and is the first generation on her Iranian side to have been born in the United States. Her dual citizenship with Iran has enabled her to obtain knowledge and observations of modern-day Iran through an American lens. She will discuss the history, culture, political system, geography, and religion to help people better understand the country and its people. Light snacks will be served. This program is in partnership with Cultural Diversity Resources and is open to all ages. Contact Melisa at 701-476-4076 or at mduncan@fargolibrary.org for details.

Sunday, March 24 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

FARGO HISTORY PRESENTATION BY MARK PEIHL MARCH 27

Mark Peihl, archivist and researcher with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, will lecture on two topics in the community room of the downtown Main Library. First, Mark will discuss the history of the Mid-America Steel company site in downtown Fargo, an area that was significant in Fargo's early history. Mark will also discuss the days of electric trolleys in Fargo-Moorhead. The trolley system served the FM area for several decades before automobiles ruled the day. All ages are welcome. Contact Steve 701-241-1492 for further information.

Wednesday March 27 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Event Notes...

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

FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE DEMO MARCH 27

As a cooperating collection of the Foundation Center, the Fargo Public Library provides access to resources on grants and foundations, including the new and improved *Foundation Directory Online*. Join us for a demonstration of what this online resource can provide when searching for funding possibilities. The Foundation Center is phasing out its print material which means that *Foundation Directory Online* will soon be the **only** way to search for grants. This session will help ease you into this online grant-seeking source. For more information, call Greg at 701-241-1492 or visit the Information Desk at the Main Library.

Wednesday, March 27 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

POETRY DAY IS APRIL 6

■ *Reading and Q&A Session with ND Poet Laureate Larry Woiwode*

In celebration of National Poetry Month, North Dakota Poet Laureate Larry Woiwode will read selections of his work for the F/M community. An accomplished poet and novelist, the North Dakota native has won many accolades over the years and was even a finalist for the National Book Award. Woiwode has held the position of ND Poet Laureate since 1995 and currently teaches at University of Jamestown. Refreshments will be provided. This program is made possible with the assistance of the ND Council on the Arts. Contact Andy via email at agustafson@fargolibrary.org or call 701-476-4040 for details.

Saturday, April 6 – Main Library at 1 p.m.

Related Resources

The Neumiller Stories by Larry Woiwode (Adult Fiction)

What I Think I Did: A Season of Survival in Two Acts by Larry Woiwode (Biography)

*Even Tide** by Larry Woiwode (North Dakota Collection)

* *This book of poetry does not circulate.*

■ *Favorite Poem Reading*

Inspired by Robert Pinsky's Favorite Poem Project, the FPL is hosting a Favorite Poem Reading with special guest Larry Woiwode. The ND Poet Laureate will lead the community in celebrating the importance of poetry in our lives as we read our favorites out loud, as they are meant to be. Whether you are new to poetry or a lifelong lover of verse, you won't want to miss it! Refreshments will be provided. This program is made possible with the assistance of the ND Council on the Arts.



For those who'd like to stand up and share their favorite poem with the community, please contact Andy at 701-476-4040 or email agustafson@fargolibrary.org. Poetry reading spots are limited.

Saturday, April 6 – Main Library at 3 p.m.

Related Resources

An Invitation to Poetry: A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz (Adult Nonfiction)

North Dakota Is Everywhere: An Anthology of Contemporary North Dakota Poets edited by Heidi Czerwiec (Adult Nonfiction)

COMING THIS SPRING: A SEED LIBRARY!

Are you new to gardening and don't know where to start? Tired of seeing the same varieties? Try out some seeds for free! Starting this spring, the Fargo Public Library will offer a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds to the public while supplies last (limit of 5 packets per person). For details, contact Sunny at 701-241-1472.

GARDENING SERIES RETURNS IN MAY

Get your green thumb ready for spring and summer with a 4-part series of informational and hands-on gardening sessions at the downtown Main Library. Topics and presenters will be announced at a later date. For details, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701-241-1492.

Tuesday, May 7 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

■ *Blossom Barter – Come with Plants to Trade!*

The Blossom Barter is an opportunity to share your love of gardening with your neighbors. Participants are asked to bring healthy divided or sprouted bedding plants to exchange.

Tuesday, May 28 – Main Library at 7 p.m.



Friends of the Fargo Public Library

**10TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKSTORE
BOOK SALE**

MAIN LIBRARY

FRIDAY, MAY 3 – 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 – 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 5 – 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.**

** *BAG SALE ON SUNDAY, MAY 5*



Films & Book Clubs...

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

SPRING FILM SERIES FEATURES WESTERNS

Film historian/collector and former Concordia College professor Tony McRae, along with local film critic Matt Olien, will screen four classic western films this spring. Films begin at 2 p.m. at the Main Library and will be followed by a brief discussion.

- **Sunday, March 31** – *My Darling Clementine* (1946)
- **Sunday, April 7** – *The Searchers* (1956)
- **Sunday, April 28** – *The Professionals* (1966)
- **Sunday, May 5** – *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (1969, PG)

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, March 8** – *Crazy Rich Asians* (PG-13)
- **Friday, April 12** – *Green Book* (PG-13)
- **Friday, May 10** – *Instant Family* (PG-13)

HOME. THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN NORTH DAKOTA DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Join The Human Family, a local nonprofit promoting human rights and social justice through film and art, for a screening of *Home. The Homelessness Crisis in North Dakota*. Understanding housing as a human right and as an inherent need to the health and happiness of all persons, the documentary examines the myths of homelessness and its causes, and identifies the statewide organizations and individuals currently engaged in the fight to end homelessness in North Dakota. A panel discussion featuring area experts will follow the screening. No registration is required. Contact Lori West at 701-476-5977 or lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

Wednesday, April 24 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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

Title: *A Beautiful Young Woman* by Julián López

Thursday, April 4 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir* by Thi Bui

Thursday, May 2 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *God in Pink* by Hasan Namir

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

Title: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Monday, April 8 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

Monday, May 13 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *Educated* by Tara Westover

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

Title: *The Virginian* by Owen Wister

Wednesday, April 17 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *The Godfather* by Mario Puzo

Wednesday, May 15 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Title: *A Death in the Family* by James Agee

HISTORY BOOK CLUB

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.

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

Title: *Energy: A Human History* by Richard Rhodes

Tuesday, April 30 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *Zucked: Waking Up to the Facebook Catastrophe* by Roger McNamee

Tuesday, May 28 – Main Library at 7 p.m.

Title: *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treuer

DIY & Event Notes...

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

UNRAVELED CRAFTERS CLUB

The Unraveled Crafters Club meets twice per month on Sundays (Sept. – April) at the Dr. James Carlson Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Unraveled Crafters is a friendly group of enthusiastic knitters, crocheters, and crafters. All interested crafters are welcome; no registration is required. Contact Lori at 701-476-5977 or lwest@fargolibrary.org for details.

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

Sunday, April 14 & 28 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 1 p.m.

SPRING CRAFT WORKSHOPS

This spring 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.

▪ *Corner to Corner Crochet*

Have you seen “C2C” on a crochet pattern or on Pinterest and want to know what that’s all about? Learn the basics of Corner to Corner (C2C) crochet and once you’ve learned the basic technique, you’ll be able to apply it to square and rectangle projects like blankets, dishcloths, and more. This class expands upon basic crochet skills. All materials will be provided. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online or call 701-241-1354 for more information.

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

Saturday, March 9 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Related Resources

Learn to Crochet, Love to Crochet by Anna Wilkinson (Adult Nonfiction)

Corner to Corner Crochet: 15 Contemporary C2C Projects by Jess Coppom (Ebook available on Hoopla)

▪ *Rag Wreath*

Learn an easy technique to make a cheerful spring wreath. All supplies will be provided. This workshop is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens March 24. Register online or contact Jenilee at jukanenwish-er@fargolibrary.org or 701-241-1492 for more details.

Sunday, April 14 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

▪ *DIY Tassels*

Make a pendant, earrings, or a keychain in whatever colors you desire. All materials will be provided. This program is recommended for adults. *Pre-registration is required* and opens April 18. Register online or call 701-241-1492 for more details.

Thursday, May 9 – Northport Library at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Related Resources:

Never Been Stitched: 45 No-Sew & Low-Sew Projects by Amanda Carestio (Adult Nonfiction)

Creative Leather Jewelry: 21 Stylish Projects That Make a Statement by Christina Anton (Adult Nonfiction)

BEGINNER YOGA FOR ADULTS AT CARLSON

These classes are for those who haven’t tried yoga before, or who want a refresher. 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 for adults. No registration is required. Contact Lori at lwest@fargolibrary.org or at 701-476-5977 for details.

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

March 6 & 20; April 3, 17, & 24; May 1, 15, 22, & 29

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

March 7, 14, 21, & 28; April 4, 18, & 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

SPRING RESTORATIVE YOGA CLASSES AT CARLSON

The library continues to offer monthly, 90-minute “Restorative Yoga” classes for adults. Restorative yoga has potential benefits to every person, regardless of age, gender, or physical ability. Please 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, March 4 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Monday, April 1 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 p.m.

Monday, May 6 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 6 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.* If you have questions, contact Katrina at kgunderson@fargolibrary.org.

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

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

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.

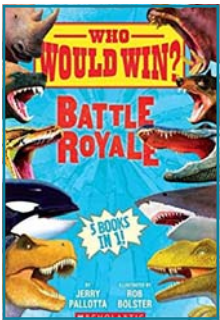
TODDLER, PRESCHOOL & FAMILY STORYTIME SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 10

The spring session of *Storytime for Preschoolers, Toddlers and Families* continues through **Wednesday, April 10**. Storytimes are offered at all three library locations. A schedule is available on the library's website 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. Day-cares 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.

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, March 9 – Main Library at 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 13 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JERRY PALLOTTA TO VISIT APRIL 10



Award-winning children's book author Jerry Pallotta will visit the Main Library. The writer of both fiction and non-fiction will share his journey from insurance salesman to published author of numerous books, including the popular *Who Would Win?* series. Learn Pallotta's story and some tricks of the writing trade at this all-ages event. This program is

made possible through a partnership with the Valley Reading Council. No pre-registration is required and books will be available for purchase.

Wednesday, April 10 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

EARTH DAY 2019: CELEBRATE OUR EARTH

Celebrated around the world on April 22, Earth Day is an annual event highlighting environmental protection and harmony with nature. This year, along with the City of Fargo, we'll have activities to help our community keep our Earth beautiful. There will be a tree planting expert on hand as well as a tree giveaway sponsored by the North Dakota Forestry Service. A recycling expert will show us how to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Weather permitting, we may also assist our parks department and pick up litter at a nearby park or along the river. This event is most appropriate for families with children ages 4 and up. No pre-registration is required.
Monday, April 22 – Main Library at 6 p.m.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PARTIES



It's been a little over a year since the Fargo Public Library introduced the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to the community and the response has been extraordinary! Help us commemorate our first anniversary with a party. Whether you've completed 10, 100, or 1,000 books, come celebrate your success! Don't know what the 1,000 Books program is? Stop by to find out more information and sign up. These events are open to all ages, but are most appropriate for children ages 5 and younger. We'll have read-aloud activities, crafts, and snacks. No pre-registration is required; all materials will be provided.

Tuesday, April 30 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 4 – Main Library at 10 a.m.

WORMS AND DIRT AND GNOMES, OH MY!

North Dakota Master Gardeners will give the dirt on all things botanical at this family gardening event! Get first-hand experience with the process of pollination and learn about the food you eat. Make your own gnome hideaway and enjoy the magic of germination. Discover how to use sunlight to create fantastic foliar prints. For those kids who don't mind a few creepy crawlies, make your own mini-vermicomposting bottle and learn how you can compost at home. This event is open to ages 4 and up. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required to attend. Call 701-241-1495 to for details.

Saturday, May 4 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Teen Events & Library Notes...

(For Teens 11 – 18 years old)

GLow GAMES FOR TWEENS AND TEENS



Feeling dull this winter? Come get your shine on at our first glow games event. Enjoy bowling, ring-toss, Jenga-style stacking games, and more of your favorite games as you play them in the dark. Wear your favorite neon or glow in the dark gear. Snacks and beverages will be

provided. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online at www.fargolibrary.org/teen or call 701-298-6960.

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

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

HERE THERE BE DRAGONS!

Come one and all for a celebration of dragons! Set out on a Dragon Quest, work on a dragon craft, and stay fueled up on themed snacks. Whether you prefer reading about dragons as heroes, (*Wings of Fire*, *Dragonmatch*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Seraphina*, etc.) or think of them as the villain of the story (*The Hobbit*, *Harry Potter*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, fairytales, legends, etc.) there'll be something for you. Geared towards older kids (ages 10 and up), tweens, and teens. All materials will be provided and no pre-registration is required. Call 701-241-8295 for details.

Thursday, April 11 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

GREAT SCIENCE FOR TEENS

We'll be hosting an all new edition of Great Science for Teens led by Dr. Graeme Wyllie of Concordia College with fun science experiments made just for teens in grades 6-12. All materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required* and opens March 19. Register online at www.fargolibrary.org/teen or call 701-241-8295.

Tuesday, April 16 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

TINY TEA PARTY & CRAFT FOR 'TWEENS, TEENS, AND ADULTS

Itsy bitsy things are just so cute! You're invited to enjoy mini refreshments and create a tiny craft at our first ever tiny tea party! Open to 'tweens, teens, and adults. *Pre-registration is required.* Register online at www.fargolibrary.org/teen or call 701-241-8295 for details.

Tuesday, April 23 – Dr. James Carlson Library at 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 25 – Main Library at 6 p.m.

BOARD GAME BLOWOUT!

Join us to try out a new game or bring a favorite to play with friends. Open to kids, teens, adults, and families. No registration is required. Call 701-241-1492 for more information.

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

Saturday, April 27 – Main Library at 2 p.m.

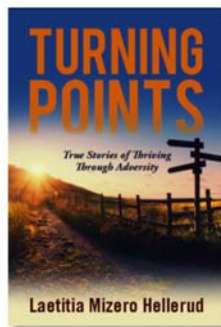
DON'T FALL FOR SPRINGTIME SCAMS

With spring and building season upon us, the Better Business Bureau has tips for hiring a contractor, landscaping service, and more. Join Gary Johnson from the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota and learn what to ask before your project starts. No registration is required. Contact Lori West at 701-476-5977 for details.

Monday, April 15 – Northport Library at 2 p.m.

Monday, April 15 – Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

TURNING POINTS WITH AUTHOR LAETITIA MIZERO HELLERUD



Join us for a book reading and discussion with local author Laetitia Mizero Hellerud as she shares her book, *Turning Points: True Stories of Thriving Through Adversity*. Ms. Mizero Hellerud shares what she has learned about adversity with true stories that offer proof that you can move through and beyond pain with grace and character. Books will be available for purchase. Contact

Beth Postema at 701-241-1492 or at bpostema@fargolibrary.org for details.

Saturday, May 4 – Main Library at 4 p.m.

LIBRARY'S CHESS CLUB MEETS THURSDAYS

Join the Fargo Public Library's Chess Club. An informal club open to players of all ages and skill levels, the club meets **Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the downtown **Main Library**. Upcoming dates are **March 7, 14, 21, and 28; April 4, 11, 18, and 25; and May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. Local chess expert Joe McNamara facilitates and leads the sessions. The library's Chess Club is free and open to all ages; registration is not required. For more information, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701-241-1492.

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

Outside-the-FPL Events

SILENT READING PARTY @ WILD TERRA

B.Y.O.Book (or pick a librarian-selected title), order a beverage, and read together—independently. Pick a cozy spot in Wild Terra's loft area and read uninterrupted. Fargo Public Library staff will be on hand to check out books and provide snacks. Please note: this event is for adults (21+). For details, call 701-241-8295.

Sunday, March 24 – Wild Terra (6 12th St. N.) from 2 to 4 p.m.

NATIONAL LIBRARY Week: LIBRARIES & STRONG COMMUNITIES

Join us in celebrating National Library Week during the week of April 7-13, 2019. National Library Week was started in 1958 by the American Library Association (ALA) in an effort to celebrate and promote all libraries. This year's National Library Week theme is "Libraries = Strong Communities."

Libraries play an integral role in their communities. They are not merely places of books and quiet, but places of information and ways to improve one's quality of life. Libraries are continually evolving in order to better meet the community's needs. The Fargo Public Library strives to make the Fargo area stronger by providing the services that help people in the community to have better lives. We welcome you to visit and explore the Fargo Public Library to discover and learn about all of its collections and resources.

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.

Library Hours

All Fargo Public Library locations will be closed Friday, April 19, and Sunday, April 21, for the Easter holiday. Library locations will also be closed Sunday, May 26, and Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

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PARKING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Wondering where to park at the downtown Main Library this spring? 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.*



The Fargo Public Library's Summer Reading Program (for kids, teens & adults) starts June 3.