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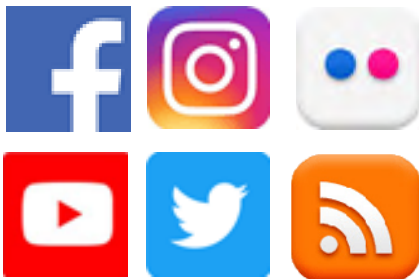
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Some of the native languages only have the basics in English where others have robust lessons. Keep in mind that Mango is always updating their language options, lessons in the current languages, and the resources that are a part of those lessons.

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If you have any questions, please email ndsctrain@nd.gov.

NOT-SO-FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Here at the State Library, we like to answer even the most random reference questions—especially as they relate to North Dakota history. While discussing the Wolf murders a few weeks ago, we asked ourselves, “What other interesting deaths have occurred in North Dakota?” Thus, a project was born. See below for a semi-comprehensive list of wide-spread deaths, murders, shootouts, and even some botulism that are speckled across ND history.

Spanish flu (1918)

The Spanish Flu (now understood to be H1N1) swept through North Dakota and most of the United States during the last year of World War I. It was so deadly due to the number of medical professionals who were serving in the military. ND reported 1,378 deaths, but it is likely that the number was closer to 5,000.

Wolf murders (1920)

After a quarrel over Jacob Wolf’s dog biting Henry Layer’s cow, Layer refused to leave the farm which led to Wolf pulling out his gun and Layer grabbing it. The conflict ended with Layer shooting and killing Wolf, his wife, four of their daughters and a “choreboy,” as news reports of the time called him. Layer also hit the Wolfs’ 3-year-old daughter with the side of a hatchet, killing her. Only an 8-month-old daughter was alive when a different neighbor stopped by the Wolf farm three days later. [Image of Funeral](#)

ND’s Last Lynching (1930)

Charles Bannon worked as a hired hand for the Haven family near Watford City. When the family disappeared, neighbors became suspicious as Bannon began selling off parts of the property and crops. He later confessed to accidentally shooting the eldest child and murdering the rest of the family in an effort to defend himself.

Shortly after Bannon was sent to jail in Schafer, ND, a mob broke into the jail, dragged Bannon out with a rope around his neck, and pushed him over the side of Cherry Creek Bridge.

Canned peas deaths (1931)

Two miles Northeast of Grafton, ND, Edward and Delphine Hein hosted a dinner party where they served a salad sprinkled with home-canned peas. Within days, 13 people had died from botulism.

Sophia Eberlein (1931)

Sophie Eberlein was beaten to death by her second husband (Jacob Bentz) in her home in Harvey, ND. The interesting part? Her ghost supposedly still haunts the Harvey Public Library which was built on that location in 1990.

Jilted Lover (1936)

John Drennen went to deliver a love letter to Agnes Baker one night, but when she refused to see him inside, he pulled out a pistol and shot her alongside her mother and sister. All three women survived, but Drennen shot himself immediately afterwards.

Steele Shootout (1976)

When a gas station in Jamestown was robbed, law enforcement set up a roadblock on Interstate 94. They stopped a car with 4 people inside, and as the sheriff’s deputy questioned the driver, one of the passengers opened fire. Four people were wounded and one killed during the shootout.

Gordon Kahl Shootout (1983)

Gordon Kahl was stopped at a roadblock for violating parole. What started as a brief questioning ended in a 30 second shootout that left 2 dead and 4 injured. Kahl fled to Arkansas where he was later found and killed in another shootout.

Teenage Murderer (1992)

At age 15, Michael Neugebauer shot and killed his parents, brother, and sister in Bismarck. He then asked his girlfriend to run away with him to Florida which is where they were found two weeks later. He made two attempts to escape the North Dakota State Penitentiary before being moved to a high-security prison in Texas.

Man “Snapped” (2003)

Daniel Jantzen was sentenced to three life terms in prison for shooting his on-and-off partner along with two others.

Dru Sjodin (2003)

Dru was abducted from the mall in Grand Forks, ND. Her disappearance was followed closely by national news. Her body was found 5 months later, and Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. was sentenced with the death penalty.

Halloween Murder Mystery (2007)

Joel Lovelien was beaten to death outside of a bar in Grand Forks on Halloween. The assailant left behind a yellow paw from his costume.

Murder for Hire (2009)

Philip Gattuso was murdered with a hammer when his father-in-law hired a hitman to kill the Fargo dentist.

Decapitation Slaying (2012)

Kurt Johnson’s head was found in Daniel Wacht’s basement in what prosecutors claimed was an attempt to make a statement for the white supremacist movement. His body was never found.

Andrew Sadek (2014)

Andrew Sadek was found in the Red River with a gunshot wound to the head shortly after becoming a confidential informant for law enforcement on NDSCS’s campus.

Pregnant Woman Murdered for Baby (2018)

A couple in Fargo, ND, killed a pregnant woman in order to keep her baby.

Mandan Murders (2019)

The investigation and trial are still ongoing for Chad Trolon Isaak who allegedly murdered four people at the RJR Maintenance and Management warehouse in Mandan, ND, with a knife and gun.

Have a reference question of your own? Don’t hesitate to ask. Give us a call at 328-4622 or shoot us an [email](#).

NEW EBOOKS

I want you back by Lorelei James

The hating game by Sally Thorne

The border by Don Winslow

The bride test by Helen Hoang

A dog’s purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

NEW E-AUDIOBOOKS

Stay sexy & don’t get murdered

by Karen Kilgariff, Georgi Hardstack

Wolf pack by C.J. Box

Dakota by Gwen Florio

Best self: Be you, only better by Mike Bayer

These titles, along with many others, are available on [RBdigital](#).

NEW TITLES AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY**Children’s Books****Mr. Lemoncello’s All-Star Breakout Game** by Chris Grabenstein. **Book 4.**

After months of anticipation, Mr. Lemoncello is taking his games out of the library and LIVE across the nation on the world famous Kidzapalooza Television Network! But nothing is ever as it seems with Mr. Lemoncello and the surprises in store just might stump even the gamemaster himself. Can Kyle break out of his own expectations -- and win Mr. Lemoncello’s ultimate gameshow?

Merci Suárez changes gears by Meg Medina.

Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don’t have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. So when bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci’s school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna’s jealousy.

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Adult Books

***It's the Manager* by Jim Clifton and Jim Harter.**

While the world's workplace has been going through extraordinary historical change, the practice of management has been stuck in time for more than 30 years. The new workforce -- especially younger generations -- wants their work to have deep mission and purpose, and they don't want old-style command-and-control bosses. They want coaches who inspire them, communicate with them frequently and develop their strengths. Who is the most important person in your organization to lead your teams through these changes? Decades of global Gallup research reveal: It's your managers. They are the ones who make or break your organization's success. When you have great managers who can maximize the potential of every team member, you will see organic revenue and profit growth, and you will give every one of your employees what they most want today: a great job and a great life. This is the future of work.

***The Alzheimer's Spouse* by Mary K. Doyle.**

Journalist Mary K. Doyle's husband now suffers from advanced Alzheimer's and no longer even recognizes her most of the time. Doyle gives gentle advice to other Alzheimer's spouses about what is in store for them and how to deal with their beloved soulmate in loving and practical ways while still protecting their own health and happiness.

***Gardening for Butterflies* by the Xerces Society**

Welcome the world's most exquisite visitors to your garden! *Gardening for Butterflies*, by the experts at the Xerces Society, introduces you to a variety of colorful garden guests who need our help, and shows you how to design a habitat where they will thrive.

***Wildly Successful Farming* by Brian DeVore.**

The stories of farmers across the American Midwest who are balancing profitability and food production with environmental sustainability and a passion for all things wild. They are using innovative techniques and strategies to develop their "wildly" successful farms as working ecosystems. Whether producing grain, vegetables, fruit, meat, or milk, these next-generation agrarians look beyond the bottom line of the spreadsheet to the biological activity on the land as key measures of success.

***American Princess* by Stephanie Marie Thornton.**

Alice Roosevelt may be the president's daughter, but she's nobody's darling. As bold as her signature color Alice Blue, the gum-chewing, cigarette-smoking, poker-playing First Daughter discovers that the only way for a woman to stand out in Washington is to make waves -- oceans of them.

***A Murder in Time* by Julie McElwain.**

Kendra Donovan is a rising star at the FBI. Yet her path to professional success hits a speed bump during a disastrous raid where half her team is murdered, a mole in the FBI is uncovered, and she herself is severely wounded. As soon as she recovers, she goes rogue and travels to England to assassinate the man responsible for the deaths of her teammates. While fleeing from an unexpected assassin herself, Kendra escapes into a stairwell that promises sanctuary but when she stumbles out again, she is in the same place -- Aldrich Castle -- but in a different time: 1815. Mistaken for a lady's maid hired to help with weekend guests, Kendra is forced to quickly adapt to the time period until she can figure out how she got there; and, more importantly, how to get back home. However, after the body of a young girl is found on the extensive grounds of the county estate, she starts to feel there's some purpose to her bizarre circumstances. Stripped of her twenty-first century tools, Kendra must use her wits alone in order to unmask a cunning madman.

***Sunset Beach* by Mary Kay Andrews**

Drue Campbell's life is adrift. Out of a job and down on her luck, life doesn't seem to be getting any better when her estranged father, Brice Campbell, a flamboyant personal injury attorney, shows up at her mother's funeral after a twenty-year absence. Worse, he's remarried -- to Drue's eighth grade frenemy, Wendy, now his office manager. And they're offering her a job. It seems like the job from hell, but the offer is sweetened by the news of her inheritance: her grandparents' beach bungalow in the sleepy town of Sunset Beach, a charming but storm-damaged eyesore now surrounded by waterfront McMansions.

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KATE BURKHOLDER SERIES BY LINDA CASTILLO

Reviewed by Abby Ebach

I'll be the first to admit that I was skeptical when picking up a book billed as an "Amish Mystery;" but the synopsis had me interested, and I was in a reading funk. Needless to say that my funk has vanished, and I'm on the edge of my seat waiting for the next Kate Burkholder novel (coming to a shelf near you in July 2019).

Kate Burkholder is the Chief of Police in Painter's Mill, Ohio. Over the course of the series, she investigates murders, disappearances, and even goes under-cover in other Amish communities. As a formerly Amish person, she has a unique knowledge of the culture and way-of-life of the Amish, and, as Chief, she has sworn to protect them. Castillo highlights the Amish people without falling prey to traditional Amish tropes and let's Kate investigate her cases authentically without always tying up the loose pieces at the end. After all, no investigation (or crime) is ever perfect.

These New York Times bestsellers have received Starred Reviews from Booklist and Publisher's Weekly. There are currently 11 books in the series with novellas in-between each full-length novel for a whopping total of 16 unique mysteries. If you want to sit down and get to know Kate, John, and the rest of Painter's Mill, the first book in the series, Sworn to Silence, can be found on [RBDigital](#).

UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH: GOAL SETTING 101

Submitted by Angie Houser

As July rolls in, many people here at the State Library are starting to think about what goals we would like to accomplish in this next year. Goals are not always an easy thing to set — and are even harder to achieve — so this month's course is Goal Setting 101. This course will go over why you might want to set a goal, how to develop SMART goals, some guidelines to follow, and so much more. Like all Universal Class courses, this one can be taken at your own speed and in your own time. The class will take about 5 hours to complete and has 15 lessons to go through. If you need a refresher on goals or a starting point this is the best course for you!



All of this is available with a public or [State Library card](#). Check out this course and more today!

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