

# Reader's Corner

## Polk City Directory

Are you familiar with this popular reference book owned by the West Fargo Public Library? **Polk City Directories** are published annually for all major cities in the United States and date back to the late 1800's. The beauty of the **Polk Directory** is that it is organized first by name, then by street address and then again by phone number, neither of the last two being found in telephone books. This makes it possible to look up an address, find the name of the resident, and learn other trivia, such as how long he has resided there. One can also look up existing landline phone numbers to find out who they belong to.

Another invaluable service the **Polk Directory** provides is historical information. Back volumes provide genealogy information such as the various owners of a property over time or an individual's address years ago. I have many relatives who lived in Fargo generations ago and this resource should help me locate their residences.

West Fargo Public Library owns miscellaneous volumes from 1882-1951, then every year beginning with 1952. Ask for the most current year at the Service Desk or browse through our older volumes in the Historical Center.

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### West Fargo Public Library

109 3rd Street East

West Fargo, ND 58078

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[www.westfargolibrary.org](http://www.westfargolibrary.org)

The Library will be closed on December 24-26th.  
Check our website for severe weather closings.

#### Hours

Monday - Thursday	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

# Newsletter

December 2017



## Mitten Tree

The library will be holding a Mitten Tree this holiday season from November 24th through December 31st. Many children in the area do not have winter weather gear and we would like to support our community as weather grows colder. Please bring new or like new children's gloves, hats, scarves, or mittens to display on our holiday tree. At the start of the New Year the items will be donated to the West Fargo Schools!

## Winter Break at the Library

School is out December 25th through January 1st, so head to the library for some fun events! On Wednesday join us for a **Winter Craft-ernoon**. Stop by on Thursday for **Lego Mania** and a special showing of the movie **Nature: Christmas in Yellowstone** (G). And finally catch a showing of the new movie **Despicable Me 3** (PG) on Friday or Saturday.

## Technology Tutoring

Do you have a technology question that you've been meaning to get help with? Do you want to build your technology skills through 1-on-1 assistance? Starting on Wednesday, December 13, the library will offer weekly drop-in technology tutoring sessions from 4-5 p.m. Bring your own device or use one of the library's iPads or computers. All ages are welcome to come to the library for technology tutoring and no registration is needed. Tutoring will take place on the first floor of the library. Please ask a library staff member at the Service Desk for directions if you need helping finding the technology tutor.

## Severe Weather

If the Library is closed due to severe weather, closing announcements are posted on the Library's website ([www.westfargolibrary.org](http://www.westfargolibrary.org)) and WDAY.

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## Adult Events

### Gift a Piece of Your Family History – Saturday, Dec. 9 @ 1:30 pm

This class will cover the “must-do” basics of preserving family photographs and documents in both print and electronic formats. Bring 1-5 photographs and documents (not video or audio recordings), and library staff will help you make digital scans just in time for this holiday season. Bring your own thumb drive to store your scans or take one home from the library. Registration required.

### The Next Chapter Book Club – Monday, Dec. 11 @ 7 pm & Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 1 pm:

Join us in December for a Holiday Social and Book Sharing. Each person will be asked to tell about a book he/she has enjoyed.

### Technology Class: Smartphone Basics – Dec. 12 @ 1 PM

Learn about the basics of using smartphones, including making calls, taking and sharing photographs, using apps, connecting to Wi-Fi, and more. Bring your own smartphone. Space is limited so registration is required.

### Technology Tutoring – Wednesdays, Dec. 13, 20, 27 @ 4 pm

Drop in for a 1-on-1 tutoring session to get help with your technology questions and build your skills. Bring your own device or use one of the library's iPads or computers. All ages are welcome and no registration is needed.

### Mahjong Game Day – Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

Beginner and experienced players are welcome to join this group of enthusiasts who play Mahjong every Tuesday afternoon. No registration needed. Free.

### Twisted Stitchers – Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 @ 6:30 pm

Join this fun group for an evening of knitting or crochet. Not for beginners, but tips will be given to knitters and crocheters needing help.

### Genealogy – Saturdays @ 12-4 pm

Staff Genealogist Jackie Marler will be available to help you explore your family's history.

### Holiday Open House – Dec. 2 @ 10 AM - 5 PM & Dec. 3 @ 1-5 PM

Come and browse the library's Meeting Room for the Holiday fiction (adult, teen, and children's), cookbooks, traditions, crafts, entertaining, music, and dvds available at West Fargo Public Library. All items will be available for checkout. Free and open to the public.

### Santa Visits the Library – Dec. 2 @ 2-3:30 PM

Santa will be visiting the library this afternoon! We will be making a fun, holiday project. All will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus.

## Children Events

### Coding for Kids – Monday, Dec. 7 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for an *Hour of Code* at the library! Kids in kindergarten and up are welcome to participate in this one-hour introduction to computer science with hundreds of online coding activities to choose from. No experience is required. Laptops will be provided, but kids are also invited to bring their own laptops. Advance registration for this event is requested. *Hour of Code* events take place around the globe each year during Computer Science Education Week. For more information visit [www.hourofcode.com](http://www.hourofcode.com).

### Gingerbread House Challenge – Tuesday, Dec. 19 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for a gingerbread house making challenge for kids! We will provide frosting, decorative candies, and graham cracker walls for designing your gingerbread house. Space is limited so registration requested.

### Winter Craft-ernoon – Wednesday, Dec. 27 @ 2 pm

It's winter break so stop by the library for a fun snow filled craft-ernoon making snowflake and snow filled craft projects. Free and open to all ages.

### Lego Mania – Monday, Dec. 28 @ 2 pm

We have a big supply of Legos for a fun evening. Free and open to all ages.

### Stories at the Library!

Simply Stories – Tuesdays @ 10:15 am

Storytime with a Craft – Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

### Friday Morning Movies @ 10:30 am

12/01: *Frozen* (PG)

12/08: *Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown* (G)

12/15: *Frosty the Snowman* (GNR)

12/22: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (E)

12/29: *Despicable Me 3* (PG)

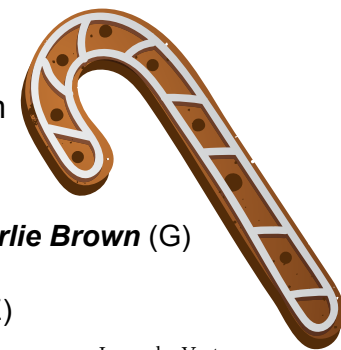


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## All Ages Events

### Fort Lincoln Display – Oct. 1 - Dec.31

Visit this display of materials from the ND State Historical Society on the Fort Lincoln Internment Camp located in Bismarck, ND.

## Upcoming Movies

Thursday, Dec.14, 1 pm: *Scrooge* (G)

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 pm: *Home Again* (PG-13)

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1 pm: *Nature-Christmas in Yellowstone* (G)

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2 pm: *Despicable Me 3* (PG)

