ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ!

Be a Reading Champion this summer. Children of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the Summer Reading Program which will kick off in early June. Join us at the library on June 6th when children of all ages can begin signing up while enjoying a tasty root beer float and some fun games. The fun starts at 2:00 PM. Our official kick off will be on June 9th at Oak Park starting at 5:00 PM near shelter 7. We will have the ribbon cutting for the Story Stroll at 5:00 PM, followed by the inaugural story walk, a light supper of hot dogs, chips, water and ice cream bars (while supplies last) and a special children’s concert starting at 7:00 PM featuring Jack and Kitty.

Hit a home run this summer and win all sorts of terrific prizes. Children who read a minimum of thirty minutes per week will be eligible for weekly drawings that will be held throughout the summer. Children signing up for the program will be given a reading log to keep track of the time they spend reading each week. They will be given one chance to win for each symbol crossed off the log. Children will also be given a chance to win each time they check out materials.

Drawings will be held weekly throughout the summer for prizes. Drawings for grand prizes will be held at the end of the program. The program will conclude on August 11th starting at 10:00 AM at the South Hill Complex. We’ll be joining the Minot Recreation Commission for a Super Duper Reading Fun Day. We’ll have games, prizes, snacks, and much more. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the finale of our summer reading program.

EXERCISE YOUR MIND. READ!

Give your mind a workout by signing up for the Minot Public Library’s 2016 Adult Summer Reading Program. Want to boost your brain power? Learn how to improve your health? Stretch your legs in an exotic place or time? Your training regimen begins by signing our contract and picking up a tally sheet at the library’s main circulation desk. By signing up, you will also receive a free library tote bag while supplies last. Additionally, there are prizes for the first 69 people to reach 1000 pages, including playing cards, lunch bag, stylus pen, blender bottle, and a card holder for phones. For every 500 pages read, you earn one ticket for entry into our grand prize drawings at the end of the program. Last year’s grand prizes included a variety of gift certificates to local stores and restaurants and gift baskets. The program begins Monday, June 6th and continues through Thursday, August 11th. Logs will be due back at the library by Friday, August 12th at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Brendan Chella, the Adult Services Librarian, at 701-852-1045 or brendan.chella@minotnd.org.

Teen Summer Reading Program

This year we’re trying out popular fitness activities, exploring new technology and celebrating our favorite stories with FUN and FREE programs! Teens and Tweens from 11-18 may participate in our reading challenge to read 1,000 pages. Any book, magazine, newspaper or other reading materials appropriate to reading levels will be accepted. At registration, teens sign a contract and receive their reading log. Upon completion of their challenge, a parent or guardian must sign the log. Registration starts June 6th and all challenge logs must be received by August 12th at 6:00 PM. All teens who return completed logs on time will receive a $10 gift card to a local bookstore for their hard work! There are also prizes at the half-way point. Get in the Game, READ!

Teen Field Trips

Our MPL teens have been invited to take part in a meeting of the Minot Aircraft Modelers. We will join them July 12th at 6:30 PM. Meet Pam at MAM field located at 100th Ave and 100th St NE Minot. Teens will be dismissed from the program by 9:00 PM.

At the Roosevelt Park Zoo Field we’ll put our reading skills into action: reading signs, maps and fun facts about our favorite animals! Teens will meet Pam at the front entrance of Roosevelt Park Zoo at 2:00 PM on August 1st. Teens will be dismissed from the zoo at 4:00 PM. This field trip is good for 10 pages on a teen reading challenge log!

To sign up for either of these fun filled field trips, please email Pam at pam.carswell@minotnd.org, call 852-1045 or sign up at the front desk.
Be A Star: Read!

Get Ready, Get Set, Read at one of our many story times for pre-school children.

SIDE-BY-SIDE STORIES – Stories for children and their caregiver, parent or grandparent will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM starting June 7th and continuing through August 9th.

WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS – Join Flash and friends on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM starting June 8th and continuing through August 10th for independent 3 to 6 year-olds.

BABY PLAY – An interactive story time for children ages 12 months to 3 years of age and their parent or grandparent will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 AM starting June 9th and continuing through July 28th. For more information contact the Children's Library at 838-0606.

Maker Mondays

Independent children ages 3-6 can power up with books on Mondays. This activity-based story time is designed just for the younger set. Join us each week for a story and an activity to go along with it. The program will take place on Mondays at 10:30 AM starting June 6th and will continue through August 8th. Please note: there will be no Maker Monday on July 4th.

Programs for each week are as follows:

June

- 6 Take me out to the Ball Game
- 13 Just Dad and Me
- 20 Let's Go Ride a Bike
- 27 It's the Fourth of July

July

- 4 Library closed
- 11 Splish, Splash! I'm going Swimming
- 18 Kick it up with Karate
- 25 Tap, tap your feet

August

- 1 Touchdown
- 8 Kick and Score

For more information contact the Children's Library at 838-0606.

GET OUT, GET MOVING, HAVE FUN!

Children grades 2-5 will be able to get moving and have fun this summer at the library with these fun programs:

- June 15 Popcorn Olympics: Join us for our version of the summer Olympics!
- 22 Jump Rope Fun: We will be skipping rope and making jump ropes too!
- 29 Pool Noodle Sports: Pool noodles are not just for swimming. Come find out all the fun you can have with pool noodles.

- July 6 Larger Than Life Games: Come play oversized games with us.
- 13 Soccer Fun: Come play pom-pom soccer with us.
- 20 Frisbee Fun

All programs will start at 2:00 PM. For more information on any of the programs contact the Children's Library at 838-0606.

GET GOING THURSDAYS

Hey kids: get moving with us on Get Going Thursdays. We will have programs on how you can get going and get active this summer! These programs are for school age children grades one and above and will start at 2:00 PM.

- June 16 Get Going with Simple Exercises: A YMCA expert will be here to give exercise tips (grades 1 & up)
- 23 Relax with Yoga: Come learn some basic yoga (grades 1 & up)
- 30 Mini Golf at the Library: We will have our own mini golf for you to try (grades 4 – teens)

- July 7 Master Martial Arts: Come check it out! ATA Martial Arts will be here to show us some ways to defend ourselves (grades 1 & up)
- 14 Bicycle Safety: We will have tips on how to keep safe on our bikes this summer (grades 1 & up)
- 21 Zumba It Up: Come have fun and learn to Zumba (grades 1 – teens)

JUNE MONDAY MADNESS

We will be having programs for different ages on Mondays during the month of June. On June 13th at 2:00 PM children and teens (grade 2 and up) can come to the Makerspace and make special trading cards with their own picture on them. Trade your sports cards with your friends!

Nursery Rhyme Relays for children in grades K-1 will be held on June 20th at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station. Come join the fun!

Finally, it’s the event you have been waiting for – A Harry Potter Party will be held on June 27th starting at 2:00 PM in the North Community Room for children and teens grades 4 and up.

Personal Finance: Credit Card Safety & Your Credit

On Thursday, May 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the library’s North Meeting Room, the Minot Public library is hosting an event dedicated to the very important topics of debit and credit card safety and how to deal with good or bad credit. Representatives from local institutions Town and Country Federal Credit Union and First Western Bank and Trust will be conducting the presentations with time for questions after each topic is finished. Food and drinks will be served.

Lego Club to Meet During the Summer

The LEGO Club will meet the second Tuesday during the months of June and July at 7:00 PM in the Imagination Station of the Minot Public Library. Children ages four years to Grade 5 (and parents) interested in building are encouraged to attend. Each month children will have the opportunity to create different structures and vehicles with LEGO. 
**Books ‘n Brews Book Club**

The Books ‘n Brews Book Club continues to roll along and we have both of this summer’s books selected. First up, at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 23rd, the club will be discussing The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson. It tells the stories of architect Daniel H. Burnham who designed the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair as well as serial killer H.H. Holmes who stalked the fair. A movie version starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Martin Scorsese was recently announced. After June, our next meeting will be Thursday, August 25th where our book of the month will be the recent best-seller The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. The novel is a psychological thriller about the intertwining of several people’s lives who pass each other on a train every day. This too has a movie version coming out, which will be appearing in theaters this October.

The permanent location of the club is the craft beer tavern Tap Room. You can find it at 23 Main Street S. on the side street between Rick’s Jewelry and Rooster’s.

**Get in the Game Writing Contest**

We are pleased to announce the Get in the Game Teen writing contest! We want to read short stories that involve ACTION! Some ideas include but not limited to: taking action on a cause, games or rules, relationships, or sports. The short stories must be between 1000-1500 words. Make it look polished: Use Microsoft Word, double space your story, use Times New Roman font or Courier in 12 point font size and use 1 inch margins. In the upper left corner, please use a header with your last name, title and page number. Use a title page with your name, telephone number and address. Your story must have a beginning, middle and end. Teen writers are invited to submit their short story entries to storysparks@yahoo.com or turn it in the front desk by August 5th. There is a $25 gift card for 1st place, $20 gift card for 2nd place and $15 gift card for 3rd place.

**OPEN SWIM in the Makerspace**

Open Swim is a Makerspace informal program where teens and others can drop in, work on projects, ask advice, collaborate with others and gain new skills and confidence using technology. Artists in Residence, SEAN KEANY and ARVIN DAVIS of MIGHTCOUDO Entertainment will be on hand during Open Swim to assist with drawing, photography, photo editing, video making and editing, animation, and scanning questions. Staff will also be on hand for this program. All available Makerspace equipment will be accessible upon request, under the supervision of Staff and/or Artist in Residence. Open Swim will be for 2 hours on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 throughout SRP.

**Makerspace**

Our Makerspace goal is to turn a digital consumer into a digital producer. We have the equipment and software for our patrons can make their own video games, write and film their own videos, add special effects to photos and videos, make manga strips or comics, animate their own drawings, design a website or narrate their own audiobook. We have a wide array of Tech toys that can be checked out: Spheros, MakeyMakey, Arduino boards, raspberry pi, Dash and Dot robots, and Lego Mindstorm Robots. More tech will be coming soon! The Makerspace at the Minot Public Library is available for all individuals in the community, with a special emphasis on reaching out to teens. To use our Makerspace independently, teens will need: MPL Library Card, Internet permission, and a Makerspace Permission to check-out items from the library. Parent must be present to sign these permissions.

**Get in the Game READ ! Photo Contest**

We want to see ACTION photos of YOUR summer activities. Show us how you “got in the game”. Whether you are camping, playing sports, building robots, or working hard, show us how you’re spending your summer. Selfies are great! If you don’t have a camera, we’ve got you covered! Cameras are available for a week’s checkout with your library card and a signed Makerspace permission form. There is a $25 gift card for 1st place, $20 gift card for 2nd place and $15 gift card for 3rd place.

**The Rules:** You must be between ages 11-18 to enter. Your photo must be an action shot. Do SOMETHING! Your photo must be appropriate for a family setting. You must submit your photo as a JPEG. You must submit a release form with your photo. You must have the permission of everyone in the photo. Your photo must be taken between June 1st and August 5th 2016. Your photo must be submitted to minotlibraryphotos@yahoo.com by August 5th. No more than 5 photos may be submitted per contestant.

**TAG Meetings**

The Teen Advisory Group is open to any teen or tween who is interested to contributing their ideas and opinions to our teen programs and collections! Meetings will be held in the Makerspace from 2-3 on July 19th and August 2nd.

**Kindergarten Party Planned !**

Children who are entering kindergarten this fall are invited to the Library’s annual party which will be held on August 17th at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station. Children will hear stories about going to school and will be given treats. Children must be pre-registered by August 16th. Children may pre-register starting August 3rd by calling the Children’s Library at 838-0606.
**Intro to LEGO Robotics**

Ever wondered about LEGO Robotics and what it is all about? We will have a four week introduction to LEGO Robotics for children grades 4 and up starting July 11th and continuing through August 1st from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Children will learn about building design, sensors and programming the robot. Children must be pre-registered and space is limited. To register and for more information contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.

**Tuesday Movie Matinees**

Children of all ages are invited to spend Tuesday afternoons watching on the big screen. All movies will start at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station.

Movies for the summer include.

June 14  The Game Plan
June 21 Hatching Pete: Dadnapped
June 28 Surf’s Up
July 5 Million Dollar Arm
July 12 Air Bud: Golden Receiver
July 19 Speed Racer
July 26 Jump In!

**Teen Movies!**

We've got FREE admission & FREE popcorn!
June 16 2:00-4:00 Mockingjay Part II
July 7 2:00- 4:00 5th Wave
July 14 6:00-9:00 Star Wars The Force Awakens & Stellar Gaming

**Teen Gaming**

We are excited to offer TEEN GAMING on the second Saturday of every month. From 1:00-4:00, come on down to Teen Gaming in the South Community room. We have a Wii, a WiiU, an Xbox360 and a Kinect. We have tablets to play on too! Bring a game from home or play one of ours! Grab a friend or two and let’s GAME ON SATURDAYS! Dates are: June 11th, July 9th and August 13th. Gaming will also be held August 4th from 2:00-4:00.

**Teens Launch!**

A program all about launching into adult life! We'll be talking about careers and college, how to find scholarships, CLEP tests, and jobs available locally. Recent grads, High School Juniors and Seniors and their families are invited to attend. June 20th from 6-8 here at MPL!

**READ Dog Available!**

Sisu, a Reading Education Assistance Dog, will be available for children to read to on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM. Sisu is a standard poodle and LOVES listening to children read. Children may read for 15 minutes on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information about the READ dog contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.

**Calendar of Events**

**MAY**
- 21 Color Me Happy Coloring Club 1:00 PM
- 26 Personal Finance 6:00 PM
- 29 Library Closed
- 30 Memorial Day – Library Closed

**JUNE**
- 5 Library Closed
- 6 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 7 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 8 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 9 Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 11 Game On Saturday 1:00-4:00 PM
- 12 Library Closed
- 13 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 14 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 15 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 16 Baby Play 10:00 AM
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**AUGUST**
- 1 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 2 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 3 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
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**Library Hours**

Labor Day – Memorial Day: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Labor Day – Memorial Day: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Labor Day – Memorial Day: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Labor Day – Memorial Day: 1-5 p.m.

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