**Ask Programs for School-Age Children Planned**

After School Programs for children kindergarten through grade 5 will continue on Mondays starting January 13th at 3:45 PM in the Imagination Station. This activity-based program includes information, crafts, and cooking.

Programs are:

- Jan. 13 Science Fun
- Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL, NO ASK
- Jan. 27 A Snowy Day
- Feb. 3 Kids in the Kitchen
- Feb. 10 Science Fun
- Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL, NO ASK
- Feb. 24 Dr. Seuss On the Loose
- Mar. 3 Kids in the Kitchen
- Mar. 10 Science Fun
- Mar. 17 Leapin’ Leprechauns
- Mar. 24 Springtime Crafts
- Mar. 31 Cupcakes, Cupcakes
- Apr. 7 Kids in the Kitchen
- Apr. 14 Science Fun

**Friends of Library 2013 Donations**

The Friends of the Minot Public Library donated $29,644 to the Library to enhance services.

Programs and projects funded include: books & materials (12,329), ebooks, eaudiobooks and Live Homework Help ($8,330), equipment ($2,719), teen programs ($1,149), children’s programs ($700), summer reading program ($1,914), and marketing ($1,399).

Funds raised through the book sales, endowment interest and dividends, and the Great Tomato Festival made this contribution possible. Thanks to our Friends for enhancing services and the library building.

**Game on Saturday**

We are excited to offer TEEN GAMING once a month, on SATURDAYS! From 1:00-4:00 PM on the second Saturday of the month, come on down to Teen Gaming in the South Community room.

We have a Wii, a WiiU, an Xbox360 and a Kinect. We have 4 tablets to play apps on too! Bring a game from home or play one of ours! Grab a friend or two and let’s get our GAME ON SATURDAYS! Dates for Saturday gaming: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, and May 10th.

**Story Times for Preschool Children**

- **BABY STEPS**
  A twenty minute story time for children ages 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers on Fridays at 10:00 AM, March 7th - April 11th.

- **SIDE-BY-SIDE STORIES**
  For children ready for a longer story session. Children must be accompanied by parents or other caregivers. Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, January 7th - May 6th.

- **TOTALLY PRE-SCHOOL**
  A story time for independent children ages 3-6. Mondays at 10:30 AM, January 6th - May 5th.

- **WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS**
  For independent children ages 3-6. Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, January 8th - May 7th.

- **TEDDY BEAR TALES**
  A story time for parents and their children Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, March 4th - April 8th. Come with your child and unwind and listen to a story after a long day at work.

For more information about children’s programs or to preregister call 838-0606.

**Tech Tutors: 1-on-1 Computer Help for Adults**

The Library offers one-on-one computer help for adults at no cost. Patrons are invited to sign up for these one-hour sessions by calling 852-1045 or by visiting our website at www.minotlibrary.org and clicking on “Technology Education” on the left-hand side.

Topics that can be covered include: ereaders, ebooks, emagazines, Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher or PowerPoint Basics; Computer Basics; Internet Tips & Searching: Email Basics; OverDrive or OneClickdigital Electronic Format Materials; Consumer Health Resources on the Internet; and the library’s Electronic Resources.

Library cards are required to sign up for Tech Tutors and you may bring your own laptop or portable device if you wish to do so. These tutoring sessions are by appointment only and the tutor availability will depend on the type of computer help needed.
It’s a Seussical Birthday
Watch for more information regarding Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration that will be held March 2nd starting at 1:00 PM at the Minot Public Library. It’s a fun time for children of all ages. There will be games, activities and stories galore. Information about the event will be available at your child’s school and the Minot Public Library in February. Mark your calendars now.

Movie Madness!
Come spend your afternoons off with us watching movies on the big screen in the Imagination Station of the Minot Public Library. We will be showing movies at 2:00 PM on the following days:

- February 5 - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Pt. 2
- March 5 - Planes
- April 2 - Despicable Me II

It’s Tea Time At The Library!
Pre-school children and their grandparents are invited to the annual Grandparents Tea that will be held on April 16th at 10:30 AM in the Imagination Station. Guests will be treated to stories and puppets and of course, treats. Children may bring special friends or adopted grandparents as well. The event is being held in conjunction with National Library Week.

Vacation Day Programs Planned
Make plans now to spend a few hours of your vacation with us. We are planning all sorts of fun programs for school age children (k-5) to be held on days when children are not in school.

- January 20th - Penguin Party. We will have crafts and polar snacks as well.
- February 17th - We are going to learn all about colors and rainbows.
- March 13 - Star Wars Party. We’ll even do a few moon activities as well!
- April 17th - Hippity Hop! It’s Easter and we will be doing some fun craft activities.

All programs start at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station of the Minot Public Library.

Guys Read at the Library
Dads and their children are invited to the programs that are planned just for them.

- January 27th Join us for some fun Science starting at 7:00 PM in the Imagination Station. We will have the members of Beta Gamma Phi Science Fraternity from Minot State University to share their knowledge.
- February 24th Jonah and the “game experts” will be here to talk about the new WiiU and demonstrate it. We’ll even have the library’s gaming system set up so you and dad can try it out!
- March 31st Program to be announced.

Clubs and Organizations Directory!
The 34th edition of the Clubs and Organizations Directory is available at the library.
The directory contains over 680 listings of different types of organizations (social services, foundations, government, support groups and clubs). Provided for each listing is a contact name, a phone number and the address.
The clubs and organizations directory is also available through the Minot Public Library’s webpage (www.minotlibrary.org), and this provides more information about the organizations listed in the directory.

If you have any questions or have an organization or club that is not listed and would like to have it put in the directory you can contact Debbie by calling 852-0333 or through e-mail at dchappo@srt.com.

Calling All Poets
The Friends of the Minot Public Library will sponsor the annual Dallas Gillmore Poetry Writing Contest for children grades 2-5.

Any type of original poetry may be submitted. Prizes of $25, $15, and $10 will be awarded to the winners in grade 2, 3, 4, and 5. Winners from each grade level (2-5) will be asked to read their poems at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Minot Public Library which will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station. The deadline for poetry submissions will be Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 9:00 PM.

All entries must have the student’s name, grade, school and teacher written clearly on the BACK of the entry. DO NOT put this information on the front. Failure to include this information on the back will result in disqualification.

LEGO Club Meetings!
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Imagination Station.
Children four years of age to Grade 5 and parents are encouraged to attend. Each month children will have the opportunity to create different structures and vehicles with LEGOs. Their structures are on display in the Children’s Library.

Library2Go
Best-selling and classic eBooks and audiobooks, 24/7 from the library’s website, www.minotlibrary.org. Downloadable to your kindle, nook, ipad and a variety of other devices. This service is available with your library card.
Go GREEN this April! The Minot Public Library wants to help you go GREEN for Earth Day this year. Join us Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM as we demonstrate simple ways for you to recycle, reuse and reduce your rubbish.

Library staff will provide hands-on training and also bring in samples of easy-to-make craft and gift items created from scraps from around the home. We will also show you how to make some of your own environmentally friendly products such as laundry detergent, cleaning products and bath items. Everyone who attends will have the opportunity to make something and will receive plenty of instructions on how to make these items on their own!

Registration is required so that we can ensure enough materials for all attendees. You can register by calling the library at 852-1045 or by going online to www.minotlibrary.org.

Explore MARS/Maven
Pam, our Teen Services Librarian, recently attended the Explore MARS conference. She also attended the launch of the MAVEN satellite that will help Earthlings understand Mars’s atmosphere better! We’ll be doing some really EPIC science programs along with fun movies and decoding the difference between science fact and science fiction!

- January 8th - Volcano Science and Movie “Journey to the Center of the Earth”, 2:00 PM
- February 5th - Mars Creatures and Movie “Mars needs Moms”, 2:00 PM
- April 2nd - Crater Formation and Movie “After Earth”, 2:00 PM

TAG Meetings
Teen Advisory Group is open to ANY Minot area teen, 11-18 years old, willing to share their ideas and opinions with us! We LOVE hearing what our patrons think! Meetings are fun, informal, and are chaired by Pam. It’s a time for new big ideas and exciting plans!

Teen Movies
Lots of fun movies coming up! Always free admission, so bring a friend!

Jan. 20 - 42 the Jackie Robinson Story 1:00-3:00 PM
Feb. 17 - Lincoln 2:00-4:30 PM
March 20 - Mortal Instruments: City of Bones 3:30-5:00 PM
April 17 - Catching Fire 2:00-4:00 PM
May 15 - One Direction: This is Us 3:30-5:30 PM

THANK YOU!
The Teen Program has had a wonderful Fall! A great big thank you to all of our speakers for their dedication! We’d like to thank Mike Carswell for his September 11th talk. Jonah from Gorilla Games for his Magic expertise, donation of Magic cards to MPL and for being our favorite GAMEMASTER for our tournaments! Also Myrna from Marketplace Foods who so aptly walks us through the fine arts of cake décor!

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   ASK 3:45 PM
14 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
   LEGO Club 7:00 PM
15 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
16 Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
   TAG meeting 4:00 PM
20 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   Teen Movie: 42 the Jackie Robinson
   Story 1:00 PM
   Penguin Party 2:00 PM
21 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
22 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
27 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
   Guys Read 7:00 PM
28 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
29 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
30 Teen Gaming 3:30-5:30 PM

FEBRUARY
3 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
4 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
5 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
   Movie Matinee: Cloudy with a Chance of
   Meatballs, Pt 2 2:00 PM
   Teen NASA Program and Movie 2:00 PM
8 Game on Saturday 1:00-4:00 PM
10 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
11 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
12 LEGO Club 7:00 PM
13 Teen Program: Candy Making 3:30-5:30 PM
17 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   Holiday reading
   Vacation Day Program (k-5) 2:00 PM
18 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
19 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
   Teddy Bear Tales 6:30 PM
22 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
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25 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
   Movie Matinee: Catching Fire 2:00 PM
28 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
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30 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM

MARCH
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   ASK 3:45 PM
4 Side by Side Stories 10:00 PM
   Teddy Bear Tales 6:30 PM
5 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
   Movie Matinee: Planes 2:00 PM
   Teen Craft: DIY Laundry Detergent 2:00 PM
7 Baby Steps 10:00 AM
8 Game on Saturday 1:00-4:00 PM
10 Totally Pre-School Story Time 10:30 AM
   ASK 3:45 PM
11 Side By Side Stories 10:00 AM
   Teddy Bear Tales 6:30 PM
   LEGO Club 7:00 PM
12 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
13 Star Wars Party (k-5) 2:00 PM
   Teen Craft: Cupcake Challenge 2:00 PM
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   Teen Tech 2:00 PM
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26 Memorial Day – LIBRARY CLOSED

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