**Maker Mondays**

Maker Mondays, a story/activity program for independent children ages 3-6, will be held on Mondays at 10:30 AM in the Imagination Station. Topics for the weekly program are as follows:

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**Color Me Happy Coloring Club**

The Minot Public Library is excited to begin offering a coloring club for adults! The club will meet the third Saturday of every month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm beginning in February. The Color Me Happy Coloring Club gives grown-ups an opportunity to unwind and take part in some childlike fun. MPL will provide all the supplies you need to relax and get creative, but you are welcome to bring your own. No registration is necessary; for more information please call 852-1045.

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**The Minot Story Hour presents: Love Actually**

February 13th, 7pm @ Minot Public Library

The Friends of the Minot Public Library is proud to support The Minot Story Hour. The Minot Story Hour is a community storytelling event in which local folks share their real life stories in ten minutes or less. On Feb. 13th, MSH will present “Love Actually: stories of love and ‘it’s complicated’.”

These stories will be complicated and risky and touching and challenging. They will mess with your Valentine’s Day plans. But in a good way. We will have a diverse cast of storytellers, all sharing from their real lives. There will be a safe place for us to listen to each other and grow together as a community. And we guarantee you will laugh out loud at least once!

The night will also feature local musicians and themed food and beverages. Come celebrate Valentine’s Day (eve) with The Minot Story Hour.

**Facebook: The Minot Story Hour.**

*If you would like to be one of the six storytellers for our “Love Actually” event, please submit your story idea to: theminotstoryhour@gmail.com.*

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**Story Times Planned For Children**

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

**BABY PLAY**, is a story time and sensory play activity for children ages 12 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers that will continue through spring. There will be stories with an opportunity for children to play after the story time. This story time will resume February 5th at 10:00 AM and continue through April 15th. **SIDE by SIDE STORIES**, will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM for children accompanied by parents or other caregivers January 12th through May 3rd. **WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS**, a puppet story time will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM for independent children ages 3-6 January 13th through May 4th. For more information about story times contact the Children’s Library at 838-0606.

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**Makerspace News**

In addition to our cameras and other accessories that can be checked out for 7 days, we've added a *Lego Mindstorm Robot*! “George” can be checked out from the Makerspace for 7 days and enjoyed in the comfort of your own home. He’s been so popular; we’re adding a second robot “Fred”. More kits and tech toys will be available for checkout from the Makerspace soon. Create your own *Makey-Makey* banana piano, invent your own gadget with an *Arduino* board, craft your own gizmos with *Little Bits*, program a *Sphero* to do tricks, construct your own robot obstacle course and have a *Dash & Dot* robot learn to navigate it! All this is coming to Makerspace this winter. Keep abreast of the Makerspace news on our Minot Public Library Facebook page.
Books 'N Brews Book Club

After the success of the first two meetings, we are happy to announce the permanent location of the club will be the craft beer tavern, the Tap Room. You can find it at 23 Main Street South. We also have selected the times and books for our next two events in the new year. On Thursday, February 4th at 7pm the club will discuss the first fiction book, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman, famed writer of such works as the comic *Sandman* and novel *Coraline*. Two months later, on Thursday, April 5th at 7pm, the featured book is the title that inspired the club: *A History of the World in Six Glasses* by Tom Standage, which tells a story about our past through the prism of beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and carbonated beverages.

All these books will be available for checkout at the library. If you have any questions about the club or suggestions for future titles, please feel free to contact Brendan Chella, the Adult Services Librarian, at 701-852-1045 or brendan.chella@minotnd.org.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Meetings

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) is comprised of teens and tweens in grades 6-12 and is open to ANY teen who is interested to giving Pam their opinions about programs and materials! We welcome big ideas and make a lot of fun and exciting plans! TAG will be held in conjunction with the Animation premier April 12th from 4-5 and in conjunction with Stellar Sunglasses on May 5th from 4-5.

Great Libraries Need Great Friends

The Minot Public Library would like to thank the following 2016 “contributing members” of the Friends of the Library group: Ann Jussero, Kate Scheeler and Charles and Susan Taft. The Friends group makes many of our great programs possible - for more information on becoming a Friend of the Library stop in or call 852-1045. Also, check back to find out about the Friends’ Spring Book Sale this April!

READ Dog Available for Children

Sisu, a Reading Education Assistance Dog, will be available for children to read to on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 4:00 PM in the Children’s Library and continuing until 5:00 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.

Guys Read

Join us January 25th at 7:00 PM for a presentation by the Mind Builders LEGO Robotics team from the Minot Public Library. Members of the team will give a presentation on recycling and show off their robot! The Minot Coin Club will be joining us on February 29th at 7:00 PM to give us information on collecting coins. They will have coins for everyone to look at as well. The March 21st Guys Read is to be announced. For more information about any the programs contact the library at 838-0606.

Calling All Poets

The Friends of the Minot Public Library will sponsor the annual Dallas Gilmore 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 Patrons of the Minot Public Library which will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 PM in the Imagination Station. The deadline for poetry submissions will be Friday, April 1st. 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.

If you have questions or need more information feel free to contact the library at 838-0606.

Movie Matinees!

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:

Mar. 15 Minions
Apr. 13 Kung Fu Panda 3

Children may bring their own snacks and drinks if they wish.

ASK Programs for School Age Children

After School Kids Programs will resume Monday, January 4th at 3:45 PM in the Imagination Station. The activity-based programs are geared for school age children (K-5). The program for the winter/spring session is as follows:

Jan. 4 Hot Chocolate
Jan. 11 Snow and Ice
Jan. 25 Starry Night
Feb. 1 No Bake Cookie Pops
Feb. 8 Make and Take Valentine
Feb. 22 Coding
Feb. 29 Dr. Seuss
Mar. 7 Domino fun
Mar. 14 St. Patrick’s Day
Mar. 21 Easter Eggs
Apr. 4 Butterflies
Apr. 11 STEM Challenges

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Teen Movies!

We’ve got FREE admission and FREE popcorn! Our movies are always fun, so bring a friend! We’ve updated our projector and sound system so it’s seriously cool. We’ve got the popcorn and we’re doing fun activities before all of our showings this spring! No signup required, just drop on in!

Feb. 15th  Jurassic World and fossil craft 2:00-4:30 PM
Mar. 15th  Tomorrowland and 3D Doodler fun 2:00-4:30 PM
Mar. 28th  Cinderella and “The Selection” trivia 2:00-4:30 PM
Apr. 20th  Scorch Trials and Desert Drinks 2:00-4:00 PM

Makerspace

In our Makerspace, we have the equipment to transform a digital consumer into a digital producer. Our patrons can make their own video games, write and film their own commercials, add special effects to photos and videos, and animate their own drawings. Check it out! We’ll be offering the following workshops to learn how to use these tools. Sean Keeney and Kristin Byram has graciously agreed to lead some of these workshops. We are very grateful for their time and talents!

Jan. 5th  Makey-Makey Fun 4-5 PM
Jan. 12th  Coloring Poster Creation 4-5 PM
Jan. 18th  Tech “Petting Zoo” 2-4 PM
Feb. 2nd  AfterEffects with Sean Keeney 4-5 PM
Feb. 18th  Photoshop with Kristin Byram 4-5 PM
Mar. 1st  iMovie Mania 4-5 PM
Mar. 8th  Manga with Sean Keeney 4-5 PM
Mar. 29th  Animation with Sean Keeney 4-5 PM
Apr. 5th  Animation with Sean Keeney 4-5 PM
Apr. 12th  TAG Meeting & Animation Creation Premier 4-5 PM
April 26th  Arduino Uses 4-5 PM
May 10th  Audition Creations 4-5 PM

Teen Gaming

We love video games here at MPL! We have a game collection for checkout located in the teen section. Games go out for a week, limit 2 games per patron. It’s a cool way try out a new game: find out if you like it, find out if MOM likes it! We have two Xbox360 with Kinect, a Wii, a WiiU, and lots of tablets for gaming here at the library. Bring a game from home or play one of ours. Our Gaming Tournament is March 22nd from 3:30 – 5:30. Jonah from Gorilla Games is our favorite Game Master and the teens compete on a chosen game. Those not wishing to compete may play other gaming machines. There are prizes: gift cards to Gorilla Games for the tournament’s top three players. Grab a buddy and see if you’ve got GAME!

The second Saturday of the month we hold GAME ON SATURDAY from 1:00-4:00 PM! Dates are: Jan. 9th, Feb. 12th and Mar. 12th. Afterschool Gaming is held from 3:30-5:30 on Jan. 26th. School’s Out Gaming will be from 2:00-4:00 PM on Apr. 21st.

Lego Club to Continue to Meet

The LEGO Club will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Imagination Station of the Minot Public Library. The first meeting of the new year will be January 12th. 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 LEGOcs. Each month their structures are on display in the Children’s Library. Contact the library for more information.

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 13th 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. For more information contact the Children’s Library.

It’s A Seussian Birthday!

Watch for more information regarding Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration that will be held Sunday, February 28th. 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.

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: 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, including but not limited to Foundation Directory Online, Automotive Repair Reference Center, and Freegal Music, Movies, and Freading.

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.

Please contact the library at 852-1045 for information on how to sign up or visit us online at www.minotlibrary.org.
We will be having a Tech Petting Zoo for children grades 1 and up as well as teens and tweens on Monday, January 18th at 2:00 PM. Children will be able to see and have hands on fun with all of our new tech toys including Little Bits, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Makey-Makey, Snap Circuits, Dot and Dash Robots, and Sphero robots. Make plans to come play with us! Many of these things will be available for check-out through the Makerspace.

Grades 2 through 5 are invited to join us Monday, February 15th at 2:00 PM for a program on circuits. We will be taking a look at various circuits and electricity. Children will have the opportunity to work with the Little Bits Kits at the library.

Also for grades 2 through 5 on Thursday, April 21st at 2:00 PM we will take a closer look at the robots we have available at the library. Come meet Dot and Dash and have a look at the robots we have available at the library. For more information contact the library at 838-0606.

We'll be having some special visitors at the library in the coming months. Cookie Mouse will visit the library Friday, January 22nd at 10:00 AM, the Cat in the Hat will visit on February 19th and Skippy John Jones will visit on April 15th. We will have a special Story Time for pre-school children and their caregivers in the Imagination Station. Watch for more information.

**Calendar of Events**

**JANUARY**
- 4: ASK 3:45 PM
- 5: Sisu, The Reading Dog 4:00-5:00 PM
- 7: Tech “Petting Zoo” – Gr. 1 & Up 2:00-4:00 PM
- 9: Sara Beaudrie Author Event 2:00 PM
- 11: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 12: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 15: Skippy John Jones Visits the Library 10:00 AM
- 18: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 21: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 22: Cookie Mouse Visits the Library 10:00 AM
- 25: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 26: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 27: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM

**FEBRUARY**
- 1: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 2: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 3: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 4: Books ’N Brevis 7:00 PM
- 5: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 8: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 9: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 12: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 13: Teen Gaming 1:00-4:00 PM
- 15: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 16: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 17: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 18: Photoshop 4:00-5:00 PM
- 19: Cat in the Hat visits the Library 10:00 AM
- 20: Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00-2:30 PM
- 22: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 23: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 24: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 25: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 26: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 27: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 28: Dr. Seuss Celebration 1:00-3:30 PM
- 29: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 30: Memorial Day – LIBRARY CLOSED

**MARCH**
- 1: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 2: Sisu, The Reading Dog 4:00-5:00 PM
- 4: Teen Gaming 1:00-4:00 PM
- 7: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 8: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 10: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
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- 23: After School Gaming Tournament 3:30-5:30 PM
- 24: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 26: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 29: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 30: Memorial Day – LIBRARY CLOSED

**APRIL**
- 1: Baby Play 10:00 AM
- 4: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 5: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 6: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 8: Baby Play 10:00 AM
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- 14: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
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- 22: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 24: Whimsical Wednesday 10:30 AM
- 25: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 27: Easter – Library Closed
- 28: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 29: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 30: Memorial Day – LIBRARY CLOSED

**MAY**
- 2: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 3: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 4: Teen Gaming 1:00-4:00 PM
- 5: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 6: Side by Side Stories 10:00 AM
- 10: Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Club 1:00-2:30 PM
- 11: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
- 13: Grandparent Tea 10:30 AM
- 14: Library Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 15: Maker Monday 10:30 AM
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