Archaeologist Amanda Watts presents Mes Aynak

On Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 PM in the Library Imagination Station, Archaeologist Amanda Watts will speak on her experience working the Mes Aynak archaeological excavation in Afghanistan.

Mes Aynak is located in the barren mountains of Logar Province, Afghanistan, about 50 miles southeast of Kabul. Aynak Mountain contains Afghanistan's largest copper mineral deposit, and atop of this mountain sits an ancient settlement with a 5,000 year history, beginning with a Bronze Age village beneath a later Buddhist monastery complex with over 400 statues, mural wall paintings and ceremonial stupa platforms still preserved within the archaeological remains.

Currently, this area is also a major transit route for Taliban and other terrorist insurgents coming from Pakistan. Archaeologists have been working since 2012 to uncover and document the archaeological heritage at Mes Aynak before copper mining activities destroy the heritage. The international team of specialists work under extreme conditions with the constant threat of terrorist attack.

Limited Edition Programs!

When MPS lets out early, or is not in session, we will have something awesome for teens to do! Don’t be bored, grab your buddies and come for some fun!

Sept 17 Candy Apple Making & Divergent Movie 2:00-4:30 PM
Oct 15 Cake Wars 2:00-4:00 PM*
Oct 16 Star Trek into the Darkness Movie 2:00-4:00 PM
Oct 17 Sci-Fi Trivia 2:00-4:00 PM
Nov 10 Origami Animal Making & Zookeeper Movie 2:00-4:00 PM
Nov 19 Glass Etching 2:00-3:00 PM*
Dec 10 Candle Making & Unaccompanied Minors Movie 2:00-4:30 PM*

*Register by emailing Pam at pam.carswell@minotnd.org, calling 852-1045, or signing up at the front desk!

Maker Mondays

New for independent children ages 3-6 is a story/activity program held on Mondays at 10:30 AM. Topics are as follows:

Sept. 15 - Dot, Dot, Dot
Sept. 22 - Sunflowers
Sept. 29 - Fall Leaves
Oct. 6 - Fall Sink or Float
Oct. 13 - What’s Inside an Apple?
Oct. 20 - Itsy Bitsy Spider
Oct. 27 - Pumpkin Painting
Nov. 3 - Kitchen Engineering
Nov. 10 - Milk Painting
Nov 17 - Squirrels and Acorns
Nov. 24 - Turkey Feather Collage
Dec. 1 - Candy Canes
Dec. 8 - Gingerbread Fun

It’s Time to Get Your GEEK On!

Minot residents may soon add a new verb to their vocabulary: ‘geek.’

The Minot Public Library and Ward County Public Library are participating in Geek the Library, a community-based public awareness campaign. Geek the Library introduces ‘geek’ as a verb, and encourages the public to talk about what they ‘geek’—whether it’s engineering, superheroes or art. The public awareness campaign illustrates the fact that everyone is passionate about something—everyone ‘geeks’ something—and the library supports them all.

“This campaign is designed to provoke conversation about the vital role that public libraries and librarians play in today’s challenging environment,” said Cathy De Rosa, global vice president of marketing for OCLC, a nonprofit library cooperative which led campaign development and conducted a pilot campaign from June 2009 to April 2010. “We hope it will spark important community discussions about how public libraries can remain strong.”

The awareness campaign features print advertising, social networking elements, a website and grassroots community initiatives to draw attention to the need for increased library support. The campaign website, www.geekthelibrary.org, provides information about how people can get active and support their local library. The Minot Public Library and Ward County Public Library will be collaborating over the upcoming months to demonstrate that no matter what you ‘geek’ the library has got what you need! See “Geek” Programs on page 3.
FIZZ, BOOM, READ: A Big Success!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the annual Summer Reading Program, “FIZZ, BOOM, READ”. Over 950 children signed up for the program this summer. Special thanks to our sponsors this year: KXMC-TV, Johnson Eyecare and Eyewear, and the Roosevelt Park and Zoo. Over 400 children attended the super duper reading fun day held to mark the end of the summer reading program.

Winners of the prizes include: Ashley B., winner of the $100 Visa gift card from Johnson Eyecare and Eyewear, Benjamin S., winner of the $50 Barnes & Noble gift card given by Friends of the Minot Public Library, Ayden A., winner of the $50 gift card from Main Street Books given by Ward County Public Library, Shelsey B., winner of the zoo pass from Roosevelt Park and Zoo, and Christine N., winner of a Child’s Party given by Minot Public Library. Congratulations to ALL the children who participated, they are all winners.

Fall Story Times Planned For Children

The Minot Public Library offers story times for children of all ages.

BABY PLAY, on Fridays at 10:00 AM starting Oct. 3 and continuing through Nov. 21, is a story time and sensory play activity for children ages 12 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers. There will be an opportunity for children to play after the story time.

SIDE by SIDE STORIES, will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM from Sept. 16 to Dec. 9 for children accompanied by parents or other caregivers.

WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS, a puppet story time will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM for independent children ages 3-6 Sept. 17th through Dec. 10th.

TEDDY BEAR TALES, a story time for busy parents and their children will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM starting Sept. 30 through Nov. 4. Come with your child and unwind and listen to a story after a long day at work.

Lego Club Schedule

The LEGO Club will meet the second Tuesday of the month starting September 9 throughout the fall at 7:00 PM in the Library Imagination Station. Children four years of age to Grade 5 and parents interested in building are encouraged to attend. At each meeting children will have the opportunity to create different structures and vehicles with LEGOS. Each month their structures are on display in the Children’s Library.

Vacation Day Programs

We are planning some fun programs for school age children (K-5) to be held on vacation days when not in school. Join us Thursday, October 16th at 2:00 PM for some cool Halloween Science activities. We will be doing all sorts of spooky experiments. We’ll be making yummy Harvest Snacks on November 10th starting at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station. Hope to see you there.

Puppet Shows for Pre-School Children Scheduled

Independent pre-school children ages 3-6 are invited to join Flash and his friends for special holiday puppet shows this fall. You’ll be scared silly at the Halloween puppet show that will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 10:30 AM in the Imagination Station. A Christmas puppet show will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 10:30 AM. Parents may relax and browse the library while their child attends the puppet show.
Thank You!
The Teens of MPL have had an AWESOME summer! We’d like to thank the Minot Model Aircrafters for having us out to MAM field and treating us to high-flying fun and fast cars! We’d also like to thank Roosevelt Park Zoo for providing us with FREE PASSES to come and visit! We had an amazing tour!

Gaming News
Minot Public Library offers gaming options! We have 5 tablets, a Wii and a Wii U, an Xbox360 and a Kinect! Bring your buddies and get your GAME ON! Bring a game from home or play one of ours. No registration required! We are holding our Fall Gaming Tournament on November 13th. Jonah from Gorilla Games is our favorite gamemaster and there will be prizes for the top three gamers!

The second Saturday of the month we are offering GAME ON SATURDAY from 1:00-4:00! Dates are: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th!

Afterschool Gaming is held from 3:30-5:30 PM on: September 25th, October 23rd, November 13th and December 18th.

We GEEK Apples!
On Tuesday, September 23rd @ 7:00 pm bring your appetite as we demonstrate how to prepare some yummy recipes using apples. Join us in the “Imagination Station” of the library where we will cook up a variety of apple-inspired dishes. Everyone who attends will receive recipe cards to take home and get to sample the food. This program is offered as a part of the “GEEK the Library” campaign along with the Ward County Public Library and is made possible in part thanks to a donation from Cash Wise.

GEEK Do-It-Yourself Gifts
Come to the library Saturday, December 13th @ 2:00 pm to make some of those last-minute holiday gifts yourself! Library staff and volunteers will be demonstrating how to make homemade gifts for this holiday season and everyone who stops by will get to make something to take home. Gifts will include everything from spa items to literary-inspired decorations!

TAG Meetings
The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is comprised of teens and tweens in grades 6-12 and is open to ANY teen who is interested in giving Pam their opinions about programs and materials! We welcome big ideas and make a lot of fun and exciting plans! TAG Meetings are October 9 and December 5, 3:30-4:30 PM.

Spark a Reaction Writing Contest Winners:
Honorable Mention: “Thunder Phobia” by Shandra Getzlaff
3rd Place: “Time and Space: A Different Perspective” by Austin Flax
2nd Place: “Planty” by Elizabeth Hurteau
1st Place: “The Thunderstorm” by Megan Klebe
Thank you to all teens who entered this writing contest!

Guys Read
Join us for a Geek the Library program when Scheels presents an exciting program on bow hunting, Monday October 27th at 7:00 PM. Bring the entire family for a fun and informative program.

Come November 24th at 7:00 PM and find out all about Model Railroading. We will have representatives from the Minot Model Railroaders here to talk about this hobby.

Tech Tutors: 1-on-1 Computer Help for Adults
The Library offers one-on-one computer help for adults at no cost. Individuals 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: Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher or PowerPoint Basics; Computer Basics; Internet Tips & Searching; Email Basics; OverDrive or OneClickdigital Electronic Format Materials; Genealogy Resource Links; and the library’s Electronic Resources.

Library cards are required to sign up for Tech Tutors (by appointment only) and you may bring your own laptop or portable device if you wish. Tutor availability will depend on the type of computer help needed.
### Calendar of Events

**SEPTEMBER**
- 9: LEGO Club 7:00 PM
- 13: Archeologist Amanda Watts 2:00 PM
- 15: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 16: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 17: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 18: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 22: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 23: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 24: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 25: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 29: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 30: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM

**OCTOBER**
- 1: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 2: Warm Bodies 3:30-5:00 PM (Teens)
- 3: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 6: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 7: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 8: TAG Meeting 3:30-4:30 PM (Teens)
- 9: Game On Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM
- 11: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 12: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 13: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 14: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 15: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 16: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 17: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 20: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 21: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 22: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 23: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 24: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 25: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 27: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 28: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 29: Baby Play 10:00 AM

**NOVEMBER**
- 3: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 4: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 11: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 12: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 13: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 14: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 15: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 16: Vacation Day Program-Harvest Snacks 2 PM
- 17: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 18: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 19: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 20: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 21: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
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- 23: Afterschool Gaming 3:30-4:30 PM (Teens)
- 24: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 25: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 26: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 27: Library CLOSED-Happy Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**
- 1: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 2: Game On Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM
- 3: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 4: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 5: TAG Meeting 3:30-4:30 PM (Teens)
- 6: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 7: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 8: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 9: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 10: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 11: Library Closed for Holidays
- 12: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 13: Game On Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM
- 14: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 15: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 16: Vacation Day Program-Harvest Snacks 2 PM
- 17: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 18: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 19: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 20: Christmas Puppet Show 10:30 AM
- 21: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 22: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 23: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 24: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 25: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM (Teens)
- 26: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 27: Library2Go Downloads
- 28: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 29: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 31: Baby Play 10:00 AM

### Electronic Resources
- **www.minotlibrary.org**
- Click on Electronic Resources
- To access you will need a library card #
- AncestryPlus- (at library only)
- A to Z Maps Online-145,000 world maps
- A to Z the USA
- A to Z Maps
- A to Z World Culture
- Antiques Reference
- Auto Reference Center
- Britannica Encyclopedia
- Consumer Reports
- Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior
- Foundation Grants - (at library only)
- Grolier Encyclopedia
- Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia
- Heritage Quest
- Home Improvement Center
- Library2Go Downloads
- Languages
- Learn-A-Test
- Live Homework Help
- Oxford Art Online
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Small Engine Repair Center
- Tumblebooks for Kids
- Value Line for Investors
- Zinio downloadable magazines

### 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. Checkout over 100 digital magazines through the Library’s website.

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