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## The 1989 Legislative Session: library issues examined

The 1989 North Dakota Legislative Assembly began January 4, 1989 in Bismarck. The following is a summary of those legislative bills currently of interest to the State Library and to the library community. (The following information is current as of February 9, 1989.)

**HB 1007:** State Library appropriation bill. The first hearing for the 1989-1991 State Library appropriation was on Friday, January 13, 1989, in the Government Operations Subcommittee of the House Appropriation Committee. In presenting testimony, Patricia Harris, State Librarian, addressed the concerns of the \$214,000 reduction in operating expenses for the 1989-1991 biennium. A reduction of this magnitude in operating expenses will require major reductions in the services the State Library provides. No action from the subcommittee has been taken.

**HB 1229:** This bill proposes to abolish the Director of Institutions office and place the various agencies under DOI in other existing agencies. The State Penitentiary, Rough Riders Industries, and the State Industrial School would be moved to the Department of Human Services. The School for the Deaf, School for the Blind, and the State Library would be transferred to the Department of Public Instruction. State Radio would be moved to the Attorney General's Office, and responsibility for the Capitol building and grounds moved to the Office of Management and Budget.

In presenting testimony against the move of the State Library to the Department of Public Instruction, Harris addressed the House State and Federal Government Committee. Committee members were urged not to confuse the mission of the State Library, which is providing information and access to information to libraries and to the citizens of North Dakota; and providing for the development of public libraries in the State with the Department of Public Instruction's mission of providing direct education to school age children.

**SB 2026:** The State Library's 1989 deficiency payment of \$32,475 is included in this bill. The deficiency payment is needed to remain qualified for 1989 federal funds.

**SB 2084:** This bill relates to the limits on terms of office for members of the board of directors of a public library. It allows public library board members to serve an unlimited number of terms. This bill received a do not pass recommendation from the Senate Education Committee and was defeated in the Senate.

**HCR 3045:** A concurrent resolution urging the Governor of North Dakota to declare 1989 as the Year of the Young Reader.

## North Dakota State Library Celebrates Government Week

The North Dakota State Library announced a series of special Centennial Events for the public. The activities will mark Government Week, February 21-24, at the State Library.

Activities include: a variety of tours highlighting the special collections and personnel of the library (Tuesday through Friday); demonstrations of Easylink, Infomaster, and statewide online library catalog software (Thursday and Friday).

A "Meet the North Dakota Writers" day is planned on Wednesday, February 22nd. Sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. A special "Brown Bag Lunch" in honor of the participating authors is scheduled from noon until 1:00 p.m. on that day. The Centennial Poet for North Dakota will also be announced during the activities. For information on the tours or the "Meet the North Dakota Writers" programs, call the State Library at 224-2490. Information on the automation demonstrations can be received by calling 224-4658.

## LEGISLATIVE BILL STATUS? ASK YOUR LIBRARIAN

With the North Dakota Legislature in full swing, the North Dakota State Library is offering once again to search online Bill Status for citizens from rural areas who do not have ready access to the online Bill Status information. Computerized information for both houses on individual bills--including old and new text, bills listed by subject, daily journal actions, committee hearing dates and times, prime bill sponsors, Century Code conflicts, bill activity by date, and summary voting statistics for the session--is available through the system. To research a bill or to check on the work of a local legislator, citizens may simply call the North Dakota State Library Reference Department at 224-4622 and request a search. Having the number of the desired bill speeds up the search. All searches are performed free of charge.

Search options for online Bill Status appear below:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Bill Number                 | F. Section Number Comparisons |
| B. Committee Hearing Inquiry   | G. Bill Status Summaries      |
| C. Bill Activity by Date Range | H. Enrolled Bills Index       |
| D. Sponsor Inquiry             | I. Activity by Date           |
| E. Subject Index               |                               |

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## NORTH DAKOTA MICROFICHING PROJECT: an update

The North Dakota State Library is in the process of microfiching and cataloging North Dakota State Documents. What has been completed to date are the House and Senate Journals from statehood to present. Close to completion are the Supreme Court Reports and Session Laws from statehood to present. In the future, the state document project will proceed in the following manner: the documents of one agency at a time will be fiched, cataloged, and distributed to the depositories. Once an agency has been completed, new items will be fiched and cataloged upon receipt. If you have questions, please call Susan Pahlmeyer, Government Services Librarian, at the State Library, 224-4662.

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## ALA SWAP & SHOP

Swap and Shop, the give-away of public relations pieces produced by libraries, will be held during the American Libraries Association's (ALA) conference in Dallas, TX, June 25, 1989.

In addition to samples produced by libraries, Swap and Shop will feature three mini-training sessions. Session One will feature Charles Beard, who will speak on "Public Relations and Lobbying." Session Two will feature Michael Deller, who will make a presentation on "Direct Mail and Public Relations Campaigns." Session Three will feature a panel of public relations specialists from academic, school and public libraries and will address the topic "Justifying PR Campaigns to Administrators and Boards."

Persons wishing to submit materials for display at Swap and Shop should send 200-300 copies to: ALA Swap and Shop Entries, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Boxes should be marked in bold red letters: **HOLD FOR ALA SWAP AND SHOP 1989**. All submissions must be received no later than June 16, 1989.

## ENCYCLOPEDIC SENSE

"Purchasing an Encyclopedia: 12 Points to Consider" is a basic guide for school and public librarians considering adding an encyclopedia to their collections. The new second edition (the first since 1979) addresses the critical aspects of evaluating and selecting the appropriate work. Prepared by the "Reference Books Bulletin" editorial board, the paperback volume examines such areas as subject coverage, audience, accuracy, objectivity, and physical format. 40 p., \$4.95 from ALA Publishing Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. (0-8389-3341-3, 88-2187).

## NEH Seeks Humanities Projects in Libraries

Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives invites proposals to plan or to present public humanities programs.

Applications for **planning awards** should include: a clearly defined topic or thesis, a list of scholars to be involved in the project, and a plan of work describing preparations and intended results. Planning grants provide support for up to six months. Deadlines for application are in May and August, 1989.

**Implementation awards** are made for periods of one to three years. Proposals for implementation must also include a clearly defined topic and demonstrate how scholarship in the humanities will reach a general audience. Deadlines for application are March 17 and September 15, 1989.

All proposed projects must demonstrate active collaboration between humanities scholars and librarians and archivists.

For guidelines and additional information, contact Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives, Division of General Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20506, 202/786-0438.

## Professional Development Grant Applications Requested

The North Dakota State Library is seeking applicants for the following public library professional development grants:

**Program:** Advanced Management Program for Library Administrators.  
**Date:** July 17-22, 1989      **Location:** Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
**Number of Grants:** One      **Fees Paid:** Travel and Tuition  
**Eligible Applicants:** Directors of Class I Public Libraries.

**Program:** Middle Management Program for Library Administrators.  
**Date:** July 17-22, 1989      **Location:** Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
**Number of Grants:** One      **Fees Paid:** Travel and Tuition  
**Eligible Applicants:** Directors of Class II and Class III Public Libraries.

**Program:** Where Rivers Meet: *Confluence and Concurrents* - an *International Children's Literature Association Conference*.  
**Date:** May 12-14, 1989      **Location:** Mankato State University, Mankato, MN  
**Number of Grants:** Four      **Fees Paid:** Registration, Lodging and Tour  
**Eligible Applicants:** Children's Librarians from Public Libraries.

**Program:** American Library Association Annual Conference  
**Date:** June 24-28, 1989      **Location:** Dallas, Texas      **Number of Grants:** One  
**Fees Paid:** \$1,000 toward Travel/Lodging/Registration  
**Eligible Applicants:** Any Public Library Trustee.

All participants will be required to share their experiences and the information gathered with the North Dakota library community. To apply, send a letter outlining your reasons for wanting to participate in a continuing education program to: Eric Halverson, Public Library Consultant, North Dakota State Library, Liberty Memorial Building, Bismarck, ND 58505.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 1989

## NDLA Children's Roundtable Report: Summer reading program

Preliminary work for the 1989 Statewide Summer Reading Program is finished. By now, librarians should have received order blanks for materials.

It was decided at the annual meeting to go with the theme, "Rough Riders Read." Lalo, a children's illustrator from North Dakota, was commissioned to do the art work. His poster is a beautiful drawing of Col. Teddy Bear, with other North Dakota scenes depicted on the poster. The bear theme will be carried out on bookmarks, buttons, stamps, and balloons.

The program is available to ALL librarians in North Dakota and we hope that everyone takes advantage of it. We have been able to make materials available at a very reasonable price due to the help of some very generous donations from book dealers and other individuals. We were fortunate to receive an Otto Bremer Grant for \$1,000. Other contributors to our program were: World Book Company, Baker and Taylor, Econoclad, Ollis Book Company, Children's Press, Ebsco, Waldenbooks, and Perma-Bound. In addition, the Montana Dakota Resources Foundation is doing the printing of the 35 page activity booklet for the Roundtable. An activity booklet will be given to each library ordering FREE of charge. Also, due to the generosity of Children's Press, all librarians ordering will receive a FREE book for their library.

Because of the donations that we received, all materials are being offered to librarians at cost or below. It is the intent of the Children's Roundtable to have enough money in our fund at the end of the summer so other reading programs can be sponsored in future years.

If you would like to participate, but did not receive information on the program, please contact either Paulette Nelson at 838-0606 or Marvia Boettcher at 222-6410. All libraries - big and small - are urged to support this program.

Plans are currently underway to sponsor a Kick Off over Memorial Day Weekend at Medora. Tentatively, plans are to organize many family activities including: Puppet Shows, Storytelling, Nature Tours of the Park, and a chance to meet North Dakota authors of children's and young adult books.

A block of rooms has reserved, at a very reasonable rate, at the Badlands Motel in Medora. If you are considering attending this great weekend, it is very important that you make your reservations as soon as possible. Be sure to mention that you are with ROUGH RIDERS READ GROUP. The phone number is 623-4422 or 223-4800 off season.

In addition to our Centennial Summer Reading Program activities, your family may enjoy the Cowboy Poets Convention, the Sons of the Pioneers Musical Entertainment, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and the numerous other sites of Medora. If you are planning to attend this fantastic summer weekend, please contact Marvia Boettcher, Veteran's Memorial Library, 515 N. 5th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501, 222-6410. We hope to see many of you there.  
 submitted by: Paulette Nelson

## SUMMER 1989 AT VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY: LIBRARY MEDIA COURSES

The core courses of the Library Media minor are being taught in a three-year sequence, summers, in order to qualify participants as media specialists in North Dakota elementary and secondary schools. These courses are required for the Library Media Minor, leading to the Department of Public Instruction's MEO3 Certification. For further information call or write to Darryl B. Podoll, Library Director, Allen Memorial Library, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072. Please call direct (1-701-845-7275) or toll free (1-800-532-8641) and ask for Darryl Podoll.

Core courses being offered this summer are:

- LIBM 420 ADMINISTRATION OF AN INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER - pre-session assignments

May 30-June 9 (including Saturday, June 3), 1989. 4 credits, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Wieland, Library 207. A study of the objectives and functions of a media center and the principles of management applied to the development and operation of a media program. Assignment deadline is July 1.

- LIBM 360 SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS - pre-session assignments.

May 30-June 9 (including Saturday, June 3), 1989. 4 credits, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Kurtz, Library 207.

A course covering basic principles of evaluation and selection of library materials, study and practice in the use of selection aids, and reading and evaluation of print and non-print materials.

- LIBM 460 IMC PRACTICUM

May 30-June 9 or June 12-July 15, 1989. 4 credits, time arranged, Podoll, Library 112. Supervision in all phases of library service. Prerequisites: Completion of at least twelve hours of library media courses and permission of the director of the program. Deadline for registration is June 13.

Anyone planning to register for the workshops should contact us so the pre-session assignments can be sent out.

Summer School courses that count in the library media minor are:

- BUSINESS 180 - INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, 4 credits.
- EDUCATION 300 or 305 - MEDIA EDUCATION, 3 or 4 credits.
- EDUCATION 330 - CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, 4 credits.
- LIBRARY MEDIA 460 - IMC PRACTICUM, 4 credits.
- MATHEMATICS 230 - INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS AND PROGRAMMING (BASIC), 4 credits.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please tell them about our Library Media Minor. Summer School Bulletin available upon request.

## STATEWIDE LIBRARY AUTOMATION PROJECT RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$110,000 in Higher Education Act Title II-D "joint-use" funding to LEND (Library Excellence for North Dakota) a consortium of North Dakota resource libraries. Funding will assist with implementation of Phase I of statewide library automation, beginning in North Dakota's Higher Education Libraries and the State Library. The grant will be administered for the group by Bismarck State College. According to grant Project Director Val Morehouse of the North Dakota State Library, the main computer will be housed in the Computer Center at the University of North Dakota. The system will be the Unisys PALS.

The U.S. Department of Education grant will speed up implementation of a shared public online catalog of library holdings on computer. This database will be accessible by telephone statewide for any citizen (or library) with a microcomputer and modem.

Project personnel expect the statewide online library catalog, which features state-of-the-art search capability, to be available for demonstrations in March or April, with full operational status beginning in Grand Forks at the University libraries and at Grand Forks Public Library by the end of the year. Live demonstrations of the online catalog software are planned for Government Week, **February 21-24**, at the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck. The public is invited. Contact the North Dakota State Library for a demonstration schedule.

## CENET ON EASYLINK.

In response to budget cuts that preclude publication, the North Dakota State Library has begun an EASYLINK version of CENET. This lists continuing education workshops and conferences of interest to North Dakota Librarians and Library Trustees. EASYLINK users can access the publication from the electronic mail system at the PTS prompt by typing:

/EXIT FYI < cr >

When < cr > is the "enter" key on your library microcomputer. FYI will respond:

### ENTER YOUR CATEGORY

At that point you may prepare to download CENET by activating your communications software to save the incoming file to disk, or to route the file to the printer. To start the downloading, you should type:

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and the list of workshops and conferences will be delivered as you have instructed. To list your library-related conference or workshop online on CENET, send the following information to Val Morehouse at the North Dakota State Library:

- Date(s) of the event.
- City where the event will be held.
- Intended audience for the event.
- A short description of the workshop objectives and contents.
- Academic credits offered.
- Fees or registrations charged.
- Contact name, address, and phone.

Updates of CENET will be made approximately once per week, or as information is received by the Consultants' Office at the North Dakota State Library.

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## Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries Recommends 1989 L.S.C.A. Grants

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries met to discuss 1989 Library Services and Construction Act (L.S.C.A.) grant applications on May 8-9, 1989. This annual session allows the Advisory Council to provide advice to the State Librarian on the distribution of federal L.S.C.A. funds for institutional, public, and cooperative library projects.

Institutional grants awarded included: \$3,000 to the Grafton State School for acquisition of equipment to enhance the client library; \$5,000 to the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown for collection development in the patient libraries; \$4,100 to the North Dakota School for the Blind in Grand Forks to acquire low vision aids for library use; \$7,900 to the North Dakota School for the Deaf in Devils Lake for collection development; and \$5,000 to the North Dakota State Industrial School in Mandan for development of an instructional video library. Total funds awarded in this category: \$25,000.

Grants for the development and improvement of public library services (L.S.C.A. Title I) included: \$3,500 for computer acquisition and Easylink access to four public libraries: Beulah Public Library, Clara Lincoln Phelan Public Library in Bowman, Lisbon Public Library, and Mayville Public Library; \$9,251 to Dakota Radio Information Service to fund the Coordinator of Volunteers position for one year; \$1,559 to the Grand Forks Public Library to acquire an Apple computer that can be adapted for use of handicapped individuals. A Title I grant of \$22,290 was also given to the Fargo Public Library for the development and promotion of a statewide toll-free reference service available in the evenings to all North Dakota citizens. Total Title I grants awarded were \$47,100.

L.S.C.A. Title II grants for library construction, acquisition, remodeling, or renovation were also awarded at the May meeting. Recipients were: Bottineau County Library - \$112,000 for new construction; Cavalier Public Library - \$700 for remodeling; Edna Ralston Library (Larimore) - \$11,000 for remodeling of a new facility; Grand Forks Public Library - \$31,154 to remodel roof for energy efficiency; Harvey Public Library - \$18,000 to supplement a previous grant for new construction; New England Public Library - \$8,500 for acquisition of a new facility; and Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library - \$113,154 for alteration and completion of meeting rooms. A total of \$294,508 in new and reverted L.S.C.A. Title II funds was awarded.

Title III grants to foster interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing were awarded to four recipients: \$8,494 to the Divide County Public Library for automation of the joint elementary school/public library in Crosby; \$4,400 to the Ellendale Public Library for a computer to improve interlibrary cooperation in the area; \$3,500 to the New England Public Library for computer acquisition for Easylink access for all libraries in New England; and \$8,728 to the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences for acquisition of six fax machines to be placed in selected public, academic, and special libraries. \$25,123 in Title III funds were awarded.

## New Publications from National Library Service

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has issued two new publications which are available free from the State Library.

**Bibles, Other Scriptures, Liturgies, and Hymnals in Special Media** is a reference circular which lists sacred texts of many of the world's religions that have been prepared in alternatives to conventional print. Commentaries, concordances, prayer books, and hymnals are also included in this publication.

**Fishing: An Introduction to Fishing for Fun and Food for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals**, the second in a series of leisure activity booklets, provides a selected list of recorded and braille books and magazines about fishing. It tells of the experience of a blind fisherman and explains how a licensed guide assists young blind people in learning the techniques of fishing.

According to NLS Director Frank Kurt Cylke, "The first introductory booklet on leisure pursuits, **Birding: An Introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals**, proved to be one of the most popular new publications ever issued by NLS. Blind and physically handicapped individuals enjoy a wide range of leisure time activities, and these booklets provide general background and sources for more specific information and additional readings."

For more information or free copies contact: Sally Oremland, Service to Blind and Physically Handicapped, North Dakota State Library, 701-224-2497.

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## Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grant Recipient Named

Ann Braaten, an elementary education/library science student at the University of North Dakota, has been named the 1989 recipient of the Baker and Taylor/North Dakota Library Association Junior Members Round Table Grassroots Grant.

The purpose of the grant, which is given by the Baker & Taylor Company, a book vendor, is to encourage the professional development of student librarians and to assist their participation in the activities of statewide library associations. This is done by providing grant recipients with \$250 with which to attend their state library conference.

Ann was selected from a pool of applicants from across the state and will attend the NDLA Fall Conference in Grand Forks.

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## Stutsman County Library Receives Video Grant

The Stutsman County Library recently received a collection of video cassettes through the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The foundation has been assisting libraries in acquiring collections of many of the most noteworthy programs from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The collection, which is labeled "Series A" for grant purposes includes series such as: **The Living Planet; The Constitution: That Delicate Balance; The Shakespeare Plays; The Brain; and the Ascent of Man.**

The video collection is available to all Stutsman County residents and may be available, for a nominal charge, to other users. The video collection includes public performance rights for in-library and community group screenings.

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## State Publications Available

The Office of the North Dakota Secretary of State has announced that copies of the following publications are available to the public for the cost of postage:

<b>1973 Blue Book</b>	<b>1979 Session Law</b>
<b>1969 House Journal</b>	<b>1969 Senate Journal</b>
<b>1971 House Journal</b>	<b>1971 Senate Journal</b>
<b>1973 House Journal</b>	<b>1973 Senate Journal</b>
<b>1975 House Journal</b>	<b>1975 Senate Journal</b>
<b>1977 House Journal</b>	<b>1977 Senate Journal</b>
<b>1979 House Journal</b>	<b>1979 Senate Journal</b>

These documents may be obtained by calling the Office of the Secretary of State at 224-2900 or by writing: Secretary of State, Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0500.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Quick Notes from the American Library Association (ALA) PR Report

#### Return of the Readasaurus

Rex and Rita, twin "readasaurus" hatched up last year by Youth PLUS to encourage children to read in the summer, will return in 1989. Youth PLUS is sponsored by ABC and PBS, in cooperation with Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the IBM Writing to Read program, and Read America/Win America Foundation. ALA has advised on development and library involvement in the planned nationwide tour. Watch for more details.

#### Librarians Star (again) for National Library Week 1990

In a follow-up to the 1989 theme, "Ask a Professional - Ask Your Librarian", librarians will again be in the spotlight during National Library Week 1990. The theme for 1990 is "Reach for a Star. Ask a librarian." Extending the campaign will help to achieve greater visibility and involvement, according to Linda Wallace, Director of the ALA Public Information Office. "That's how important we think the theme is - both for the public and the profession." Materials for the campaign will be released at the National Library Week Workshop on Monday June 26, 1989 at the ALA Conference.

#### Adopt a Library

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is urging local chapters to "Adopt a Library" as a part of a two-year focus on literacy. All chapters have been provided with a tip sheet on "Literacy and Libraries - 100 Ways to Show You Care" developed in cooperation with ALA.

#### Quick Notes on ND Pubs and Other Things:

The Flickertale frequently receives requests to publish information about local authors, works, or unusual professional activities. A recent sampling includes:

Order information about the following North Dakota publications: Statistical Abstract of North Dakota, 1988, prepared by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of North Dakota; North Dakota Place Names, by Douglas A. Wick; several histories of Pembina County, North Dakota; and Northern Plains Indian Coloring Book, by Anna Rubia and Charlene Peterson.

Also of interest to some might be recently received information on professional tours to the libraries of Cuba.

Information on any of these items can be received by contacting:

Ken Behringer, 224-4654.

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement Releases New Booklet, Helping Your Child Use the Library

A special booklet, directed toward parents of young children, has been published by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). The text of **Helping Your Child Use the Library** stresses many of the programs, services, and materials that are commonly available through public libraries. It offers encouragement to parents in the development of good reading practices in their children.

The booklet is designed on 8 1/2" by 11" sheets so that it can be easily reproduced by libraries or parents. For a copy of **Helping Your Child Use the Library**, send your name, address, and fifty cents to: Department 465V, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

### NDLA Prize Won by Mayville Trustee

A \$50 prize drawing was held this year as an incentive to get North Dakota Library Association members to pay dues before April 1, 1989. From all paid members, the name of Margaret Moen, a trustee from the Mayville Public Library, was drawn. Congratulations, Margaret.

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\*Upon receipt of application you will receive additional information on ALA's divisions and roundtables and how to get the most from your membership.

## 1989 Legislative Session: A final wrap-up

The Centennial Legislative Session, which began on January 4, 1989, came to a close on April 20, 1989. It was a long and difficult session for the Legislators. They had to deal with the effects of the 1988 drought, declining energy revenues, and proposals intended to increase state revenues. The North Dakota library community continued to provide excellent support for the State Library and for library issues facing the legislature. The following is a summary of legislative activity affecting the State Library and the North Dakota library community.

**HB1007: State Library Appropriation Bill.** The 1989-1991 budget for the State Library was approved at 9:00 p.m. on April 19, 1989. The final budget included an additional \$30,000 in operating expenses and an additional \$40,000 for State Aid to Public Libraries. Two new staff positions were approved and will increase the full-time equivalent staff to 24.5 staff positions. Though the operating expenses for the State Library were increased slightly over the Governor's original budget recommendation, the State Library must reduce operating expenses by 18.6% for the next two years. State Aid to Public Libraries will total \$1,000,000 for the 1989-1991 budget.

**HB1229:** This amended bill will transfer the administrative responsibility of the State Library from the Director of Institutions to the Department of Public Instruction, effective January 1, 1991. The bill provides for the autonomy of the State Library under the Department of Public Instruction and includes the provision that the State Librarian will report directly to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and that the State Library will retain a staff and budget separate from the Department of Public Instruction. Over the next eighteen months, the State Librarian, Director of Institutions, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction will work in cooperation to insure a smooth transfer of the State Library to the Department of Public Instruction.

**SB2026:** In August, 1988 the State Library received a two percent (2%) budget reduction which placed the State Library below the minimum federally required dollar amount for the maintenance of effort. Through SB2026, State Library received its requested deficiency payment for the 1987-1989 budget to remain qualified for the 1989 federal Library Services and Construction Act funds.

**HCR3045:** On April 6, 1989, Governor George Sinner signed this bill proclaiming 1989 as the Year of the Young Reader in North Dakota.

The State Library thanks all in the North Dakota Library community who provided assistance during this Legislative session. The hundreds of telephone calls and letters to legislators helped the State Library get approval for its budget and an increase in State Aid.

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## NDSL Science Fair Bibliography Updated

The NDSL announces publication of UPDATE 89/SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT BOOKS at the NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. This work is a continuation of a special project begun in 1988 at NDSL to enhance the provision of science fair project materials to libraries, schools and students.

Last year a core collection of 50 books was identified at NDSL, and over 100 additional titles were added. This year 45 more titles were identified and they are annotated in the UPDATE.

A special addition this year was SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS ON FILE. This loose-leaf publication provides a subject index that classifies the experiments according to grade level, appropriateness for home or school, time needed, whether adult supervision is needed, and if the activity is an individual or partner/group project.

Copies of the UPDATE are available from: Thom Hendricks, Head of Reference, North Dakota State Library, 604 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800, 701-224-4622

Copies of last year's SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT BOOKS AT THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY are available while current printed supplies last.

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## The North Dakota Human Rights Act and You

The State Bar Association of North Dakota Information and Service Committee and the Governor's Council on Human Resources have produced a booklet dealing with human rights. Some of the topics covered in the booklet are employment, housing, public accommodations, credit transactions, threats, reprisals, and retaliation. The booklet is available free of charge to the public. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of "The North Dakota Human Rights Act and You" should contact the State Bar Association Office at 701-255-1404 or 1-800-472-2685.

## State Library Staff Update

Since the beginning of the calendar year, the State Library has said good-bye to several staff and hello to new staff. The following is a list of staff changes:

### Circulation Department:

Betty Day, Head  
Dawn Chesrown, Circulation Assistant

### Cataloging and Processing:

Paula Amelsburg

### Interlibrary Loan:

Shirley Flood, Head  
Paula Sparks, ILL Assistant  
Kathy Miller, ILL Assistant

### Administrative Services:

Debra Weller, Business Office Assistant

### Library Development Services:

Sue Clark, Library Development Technician

The State Library says farewell and best wishes to three staff members who have resigned this month:

Val Morehouse, Automation/CE Consultant is now the Media Director at Bismarck City Schools.

Ken Behringer, Public Library Consultant, effective September 5, 1989, will be the Director at Great River Regional Library System, St. Cloud, MN.

James Roberts, ILL Assistant, moving out of state.

The State Library is in the process of filling the Automation Coordinator, Public Library Consultant, and Director of Library Development Services Division positions.

## NLS Publishes Another Leisure Activity Booklet

"Swimming: An Introduction to Swimming, Diving and SCUBA Diving for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals" has been published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. It is the third in a series of leisure activities booklets.

According to NLS Director Frank Kurt Cylke, the first introductory booklet on leisure pursuits, "Birding: an Introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals," proved to be one of the most popular new publications ever issued by NLS. Cylke stated that "Fishing" was similarly received, noting that "blind and physically handicapped individuals enjoy a wide range of leisure time activities, specific information and additional readings."

NLS plans to continue the series with several more booklets devoted to such popular activities as sailing, horseback riding, and skiing.

The new "Swimming" booklet and the previously issued "Birding" and "Fishing" booklets are available at the North Dakota State Library. Contact Sally Oremland, Consultant, Service to Blind and Physically Handicapped, at 224-2497.

## Publication on Valley City State University Planned

"Cornerstones: Building a Future at VCSU," a centennial history of Valley City State University, is now in the process of preparation. A group of about twenty retired faculty and staff members is engaged in research and in writing the book, which will be edited by Dr. Donald H. Welsh, former professor of History and Social Science at Valley City State University. The book is to be completed and ready for distribution by October 13, 1990--100 years to the day since the university opened its doors.

The number of copies printed will be based on the number of prepublication orders received. To be assured of receiving a copy, interested persons should place an order very soon by contacting Carol Foth, Centennial Coordinator, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072. Payment must accompany the order. (\$25 for hard cover or \$20 for paperback).

**Don't Forget NDLA**

**Sept. 21, 22, 23, in Grand Forks!**

## Publications Available from the North Dakota State Library

1. AIDS (disease) materials at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; August, 1988: 6 pages. Note: no charge.
2. Alzheimer's Disease materials at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; October, 1988: 24 pages. Note: no charge.
3. Assessment checklist - A guide to strengthen rural libraries in library cooperation: August, 1988: 24 pages. Note: no charge.
4. Bare bones reference: April, 1987: 19 pages. Note: Recommended reference materials for small public and school libraries. Note: no charge while supply lasts.
5. Custer, George Armstrong--Books at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; June, 1988: 7 pages. Note: no charge.
6. Debates of the North Dakota Constitutional Convention of 1972; 2 volumes, 992 pages, 1972. Note: no charge while supply lasts.
7. Dinosaurs--Resource materials at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; Spring, 1988: 7 pages. Note: no charge.
8. Directory of North Dakota Libraries; May, 1989: 17 pages. Note: no charge to North Dakota libraries. All others: \$2
9. Interlibrary loan manual. Revised edition; June, 1987: 27 pages. Note: no charge.
10. Library cooperation for rural libraries: a basic bibliography; August, 1988: 7 pages. Note: no charge.
11. Library Science--Recent additions at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; August, 1988: 13 pages. Note: no charge.
12. Quarter sections and wide horizons; 1978: 2 vol., 497 pages. Note: A series of stories on pioneer women of North Dakota, telling something of the part they played in molding the prairies into a homeland. The stories were written by Angela Boleyn, Editor of the "North Dakota Clubwomen." The stories were a Sunday feature of the Fargo Forum, from April, 1931 thru October, 1934. The 2-volume set is \$6.50 while supplies last.
13. Science fair project books at the North Dakota State Library: A bibliography; July, 1988: 39 pages. Note: no charge while supplies last.
  1. Science fair project books at the North Dakota State Library, UPDATE 1989: A bibliography; July, 1989. Note: This update includes books added to the NDSL collection between August, 1988 and June, 1989. Note: No charge.

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## ERIC Documents Available through NDSL

A fast and easy way to obtain ERIC documents is now available through the North Dakota State Library's interlibrary loan services.

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) is the world's largest education database. The ERIC monthly journal, Resources in Education (RIE), announces technical and research reports, conference papers, government documents, and other documentary materials acquired by the ERIC system.

Each ERIC citation in RIE includes a price code for microfiche (mf) and paper copy (pc). Shipping charges will be billed at the cost of the method selected. If shipment by other than first class mail or UPS is desired, state method, i.e., Federal Express, UPS Next Day Air or USPS Express Mail.

An additional \$1.00 per document for shipping and handling will be added by the ERIC Document Reproduction Service. The NDSL will add a \$1.00 per document charge for processing the request via the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem.

The cost of a 25-page document is \$4.00 plus shipping in paper copy and \$2.85 plus shipping in microfiche. Add \$2.00 for each additional 25 pages for paper copies.

For more information contact Thom Hendricks or Shirley Flood at the North Dakota State Library.

## Outstanding Children's Science Books

The Children's Book Council (CBC) is offering a free reprint of the list "Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children in 1988." The list is a project of the joint committee CBC has with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). It has appeared annually since 1973 in NSTA's journal Science and Children.

The 1988 list includes 117 books covering preschool through eighth grade, selected by science educators and librarians from over 4,000 children's books published in 1988. "Selection is generally based on three criteria: the book is accurate; it is readable; and its format and illustrations are pleasing."

The list is divided into sections, to facilitate collection development, and to lead teachers and librarians to new titles of particular interest to them. Sections are "Animals," "Biography," "Space Science and Astronomy," "Archaeology and Anthropology," "Earth Science, Environment, and Conservation," "Life Sciences," "Medical and Health Sciences," "Physics, Technology, and Engineering," and "Other." The reprint contains full bibliographic data and annotations for each selection.

For single copies please send a self-addressed stamped (65 cents) 6 x 9 envelope to: Children's Book Council, 67 Irving Place, P.O. Box 706, New York, NY, 10276-0706. CBC is not able to fill requests without a stamped envelope. The list is available in these quantities: 5-20 copies - 75 cents each; 21 or more - 60 cents each. Payment must accompany orders.

## NAL's Rural Information Center Services Available through NDSL

The Rural Information Center (RIC) is a joint project of the Extension Service and the National Agriculture Library (NAL). RIC is located at the Library in Beltsville, MD.

RIC is designed to provide information and referral services to local government officials, businesses, community organizations, and rural citizens working to maintain the vitality of America's rural areas.

RIC staff will:

- \* Provide customized information products to specific inquiries including assistance in economic revitalization and local government planning projects, funding sources, educational workshops, research studies, and other related issues for the purpose of maintaining the quality of rural life.
- \* Refer users to organizations or experts in the field who can provide additional information.
- \* Perform brief database searches of requested topics on a complimentary basis or exhaustive searches on a cost recovery basis.
- \* Furnish bibliographies, RURAL INFORMATION BRIEFS, and RURAL INFORMATION CENTER SERIES titles.
- \* Identify current USDA and Cooperative Extension System research.
- \* Assist users in accessing NAL's extensive collection.

You can access RIC services thru:

The North Dakota State Library, 604 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. Contact: Thom Hendricks, Head of Reference; 701-224-4622. The Center for Rural Revitalization, NDSU Extension Service, North Dakota State University, Box 5437, Fargo ND 58105 Contact: Ron Anderson, Director; 701-237-7394. You may also use Electronic Mail through Dialcom Network (AGS3075) or the NAL Bulletin Board 301-344-8510.

## High Interest-Low Vocabulary Books at NDSL

The North Dakota State Library has identified 80 high interest - low vocabulary books in its collection. A list of titles and authors is available by contacting: Thom Hendricks, Head of Reference, North Dakota State Library, 604 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800, 701-224-4622.

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