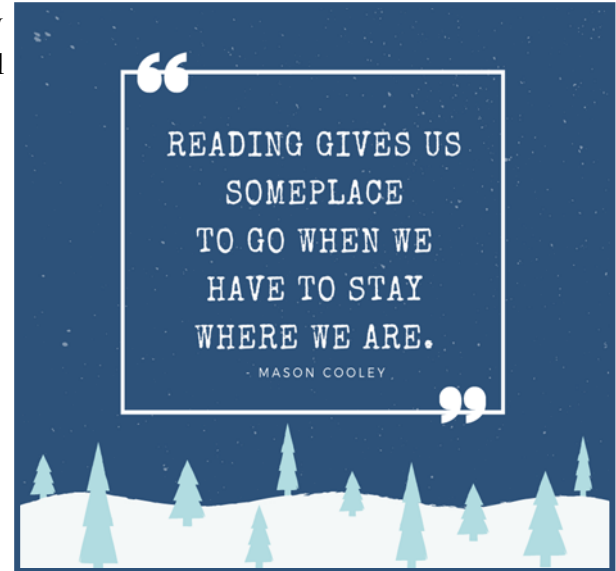


## Winter Read-a-Thon Starts January 4

While the pandemic and the cold, wintery weather may keep us at home, we can still find places to go when we read. Once again, the library invites readers of all ages, from babies to adults, to pick up a book (or two, or three) during the **2021 Winter Read-A-Thon** and travel to magical worlds, other countries, or through time – and earn prizes while reading. The Winter Read-a-thon runs **Jan. 4 through Feb. 28.**

[fargolibrary.readsquared.com](http://fargolibrary.readsquared.com).

It's easy to participate. This year's winter reading program is online at [fargolibrary.readsquared.com](http://fargolibrary.readsquared.com), an online service designed for readers to log the time they spend reading in order to earn prizes for their efforts. Visit the library's READsquared website at [fargolibrary.readsquared.com](http://fargolibrary.readsquared.com), or download the app for Android or Apple to get started. Book logs are also available online and can be printed at home. All readers are encouraged to read to earn chances to enter prize drawings. Book logs are due on or before Sunday, Feb. 28, to be eligible for prizes and prize drawings. Prize drawings will be held in early March.



For more information about the library's winter reading program for all ages, contact the Main Library Information Desk at 701.241.1492, the Dr. James Carlson Library Information Desk at 701.476.5980, or the Northport Library at 701.476.4026, or visit the library's website at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).

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*Fargo Public Library programs are free and open to the public.*

## Coming Soon: Library's Books by Mail Service

Do you have difficulty reading standard printed materials and are unable to leave home because of a temporary or permanent disability? You may be eligible for the library's newest free Books by Mail service. City of Fargo residents can qualify to

borrow large print books, audiobooks, DVDs, and CDs through the mail. To find out if you qualify or for more information, call the Outreach Dept. at 701.298.6954 or email [outreach@fargolibrary.org](mailto:outreach@fargolibrary.org).



# Library Events & Notes...

(More resources and information at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## Curbside Hours (as of 1/1/2021)

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

Monday–Thursday .. 10–8  
Friday ..... 10–6  
Saturday ..... 10–6  
Sunday ..... Closed

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

Monday–Thursday .. 10–8  
Friday ..... 10–6  
Saturday ..... 10–6  
Sunday ..... Closed

**Northport Branch**  
2714 N. Broadway

Monday–Thursday .. 10–8  
Friday ..... 10–6  
Saturday ..... 10–6  
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](http://www.fargolibrary.org)



## LIBRARY'S FIFTH ANNUAL NORTHERN NARRATIVES WRITING PROJECT RETURNS



Writers, start your engines! The Fargo Public Library is seeking submissions for our fifth annual Northern Narratives, a writing project that aims to inspire regional writers and serve as a community heirloom. We are accepting submissions **January 15 through March 29, 2021** in three categories: short story, essay, and poetry. The program is open to adults and teens 13 years or older. All rules and guidelines are available on the library's website at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org). If you have further questions, please email [NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org](mailto:NorthernNarratives@fargolibrary.org) or call Sunny at 701.298.6956.

### 2021 Submission Categories:

**Short Stories:** 1,500 – 6,000 words

**Essays:** 1,000 – 2,500 words

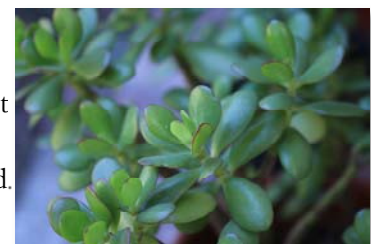
**Poems:** less than 750 words

## LIBRARY'S SECOND ANNUAL NORTHERN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

SAY CHEESE! The library is hosting the second annual Northern Focus photography project in conjunction with our Northern Narratives writing project. We are asking regional amateur photographers to send us their best work to grace our downtown location in a photo exhibit – and one lucky artist will get their photograph on the front cover of Northern Narratives 2021! We are accepting submissions **April 5 through May 31, 2021**. The program is open to adults and teens 13 years or older. Please see all rules and guidelines on the library's website at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org). If you have further questions, please call Melisa Duncan at 701.476.4076 or email [mduncan@fargolibrary.org](mailto:mduncan@fargolibrary.org).

## GO & GROW: HOUSEPLANT SERIES STARTS JAN. 19

Does quarantine life have you dreaming of becoming a plant parent? Set off on your leafy new venture with the Go & Grow houseplant series from the library! Register online to pick-up a starter houseplant at the Main Library. A video or two will be available online with tips to becoming a successful plant parent. Plants and supplies are limited. *Pre-registration is required*; registration opens two (2) weeks before each houseplant session. Contact Drea at 701.241.1472 or email [dcook@fargolibrary.org](mailto:dcook@fargolibrary.org) for details. Upcoming dates and featured plants:



**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** *Chlorophytum comosum* – Spider Plant (pet safe)

**Monday, Feb. 1:** *Crassula ovata* – Jade

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:** *Plectranthus verticillatus* – Swedish Ivy (pet safe)

**Monday, March 1:** *Begonia Erythrophylla* – Beefsteak Begonia

**Monday, March 15:** *Hoya* – Hoya (pet safe)

**Monday, March 29:** *Epipremnum aureum* – Golden Pothos

**Monday, April 5:** *Schlumbergera* – Christmas Cactus (pet safe)

**Monday, April 19:** *Schefflera arboricola* – Dwarf Umbrella Tree

## COMING THIS SPRING: OUR SEED LIBRARY IS BACK!

Are you new to gardening and don't know where to start? Tired of growing the same varieties? Try out some seeds for free! Once again, 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). Contact Sunny at 701.241.1472.

# Library Events...

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## SPICE CLUB: A TAKE AND MAKE COOKING CLUB



Looking to spice things up in the kitchen? Join us for Spice Club. Each month will feature a different spice. Upon registration, we'll provide a packet of the spice, brief background information, and a suggested cookbook list for finding recipes. Of course, you're free to discover your own recipes. Then we'll share our results with the club through pictures and online social media posts and have the option to meet virtually to chat about how our recipes turned out, what we want to try next, and what we thought of the spice. Packets are limited. *Pre-registration is required*, and opens January 4. Once you have registered online, you will receive information on how to pick up the spice packet and meet virtually. Contact Sarah N. at 701.241.8295 for details.

### Upcoming Spice Club Dates:

**January 18 – 25: Cardamom**

**February 15 – 22: *Spice to be announced***

**March 15 – 22: *Spice to be announced***

## VIRTUAL MOVIE DISCUSSION CLUB

If you consider yourself a movie buff or an amateur film critic – or if you just enjoy watching movies and talking about them – the Movie Discussion Club may be right for you! Join us online on the third Tuesday in January, February, and March at 6:30 p.m. to discuss movie related topics with local film critic Matt Olien. *Pre-registration is required*. Once registered, you will receive an email regarding the virtual meeting details. For details, contact Lori West at [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org).

**Tuesday, Jan. 19 – Movies in the Time of COVID**

**Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Life-Changing Movies**

**Tuesday, March 16 – The Oscar Awards**



## VIRTUAL TRIVIA EVENTS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Test your knowledge with more virtual library trivia events. Gather your household or call up your friends to form your team and join us for an evening of online trivia from the comfort and safety of your own home. This spring, virtual trivia events will be held on the fourth Monday of

the month from 7 to 9 p.m. *Pre-registration is required*. Register online. Participants will receive an email with details regarding the virtual sign-in. For more information, contact Megan at 701.241.1492.

### Upcoming dates and topics:

**Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. – *Through the Years***

**Monday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. – *Schitt's Creek***

**Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. – *Marvel***

**Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. – *Games* (board games, video games, etc.)**

**Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. – *Books* (classics, children's, best sellers, etc.)**

## TEA TASTING TO GO

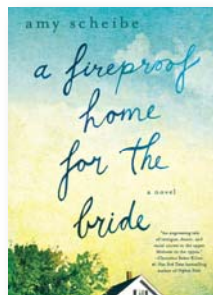


Explore unique teas from around the world! Four (4) teas will be provided along with brewing instructions. Register online starting Jan. 18. Then stop by one of the three Fargo Public Library locations Monday-Friday during

regular library hours to pick up your tea. *Pre-registration is required*. Email Katrina at [kgunderson@fargolibrary.org](mailto:kgunderson@fargolibrary.org) for details.

**Monday, Feb. 1 – Friday, Feb. 5**

## A FIREPROOF HOME FOR THE BRIDE BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR AMY SCHEIBE



Author Amy Scheibe will join us for a discussion of her 2015 book *A Fireproof Home for the Bride*. Set in 1950s Minnesota and North Dakota, the novel is a classic coming-of-age story featuring 18-year-old Emmy Nelson, who becomes swept up in a family secret when she attempts to step outside her parents' rules in order to follow her heart. The book captures a time when women's roles were being rapidly redefined, and when a country that had been united in the wake of World War II was starting to fray along the weaker seams of prejudice. *Pre-registration is required*.

Once registered, you will receive an email and link regarding the virtual meeting details. A limited number of copies of the book are available. Email [lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org) for details.

**Thursday, Feb. 25 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

# Library Events...

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://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.

## DIAL-A-STORY ADDS CHILDREN'S LINE STARTING JANUARY 11



If you ever wished you could hear a story, a poem, or even a joke at any time, day or night, now you can. Call the Library's Dial-A-Story line at 701.298.6927 anytime and choose the children's

option; new recordings are available every Monday starting Jan. 11. Kids' selections are recorded by Children's Library staff and are up to 5 minutes in length. Dial-A-Story can be accessed from any phone.

## WINTER & SPRING STORYWALKS®: OUTDOOR LITERACY ACTIVITIES

Get outside this winter and spring and enjoy a stroll through both of the library's area StoryWalks® featuring books that change every few months. StoryWalks® are a series of 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. . These StoryWalks® are a free activity available during regular park hours.

The **Brunsdale Park StoryWalk®** is located at 1702 27th Ave. S. in Fargo. 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.

Upcoming stories at **Brunsdale Park:**

*If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor (Jan. – May)

*I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison (May – Sept.)

The **Sodbuster Plaza** near the downtown Main Library also features a temporary StoryWalk®. Upcoming stories at the *Sodbuster Plaza*:

*Dancing Feet* by Lindsay Craig (Jan. – Feb.)

*Stretch* by Doreen Cronin (March – April)

*What Does Bunny See?* by Linda Sue Park (May – June).

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to register for a session with one of our non-judgmental, furry listeners. **Pre-registration is required and begins 30 days 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 Dec. 10)

**Saturday, Feb. 13** (registration begins Jan. 14)

**Saturday, March 13** (registration begins Feb. 11)

**Saturday, April 10** (registration begins March 11)

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

## LEGO® MANIA DESIGN CONTEST FOR KIDS

Fargo Public Library's annual LEGO® Mania Design Contest is going virtual. Kids 12 and under are invited to participate by creating to your hearts content in the comfort of your own home and then taking a photo to submit to [kids@fargolibrary.org](mailto:kids@fargolibrary.org). For building guidelines or more information about the contest, please visit [www.fargolibrary.org/kids](http://www.fargolibrary.org/kids).

**Entries will be accepted Monday, Feb. 1, through Friday, Feb. 26, with judging on Feb. 27 and 28.**

**Winners will be announced March 1.**

## PAIRS WELL WITH EVENTS

Tell us what you plan to imbibe and we'll pair it with a reading suggestion, or what you plan to read and we'll try to pair it with a beverage. Librarians are standing by on the FPL's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fargopubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/fargopubliclibrary)) to assist you, 9 a.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Friday during library hours. No registration is required. For details, email Sarah at [sknelson@fargolibrary.org](mailto:sknelson@fargolibrary.org). Upcoming dates:

**Thursday, Jan. 7 – Friday, Jan. 8**

**Thursday, Feb. 11 – Friday, Feb. 12**

## DIY CALMING KIT FOR ADULTS

Start the New Year off by taking care of yourself with a kit of some do-it-yourself de-stressing activities. The kit includes materials to make a stress ball, a mini Zen garden, and other items to help with relaxation and mindfulness.

*Pre-registration is required* and opens Dec. 28. Register online, then stop by one of the three Fargo Public Library locations, Monday through Friday, to pick up your calming kit. Contact Sara W. at [swestall@fargolibrary.org](mailto:swestall@fargolibrary.org) or call 701.241.1492 with any questions.

**Jan. 11 – 15**

## CRAFTS TO GO FOR ADULTS

Crafts To Go are perfect for when you're feeling crafty! Crafts are recommended for adults.

Packets are limited and *pre-registration is required*. Registration opens two (2) weeks before each craft. Register online, then stop by one of the three Fargo Public Library locations, Monday through Friday, to pick up your craft packet. For details, contact Jenilee at 701.241.8123.

Adult Craft Topics:

**Jan. 25 – 29: Microwavable Hot Packs**

**Feb. 8 – 12: Valentine Gnomes**

**Feb. 22 – 26: Woven Bookmarks**

**March 8 – 12: Magnolia Book Wreath**

**March 22 – 26: Amethyst Soap**

**April 12 – 16: Book Page Tissue Paper Painting**

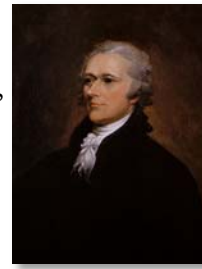
**April 26 – 30: Piñata Party Favors**



## ALEXANDER HAMILTON EXHIBIT: MARCH 31 – APRIL 28 AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Alexander Hamilton, one of America's most visionary founding fathers, 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 and controversy and shaped the America we live in two hundred years after his death. *Colonial era information and themed craft packets will be available for kids in the Children's Area at the Main Library (while supplies last) as part of this exhibit.*



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## YOUTH IN REVOLT: ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND COMING OF AGE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ONLINE PRESENTATION SET FOR MARCH 30

Join us as Donald Johnson, Assistant Professor of Early American History at NDSU, uses the career of Alexander Hamilton and others to explore how the American Revolution affected the lives of those who came of age during the political crisis that preceded it, the War that it led to, and the chaotic period that ensued.

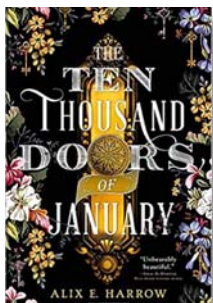
At the dawn of the Revolution, more than 1/3 of Americans were under the age of 24. While older Revolutionaries like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin may have pioneered the ideology of rebellion, it fell to younger founders like Alexander Hamilton and James Madison to do much of the fighting and governing in the post-Revolutionary landscape. This presentation explores both how these individuals' lives were shaped by the Revolution and how those young people shaped the course of Revolutionary events.

**Pre-registration is required.** *Note: this program will be conducted online. Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session, so you must provide an email address when registering.* **Tuesday, March 30 – Main Library at 2 p.m.**

# Book Clubs & Events...

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## VIRTUAL TEA TIME BOOK CLUB



Tea Time Book Club is online and you can join in the discussion from the comfort of your own home! All interested readers are welcome. *Pre-registration is required.* Once registered, you will receive an email regarding the virtual meeting details. All interested readers are welcome! Contact Jenilee

at [jkanenwisher@fargolibrary.org](mailto:jkanenwisher@fargolibrary.org) to get a copy of each month's book or with any questions.

**Monday, Jan. 11 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow

**Monday, Feb. 8 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante

**Monday, March 8 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

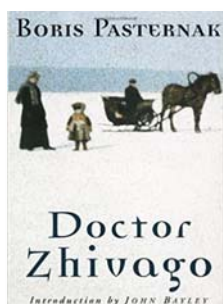
**Monday, April 12 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *The Library of Legends* by Janie Chang

**Monday, May 10 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *Dominicana* by Angie Cruz

## VIRTUAL CLASSICS BOOK CLUB



Classics Book Club is an informal book discussion group that meets online on the third Wednesday of each month (September–May). *Pre-registration is required.* To get an invite to the meeting, make sure to register online and we will send a link on the day of the event. Contact Lori at

[lwest@fargolibrary.org](mailto:lwest@fargolibrary.org) for details.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak

**Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov

**Wednesday, March 17 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *Martin Eden* by Jack London

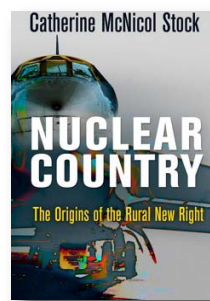
**Wednesday, April 21 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *The Name of the Rose* by Umberto Eco

**Wednesday, May 19 – Online at 6:30 p.m.**

Title: *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan

## VIRTUAL HISTORY BOOK CLUB



Interested in recent historical events and the people, places, and actions that caused them? The History Book Club welcomes all interested readers. This spring, the History Book Club will meet virtually on the last Tuesday of the month. *Pre-registration is required.*

Register online or contact Steve H. at

701.476.5973 if you wish to join. Copies of the books are available for pickup at the Main Library Circulation Desk, while supplies last.

**Tuesday, Jan. 26 – Online at 7 p.m.**

Title: *Nuclear Country* by Catherine McNicol Stock

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Online at 7 p.m.**

Title: *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou

**Tuesday, March 30 – Online at 7 p.m.**

Title: *Terror and Consent* by Philip Bobbitt

## STAY-AT-HOME BOOK PARTIES



We love hearing all about what our patrons are reading! We meet on FPL's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fargopubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/fargopubliclibrary)) on the third Thursday of each month to

discuss what you've been reading. And if you need recommendations, our librarians will have some of those ready for you too! No registration is required. For details, contact Megan at 701.241.1492.

**Upcoming dates:**

**Thursday, Jan. 21 – Online from 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 18 – Online from 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 18 – Online from 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 15 – Online from 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 20 – Online from 7 to 8 p.m.**

# Teen Events (For Teens 11 – 18 years old)

(More events are listed at [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org))

## VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM FOR TEENS



Join us for a virtual version of our popular Escape the Library for Teens program! This program is very similar to an in-person Escape Room, but completely online. Open to teens in grades 6-12. Space is limited;

pre-registration is required. Registration will open 2 weeks prior to each session. Please note: you will be sent the Escape Room via an email link so you must have a working email address to participate in this online program. Register online or contact Bree at 701.476.5978 or [teens@fargolibrary.org](mailto:teens@fargolibrary.org) for more info.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19 – Online 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Monday, March 15 – Online from 12 to 3 p.m.**

## CRAFTS TO GO FOR TEENS

Area teens are invited to pick up a special craft to make at home on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from Jan. 25 – April 26. Craft pick-up will be at the Children's desk at the Main Library, and the Circulation Desks at the Northport and Carlson Branches. One (1) craft per teen. ***Due to limited supplies, there is a limit of 6 per family/group.*** Open for teens age 11 to 18. *Pre-registration is required.* Registration will open 2 weeks before each craft is distributed. Register online or contact Bree at 701.476.5978 for more info.

**Monday, Jan. 25 – Morse Code Necklace**

**Monday, Feb. 8 – Grow Your Own Geode**

**Monday, Feb. 22 – Bottle Cap Pins**

**Monday, March 8 – Barometric Glass Jars**

**Monday, March 22 – Stenciled Tote Bags**

**Monday, April 12 – Wooden Chalkboard Magnets**

**Monday, April 26 – Mini Seashell Mobile**

## VIRTUAL BOARD GAMES FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Teens (& adults, too!) will meet-up in Discord and then head over to [Boardgamearena.com](http://Boardgamearena.com) to play some games! For teens ages 13 & older. *Pre-registration with an email address is required.* Register online or contact Sarah at 701.241.8295.

**Thursday, Jan. 21 – Online at 6 to 7 p.m.**

## YOUNG ADULT VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Let's talk all things YA! Join us for our virtual YA book chat where you can share your favorite YA books, recommend books, or just talk books in general. We might have some recommendations up our sleeves as well. Open to teens and adults. *Registration is required. Note: this program will be conducted online. Participants will receive an email with information on how to log into the session, so you must provide an email address when registering.*

**Thursday, Feb. 4 – Online at 7 p.m.**

## BIKE LOCKS @ YOUR LIBRARY



The Fargo Public Library offers bike locks for patrons to use while they visit the library. Bike locks can be borrowed at the circulation desk with a Fargo Public Library card in good standing (one bike lock per card). Bike locks are due the same day as checkout and may be returned to any library book return. Bike locks cannot be put on hold or renewed, and do not accrue daily fines. The replacement cost for each bike lock is \$7. If any piece of the lock is not returned (key or cable), the patron will be charged the full replacement cost. Please Note: Regardless of whether a library bike lock is used, the Fargo Public Library is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged bicycles.

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# Notes...

## EXPLORE SOME OF OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

### ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION

Find your ancestors with this popular online genealogy tool that is temporarily available from home. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas. A Fargo Public Library card is necessary to access the Ancestry.com Library Edition resource. A short, introductory video is available on the library's website to get you started; visit [www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources](http://www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources) to learn more.



### KNOWLEDGE CITY

Learn and practice new skills with Knowledge City. This online resource provides video courses in software applications, business skills, safety, test preparation, compliance and more. The courses are split into short videos that can be watched at the learner's own pace and picked up any time. A Fargo Public Library card is necessary to access the Knowledge City online resource. A short, introductory video is available on the library's website to get you started; visit [www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources](http://www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources) to learn more.



### OVERDRIVE (LIBRARY2Go) & THE LIBBY APP

This online resource offers a wide selection of titles including bestsellers, audiobooks, and movies, and is available on the widest range of devices. Overdrive is the only library eBook service that supports black and white Kindle e-readers.



Visit [www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources](http://www.fargolibrary.org/online-resources) or ask a librarian for help getting started with any of these or other digital resources.

### THE FPL IS FINE FREE

As of Oct. 1, 2020, the Fargo Public Library eliminated fines in order to increase patron access to library collections, services, and resources. The policy, approved by the library Board of Trustees, aims to increase access to library materials and services for all.

"The Fargo Public Library is excited to announce that we are no longer charging overdue fines," said Library Director Tim Dirks. "In this time of limited services due to the pandemic, the Fargo Public Library wants to ensure that all citizens have the opportunity to access library collections. By eliminating fines, we are hoping to increase access, boost literacy, and remove barriers for all."

Research shows that almost all libraries of any size, large or small, which have gone fine-free see very little change in when materials are returned; even when fine-free, most items are returned on time. In addition, the lack of fines encourages patrons to check out more books and other items. In 2018, the Fargo Public Library eliminated late fines on children's items, and these items continue to be returned to the library at the same rate as before the elimination of children's fines.

It is important to note that the policy applies only to fines incurred from failure to return materials on time. The library continues to charge fees for lost or damaged items. For more information about the library's fine policy, visit the Circulation Policy page on the library's website or call 701.241.1472.

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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](mailto:tdirks@fargolibrary.org).

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