

## Adult Events

### The Next Chapter Book Club –

Monday, January 11 @ 7 PM: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson  
Wednesday, January 20 @ 1 PM: *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai  
Books and discussion questions available in advance at the Service Desk. Free and open to the public. Refreshments.

### It's Coloring Time! – December 28-January 13

Pick up a free coloring sheet beginning Monday, December 28, color, and return to the library by 9 pm Wednesday, January 13. Receive a free hot cocoa packet and register for a fun prize when you return your finished project. You may color them at home, at the library anytime, or plan to join others on **Coloring Night, Thursday, January 7, 6-8 PM**, in the Meeting Room. Finished projects will be on display through February. Open to adults and high school students.

### From the Depths of Scandinavia: Crime Fiction Revealed! – Saturday, January 16 @ 2-3:30 PM

Enjoy a presentation on Scandinavian crime fiction and the countries that have produced the crime writing explosion. Zandbroz Variety will be on hand with copies of many of the books. Free and open to the public at Bonanzaville's Event Center, 2nd floor Lucien C. Barnes Pavilion, 1351 W Main, West Fargo.

### Mahjong Game Days – Tuesdays in January @ 1-3 PM

For both beginners and experienced players, an instructor will be on hand each Tuesday in January to teach others how to play the game. Free and open to the public

### Knitty Giddy – Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

Join this fun group for an evening of knitting or crochet.

### Genealogy – Saturdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 12-4 PM

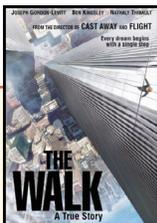
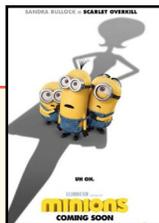
Come with questions and learn how to start your search.

### Beginning Woodcarving Class – February 20 & 27 @ 10-2 PM

Work under the direction of Local Woodcarver Bob Lawrence to learn basic woodcarving techniques. Register at the Service Desk with your \$20 class fee. This 2-day class is open to all area high school students and adults.

## Upcoming Movies

**Minions** (PG)  
Saturday, January 2, 2 PM  
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## Children Events

### Snowmen Fun Night – Thursday, January 14 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a night full of snowmen. Stop by for a snowman story, treats, and craft project! Event is free and open to all.

### Lego Mania – Tuesday, January 26 @ 6:30-8 PM

Build your own designs and create your own worlds. We have a big supply of legos and other games for a fun afternoon open to all.

### Fun with Food Storytime – Thursday, January 28 @ 10:15 AM

Our Fun with Food storytime is back! Join us for a special storytime geared toward preschoolers and their caretakers. It includes storytime, fun activities, and a healthy snack!

### Stories at the Library!

Simply Stories – Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM  
Storytime with a Craft – Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM

### Friday Morning Movies @ 10:30 AM

1/08: *Paw Patrol - Meet Everest* (E)  
1/15: (Stop into library for title) (E)  
1/22: *Mickey's Great Clubhouse Hunt* (E)  
1/29: *Dragons - Rider of Berk* (PGNR)



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### Homework Center – Mondays-Thursdays @ 3-5:30 PM

Homework center provides homework help and a free afterschool snack. No registration required. Homework center is not open when school is on break. It will open again on January 4th when school resumes.

## All Ages Events

### Ham Radio – Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Ham Radio Operator sessions are open to all adults and children (with attending adult) who want to learn more about amateur radio operation.

### Video Game Night – Thursday, January 7 @ 6:30-8 PM

Join us for fun, active, and exciting Wii games at the library! Classic board games and activities will be available as well. Event is free and open to all.

### Craft-ernoon – Monday, January 18 @ 2:30-4 PM

School is out, so stop by the library for an afternoon of crafts. We have a large supply of fun winter themed craft projects for all ages. Free.

**Interstellar** (PG-13)  
Thursday, January 14, 1 PM  
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**The Walk** (PG)  
Saturday, January 23, 2 PM  
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# Reader's Corner

The Adult New Book section at the West Fargo Public Library continues to impress me with its recently expanded book selection. Thucydides' *Peloponnesian Wars* of the 5th Century B.C. relied on eyewitness accounts, and so do two new books by two local authors. Try M.M. Helm's *Prairie Boys at War: June-October 1950* as it examines the role of the Upper Midwest soldier in the early phases of the Korean War. Through interviews, first hand-accounts, and newspaper archives, author Helm weaves an engrossing account of grand strategies, battlefield action, and personal stories. Also try *Prairie Voices* by Gerald Anderson, retired Professor of History at MSUM. This book compiles interviews with local Scandinavian immigrants from forty years ago. The trials and triumphs of these 'sodbusters' make for interesting and relevant reading for our times. Despite nostalgia for their native countries, assimilation in America was made much easier as the immigrants remembered the bleak prospects left behind.

Other excellent new books include *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, which relates post-1975 intrigue in the Vietnamese expatriate community; and *Cold War in a Cold Land* by David W. Mills, which chronicles the important role of the Dakotas in the decades-long Superpower stalemate.



"Try a book from the New Book Shelf in 2016—

you'll be glad you did!"

- Dr. Joe McNelis,

West Fargo Public Library Board President.

More library staff reviews can be found online at [LibraryThing: librarything.com/catalog/westfargolibrary](http://LibraryThing.com/catalog/westfargolibrary)

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Check our website for severe weather closings.  
*The Library is closed Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. and January 1.*

### Hours

Monday - Thursday . . . . . 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday . . . . . 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday . . . . . 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday . . . . . 1 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## Winter Days

The Library will be participating in West Fargo Park District's Winter Days January 13-21. The Library will be hosting a variety of fun winter themed activities. Events include winter storytimes, movies, crafts, a snowman party, and more! Visit the West Fargo Park District's website (<http://www.wfparks.org>) for more Winter Days events.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

On Saturday, January 16, the Friends of the library will be holding a book sale from 10-4 as part of the Winter Days festivities. Fill a bag for only \$8. Hot, sweet apple cider will be served.

## Quilt Collection on Display

Designing Quilters, an area arts group, is continuing to display a collection of quilts and artist trading cards. All items will be on display through January.

## Morningstar Investment Research Center

It's a new year – get your finances in order! The library now offers patrons access to the Morningstar Investment Research Center. Morningstar offers valuable information about companies, stock and fund performance, and investing education. Patrons can access Morningstar from the library's website with their library barcode.

## Vending Machine at Cash Wise

Avoid driving across town and pick up a quick read in your neighborhood supermarket! After a delay, the vending machine is up and running at the 32nd Avenue Cash Wise.

## Mitten Tree

Thank you to all who donated items for our annual mitten tree! Thanks to the kind donations we were able to bring approximately 170 hats, mittens, and scarfs to West Fargo Elementary Schools for the children in need of winter weather items.

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