

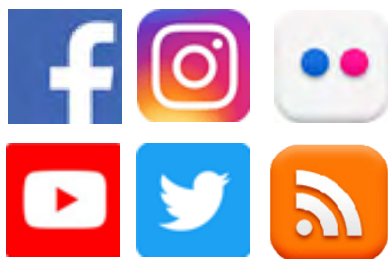
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State Library Out and About

The State Library staff will not be out and about in December, but make sure to check out our submission for the 11th Annual Ground Floor Showcase of Trees at the State Capitol Building. Our tree should be easy to spot; just look for the one with a book theme!



Changes to the Online Catalog

Starting December 11, the North Dakota State Library will have a brand new online catalog available for patrons to use.

What this means for you:

You will still be able to search for items like you normally would, but the interface will look a little different and will have new features, like an ever-changing new book display.

Since there will be multiple libraries around the state on the same catalog, when you conduct a search, you will see the availability of the item at each library. This will make requesting items a lot simpler and more user-friendly.

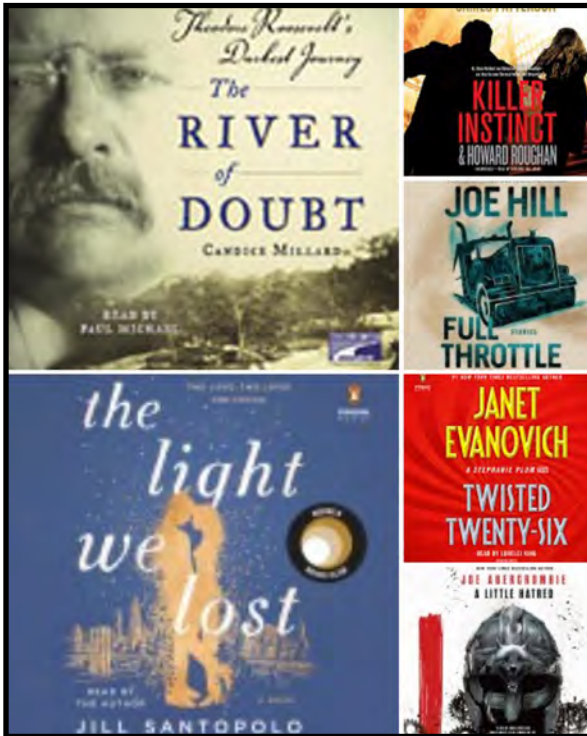
While we migrate to the new catalog, the old one will not be available. This means we will be unable to fulfill hold requests, return items, or renew items between December 5 and 10. If you need an item during this time, please contact us. If it is available in the State Library's collection, we will be able to check it out for you.

Some of these new changes may be challenging, and there are always bugs to work out when a library migration happens, but, overall, we feel you will be happy with the new catalog.

After we are up and running, we'll be developing web-based tutorials on how to use the new catalog. In the meantime, feel free to contact the Reference Department at the North Dakota State Library if you have questions or need assistance. You can reach us at 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

New Items At The North Dakota State Library

New E-Audiobooks



New E-Books



New Print Books

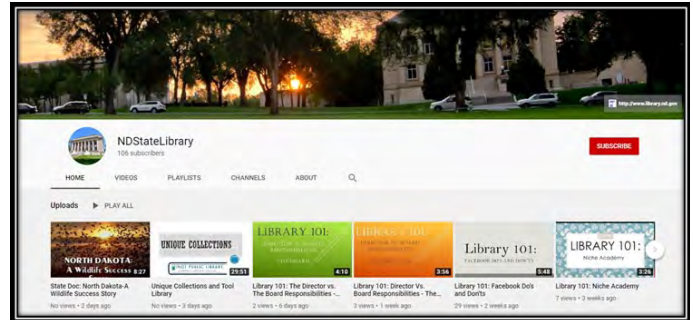


NDSL's YouTube Channel

Submitted by Angie Houser

For this month's Online Resource, we have chosen a website. We want to talk about the [North Dakota State Library's YouTube channel](#).

This channel has been specifically curated to help those who know nothing about the services that the State Library has to offer and those who need some help every now and then. The State Library also creates videos that feature tidbits about the library profession, tutorials on the NDSL databases, and items that are dealt with throughout all professions. Our YouTube channel features all of our digitized state documents, webinars, and informational videos.



On the channel you will see videos organized into playlists of topics such as "Library 101," "Tutorials," and "ND State Documents." These playlists will help you find what you are looking for in terms of videos. The YouTube channel provides you with more information than you ever thought you needed and is ready to be explored further.

If you have any questions, please e-mail ndsltrain@nd.gov

Universal Class Course Of The Month: Western Calligraphy

The holiday season is upon us, and sending cards to family and friends can be stressful if you want to make them unique. Well, if that sounds like you, a class on Western Calligraphy is just the thing. This course will go through all of the basics of Calligraphy, and the best part is you do not need to have any artistic background to do this course. The course begins with the history of the writing style and then goes into what materials and supplies you'll need to be successful. Finally, it will walk you through different calligraphy styles until you find one you're most comfortable with.



This course is 16 lessons, 43 exams and assignments, and should take around 15 hours to complete.

For more information on Universal Class, please contact us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

***Blood Ties* By Quincy J. Allen**

Reviewed by Angie Houser

Blood Ties by Quincy J. Allen is the first novel in the Blood War Chronicles, and let me tell you, it isn't my usual cup of tea, but I loved it! It started out slow with backstory, but when it picked up, it really picked up! The author describes the book as an Epic Western Steampunk Fantasy. And that description couldn't be more accurate. The steampunk world is fascinating, and incorporating it into a novel is something that I haven't seen much of before.

This novel follows Jake Lasater and his crew. He is a gunslinger that lives in Colorado after losing his legs and an arm in the Civil War. However, he was fitted up with state of the art mechanical limbs with a bit of magic thrown into them to make him better than he was before. Jake is approached for a job in San Francisco and though he isn't keen to return there, he doesn't say "no." That's when the real excitement starts. The story really starts to pick up when he and his crew are on their way to the City by the Bay. Soon, the gunslinger is embroiled in a fight with foreign assassins, the Chinese mafia, and the woman he was hired by.



You can get this book and the next two in this series from the [North Dakota State Library](#).

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