



FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTERS
SERVING OTTER TAIL COUNTY



Community NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

FROM THE FRC

Summer is here, and the NYM Family Resource Center is excited to continue creating opportunities for families to connect, learn, and have fun together!

There is SO much happening in New York Mills this summer for area families to enjoy — from library programs and community events to Art in Your Park workshops and outdoor activities. We encourage families to follow the NYM Civic & Commerce Facebook page for updates on all the happenings around NYM this summer!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Joe Beckman Parent & Community Event. We are so grateful for your continued support of the Family Resource Center, our school, and our community.

Wishing everyone a safe, fun, and memory-filled summer!

- Sara Hotakainen
FRC Coordinator



HELPING FAMILIES THRIVE

Did you know Family Resource Centers help connect families to local resources and support services? Whether families need help finding childcare, parenting support, food resources, youth activities, or community connections, the FRC is here to help make those connections easier.



SUMMER READING IS HERE!

JOIN US FOR PUPPET SHOW, FREE BOOKS & FUN!

NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

PUPPET SHOW!



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 24

NEW YORK MILLS
CITY HALL BALLROOM
28 W CENTENNIAL 84 DR,
NEW YORK MILLS

1:00 PM

FREE AND
OPEN TO ALL!

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED
218-385-2436



THE NYM FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
WILL BE GIVING AWAY

FREE books and book lights!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



This program is sponsored by
New York Mills Public Library and
Viking Library System, funded in
part or in whole with monies from
Minnesota's Arts and Cultural
Heritage Fund.

JUNE SWIMSUIT DRIVE

Help every child make a splash this season!

ACCEPTING DONATIONS
NOW THROUGH JUNE 30

DROP OFF LOCATION:
NYM Family Resource Center office –
upper level of City Center Building
118 N Main Ave
New York Mills

Donations will be given
to the NYM Legried
Community Pool
for the 2026 season.

Donated swimwear will be
available for families to
browse and take at the
NYM Legried Community Pool.

NEW OR GENTLY USED,
freshly laundered children's swimwear

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email shotakainen@mahube.org



UPCOMING NYM FAMILY EVENTS

June 1 - NYM Summer Rec begins @ NYM School

June 6 - Pollinator Party Family Friendly Event, 1 S Main Ave., NYM - 11 AM - 2 PM

June 13 - RMH Kids Bike Rodeo @ NYM School - 9 AM - Noon

June 16 - FREE Family Swim Night @ Legried Community Pool - 6-8 PM

June 24 - Puppet Pageant @ NYM City Hall Ballroom - 1 PM (See above for more info!)





DID YOU KNOW?

Children are more likely to open up during simple everyday moments - like car rides, walks, playing outside, or eating together as a family.

Small moments create BIG connections!

HOW FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS SUPPORT FAMILIES



Parenting Support



Community Resources



Health & Wellness Classes



Academic Enrichment



Family Events & Activities

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Loteria Night

📅 May 9

Families gathered for a fun evening of Loteria, prizes, and community connection at the NYM Cultural Center.



Joe Beckman Event Recap

📅 May 13

Over 130 community members attended the Joe Beckman Parent & Community Event. Earlier in the day, he spoke to nearly 800 NYM students. Joe shared an inspiring message about connection, kindness, and showing up for one another.



Celebrating Cultures

📅 May 20

Families enjoyed music, activities, cultural learning opportunities, and community connections at this fun community event.



PARENTING CORNER

Reading Together



Reading with children helps build language, imagination, confidence, and connection. Even just 10-15 minutes of reading together each day can make a big impact.

Let kids pick books they enjoy, ask questions while reading, and make storytime fun!

Bonus Tip: Visit your local library's (NYM, Perham, Pelican Rapids, Fergus Falls) Summer Reading Program for free family activities and reading incentives.

*Attend Puppet Pageant on June 24 and the first 100 kids will receive a **FREE book and reading light!***



REMEMBER:

You don't have to be perfect. *You just have to be present.*

ART IN YOUR PARK – 2026 SCHEDULE

The NYM Cultural Center is hosting **FREE** Art in Your Park workshops this summer.

These workshops will focus on Western Art history and are open to kids of all ages.

The Family Resource Center will be providing a healthy snack at all Art in Your Park workshops!

June 3	NYM Lund Park - Loscaux Cave Paintings
June 10	NYM Central Park - Viking Cats
June 17	NYM Smith Park - Medieval Creatures
June 24	NYM Lund Park - Renaissance (da Vinci Flying Machines)
July 1	NYM Central Park - Self Portraits w/Pets (Frida Kahlo)
July 8	Henning Landmark Center - Art Nouveau (Klimt)
July 15	Green Island (Wadena) - Environmental Art (Andy Goldsworthy)
July 22	Wadena Library - Basquiat Dinosaurs



COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



WHERE: NYM Public School Cafeteria



WHEN: June 1 - Aug. 20
(NO meals on Fridays)



WHO: Children ages 18 & Younger are **FREE**
Adults can eat with purchase of a meal.



TIME: Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 9 AM
Lunch - 11 AM to 1 PM

STAY CONNECTED!



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