The Kansas City Monarchs in Minot, ND

Most people have heard of Jackie Robinson, some have heard of Satchel Paige, many have even heard of the Kansas City Monarchs but few know how connected this team was to the Minot community. In honor of the 90th Anniversary of the Monarchs’ first World’s Championship in 1924, the Minot Public Library is thrilled to host author and baseball historian Phil S. Dixon on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 pm. Mr. Dixon will present this team’s unique history with a local twist as he talks about games the Monarchs played in and around Minot and against local competition—as well as discussing the history of ball players from North Dakota.

For more than thirty years, Phil S. Dixon has recorded African-American sports topics with a vast array of in-depth skill and historical accuracy. He is widely regarded for his expertise on baseball history and has authored nine prior baseball books. In January of 2014, Mr. Dixon started on his quest to speak in 90 cities where the famous Kansas City Monarchs barnstormed from 1920 to 1965. His goal is to spread goodwill and heal racial relationship with baseball history. His tour is titled, “The Kansas City Monarchs in our Hometown.” He visited 35 cities in 2014, logging 10,000 plus miles and traveled to 6 states by car – just as the Monarchs traveled. In 2015 he has set a goal to visit 55 cities and on June 15th Minot will be one of those cities! This program is free and open to the public. For more information please call 852-1045.

Every Hero has a Story

To the Library and Beyond! Soar into reading this summer at the Minot Public Library. Children of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the program which will kick off on June 8th. Power up with books 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 and will have one chance to win for each symbol crossed off the log. Children also have 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 kick off on Monday, June 8th at the Minot Municipal Auditorium with a Super Hero Obstacle Course and Activity Fair from 2-4 pm. The program will conclude on August 13th starting at 10 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.
**Kindergarten Party Planned**

Children who are entering kindergarten this fall are invited to the Library's annual party that will be held on August 19th at 2 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 18th. Children may pre-register starting August 3rd by calling the Children's Library at 838-0606.

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**Monday Movie Matinees**

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

Movies for the summer include:

- **June 15** – Big Hero 6
- **June 22** – Underdog
- **June 29** – Bolt
- **July 6** – The Incredibles
- **July 13** – Super Buddies
- **July 20** – Escape From Planet Earth
- **July 27** – Home

**Bring your own snacks and drinks!**

**Celebrate Everyday Community Heroes**

School children entering grade one and above are invited to meet real live community heroes that will present programs on Thursday afternoons starting at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station of the Minot Public Library.

Community Super Heroes are:

- **June 18** – Super Dogs from the Minot PD
- **June 25** – Super Hero Moves-Martial Arts
- **July 2** – Super Weather Man
- **July 9** – Super Hero Comics
- **July 16** – Super Detectives
- **July 23** – Super Fire Fighters
- **July 30** – Super Pets

**BAM! POW! READ & LEARN!**

Children grades 2-5 will be able to learn some super things on Wednesday afternoons starting at 2:00 PM. Super Wednesday Fun Activities include:

- **June 17** – Super Science
- **June 24** – Super Rockets and Gliders
- **July 1** – Super Plants
- **July 8** – Super Robots
- **July 15** – Super Oceans
- **July 22** – Super Snacks
- **July 29** – Super Science, Pt. 2

For more information on any of the programs contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.

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**UnMask Teen Writing Contest**

We are pleased to announce the UnMask Teen writing contest! We want to read short stories that involve revealing ideas; including, but not limited to, hidden talents, secrets, relationships, or superheroes! The short stories must be between 1000-1500 words. Please use Microsoft Word with Times New Roman or Courier typefaces in 12 point size, double spaced with 1 inch margins. Include a title page with your name, telephone number and address. In the upper left corner, use a header with your last name, title and page number. 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 7th. There is a $25 gift card for 1st place, $20 gift card for 2nd place and $15 gift card for 3rd place. Winners will be announced at Super Duper Fun Day on August 13th.

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**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 the stories that are read each week. The program will take place on Mondays at 10:30 AM starting June 15th and will continue through August 10th. For more information contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.

**Kindergarten Llama to Visit the Library**

The Minot Public Library will be hosting a special visitor on Friday, August 14th at 10:00 AM in the Imagination Station. We will be having Llama, Llama stories along with visitor Llama, Llama. There will be photo opportunities for parents after the story time. Watch for more information during the summer.

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**Be a Reading Hero This Summer**

Soar into reading 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 9th and continuing through August 11th.

**WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS** – Join Flash and friends on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM starting June 10th and continuing through August 12th.

**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 18th and continuing through August 6th.

**FIESTA TIME** – A special Spanish story time just for the summer. This story time will be held on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM starting June 16th and continuing through July 28th. For children ages 2 and up and their care giver.

For more information contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.
**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 7th at 6:00 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.

We put our reading skills into action on the the Roosevelt Park Zoo Field Trip: 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 on August 4th. Teens will be dismissed from the zoo at 4:00. 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!

**Extraordinary Music Collection at MPL!**

The Minot Public Library encourages you to come and check out our Local Music Collection! This one-of-a-kind music assortment captures the musical talents of North Dakotans and Minot natives past and present in a collection of over 150 CDs. Featuring a wide range of musical styles, there are currently over 150 titles from local artists such as the JMB Band, Gwen Sebastian, Tigirlily, Peggy Lee, Echo’s Answer, 32 Below and more.

MPL has recognized that music is an important part of our community and established the Local Music collection in 2013 with the support of the Friends of the Library. Not only does this make local music accessible outside of concert venues, the collection provides a means of preserving our musical history for future generations of music lovers and North Dakota history lovers. You can help us build our collection! If you or someone you know is a local musician with a CD you’d like to donate, we would be happy to add it to our collection.

**Escape the Ordinary in 3D: Dinner, Discussion and a Documentary Film**

The Minot Public Library will host a viewing of the documentary film, *The Overnighters*, on Wednesday, July 8th with dinner and a panel discussion. Food will be available at 5:30 pm and the movie will begin screening shortly after. Following the movie there will be a discussion and a chance to learn more about local Minot “heroes” helping people in our community and attendees can find out how they can help too!

About the movie: A modern-day *Grapes of Wrath*, *The Overnighters* tells an electrifying story about the promise of redemption and the limits of compassion. Chasing the American dream, thousands of workers flock to Williston, North Dakota, where the oil business is booming. However, instead of well-paying jobs, many find slim work prospects and a severe housing shortage. Pastor Jay Reinke converts his church into a makeshift dorm and counseling center, allowing hundreds of men, some with checked pasts, to stay despite the congregation’s objections and neighbors’ fears. When opposition to the “overnighters” reaches a boiling point, Pastor Jay makes a decision with shattering consequences.

**Teen Movies**

We’ve got FREE admission and FREE popcorn! Come to our Thursday Night Movies! We will start the movie watching July 2nd and continue our Thursday night movies until August 6th! We’re combining 2 of our movies with our TAG (Teen Advisory Group) so that we can hear from more of our teen patrons! We welcome bigger than life-sized ideas and make future plans. TAG is open to any teen or tweens willing to share their ideas on library collections and programming. The fun starts at 6:00 on Thursdays!

- July 2nd 6:00-8:30 PM *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*  
- July 9th 6:00-8:30 PM TAG & *The Fault in Our Stars*  
- July 16th 6:00-8:30 PM *Road to Ninja: The Naruto Movie & Manga Snacks*  
- July 23rd 6:00-8:00 PM *Mockingjay, Part 1*  
- July 30th 6:00-8:00 PM *Cinderella*  
- August 6th 6:00-8:30 PM *TAG & Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*

**Unmask Your Inner Maker!**

This year we are making virtual and real world projects! They’re all FUN and FREE! In our new Makerspace, we’ll explore new ways to digitally create our own movies, pictures and games. We’ll also have a great time learning or getting our hands dirty in the real world at crafts & demos!

- June 11 2:00-4:00 PM Building Project with Home Depot*  
- June 16 3:00-4:00 PM Filming and Effects Fun  
- June 18 6:30-8:00 PM Pokemon Cards Demo  
- June 22 3:00-4:00 PM Selfies with Bat Hero  
- July 14 3:00-4:00 PM Photoshop Fun  
- July 21 3:00-4:00 PM Game Creation Intro  
- August 11 3:00-4:30 PM Manga Craft & Trivia

* Home Depot is coming on June 11 from 2-4 to help us build some special library projects! Register for this program! Please sign up with Pam by emailing her at pam.carswell@minotnd.org, calling 852-1045 or sign up in person at the front desk!

**Teen Advisory Group Meetings (TAG)**

The Teen Advisory Group is open to any teen or tween who is interested in contributing their ideas and opinions to our teen programs and collections! This summer we are having our TAG meetings before movies so that more teens can attend. Meetings last about 30 minutes. TAG meets on July 9th, 6:00 pm, before *The Fault in our Stars* screening and August 6th, 6:00 pm, before *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.  

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Calendar of Events

JUNE
2 Sisu Visits the Library 4:00 PM
8 Summer Reading Kick Off
Minot Municipal Auditorium 2:00-4:00 PM
9 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
   LEGO Club 7:00 PM
10 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
11 Teen Building Project w/Home Depot 2:00 PM
13 Game On Saturday! 1:00 PM
15 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
   Movie Matinee 2:00 PM
   Kansas City Monarchs in our Hometown 7:00 PM
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   Everyday Heroes 2:00 PM
   Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
   Pokemon Cards Demo 6:30 PM
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   Teen Movie 6:00 PM

AUGUST
3 Maker Monday 10:30 AM
4 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
   Roosevelt Zoo Field Trip 2:00 PM
5 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
6 Baby Play 10:00 AM
   Teen Movie 6:00 PM
7 Teen Writing Contest Entries DUE!
8 Game On Saturday! 1:00 PM
10 Maker Mondays 10:30 AM
11 Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
   Manga Craft & Trivia 3:00 PM
12 Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
13 Super Duper Reading Fun 10-12 South Hill Complex
14 Llama, Llama visits the library 10:00 AM
   Teen & Adult Summer Reading Logs DUE!
19 Kindergarten Party 2:00 PM
20 Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM

SEPTEMBER
7 LABOR DAY LIBRARY CLOSED

Best-selling and classic eBooks and audiobooks, 24/7 from your library’s website.

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 and it is on a first come first serve basis. For more information about the READ dog contact the Children's Library at 838-0606.

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.

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