

Newsletter

December 2018



The snow has already hit, and if you're like me, you find yourself daydreaming of some warmer escapes. Maybe just planning your summer vacation helps you tackle the winter blues. If this sounds like you – keep reading!

I've been busy updating our section of travel guides this fall, and not only does this have me doing my fair share of daydreaming, but it also has me really excited about a series of books from the publisher **Lonely Planet**. These aren't your typical travel guides. These are bright, illustrated, and full of photographs. You do not need a magnifying glass to read the text! They focus on different types of travel rather than specific locations. Even if you're not planning to travel, they're just fun to curl up with. Look for these titles in our new books area in the coming months and find all of our travel guides in our adult non-fiction section.

- **Epic Drives of the World** (Lonely Planet, 2017)
- **Epic Hikes of the World** (Lonely Planet, 2018)
- **The Solo Travel Handbook** (Lonely Planet, 2018)
- **Wellness Escapes** (Lonely Planet, 2018)
- **The Cruise Handbook** (Lonely Planet, 2019)

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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
Closed Sundays during the summer.

2018 Holidays

Don't miss our Holiday events this December! We begin with an **Open House** on Saturday and Sunday, Dec 1-2. On Saturday teens and adults are invited to drop in for a 3-d holiday tree craft from 10-12 and families are invited to visit with Santa from 2-3:30. On Sunday we will be serving hot apple cider. On both days everyone is invited to browse our Holiday books, movies, and music available in Meeting Room 1.

Other December events include a **Kids Winter STEM Class** and a **Kids Gingerbread House Challenge**. Also view **The Man Who Invented Christmas** or **Crazy Rich Asians**. During the holiday break stop in for **Lego Mania** and the movies **Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again** or **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**. And finally, join us in celebrating the new year with our **Kids Blast!** party. See inside or check our web page for details!

Last Chance Exhibit Viewings

WWI Henry C Stotlar's and Ken Andersen's "Focus on the Process" Exhibits are coming to a close. Visitors have until December 18th to view local resident Ken Andersen's exhibit that focuses on several different historical printmaking methods. The end of December also finds the end of Henry C Stotlar's memorabilia of WWI artifacts. Both exhibits are located on the second floor of the library.

Mitten Tree

The library will be holding a Mitten Tree this holiday season from November 23rd 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!



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Library Closed

The Library is closed December 24th & 25th for the Christmas holiday. The library will close early (6 PM) on New Year's Eve. Emergency closings for severe weather or dangerous driving conditions will be posted on the website.

Adult Events

Technology Tutoring – Wednesdays Dec. 5, 12, & 19 @ 4-5 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. No registration is needed. All ages.

Pine Needle Sew and Chat – Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 1 PM

Open to all who have taken a Pine Needle Basketry class at the West Fargo Public Library or elsewhere. Bring your works in progress or begin a new one. West Fargo resident Mary Marohl will be available to answer questions and help with supplies. No registration required.

The Next Chapter Book Club –

Monday, Dec. 10 @ 7 PM:

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Wednesday, Dec. 19 @ 1 PM:

Agatha Christie Book of Choice

Free and open to all adults.



Genealogy – Saturdays @ 12-4 PM

Staff Genealogist, Jackie Marler, will be available to help you explore your family's history. Come with questions and learn how to start your search.

Twisted Stitchers – Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30 PM

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

All Ages Events

Holiday 2018 Open House – Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 10 AM-5 PM

Browse Holiday cookbooks, idea books, childrens books, movies, and music. Teens and adults are invited to drop in from 10-12 to make 3-dimensional paper holiday trees and Santa will visit with children from 2-3:30.

Holiday 2018 Open House – Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 1-5 PM

Browse and check out Holiday cookbooks, idea books, childrens books, movies, and music. Enjoy hot cider.

Movie of the Month

Thursday, Dec. 13 @ 1 PM: **The Man who Invented Christmas** (PG)

New Release Movie

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 2 PM: **Crazy Rich Asians** (PG-13)

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Thursday, Dec. 27 @ 1 PM: **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** (PG-13)

Children Events

Santa Visits the Library – Tuesday, Dec. 1 @ 2-3:30 PM

Santa will be visiting the library and we will be making a fun holiday project.

Coding for Kids – Tuesday, Dec. 4 @ 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 or tablets. 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.

Winter STEM – Thursday, Dec. 13 @ 6:30 PM

In this special winter themed STEM class, kids can learn all about different areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and participate in fun experiments and activities. Program free and open to kids in grade K-5.

Gingerbread House Challenge – Tuesday, Dec. 18 @ 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.

Lego Mania and Board Games – Thursday, Dec. 27 @ 2-3 PM

School is out, so head to the library for Legos and games! Open to all ages.

Kids Blast! – Monday, Dec. 31 @ 3-4 PM

Blast into the new year with crafts, ice cream floats and lots of fun! Event is free and open to all ages.

Friday Morning Movies @ 10:30 AM

12/07: **Peppa Pig-Cold Winter's Day** (E)

12/14: **Frozen** (PG)

12/21: **Trolls** (PG)

12/28: **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG)

After-School Activities

After-School Art – Tuesdays @ 3:30-5 PM

*No After-School Art on Tuesdays, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Lego and Game Club – Wednesdays, @ 4-5 PM

*No Lego and Game Club on Wednesday, Dec. 26

STEM Explorers – Thursdays @ 3:30-5 PM

*No STEM Explorers on Thursday, Dec. 27

Stories at the Library!

Simply Stories – Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM

Storytime with a Craft – Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM



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