

# Check It Out

## Spring Into Fun

**Library Hours:**

Monday-Thursday ~ 9am-9pm  
 Friday & Saturday ~ 9am-5pm  
 Sunday ~ 1pm-5pm

**Closed**

Apr. 1 - Easter Sunday

### Library Events

**Library Board**

Wednesday, Apr. 25, 4 pm

**Friends of the Library**

Tuesday, Apr. 10, 5:30 pm

**Drop-In Computer Help**

Wednesdays @ 10 am

**Drop In & Knit**

Fridays @ noon

**Northern Ink Writing Group**

Wed, Apr. 4 & 18, 6 pm

**GFPL Animanga Club**

Thursday, Apr. 5 & 19, 6 pm

**Chess Club**

Sunday, Apr. 8, 2 pm

**Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale**

Thu., Apr. 12, 5:30-7 pm  
 Fri., Apr. 13, 9 am - 4 pm  
 Sat., Apr. 14, 9 am - 3 pm

**Cosplay Club**

Sunday, Apr. 15, 2 pm

**Free Family Movie**

Saturday, Apr. 21, 2 pm  
*Ferdinand*

**GFPL Comic Con**

Sunday, Apr. 22, 2-4 pm

**Tabletop Gaming Day**

Sat, Apr. 28, 10am - 10 pm  
 @ The Ember

**Minecraft Mania**

Thursday, Apr. 26, 4 pm

More library events listed on page 5.

The library will be **closed** on Sunday, April 1, for Easter.

The **Friends of the Library** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the large table by Reference. It's open to the public, so stop by if you're interested in joining the Friends group.

It's time for the **Spring Book Sale!** The Friends of the Library will be here Thursday, April 12, 5:30-7 pm, Friday, April 13, 9 am - 4 pm, and Saturday, April 14, 9 am - 3 pm with a wide selection of books for sale.

Join us for the **GFPL Comic Extravaganza** - our first-ever library comic convention - on Sunday, April 22, 2 - 4 pm. There's going to be a lot of fun packed into those two hours.

Introducing the **Young Adult Book Club!** The first meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm in the Teen Haven, where they will discuss *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. The book club is open to anyone who enjoys reading young adult books.

The **Library Board** will be meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 4 pm in the library's meeting room. As always, the meeting is open to the public.

April 28 is **International Tabletop Day** and the Grand Forks Public Library and Grand Forks Board Gamers are co-hosting a day full of gaming, prizes, and refreshments at The Ember coffeehouse, 8 N 3rd St, from 10 am to 10 pm.

The mission of the Grand Forks Public Library is to connect the community, enrich the mind, and inspire the imagination.



### Kid Stuff

NASA @ My Library Early Out Programs:  
 April 4, 2 pm - Rocks & Minerals  
 April 18, 2 pm - Shadow Play

The Chess Club will meet once this month - April 8 at 2 pm. The READ dogs will also be here on April 8 at 2 pm. Call to reserve a time for your child to read to a dog.

*Ferdinand* will be playing at the library on Saturday, April 21 at 2 pm. If you like the movie, check out the book it's based on - *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf.

**NASA@ My Library**  
**Early Out Programs**  
**2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Grand Forks Public Library**



**January 10: If I Were An Engineer**  
**January 24: Mars**  
**February 7: Cloud and Sky**  
**February 21: Arctic**  
**March 21: Carbon and Nitrogen Cycles**  
**April 4: Rocks & Minerals**  
**April 18: Shadow Play**  
**May 2: Live Visit - Johnson Space Center**

These programs are offered as part of the NASA@ My Library initiative to engage public audiences nationwide in informal and lifelong learning with the excitement of NASA exploration and discovery.





**Friends of the Grand Forks Library**  
**SPRING BOOK SALE!**

**Thursday, April 12th**  
**5:30-7:00**

**Friday, April 13th**  
**9:00-4:00**

**Saturday, April 14th**  
**9:00-3:00**

2110 Library Circle  
 701-772-8116  
[www.gflibrary.com](http://www.gflibrary.com)



**GFPL COMIC EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND**  
**2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**DOOR PRIZES**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**TRIVIA**  
**GOSPLAY CONTEST**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**COMIC CRAFT**




**INTERNATIONAL TABLETOP DAY 2018**

**The Grand Forks Public Library & Grand Forks Board Gamers present**  
**International Table Top Day 2018!**  
**Saturday, April 28th**  
**10:00 AM to 10:00 PM**  
**Ember Coffee Shop**  
**8 North 3rd St.**

Come join in for a day-long event of board games and card games alike, with prizes and refreshments during the afternoon.






## Friends of the Library Spotlight

### Friends Focus 2018

The Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library will shine a light on the diversity of the library's programs and patrons this year.

The volunteer group has chosen "Diversity" as the theme of its annual Friends Focus, pledging \$1,500 to the Grand Forks Public Library (GFPL) to help highlight the variety of its offerings, as well as the variety of backgrounds of those who walk through its doors.

"There is no better place than the public library to show everything that the community of Greater Grand Forks has to offer in terms of its people, its culture, and its educational opportunities," said Friends President Debbie McLennan.

In addition to financial backing, the Friends will work closely with library and community leaders to creatively develop

ways in which the GFPL can continue to foster an already welcoming environment and encourage engagement between visitors of all ages, interests, family compositions, ethnic backgrounds, and so much more.

In 2017, the GFPL offered 419 different programs for children, 36 for teens, and 304 for adults. The number of participants in those programs topped an incredible 18,000.

"We want people to recognize that there's something for everyone at the library, from all walks of life," said Friends Board Member Kaylee Cusack. "If you're new to the area and want to meet people, the library has reading groups. If you're a stressed college student, the library offers State Park passes for a quiet hike on the trails.

Always traveling for work? They'll set you up with free audio books and e-books to pass the time. The list goes on!"

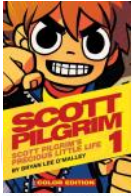
Last year marked the inaugural Friends Focus, which emphasized support for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities for the area's youth. The Friends gave \$1,500 at the start of the year, but ultimately raised more than \$5,000 for the GFPL's STEM programs, volunteered at STEM activity days, and brought science-based fun to community events like the Town Square Farmers Market.

Everyone has challenges. Everyone has passions. Everyone has a story.

Everyone has a place at the public library.



# April Book Clubs



**Between the Panels, Thursday, Apr. 12, 7 pm** - *Scott Pilgrim, vol. 1* by Bryan Lee O'Malley. Scott Pilgrim falls in love with mind-blowing, dangerously fashionable Ramona Flowers and ends up battling her evil exes.



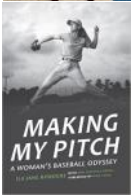
**Classic Re-reads, Wednesday, Apr. 25, 7 pm** - *The Razor's Edge* by W. Somerset Maugham. Larry Darrell heals from the physical wounds he suffered in the Great War, but his spirit is changed almost beyond recognition. He leaves his devoted betrothed, Isabel, and travels the world.



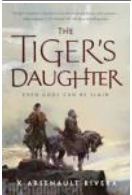
**Great Reads, Tuesday, Apr. 17, 7 pm** - *Inheriting Edith* by Zoe Fishman. A single mother inherits a beautiful beach house - as long as she cares for the cantankerous old woman who lives in it.



**Life After Life, Wednesday, Apr. 11, 7 pm** - *Making My Pitch* by Ila Jane Borders. The story of Ila Jane Borders, baseball prodigy and the first woman to be awarded a baseball scholarship and to pitch and win a complete men's collegiate game. A play-by-play of a game she pitched against the Fargo RedHawks in 1998 is integral to the book.



**This & That, Tuesday, Apr. 10, 7 pm** - *The Tiger's Daughter* by K. Arsenault Rivera. Two prophesied warriors, raised together from birth, must save the world from demons. **Author Skype visit!**



**Who Done It?, Tuesday, Apr. 17, noon** - *Summer of the Big Bachi* by Naomi Hirahara. Japanese-American gardener Mas Arai built his life in America on powerful secrets, but now those secrets could cost him his life. **Meeting on a different date this month only.**



**Young Adult, Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7 pm** - *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. Clay Jensen returns home from school to find a mysterious box with his name on it lying on his porch. Inside he discovers cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker—his classmate and crush—who committed suicide two weeks earlier. On tape, Hannah explains that there are thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life.



## Book Club Meetings

**This & That Book Club**  
Thursday, Apr. 10, 7 pm  
May - *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor

**Life After Life Book Club**  
Wednesday, Apr. 11, 7 pm  
May - *The Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley

**Between the Panels Graphic Novel Book Club**  
Thursday, Apr. 12, 7 pm  
May - *Vision, vol. 1* by Tom King

**Who Done It? Brown Bag Book Club**  
Tuesday, Apr. 17, noon  
May - *Extraordinary People* by Peter May  
**\*Meeting Date Changed\***

**Great Reads Book Club**  
Tuesday, Apr. 17, 7 pm  
May - *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley

**Young Adult Book Club**  
Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7 pm  
May - *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus

**Classic Re-Reads Book Club**  
Wednesday, Apr. 25, 7 pm  
May - *A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster



## Farewell Carol

The public is invited to an open house retirement party for Carol Junk on Tuesday, April 24 from 2 to 4 pm. Please come thank Carol for her years of service to the Grand Forks Public Library. Carol started working at the library in the circulation department in September 2007 and

was promoted to Circulation Supervisor in December 2008, a position she has filled admirably. She and her husband plan to retire in California, to be closer to family. Carol's last day will be April 27. We will miss her! Enjoy your retirement, Carol!



## Teen Events

**Teen Cafe**  
Thursday, Apr. 5, 4 pm

## Children's Events

**Preschool Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 10 am

**Baby Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10 am

**Toddler Storytime**  
Thursdays at 10 am  
\*Babies welcome.

**R.E.A.D. Therapy Dogs**  
Sunday, Apr. 8, 2 pm  
Please contact the  
Children's Department  
772-8116, ext. 13  
for an appointment.

**NASA @ My Library  
Early Out Program**  
Wednesday, Apr. 4 @ 2 pm  
Wednesday, Apr. 18 @ 2 pm






**Sunday, April 15th @ 2:00 p.m.**

**LEARN! CREATE! BECOME!**

Dive into the essence of your favorite comic or manga character and create your own costume!  
Join the Grand Forks Public Library Cosplay Club today!  
For more info contact [justine.sprenger@gflibrary.com](mailto:justine.sprenger@gflibrary.com)







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**Check It Out**

Tonya Palmer

**TEEN  
 CAFE**

**THURSDAY,  
 APRIL 5  
 @ 4PM**

**IN THE  
 TEEN HAVEN**

**WE HAVE FOOD**

**Next meeting: May 3**

**Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays @ 10 am



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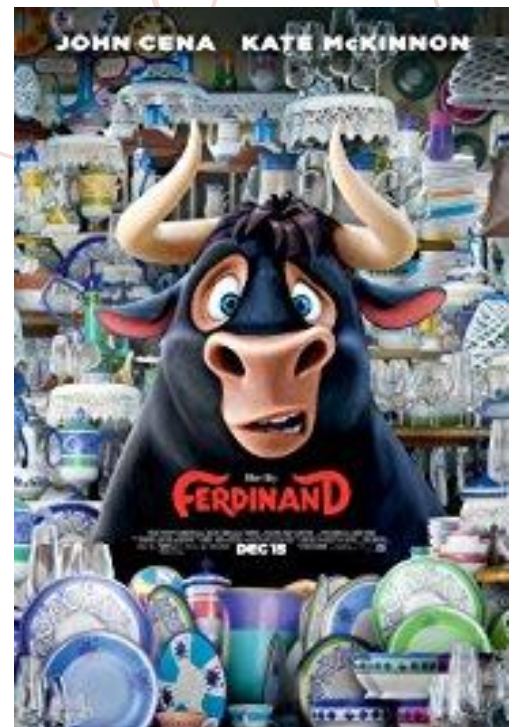
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**Apr. 21 @ 2 PM**