By Paulette Nelson, Children’s Librarian

Public libraries play a significant role in providing literacy activities for young children in the form of story times, and the Minot Public Library is no exception with our wide variety of story times for children of all ages. Since children begin to acquire pre-reading skills at birth, the library offers a story hour for children birth to age three. Children attending this story time have the opportunity to engage in sensory play, interact with other children, and learn new words and concepts. Story hours for older children allow them to increase their attention spans, increase their vocabulary, and learn valuable listening skills that they will need in a classroom situation.

Story hours are fun for children to attend. Librarians often use a variety of activities and formats to make the story times exciting. Songs and finger plays allow children to interact with the story teller and other children in the room. By listening to stories, children develop an ever-expanding vocabulary. Children may talk, talk, talk, but they listen twice as much. New words and concepts are introduced to children attending story times, and they often are encouraged to use the new words in their conversations. Those attending story times are exposed to both fiction and non-fiction literature.

Research has shown that story times promote the six pre-reading skills that children need when starting school. By coming to story times, participants learn to recognize print and understand how books work. They learn that the story is read from left to right, and they learn the correct way to hold a book. Children are exposed to letters and quickly learn that each letter has its own name and sounds. Alphabet books are often read to reinforce letters and sounds introduced at pre-school story times.

Preschoolers are able to improve their narrative skills by attending story time. Children are encouraged to tell what happened or what might happen as the story is being read. Puppet shows provide opportunities for those attending to interact with the puppet by creating stories of their own to tell. And finally, story times allow children to develop phonological awareness which is the ability to recognize smaller sounds that make up words. Often times books read at story times have rhythm and rhyming words. Children are encouraged to repeat rhyming words during the stories. By doing this, preschoolers learn letters and sounds in stories and other activities.

In these days of increased electronics and screen time, it is important to remember that public libraries are so much more than reading books. They plant the seeds for lifelong learning, and often awaken the imaginations of young children. Children attending one of the many pre-school story times at the Minot Public Library will have an advantage when entering kindergarten.
PODCASTS, PREMIERS, VIRTUAL REALITY AND MINI GOLF!

By Pam Carswell, Teen Librarian

The Teen section at MPL holds many TAG (Teen Advisory Group) meetings each year to find out from our teens what they would like to see in our collections and what activities they would like to do. This fall, our teens have asked for some additional programs highlighting special tech education, anime screenings, social events and science. We will deliver! Check out what we’re up to - it’s often educational and always fun... This September, the MPL teens will be exploring the PODCAST! What is a podcast anyway? What makes a good podcast? How do you create one? All these questions will be answered at Podcast 101 by our special guest Jonah from “The Good Talk.” Pam or Kassie will be available in the Makerspace after school the following week to provide technical support as teens create their very own podcasts. We’ll then enjoy our teens’ original creations at the Podcast Premier on September 28th at 4:00 pm. We’re excited to see the topics our teens want to cover!

In October, we will hold the first of a new program called Anime Afternoons. Anime is the term for Japanese style animation and is the TV equivalent of Manga books. This genre has become wildly popular with MPL teens and we are happy to support their interests. We’ll hold these programs the first Saturday of the month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in October, November and December. We will screen anime episodes from some of our favorite series as well as try out some new episodes of up and coming titles. This program is free and no registration is required, feel free to drop in and try it out.

Also in October, Christine Morse will be our special guest speaker for YouTube Strategies on the 10th as we learn more about what it takes to make great YouTube videos and how to edit them for the best viewing experience. Later in the month, we’re hosting a Fandom Party, a celebration of all things TEEN. Join us for food, games, trivia and activities as well as the premiers of the YouTube videos. Cosplaying your favorite character is always an option and always welcome at this event! Finally, in October at Candyland Science we’ll be learning a little more about CANDY and how sugar can be manipulated into many very different forms. Cookies and a game or two will round out the fun in this program.

In November, we’re exploring virtual reality - we’ll be making our own VR goggles and exploring places we can’t easily visit like Mars, on our phones! On November 7th at 4:00 pm, bring your smart phone and be ready to download some FREE apps because we’re going sightseeing. Also in November, Mini Golf is back by very popular demand. Mini Golf will be held on the 17th at 7:00 pm join us afterhours for music, popcorn and library style golf. This event is fun for the whole family and all are welcome.

ELF ON THE SHELF

By Pam Carswell, Teen Librarian

Does your family enjoy the holiday tradition of Elf on the Shelf? If so, then we’ve got a fun program for you! Join us November 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm as we decorate elf clothes for our North Pole visitors. This event is for families, but space and supplies are limited so RSVP by emailing Pam at pam.carswell@minotnd.org, calling 852-1045 or sign up for Elf on the Shelf at the front desk!

The Minot Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, October 11th for a staff in-service. We appreciate your understanding and hope that we will come out of this meeting with some great ideas for improving our services!

Thank you — Janet Anderson, Library Director
Whenever I think of books being banned, my mind always goes back to one of my favorite childhood (and adult) movies: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. In that film, there is a scene where Indiana Jones and his father travelled to Berlin to retrieve the latter’s journal from the clutches of the Nazis. Unfortunately, that meant attending a rally where Nazis and their sympathizers were tossing piles of books into a roaring fire. Historically, Nazi interned consumed works by people from political opposites such as the communist Karl Marx, famous German authors like *All Quiet on the Western Front*’s Erich Maria Remarque, and other international writers such as Jack London, Ernest Hemingway, and Helen Keller. Why would anyone go to the length the Nazis did? The answer to that questions is simple: ideology. They didn’t care if millions of others read those works since what was written in those works went against the Nazi ideal and philosophy.

Libraries fight against this type of thinking and support intellectual freedom. A library is a place that provides access to a wide range of information and reading material on a variety of topics. In support of intellectual freedom, Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read and will be held September 25th through October 1st this year. According to bannedbooksweek.org “Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982.”

While the outright banning of books is thankfully low, each year hundreds of titles are challenged. What does it mean when a book is challenged? The American Library Association defines a challenged book as “an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others.” The Minot Public Library will help increase awareness of challenged book titles and the importance of access to information by creating a special display during Banned Books Week and by hosting “Freadom! Libraries and Banned Books” on September 25th at 7:00 pm.

If you’d like to learn more about this important topic, please join MPL staff and a variety of speakers on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 pm as we celebrate the start of Banned Books Week with “Freadom! Libraries and Banned Books,” a discussion event. This program is free and open to all and will be emceed by ND State Librarian Mary Soucie. Please call 852-1045 for more information.

**FALL BOOK SALE**

Join the Friends of the Library for the annual fall book sale in the “Hidden Treasures” room of the Library. Friends of the Library members are invited to a special pre-sale on Wednesday, 10/18 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. If you join before the end of the year, your membership will go through December 31st, 2018! Ask a staff member for a membership form today.

**Book Sale Dates & Times:**

- Thursday, 10/19 from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Friday, 10/20 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 10/21 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

From 1:00 - 4:00 pm on **Saturday** you can fill a bag with anything you can find at the Book Sale and pay only $3 for everything in the bag!
**DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS**

By Paul Amberg, Library Assistant

Genealogy has always been an interest to many and your local public library has many great resources to help you fill out your family tree. Whether you are just getting started or have been doing it for a while, we can help. We have library editions of ancestry.com and Heritage Quest which allow you to search through all the resources ancestr.com has without being required to pay for a monthly membership. If your family history is local, we have a lot of information on local history including the Minot Daily News on Microfilm dating back to the paper’s inception. We also have numerous books on ancestry research and a subscription to Family Tree Magazine as well as our Great Plains Room with many one-of-a-kind books on local history.

Our best resources though are the librarians who have experience working on family trees and can help you along. On Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 pm these experienced library staff will present a free program on genealogy. Staff will tell you how to find an obituary for a relative who passed away, find when your great grandparents came through Ellis Island, discover where your parents lived decades ago and much more. Come to the Minot Public Library on September 28th to learn about the enormous variety of genealogy resources the Library has to offer, including ancestry.com, our Minot Daily News microfilm collection, and Minot area city directories. Staff may even be able to come up with an idea you hadn’t thought of, or a site you didn’t know about. This event is free and open to the public. Please call 701-852-1045 for more information and head on over to the Library and let us help you get started finding out where you came from.

**COFFEE TALK**

By Janet Anderson, Library Director

Those who know me, know I love my coffee and so I am excited to present “Coffee Talk” at MPL on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm. Denise from Gourmet Chef will join us to lead a discussion on coffee and share some coffee and coffee-related products from her great downtown store. Not only will we get to taste some delicious coffee, but we will also watch History TV’s “World’s Most Popular Drink: The History of Coffee”. This documentary shows how coffee is made and shares a little of the history behind the world’s most popular drink.

**TAKE A BREAK AND COLOR!**

By Mary Wheeler, Technical Services Librarian

Many people have been discovering the benefits of coloring to relieve stress, spark creativity, and regain mental focus. Detaching from the “screen” and focusing on a simple activity like coloring may improve your mood, increase productivity, and help you get a better night’s sleep. Therapists and psychiatrists are even bringing coloring books and pencils into the office for patients who experience high anxiety and stress-related conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

At MPL, we know that sometimes people need a break! Every month, we offer a stress-free environment for adults to color to their heart’s delight. The Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club is held EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 pm. Everything you need is provided including coloring books, pencils, markers, crayons and refreshments. Bring your own supplies if you wish, choose from the wide variety of coloring books we offer, or print your own poster-sized coloring page of your choice on our Makerspace roll printer. This program is open to all adults free of charge. We have really seen great diversity within our coloring group. Adults of all ages, both men and women, attend the Coloring Club regularly. We would love to welcome you to our group. Just show up anytime during our club sessions and we will get you started!
HOW COMPUTER LITERATE ARE YOU?

By Marci Julson, Library Associate

How comfortable are you with computers? If you feel like you could use a few pointers or even more advanced help, the Minot Public Library is here to assist you. We offer one-on-one tech tutor sessions at no cost. All that is required is a Minot Public Library card.

Some of the technology topics that we cover include, but are not limited to: Computer basics; Internet tips and searching; Basic email; eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eVideos; Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Publisher basics; Genealogy resource links; and any of our numerous digital resources.

TECH TALKS: AARP FRAUD WATCH NETWORK

By Josh Pikka, Technology Coordinator

Each year, millions of Americans, including many North Dakotans, fall victim to fraudulent scams. This results in billions of dollars landing in the pockets of con artists. Scam artists are creating new ways to get people to open their wallets, whether it’s over the phone, through the mail, online, or at the front door.

Attend the Tech Talks: AARP Fraud Watch Network presentation at 6:30 pm on September 12th in the North Room of the Minot Public Library with speaker Cindy Yale to learn how to spot and avoid scams. You’ll get the information you need to avoid becoming a victim and learn about resources to help safeguard against identity theft and other scams. For more information contact Josh at (701) 852-1045 or josh.pikka@minotnd.org. All ages are welcome to attend.

MANGA MANIA

By Kassie Ziegler, Teen Library Assistant

Manga is a type of comic book that comes from Japan and is read from right to left instead of left to right. These books are sweeping the nation, and have found their way into the Minot Public Library. Manga has become so popular that they have their own shelving section and we’ve even created a club, the Manga Maniacs! Members have a lot of fun when we get together to discuss the manga and anime they’ve seen throughout the month. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, right before Teens Rock Saturday gaming. Our Manga Maniacs have done several activities since the founding of the club: discussion of everything manga or anime, tons of crafts, jeopardy and trivia. Recently we’ve finished a guide on how to read manga that you will soon be able to find and read here in the library!

In other news, MPL has attained licenses that will allow us to show a wide variety of anime. Because we have all of these licenses, we will be having Anime Afternoons where we’ll show multiple series and episodes. Anime Afternoons will be held the first Saturday of every month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm starting on October 7th. These showings will have some of the latest anime like My Hero Academia and HunterXHunter as well as classics like Inuyasha and Sailor Moon. Attendees can be as goofy or serious as they want, new to the Manga phenomena or an expert in the field - everyone is welcome to come and attend a Manga Maniacs meeting or an Anime Afternoon showing, we’re always looking for more ideas and opinions!
MANGA MANIA
By Kassie Ziegler, Teen Library Assistant
Manga is a type of comic book that comes from Japan and is read from right to left instead of left to right. The term "Manga" is a Japanese word meaning "to draw," and it encompasses a wide variety of genres, including romance, action, adventure, and horror. This month’s focus is on Japanese manga and anime. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the different art styles, characters, and storylines that are popular in Japanese comic books. Attendees may bring their own copy of a manga or watch a video to learn about how to properly read manga. Attendees will also learn about the history of manga and how it has evolved over the years. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a quiz about the history of manga, and there will be prize drawings at the end of the program. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite manga or anime to share with the group. If you are interested in learning more about manga, come to the Manga Maniacs meeting or an Anime screening session at MPL. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Yale at 852-1045, or on our website www.minotnd.org. All ages are welcome to attend.

MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY
FALL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September
5 Read Dog 4:00 pm
7 Tech Ed † the Parker 10:30 am
Books n Brews Book Club; Monuments Men 7:00 pm
9 Teens Rock Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
11 Maker Monday 10:30 am
12 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
Events For Side 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Tech Talks: AARP Fraud Watch Network 6:30 pm
LEGO Club 7:00 pm
13 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
14 Podcast 101 by Jonah 4:00 - 5:00 pm
16 Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00 - 2:30 pm
18 Maker Monday 10:30 am
Podcast Making in the Makerspace 3:30 - 5:00 pm
19 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
Podcast Making in the Makerspace 3:30 - 5:00 pm
20 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
Podcast Making in the Makerspace 3:30 - 5:00 pm
21 Library Board Meeting 4:15 pm
Podcast Making in the Makerspace 3:30 - 5:00 pm
22 Afterschool Gaming 3:30 - 5:30 pm
25 Maker Monday 10:30 am
FREEDOM! Libraries and Banned Books 7:00 pm
26 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
27 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
28 Podcast Primer 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Learn Genealogy 7:00 pm

October
2 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
3 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
Read Dog 4:00 pm
4 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
5 Tech Ed † the Parker 10:30 am
Afterschool Gaming 3:30 - 5:30 pm
7 Anime Afternoon 1:00 - 4:00 pm
9 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
10 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
YouTube Strategies with Christine Morse 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LEGO Club 7:00 pm
11 LIBRARY CLOSED
12 Coffee Talk: Coffee Tasting 7:00 pm
13 Baby Play 10:00 am
14 Teens Rock Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
16 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
17 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
18 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
19 Diggin’ for Dinosaurs 2:00 pm
Fandom Party 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Library Board Meeting 4:15 pm
20 Baby Play 10:00 am
21 Guardians of the Galaxy Marathon 12:30 - 5:00 pm
21 Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00 - 2:30 pm
23 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
24 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
Candyland Science 4:00 - 5:00 pm
25 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
26 Batman Lego Movie 2:00 - 4:00 pm
27 Baby Play 10:00 am
28 Halloween Puppet Show 10:30 am
30 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
Family STEM Night 7:00 pm
31 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am

November
1 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
2 Tech Ed † the Parker 10:30 am
Afterschool Gaming 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Books n Brews Book Club - Last Call! The Rise and Fall of Prohibition 7:00 pm
3 Baby Play 10:00 am
4 Anime Afternoon 1:00 - 4:00 pm
6 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
7 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
READ Dog 4:00 pm
Explore Virtual Reality 4:00 - 5:00 pm
8 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
9 Critter Soap 4:00 - 5:00 pm
10 Baby Play 10:00 am
Fall STEM Program (K-3) 2:00 pm
11 Teens Rock Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
13 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
14 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
TAO & Crayon Art 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LEGO Club 7:00 pm
15 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
16 Library Board Meeting 4:15 pm
DIY Candles 7:00 pm
17 Baby Play 10:00 am
Minot Grill Afterhours 7:00 - 9:00 pm
18 Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00 - 2:30 pm
20 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
21 Fort on the Shelf 7:00 pm
21 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
DIY Parties 4:00 - 5:00 pm
22 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
23 THANKSGIVING - LIBRARY CLOSED
27 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
Family STEM Night 7:00 pm
28 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
29 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
Despicable Me 3:00 pm
A Dog’s Purpose 2:00 - 4:00 pm

December
2 Anime Afternoon 1:00 - 4:00 pm
4 Maker Monday 10:30 am
ASK 3:45 pm
5 Side by Side Stories 10:00 am
READ Dog 4:00 pm
DIY Picture Frames 4:00 - 5:00 pm
6 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 am
7 Tech Ed † the Parker 10:30 am
Afterschool Gaming 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Recipe Exchange & Tasting 6:00 pm
9 Teens Rock Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
11 ASK 3:45 pm
12 TAO & Tech 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LEGO Club 7:00 pm
13 Holiday Open House 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
16 Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00 - 2:30 pm
18 ASK 3:45 pm
21 Library Board Meeting 4:15 pm
24 MERRY CHRISTMAS - LIBRARY CLOSED
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS - LIBRARY CLOSED
31 HAPPY NEW YEAR - LIBRARY CLOSED

January
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR - LIBRARY CLOSED

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