



SPRING STORY TIMES

LAPSIT BABY STORY TIME

Time: Thursdays, 9:30am

Dates: March 19, 26,
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30+, May 7

TODDLER STORY TIME

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30am and 10:15am

Dates: March 17, 24, 31,
April 7, 14, 21, 28+, May 5

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Time: Wednesdays,
9:30am and 10:15am
Thursdays, 10:15am

Dates: March 18/19, 25/26,
April 1/2, 8^/9, 15/16, 22/23,
29/30+, May 6/7

FAMILY STORY TIME

Time: Mondays, 6pm

Dates: March 16, 23, 30,
April 6, 13, 20, *, May 4

^Families Flourish ND will be visiting story times with the topic of body safety for young children.

+Special Wizard of Oz story times week of April 28, 29, and 30, 9:30am only

*No story times March 2 through 13, April 27

LAPSIT BABY STORY TIME

Infants up to 24 months (15 minutes)

This story time is for children held in caregiver laps for books, songs, and puppets. Through this story time interaction, your baby will develop language & social skills. Plus, story time fosters a close emotional relationship between you & your baby. Babies learn to associate books with the pleasure of being with parents, and this pleasure will translate to a love of reading.



TODDLER STORY TIME

18 months to 3 years (20 minutes)

This story time focuses on songs & books because we are teaching children to love and appreciate stories, and we are also helping them learn how to attend a library story time. Singing also helps develop language, sounds, and patterns, which all builds on your child's early literacy skills. There are NO PUPPETS used during Toddler Story Time so that the focus can be on the stories, songs, and books.



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

3-6 years of age (25 minutes)

This story time focuses on books, puppets, and songs. Speaking puppets help bring stories to life and spark imagination in your child. Our main focus at Preschool Story Time is to instill a love of reading, encourage creativity, and help children become aware of the world around them.



CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

Dates: Thursdays, March 5 through 26

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Ages: All Ages

Chess Club for Kids is open to all school-aged children and teens who want to learn about and play chess. An adult or companion aged 12+ must accompany any children under the age of 10.

CRAFT KITS

Dates: March 9, April 13, May 4

Time: 9:00am

Craft kits are first come, first served while supplies last. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library.*

LEGO CLUB

Dates: Thursdays, March 26, April 30, May 28

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Ages: Grades K through 5

Children ages 10+ meet to build with LEGO bricks. Junior Makers ages 5-9 are welcome with a caregiver aged 12+.

BARK

Dates: April 4 through April 23

(Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids)

Children in grades K-5 sign up to read aloud to a dog for 20 minutes (a handler is present).

Registration will begin March 9. Contact the Children's Information Desk at 701-355-1489 for details and registration.

Check out the Children's Library spring activities for kids from birth to pre-teen! Enjoy weekly story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. School-aged kids can join creativity and music sessions, reading challenges, Movie Days, LEGO Club, and more.

There's something for everyone!

All events are held in the Story Room unless otherwise indicated.

Visit our calendar for complete event details and registration information.

Join the fun and let your child explore, learn, and grow with us!



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Spring 2026 Programs



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Public Library

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Bismarck, ND 58501
701-355-1480

bismarcklibrary.org

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for Updates



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY MOVIE DAYS

Dates: Mar. 16 Gabby's Dollhouse (PG)
Apr. 6 How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Ages: All Ages

Enjoy a free family movie. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver aged 12+.

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LEARNING ENGLISH TOGETHER

Dates: Tuesdays, March 3 through April 28

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Ages: Toddler, Preschool, Parents

Location: Bismarck YMCA Child Watch

The Bismarck Adult Learning Center and BVMPL are partnering to provide an opportunity for our community members to learn and practice the English Language together with their young children through songs, play, and conversation.

WIGGLING KIDS

Dates and Times:

Tuesdays, 6:00pm to 6:30pm – March 3, 10, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5

Saturdays – 10:00pm to 10:30am – March 7, May 2

Ages: Toddler through Preschool

Bring the family for an opportunity of musical fun. You'll move, sing, play, and maybe dance a little. And most importantly, you'll enjoy the bonding experience of making music together.

DAKOTA ZOO ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Dates: Thursdays, March 5, April 9, May 7

Time: 3:30pm to 4:00pm

Ages: All Ages

Join Miss Tiffany, Colette and Friends from Dakota Zoo for a delightful story time where your child can enjoy fun, interactive stories. Plus, they'll get to meet a live zoo animal up close!

INTRO TO CROCHET

Dates: Tuesdays, March 10, 31, April 7, 28

Time: 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Ages: Grades 3 through 5

Join Sherry Schatz from Start 2 Finish Sewing for an hour of dedicated crochet time.

Registration is required.

TINY TOTS DANCING

Dates: Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1

Time: 4:15pm to 5:00pm

Ages: All Ages

Location: Children's Library Trees

Learn about traditional powwow music, dances, regalia, and more!

UKULELE WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Dates: March 16, 30, April 8, 22, May 4

Time: 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Ages: Grades K through 5

Join local musician Kittyko for a lively introduction to ukulele basics! A limited number of ukuleles will be available, but feel free to bring one if you have your own. Caregivers are encouraged to join in on the fun!

DANCE TALES WITH NORTHERN PLAINS DANCE

Dates: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 17 and 18, April 14 and 15

Time: 10:45am to 11:15am

Ages: Toddler through Preschool

Location: Children's Library Trees

Movement and music in connection to story time themes.

IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND

Dates: Thursdays, March 19, April 9, May 7

Time: 11:00am to 12:00pm

Ages: All Ages

Free play is available in the Children's Story Room. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver age 12+.

STEM CLUB WITH GATEWAY TO SCIENCE

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Ages: Grades K through 5

Join Gateway to Science for a STEM challenge that focuses on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication.

Registration is required.

PARENT INFANT SINGING CLASS

Dates: March 20, 28, April 18, 24

Time: 10:30am to 11:00am

Ages: Infant and Toddler

Dakota Pro Musica presents this interactive experience, where you sing traditional lullabies and nursery rhymes together with your child.

SWING AND SING ALONG KITTYKO

Dates: Mondays, March 23, April 20, May 18

Time: 10:30am to 11:15am

Ages: Toddler through Preschool

Location: Children's Library Trees

Join us with your brightest cheer and make some noise as Kittyko guides you through an array of upbeat tunes, fun tales, and engaging activities.

FAIRY GARDENS

Date: March 24

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Ages: Grades K through 5

Get creative and build a whimsical fairy garden with the NDSU Extension Office!

Registration is required.

PARENTING CLASS: FOSTERING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES AND BODY AWARENESS

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location: Meeting Room B

Families Flourish ND provides this session for all caregivers of young children (parents, foster parents, grandparents, relatives, and childcare providers). Growing Futures approved.

Registration is required.

STORY TIME WITH FAMILIES FLOURISH ND

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9:30am and 10:15am

Ages: Preschool

Lindsey Burkhardt of Families Flourish ND will visit story time for an age-appropriate read-aloud and activity on the topic of body safety and consent. We invite all caregivers to attend with the children in their care.

GET GROWING: PLANT EXPLORATION

Date: Thursday, April 16

Time: 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Ages: All Ages

Enjoy a variety of activities focused on all things plant, garden, and growing related.

GET GROWING: RECYCLED GREENHOUSE ART

Date: Tuesday, April 21

Time: 3:00pm to 3:45pm

Ages: Grades K through 5

Join local artist Molly McLain in creating a greenhouse landscape using recycled materials.

Registration is required.

FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD

Date: Monday, April 27th

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location: Library Main Floor

Join us for this annual celebration of culture and family!

WIZARD OF OZ STORY TIME

Time: 9:30am

Dates: April 28, 29, and 30

Ages: Birth through Preschool

Enjoy a unique puppet story time at the Children's Library by Northern Plains Dance. Join Miss Tiffany and Colette to experience the magic of "The Wizard of Oz!"

FLIGHT PATH: BIRD DISCOVERY

Date: Tuesday, May 5

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Ages: Preschool through Grade 5

Discover the world of birds with a variety of crafts and activities, become familiar with our local and migratory birds, and learn how to help bird conservation and research.

**— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —
SUMMER READING KICK-OFF
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver 12+. All events are in the Children's Library Story Room unless indicated.