

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Craft: Etched Glass

Create a fall-themed, decorative etched glass. Open to teens in grades 6 through 12. All materials will be provided, and pre-registration is required.

Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

Teen Time

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 are invited to come to the Dr. James Carlson Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m on Tuesdays. Each week will have a different activity to work on. Teens can work independently, with a group, or just hang out.

First Tuesdays: STEM

Second Tuesdays: Games and Open Study

Third Tuesdays: Arts & Crafts

Fourth Tuesdays: Book Talks and Open Study

Carlson Library: 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Dec. 13

Watercolor for Beginners

New to watercolor or just looking for a relaxing evening? Join us at our Northport location and follow along with video tutorials to create a watercolor painting. All materials will be provided, and pre-registration is required. These watercolor events are recommended for teens and adults.

Northport Branch

Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.

(Registration begins 9/22)

Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

(Registration begins 10/20)

Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

(Registration begins 11/17)

Great Chemistry for Teens

We'll be hosting a fun, hands-on science experiment just for teens with help from Dr. Graeme Wyllie and the Concordia Science Academy. Open to teens in grade 6 through 12. All materials will be provided, and pre-registration is required.

Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 9/19)

Creepy Crafts

Feeling spooky? Get in a Halloween mood by making a glowing mummy hand or creepy eyeball bouquets. Open to teens in grades 6 through 12. All materials will be provided, and pre-registration is required.

Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 10/6)

Stress Less

Relax and unwind with Fargo Public Library. Come learn some tips and tricks for dealing with stress, and make your own calm jars and stress balls. Open to teens in grades 6 through 12. All materials will be provided, and pre-registration is required.

Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 11/21)

THE CHILDREN'S CHAPTER

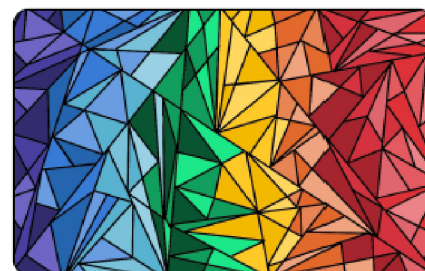
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with New Card Designs!



Annie Ondracek



Ryan LeClair



Patty Fresonke-Twigg

The start of a new school year always brings exciting adventures. Begin YOUR library adventure with a new library card design! Whether or not you already have a card, choose one of our new card designs created and voted on by members of the FM community. Stop by any Public Service Desk to find out how. Your library card is your ticket to all that the Fargo Public Library has to offer including books, magazines, ebooks, audiobooks, and more!

Library cards are just the beginning. Check out this issue of the Children's Chapter to discover events, activities, and other services of the Fargo Public Library. This fall sees the return of weekly storytime and Crafternoons as well as the Going Places Book Club and Kindergarten Success storytime. Even when the library is closed, there is so much to experience! Try our children's Dial-a-Story line or visit the outdoor StoryWalks.® We're planning a great season here at the Library, so take a look inside and join us today.



For more information about any of the Fargo Public Library's programs and services, please contact the Children's Services department at 701.241.1495, email kids@fargolibrary.org, or visit www.fargolibrary.org/kids.



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 SATURDAY 9-6
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DR. JAMES CARLSON LIBRARY

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NORTHPORT BRANCH

2714 N. BROADWAY

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10-8
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 SATURDAY 9-6
 SUNDAY CLOSED

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CARLSON LIBRARY	476.4040
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CIRCULATION DESK	241.1472
INFORMATION DESK	241.1492
NORTHPORT BRANCH	476.4026
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One Book, One Community: Kid's Edition

In collaboration with the One Book, One Community project, the Fargo Public Library will be giving out copies of Louise Erdrich's historical *Birchbark* fiction series. Stop by any Fargo Public Library location beginning Sept. 15 to pick up a copy. Limit 2 books per child. The *Birchbark* series is most appropriate for ages 8 to 12. *(Available while supplies last)*

If you liked *Little House on the Prairie*, then you are going to love the story of Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe. Sequels follow Omakayas and her family as they are forced to move from Lake Superior to the Great Plains.



13th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest

The Fargo Public Library is celebrating creativity with the 13th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Stop by the library starting September 1 and pick up an entry form. Fill the space with your most brilliant creation and return it to any library location before close on September 30. The top designs (as voted on by library staff) will be made into full-color bookmarks that will be printed and distributed throughout the following year at library locations and events. The contest is open to children 12 and under.



September 1 through 30

All Fargo Public Library Locations

Winners announced on October 10

All events are FREE. Materials are available while supplies last.

Groups of 5 or more should contact the Children's Services Department at 701.241.1495 before attending any event.

Registration is required for some events and is noted in the description. To register, or for more information, call 701.241.1495 or visit us at www.fargolibrary.org/kids.

Mary Poppins Sing-Along

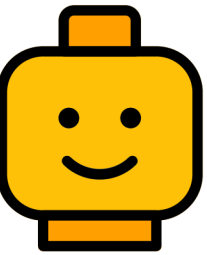
Wind's in the east, mist coming in. . . like somethin' is brewin' and 'bout to begin. What could it be? Well, it's a Mary Poppins Sing-Along of course! Stop by the library and step in time to watch the classic movie *Mary Poppins* (PG). We'll do crafts and tuck in for some tea and treats while we sing along with Mary Poppins and Bert the Chimney Sweep. We hope you'll be saying supercali-fragilisticexpialidocious by the time we're through. This should be an afternoon that is practically perfect in every way! All ages are welcome.



Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

LEGO Mania Design Contest

Show off your creativity at our annual LEGO Mania Design Contest! Kids age 12 and under are invited to participate. Build an original creation at home, then bring it to the Main Library between 2 and 3 p.m. Winning creations will be announced at 3:45 p.m. Games and other activities will take place in the Children's Area to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions. **Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling 701.241.1495.** Before you begin to build, please check out the rules and guidelines on the website. Good luck!



Dec. 30: 2 to 4 p.m. – Main Library

Don't forget, even when the Library is closed, you can still . . .

- Call our **Dial-a-Story** phone line and hear a story read by Children's Services Staff. The story changes every Monday, so make it a regular event! Call 701.298.6927 and select the children's line to hear the story.
- Submit a request for personalized reading recommendations using our **What's Next? Reader's Service**. Use the online form located at www.surveymonkey.com/r/fplwhatsnext and librarians will start compiling a list of books based on your specific interests and reading level. We'll even put them on hold and send the books to your chosen Fargo Public Library location.
- Check out ebooks and eaudiobooks from the Overdrive Kids' Reading Room. Visit us at ndlibrary2go.overdrive.com/library/kids/ or use the Libby app and start reading or listening right away.
- Visit one of our outdoor StoryWalks®. The Fargo Public Library hosts two StoryWalks®, one in Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.) and the other in the Sodbuster Plaza outside the Main Library. Each features various interactive stories throughout the year to encourage readers of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors. This fall the Brunsdale StoryWalk® will feature *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming, and the Sodbuster Plaza StoryWalk® will present *Acorn Was a Little Wild* by Jen Arena.*



*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



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EVENTS

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES



Train Days

November is National Model Railroad Month and we're once again celebrating with trains! The Red River Modules Model Railroad Club will return to display and demonstrate model trains at the Main Library. **A special train-themed storytime will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Children's Area** and kids are invited to make a train craft throughout the day. All ages are welcome.

Nov. 19: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Storytime at 11 a.m. in Children's Area

Nov. 20: 1 to 4 p.m.

Main Library

Dog Man Unleashed at the Library

Ready to have a supa time bringing Dog Man's adventures to life? Join us for activities, crafts, and snacks. It'll be totally pawsome! This event is geared towards Dog Man fans in grades Kindergarten to 5.

Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. – Main Library



Bermuda Triangle Escape Rooms

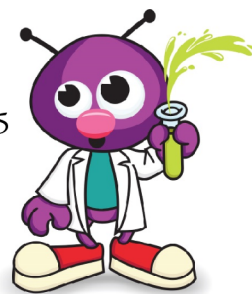
Escape the Bermuda Triangle or get lost trying! Kids ages 8 to 12 are welcome to try their luck and test their wits to escape the infamous Bermuda Triangle located conveniently in the Main Library. Pre-registration is required.

Nov. 25 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

(Registration begins 11/4)

Little Squirt Christmas Science

Christmas means candy canes, ornaments, snow. . . and science! Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us for one of our science sessions. Pre-registration is required.



Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

(Registration begins 11/26)

Gingerbread House Decorating

Run, run, as fast as you can; it's time to decorate a house for the gingerbread man! So much candy, so much to do – we'll even be using frosting as glue. Pre-registration is required; this event is for children ages 4 and up.

Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. – Northport Branch

Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime and Craft

It's a stuffed animal sleepover! Bring a stuffed animal to a special storytime. The fuzzy friends stay at the library for a night of shenanigans. You come back the next day to pick up your animal to find out what fun they've had and make a craft to commemorate their night! All ages are welcome and all materials will be provided.

Drop Off Storytime

Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Pick Up Craft

Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library



Fall Storytime

The Fargo Public Library offers storytime opportunities for families to spend quality time sharing stories, learning school-readiness skills, and preparing for a lifetime of reading. Through the use of age-appropriate stories, songs, and fingerplays in a group setting, library staff help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills – all while having super storytime fun! **All storytimes are open to children ages 2 to 6.**

Main Library – Sept. 12 to Nov. 14

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Northport Branch – Sept. 13 to Nov. 15

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Carlson Library – Sept. 14 to Nov. 16

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.



While at storytime, be sure to ask about the Storytime Punch Card! Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.

Fall Storytime will take a break in December and return January 2023.



Baby Rhyme Time

Babies ages birth to 18 months are invited to join us each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes with your baby while introducing them to books and the library! Each session concludes with open play time. One child per grown-up lap.

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 6 & 20

Oct. 4 & 18

Nov. 1 & 15

Dec. 6 & 20

Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Sept. 8 & 22

Oct. 6 & 20

Nov. 3 & 17

Dec. 8 & 22

Kindergarten Success! Storytime Series

Get your child ready for Kindergarten by exploring literacy and STEAM topics through music, stories, songs, and play. Library staff will share tips you can use to instill a love of reading in your child. These are parent/child storytimes geared for your child's success; therefore, we ask one adult per child to keep the learning to a maximum. This event series will be held at the Main Library and is most appropriate for children ages 3 to 5. Activities will follow each storytime and all children receive a FREE book!



Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.

Main Library

EVENTS

PAWS for Reading

Our furry friends from the Pet Partners of the Red River Valley are here for a season of reading fun. Reading therapy pets are available to listen to children practice their reading in a relaxed, informal setting. Kids in Kindergarten through 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 from a selection of library books. **Pre-registration is required for each month's session. Call Children's Services at 701.241.1495 to register.**



Main Library at 10 a.m.

Sept. 10
Oct. 8

Nov. 12
Dec. 10

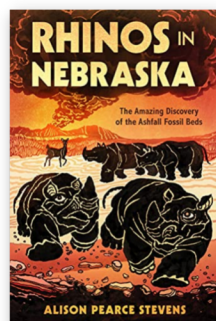
CRAFTERNOONS

Makers ages 12 and younger are welcome to stop by the Carlson Library on Mondays or the Northport Branch on Tuesdays to get their craft on! The fun begins at 3 p.m. and keeps going until 4:30 – join us each week (note that the same project will be done at both locations).

Sept. 26 – Dec. 12
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library

Sept. 27 – Dec. 13
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch

Thank you to the Friends of the Fargo Public Library for their generous support of the Crafternoons program!



Solving the Mystery of North America's Ancient Past: Author Visit with Alison Pearce Stevens

Our continent used to look very different than it does today – but how do we know? What were rhinos doing in the middle of North America? Why did the horses have three toes? Join us at the Main Library when Alison Pearce Stevens, author of the children's book *Rhinos in Nebraska*, helps us to uncover the scientific mysteries surrounding the Nebraska Ashfall Fossil Beds. This event is geared towards kids in 4th grade and older. Books will be available for purchase.

Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Family Trivia Nights

Rally your relatives and join us for family trivia night at the Main Library. Each month we'll feature a different theme and see who knows the most! Family trivia night is open to individuals, families, or teams of all ages – trivia works best for kids who are reading independently. **Families are invited to pre-register at the beginning of the current month.** Prizes for our top winners and snacks for all!



Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. – The Solar System & Space
Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. – Halloween & Other Spooky Stuff
Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. – Bestselling Books
Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. – Winter Wonderland

Libraries Dance! Storytime and Dance Series

F-M Ballet and Gasper's School of Dance will be at the Main Library for movement and fun! These storytimes are interactive with a brief dance lesson, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! Dance storytimes are geared toward children ages 3 and up.

Spooky Ballet: Oct. 12
Dinosaur Stomp: Nov. 9
Nutcracker Preview: Dec. 7
6:30 p.m.



Pumpkin Decorating

Make your pumpkin scary or make it nice, any which way will suffice! You supply the pumpkin and we supply the rest to make your porch-worthy pumpkin your very best. This program is best suited for ages 3 and up.

Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library



Bad Kitty vs. the Library



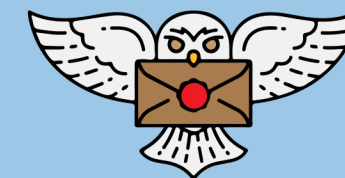
Bad Kitty is on the rampage, but it's you who gets to have all the fun. Join us for a day of Bad Kitty stories, snacks, activities, and crafts. Let's hope the library wins! All ages are welcome, but this event is most appropriate for children in grades K to 4.

Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. – Main Library
Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Harry Potter Escape Rooms

Are you clever like a Ravenclaw or brave like a Gryffindor? Are you cunning like a Slytherin or wonderfully patient like a Hufflepuff? You'll need all of these traits to break out of the Harry Potter Escape Room! This event is best suited for children in grades 1 to 6. Pre-register to test your wits, and may the best wizard win!

Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
Main Library
(Registration begins 10/15)



Going Places Book Club

We're reading all over the place in the Going Places Book Club! Kids in grades 3 to 7 are invited to join us as we experience each month's featured book through related activities, discussion, snacks, and crafts. **Pick up your book and register for the current month at the Main Library or call 701.241.1495.**

Main Library at 4 p.m.

Oct. 11 – *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich
Nov. 8 – *Nightmares!* by Jason Segel & Kirsten Miller
Dec. 13 – *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renée Watson



Recognizing Reptiles

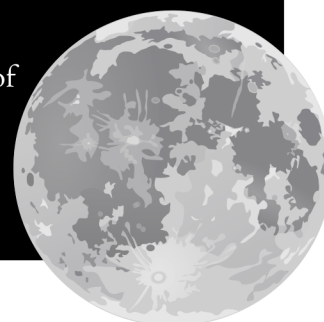
National Reptile Awareness Day occurs each year in October as a way to promote education, conservation, and appreciation for reptiles. In honor of these cold-blooded creatures, we're celebrating with a visit from some live animals! Kids of all ages are invited to visit with members of the NDSU Herpetology Club who will be on hand to show off some of their scaly sidekicks. A reptile craft and other themed activities will also be available.

Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

International Observe the Moon Night with the FM Astronomy Club

All ages are invited as we join Moon enthusiasts around the world in celebration of International Observe the Moon Night! This worldwide annual event encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of our Moon. We'll have a Moon-related craft for kids, along with other themed activities, and members of the FM Astronomy Club will be on hand with telescopes to provide close-up looks at our lunar neighbor. *(In the event of rain, activities will take place indoors.)*

Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Carlson Library



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