

# Connections

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## Summer Reading Celebration Update

The North Dakota State Library, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, and the Morton Mandan Public Library have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Summer Reading Celebration. The health and safety of the attendees, volunteers, performers, and staff are of the utmost importance.

"We are very disappointed to have to cancel this popular event, but it seemed the best decision to make given the current pandemic situation," says State Librarian Mary Soucie.

"We are excited to offer a Virtual Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff during the week of June 1-5 and look forward to sharing more details in the near future once the details are worked out."



The Virtual Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff will allow partnerships with libraries across the state and will be accessible to everyone with Internet access. More information will be announced in the next couple of days on the [State Library's Facebook page](#).

## Tumble Math

[Tumble Math](#) is a temporary database designed for K-6 students who require extra Math resources. This database is comprised of picture and activity books for different levels of math skills. Each book also comes with a quiz that will test students' comprehension levels. These books are multi-use and can be read in any browser.



The login for the database is available under the Students section on our [database webpage](#).

If you have any questions about this database, please e-mail us at [nds/train@nd.gov](mailto:nds/train@nd.gov).

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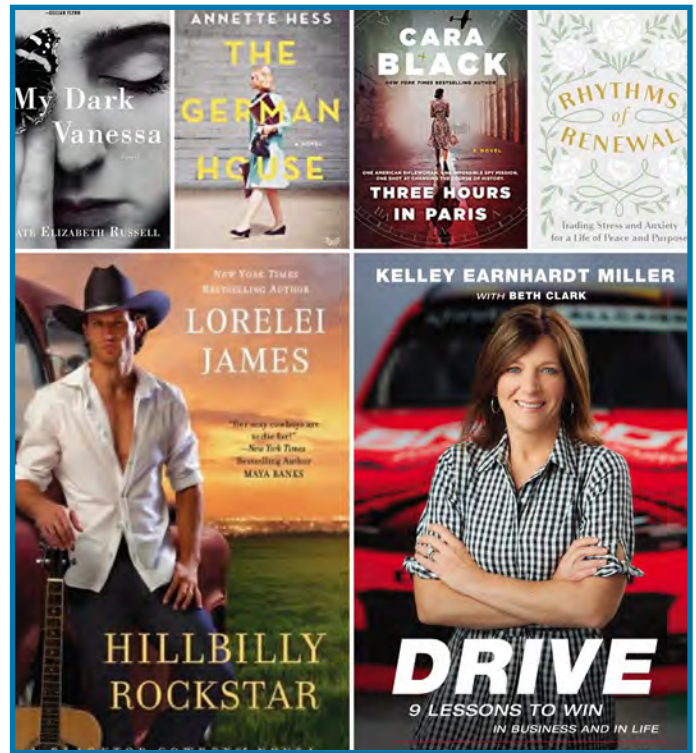
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# New Items At The North Dakota State Library

## New E-Audiobooks



## New E-Books



## New Children's Books



## New Adult Print Books



The North Dakota State Library will mail out items from the collection to anyone in North Dakota who has a State Library card. If you don't already have a library card with the State Library, fill out an [online application](#) and a card will be sent to you.



## Course of the Month: Dog Grooming 101

Grooming your pet is one of the many struggles that dog owners may face. Universal Class offers a [Dog Grooming 101](#) course that takes the student through the basics of grooming their dog and what tools they will need to do it properly.



Not only will this course go through each step, but it will also go over why you need to know these things and why they are important to your dog's health. After you are done with the course, you should feel confident in your skills to groom your dog properly.

This course is 11 lessons long, has 24 exams and assignments, and should take around 12 hours to complete.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at [ndsltrain@nd.gov](mailto:ndsltrain@nd.gov).

## E-Audiobook Series Christian Fiction

For maximum escapism, here are the series with the highest number of available e-audiobook titles. And they are all set to unlimited simultaneous usage, so no holds! Check them out [today!](#)

O'Malley Family by Dee Henderson (8 vol.)

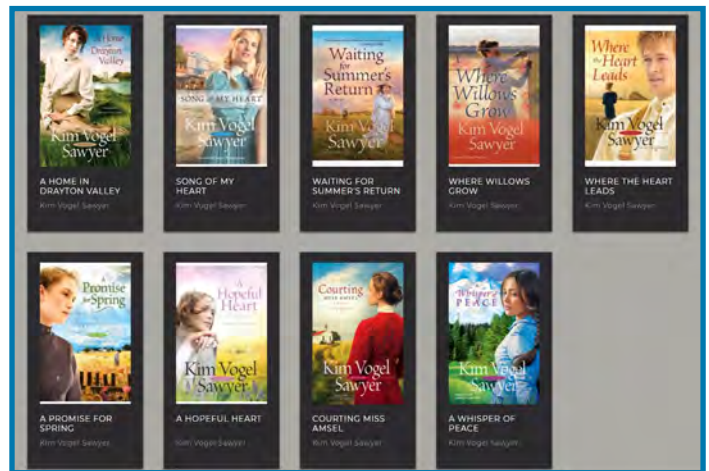
Mitford by Jan Karon (11 vol.)

Dorsetville by Katherine Valentine (6 vol.)

Heart of the Prairie by Kim Vogel Sawyer (9 vol.)

God by Mary Monroe (6 vol.)

Left Behind by Tim LaHaye, Jerry B Jenkins (17 vol.)



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## ***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson**

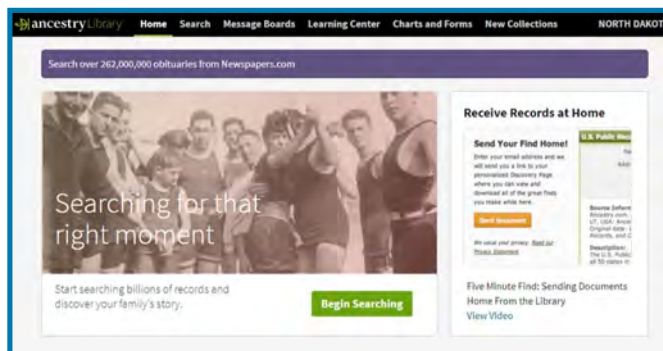
Reviewed by Stacey Goldade

*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* is a delightful book I'd compare to *A Man Called Ove* by Backman. This is Helen Simonson's first novel, which is set in the English countryside. The Major is drawn to Mrs. Ali, an immigrant from Pakistan who runs the local shop. They share a love of reading and are in similar circumstances since both of their spouses have passed away. Roger, the Major's son, disapproves of their blossoming relationship. The Major disapproves of many of Roger's actions too (which brings to mind the character Maggie Smith played in *Downton Abbey*). There's much more to the plot that I'll let you discover, but let me share some of Simonson's lovely sentences with you. Here's one: "He opened his mouth to say that she looked extremely beautiful and deserved armfuls of roses, but the words were lost in committee somewhere, shuffled aside by the parts of his head that worked full-time on avoiding ridicule." And this is a gem too: "You are not the first man to miss a woman's more subtle communication," said the Major. "They think they are waving when we see only the calm sea, and pretty soon everybody drowns."



This title is available in [large print format](#).

### **Ancestry Library Edition**



ProQuest is extending at-home access to [Ancestry: Library Edition](#) through the end of May.

This family history research tool includes records from around the world. You can search through billions of records online, including birth, marriage, and death; census and voter lists; immigration and travel; and church histories. In addition to U.S. records, you will also find records from Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [nds1train@nd.gov](mailto:nds1train@nd.gov) or 701-328-4622

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