



# Summer Reading

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## Summer Reading Resources

As we transition from the school year to summer break, the Fargo Public Schools library team would like to remind students, staff, and families of the wide variety of reading options offered through the summer from our local public libraries, public businesses, and by accessing our District e-book collection through Sora. We have a number of great opportunities and resources to encourage our students and staff to keep reading over the summer break!

### Fargo Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Fargo Public library offers a fun summer reading challenge for readers of all ages from June 3 to August 17. The theme this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library and registration can be done online or at your local public library branch. Check out [their site](#) for more information, to watch the promotional video, and to sign up!



### Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program - Grades 1-6

Students in Grades 1-6 can participate in the Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program. Students read ANY 8 books and record them in their summer reading journal. Bring the completed journal to Barnes and Noble between July 1 and August 31 and choose a free book from their list of options. Click [here](#) to get your Summer Reading Journal and participate!

### Sora Sweet Reads and E-book Access

The FPS district e-book collection houses 7,905 e-books, audiobooks, and magazines available for students and staff to check out and read. While e-books are generally one user at a time, magazine titles have simultaneous access so any user can access any title at any time, as well as having up to two years of back issues available.



# Summer Reading, cont.

This summer, from May 13 to August 26, all FPS student and staff users can access Sora Sweet Reads, which are book collections of engaging books that any patron can access at any time. Check out [this link](#) for more information and a list of available titles!



Sora can be accessed on any electronic device using the Sora app, including older devices such as outdated phones that you may no longer use as a phone but could still use as a reading device with the Sora app. If you have a Fargo Public Library card, you can also access the public library ebook collection through your Sora account.

If you have never accessed Sora before, check out [these directions](#) for how to access your school account!

## Little Free Libraries

Don't forget to visit all the Little Free Libraries the Fargo-Moorhead area has. There are over 50 Little Free Libraries in our area spanning from Horace to north of Hector International Airport and from Dilworth to west of Sheyenne Street in West Fargo. [Visit the website](#) or download the app to find all the locations!

## Book Checkout from FPS Libraries

This summer, the South High School library will be open Monday-Thursday June 4-27 and July 1-25 (closed July 3-5) from 8 a.m. to noon. Students and staff can stop in during those times to check out books even if they are not taking summer school classes.



## Summer Reading, cont.

A number of our other District libraries will be open in June and July for summer checkout! Stop by and pick out some good books to read!

<b>Building</b>	<b>June Dates and Times (June 3-28)</b>	<b>July Dates and Times (July 8-26)</b>
<b>Bennett</b>	Mondays 8 a.m.-noon	Mondays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Centennial</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-noon	Thursdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Clara Barton</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon	Wednesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Eagles</b>	No June Checkout	Fridays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Ed Clapp</b>	Fridays noon-4 p.m.	Mondays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Jefferson</b>	Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon	Thursdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Kennedy</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tuesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Lewis &amp; Clark</b>	No June Checkout	Wednesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Lincoln</b>	Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 1-3 p.m.	Fridays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Longfellow</b>	Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon	Tuesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Madison</b>	Wednesdays noon-3 p.m.	Thursdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>McKinley</b>	No June Checkout	Wednesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Roosevelt</b>	No June Checkout	Tuesdays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Washington</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-noon	Mondays 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Ben Franklin</b>	Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	No July Checkout
<b>Carl Ben</b>	Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	No July Checkout
<b>Discovery</b>	Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	No July Checkout



# *Summer Reading, cont.*

\*Books checked out during the summer can be returned to ANY FPS library during their open checkout time, or returned to your home building in the fall

## **Fun Facts**

Last Summer (June, July, and August), FPS students and staff checked out 2,391 e-books and this school year so far have had 29,987 e-book checkouts. Also this school year, the FPS libraries have circulated 411,778 print items. That's some amazing reading!

Whether you are reading print books, ebooks, listening to audio books, or browsing magazines, keep reading and encouraging our students to read!

