Summer Programs

Learn more about the architecture of the library at a special upcoming event:
Alfred Dickey Free Library, completed in February of 1919, is an architectural treasure serving our community. Designed by architects Henry J. Scherer and Joseph A. Shannon of Devil’s Lake, ND, our library is an excellent example of Prairie Style architecture, a uniquely American form of architecture developed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the early 20th Century. The Masonic Temple across the street from ADPL was also designed by Mr. Shannon.
Steve C. Martens and Mark Strand will present a talk on the remarkable Prairie Style architecture of Jamestown on Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 pm, Alfred Dickey Library. Dr. Martens is president of the State Historical Society of ND and co-author of Buildings of North Dakota (Univ. of VA Press, 2015). He is a retired professor from NDSU.
Mark Strand is editor of Every Place with a Name (State Historical Society of ND, 1993) and author of Jamestown: Photos and Lore (2018).

Here are some other special Summer programs at the library:
Summer Reading Programs (for all ages)—come to the library to sign up or participate.
Story Time most Tuesdays at 10:00 AM at Alfred Dickey.
Crafts for kids every Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Alfred Dickey—contact the library to register and to check what age group the craft is for.
Cookbook Club—meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM (you must register for this event).

Special Bookmobile events or stops:
Story Time at the Buffalo Museum July 18 and August 15 at 10:00 AM.
James River Senior Center Event August 27th 12:00 PM—3:00 PM at Klaus Park.
The bookmobile will be at Leapaldt Park, Nickeus Park, and Meidinger Park every other Friday during the summer (starting June 9th).
Have you ever arrived at your destination after many long hours in the car only to linger because your audiobook had you enthralled? We have many listener resources for your summer road trip!

For the youngest travelers, we have picture books with accompanying compact discs that provide a read-along experience. We also have chapter books on CD. If your vehicle is not equipped with a CD player, we have little devices called Playaways. Just plug in a set of headphones and children can take their “book” anywhere.

Older readers will find hundreds of non-fiction and fiction titles on CD for checkout. In addition, thousands of audiobooks are available through the online services available with your library card using the apps Hoopla and Libby. Simply download your selections and go! You will also find movies, magazines, and ebooks available through these popular apps.

With so many miles between destinations out here on the plains, audiobooks can turn “are we there yet?” into “Wait! Let me finish this chapter!”

Beloved children’s author, Cynthia Rylant, was born June 6, 1954, in Hopewell, Virginia. She began her career working in the children’s section of the Akron Public Library, giving her the opportunity to read many children’s books. From this experience she took pen to hand and wrote her first children’s book, the winner of the 1982 American Book Award, “When I was Young in the Mountains”, which tells of her childhood spent living with her grandparents in Appalachia. This book, along with her second book, “When Relatives Came” (1985), earned Caldecott Honor Awards for their illustrations. Beyond being beautifully depicted, these books are quiet, heart-warming portraits of childhood and family.

Rylant has written for older children as well, including another award-winner, “Missing May.” Again set in Appalachia, this novel tells a story of loss and grief. Like all of her books, it is also dignified and funny. It was awarded the 1993 Newbery Medal.

Along with many novels, books of poetry, biographies, and a non-fiction book about birds, Rylant has written an impressively long list of books that keep beginning readers in stitches, including the Henry and Mudge series, the Mr. Putter and Tabby books, and the Poppleton books.

If your children have yet to discover the wonderful books of Cynthia Rylant, they are here at your library, ready to be checked-out and enjoyed!

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