

TEEN EVENTS

AGES 11 TO 18

Grab & Go Craft: Friendship Bracelet Slime

Crunchy, sparkly, fun slime! Make your own friendship bracelet-themed slime to take home. Craft will be available on a first come, first served basis. One packet per teen while supplies last.

Sept. 9 – Main Library

DIY Buttons and Magnets

Make some custom buttons for your backpack and magnets for your locker.

Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m. – Northport Branch

Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library

Community Game Night

We'll feature one game each session along with a variety of tabletop games. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite game to share. All tabletop gaming experience levels are welcome! **Recommended for ages 16 and up.**

Oct. 2 Nov. 6 Dec. 4
Northport Branch: 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Spooky Terrariums

Headstones, jack-o-lanterns, bats, and all – what will you fill your spooky terrarium with this fall? *Register beginning Oct. 5.*

Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

Watercolor Haunted House

New to watercolor or looking for a spooky afternoon activity? Join us at Northport and follow along with a video tutorial to create a haunted house. *Register beginning Oct. 7.*

Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. – Northport Branch

DIY Hand Warmers

Come and make a reusable hand warmer to keep you toasty this winter! We will be learning and practicing sewing with this fun craft. *Register beginning Oct. 14.*

Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes Pre-Party

Get ready for the movie premier of The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes and brush up on your Hunger Games fandom with related activities, snacks, and crafts. Party-goers will have the chance to win a four pack of tickets donated by Marcus Century Cinema to see the movie!

Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. – Main Library

Make Your Own Pocket Creature

Make a creature out of clay, then build it a little home so you can take your new friend with you anywhere. *Register beginning Nov. 1.*

Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. – Carlson Library

Gingerbread Houses

Come and decorate a fun, tasty gingerbread house! *Register beginning Nov. 25.*

Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. – Main Library

Winter Solstice Tea & Art

As we approach the shortest day of the year, add some brightness to your winter. Join us in a peaceful, candlelit environment to paint watercolor postcards, gift tags or bookmarks. Learn about seasonal teas while you sip and paint.

Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

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Storytime Opportunities at the Fargo Public Library

Storytime is a special experience at the Fargo Public Library. Children's Staff delight in sharing their love of books and reading with young children. Through the use of age-appropriate stories, songs, and fingerplays in a group setting, the Children's Librarians help parents and caregivers learn how to foster early literacy skills to prepare their children for a lifetime of reading. The Fargo Public Library offers a range of storytime opportunities available for families and caregivers.

- Baby Rhyme Time is specifically planned for our youngest readers ages birth to 18 months and includes a scheduled play time after every storytime session. Baby Rhyme Time happens at the Carlson Library the first and third Thursday of every month beginning at 10 a.m.
- Fall Storytime invites children ages 2 to 6 to weekly events featuring stories, songs, rhythms, and rhymes. Fall Storytime takes place at all three Fargo Public Library locations. See inside for times and location dates.
- Kindergarten Success Storytime targets children ages 3 to 5 who are learning those important kindergarten readiness skills. Kindergarten Success Storytime occurs on the first Saturday of each month. Activities follow storytime and all children leave with a free book!
- Special storytimes are offered throughout the season and feature stories, activities, and crafts to celebrate books and reading.

For a full list of the events and activities this fall, take a look inside. 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.



To register, call 701.476.5978 or go to www.fargolibrary.org.

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FRIDAY 11-6
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14th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest

The Fargo Public Library is celebrating creativity with the 14th Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Stop by the library starting Sept. 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 Sept. 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 9

Don't forget, 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. 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 at www.fargolibrary.org/kids and librarians will compile a list of books based on your interests and reading level. We'll put them on hold and send them to your chosen Fargo Public Library location.
- Check out our online resources like: **Hoopla**, **Tumblebooks**, and **Overdrive Kids' Reading Room** for ebooks and eaudiobooks; **Creativebug** for art tutorials; **Mango** for language learning; and **Nat Geo Kids** to explore the natural world. Find these and more by visiting <https://fargond.gov/city-government/departments/library/online-resources#kids> – don't forget to have your library card on hand to access these resources from home.
- Visit one of our outdoor **StoryWalks**®. The Fargo Public Library hosts three StoryWalks;® Brunsdale Park (1702 27th Ave. S.), downtown outside the Main Library, and our newest StoryWalk® at Ed Clapp Elementary (3131 28th Street S.). Each features various interactive stories throughout the year to encourage readers of all ages to read, move, and enjoy the outdoors.



*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.



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 Dec. 27 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Judging will begin at 12 p.m. and winners will be announced at 12:45 p.m. Games and other activities will take place in the Children's Room to pass the time while we await the judges' decisions.

Registration is required and can be completed by calling 701.241.1495 beginning Dec. 1. Before you begin to build, please check out the rules and guidelines on our webpage (www.fargolibrary.org/kids). Good luck!

Dec. 27: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Main Library



Christmas Tree Ornament Workshop

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, we need to fill your branches! If your Christmas tree is looking a little bare this holiday season, join us on Nov. 26 between 2 and 4 p.m. for a Christmas ornament-making workshop. **Kids and teens ages 10 to 16** are invited to make some family keepsakes at this holiday event.

Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. – Carlson Library

Introduction to Engineering for Kids

Calling all creative problem solvers and the curious in **Kindergarten – 6th grade**! Learn about the wide world of engineering through hands-on demonstrations of mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering (and more!) with NDSU's Society of Women Engineers.



Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Northport Branch



Beach Escape Storytime

Kids ages 2 to 6 and their adults are invited to move and groove to a beach-themed storytime incorporating creative movement. After storytime participants can stay for coloring and other calming activities.

Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. – Carlson Library

Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. – Main Library

Gingerbread House Decorating

Run! Run! As fast as you can to help decorate a house for a gingerbread man. A gingerbread house is a home made of sweets adorned with many fabulous treats – join us to decorate a house to keep. **This activity is best suited for children 5 and up.** Register beginning Dec. 1.



Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. – Northport Branch

Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Summer Sun & Fun Storytime & Craft

Kids ages 2 to 6 are invited to a special storytime and craft to help us look forward to the sunny summer days!

Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library



To register, call 701.241.1495 or go to www.fargolibrary.org.

STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

Libraries Dance! Storytime & 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 followed by stories and snacks, so wear clothes/costumes you can move in! **Dance storytimes are geared toward children ages 3 and up.**

Main Library at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 – Spooky Ballet
Nov. 8 – Animal Showdown
Nov. 29 – Nutcracker Preview



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.**

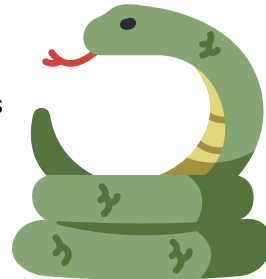
Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. – Northport Branch
Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. – Carlson Library



Recognizing Reptiles:

The Really-Not-So-Creepy Crawlers!

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 reptiles! **Kids of all ages** are invited to investigate the really-not-so-creepy crawlers 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 during this open house event.

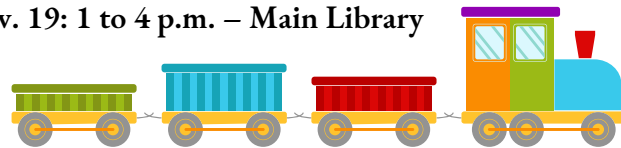


Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library

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 on Saturday, Nov. 18 and on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the Community Room. A special train-themed storytime will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Children's Room. Kids are invited to make a train craft throughout the day. **All ages are welcome.**

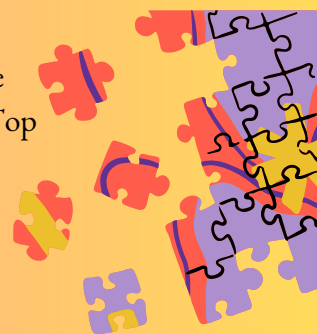
Nov. 18: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Main Library
Storytime at 11 a.m. – Main Library
Nov. 19: 1 to 4 p.m. – Main Library



Family Puzzle Competition

Do you think your family of puzzlers is the speediest in all the land? Test your skills at our puzzle competition on Saturday, Nov. 25. Teams will have two hours to complete a 300-piece puzzle. Top three teams win a prize! Participants are also welcome to bring a puzzle or two to exchange. **The competition is recommended for families with school-age children.** Teams can consist of no more than 4 members - please register only one person per team. *Register beginning Nov. 11.*

Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. – Main 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 love 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. 11 through Nov. 27
Mondays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Northport Branch – Sept. 12 through Nov. 28
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Carlson Library – Sept. 13 through Nov. 29
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Baby Rhyme Time

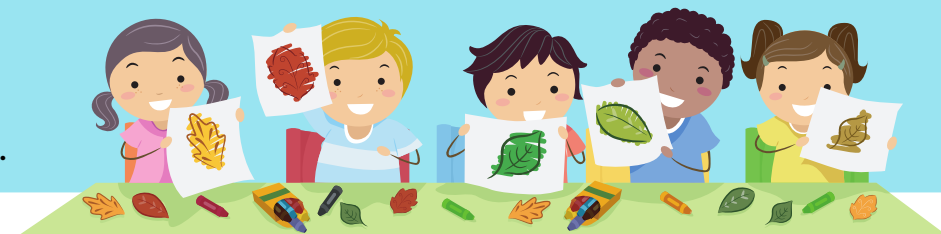
Babies ages birth to 18 months are invited to join us each month for baby storytimes. Share songs, fingerplays, short books, rhythms, and rhymes with your baby while introducing them to books and the library! Each session concludes with open play time. One child per grown-up lap.

Sept. 7 & 21
Oct. 5 & 19
Nov. 2 & 16
Dec. 7 & 21
Carlson Library at 10 a.m.

Kindergarten Success! Storytimes

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 events are held at the Main Library and are appropriate for children ages 3 to 5.** Activities follow each storytime and all children receive a FREE book!

Sept. 2
Oct. 7
Nov. 4
Dec. 2
Main Library at 10 a.m.



Attend any storytime and get your Storytime Punch Card! Children who attend 10 storytimes receive a free book of their choice.



EVENTS



All Ages Chess Club

All area kids, teens, and adults are invited to be a part of the library's Chess Club. Whether you are an expert or are new to the game, chess players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Chess Club meets **Tuesday** evenings at the Main Library. Local chess expert Joe McNamara will facilitate and lead the sessions. **Adults must accompany children under 10 years old.** For more information, please contact 701.476.5977.

5:30 p.m. at the Main Library
Sept. 5 – May 28

PAWS for Reading

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. **Registration is required for each month's session.** Call Children's Services at 701.241.1495 to register.



Main Library at 10 a.m.

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| Sept. 9 | Jan. 13 |
| Oct. 14 | Feb. 10 |
| Dec. 9 | March 9 |
| | April 13 |

Namaste: Toddler & Preschool Yoga with Mojo Fit

Introducing Toddler & Preschool Yoga by Mojo Fit. It's never too soon to learn how to relax, breathe, pose, and find your center all while having fun with a certified instructor from Mojo Fit. Come dressed to stretch. We have a few mats for kiddos to use, but if you have your own – bring it along! **This class is best suited for ages 2 to 6.**

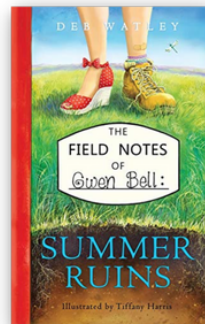


Main Library at 10 a.m.

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| Sept. 14 | Nov. 9 |
| Oct. 12 | Dec. 14 |

It's a Mystery: Archeology & Fiction with Children's Book Author Deb Watley

Deb Watley, author of *Summer Ruins*, the 2023 selection for the Red River Valley Kids Read, will share what she has learned about the science of archeology and how she researches and writes her novels. An archeology activity will follow the presentation and books will be available for purchase. **This event is most appropriate for kids ages 8 and older.** Since two previously scheduled appearances by Watley were canceled due to separate blizzards earlier this year, let's hope the third time is the charm!



Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. – Main Library

CRAFTERNOONS

Makers **ages 15 and younger** are welcome to stop by the Carlson or Northport Libraries each week to get their craft on! Note that the same weekly project will be done at both locations.

Sept. 25 – Dec. 18
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carlson Library

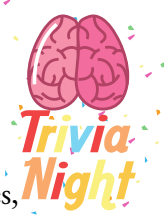
Sept. 26 – Dec. 19
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Northport Branch

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



Family Trivia Nights

Rally your relatives and join us for family trivia 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 register for the current month.** Prizes for our top winners and snacks for all!

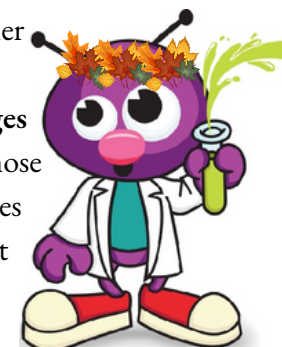


Main Library at 6 p.m.

Sept. 28: *Cats vs. Dogs*
Oct. 26: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
Nov. 30: *Mario & Friends: Nintendo Characters & Games*
Dec. 28: *Fizz, Bubble, Pop!: Science Trivia*

Little Squirt Fall Science

Lots of changes take place as the weather cools, the days grow shorter, and the season changes to fall. **Preschoolers ages 3 to 5** are invited to explore some of those changes with hands-on science activities during the next sessions of Little Squirt Science. *Register beginning Sept. 14.*



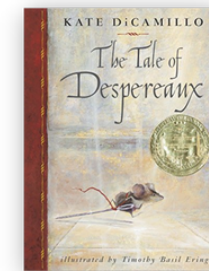
Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. – Main Library
Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. – Carlson Library

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. 10 – *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
Nov. 14 – *The Trail* by Meika Hashimoto
Dec. 12 – *Barb the Last Berzerker* by Dan & Jason



All events are FREE.

All materials provided and 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.

Get Ready for Another Solar Eclipse!

Have you heard? North America will experience a rare annular solar eclipse on Oct. 14! What's an annular eclipse? Is it safe to view? Will we see more eclipses any time soon? Learn the answer to those questions, and find out what we can expect to see in Fargo, ND, at a special **all-ages event**. Students from MSUM's Dept. of Physics and Astronomy and Concordia's Dept. of Physics will fill us in and provide fun hands-on activities for kids. Solar-viewing glasses will be available on a first come, first served basis.



Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. – Main Library