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## Library Legislation

The 2007 Legislature will be reviewing, listening to testimony, and acting upon four pieces of library legislation.

The State Library has submitted a bill to clarify the requirement in law to collect and publish statistics for public libraries. The law currently says that statistics need to be collected for all libraries, but school and academic libraries do not submit their statistics to the State Library. The State Auditor's office requested this clarification.

The State Library submitted its biennial request for funding to the Governor's office, which becomes part of his request to the legislature for all state government services. Current services that were included are reference and resource sharing, Online Library Resources (Opposing Viewpoints, Health and Wellness, and Ancestry Library Edition), state documents, talking books and the radio reading program, \$1,000,000 in state aid for public libraries, library training, and Library Vision 2010 grants. An optional, additional package is also part of the request which includes a person to provide enhanced training and additional funding of \$200,000 for state aid to public libraries.

Two pieces of legislator-sponsored legislation will be a part of the 2007 session. A bill to change the maintenance of effort part of the State Aid to Public Libraries Law will be introduced. This will change the requirement from the mill levy being the basis of eligibility to the dollars appropriated from the mill levy as the eligible requirement. This will bring the interpretation back to the way it has been for the first 26 years, from 1980-2005, and make all but one public library eligible for state aid in 2007. In 2006, 47 out of 104 public libraries were not eligible for state aid. An emergency clause is attached to the bill which would make it effective as soon as the Governor signs it. The second piece of legislator-sponsored legislation is a bill that will retroactively fund those public libraries that were not eligible in 2006 for state aid. The North Dakota Library Association is seeking \$197,734 for this legislation.

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) will play an active role in supporting these legislative bills. NDLA President, Beth Postema, interim director of the Fargo Public Library, has appointed Kelly Steckler, director of the Mandan Public Library, the legislative chair for the upcoming session. Ilene Larson will again serve as the lobbyist for NDLA. Watch the NDLA list serv for information about these bills.

## Dates

Jan. 3	60th Legislative Assembly Convenes, Bismarck
Feb. 9	Sustaining Rural Libraries Workshop, Mandan
Feb. 16	Sustaining Rural Libraries Workshop, Fargo
Mar. 29-30	NDSL Spring Workshops, Bismarck
Apr. 2-3	NDSL Spring Workshops, Fargo
June 1	Summer Reading Kick Off Day

## Reference Corner

Those seeking a pithy, tongue-in-cheek, and eminently readable companion to Shakespeare (or simply a way to liven up a classroom discussion) shall rejoice in Martin and Tichenor's *Reduced Shakespeare: the Complete Guide for the Attention-Impaired [abridged]*. The authors know and love the Bard in all his complexities and absurdities, and it shows in their discussions of his life, work, and legacy. Wanting a four-word moral from *Henry V*? "England good. France bad."

### Tracking Legislation in 2007

*Submitted By Marilyn Johnson, Research Librarian  
North Dakota Legislative Council*

Most of what you need for following bills during the 60th Legislative Assembly, which convenes January 3, 2007, is available from the legislative branch Web site at <http://www.legis.nd.gov/>.

The following printed materials of the 60th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota (2007) are available after December 11, 2006, upon payment of the appropriate subscription fee. Prices differ, depending on whether the documents are picked up from the bill and journal room or are delivered by first-class mail as soon as they become available for distribution.

The price list for subscribing to paper copies of documents is (subscription fees are nonrefundable):

1. A set of bills and resolutions as introduced and printed or reprinted, \$160 if picked up; \$270 to receive by mail.
2. A set of bills and resolutions as introduced and printed or reprinted, including a set of all engrossed and reengrossed bills and resolutions, \$290 if picked up; \$465 to receive by mail.
3. A set of the daily journals of the House and the Senate, \$90 if picked up; \$200 to receive by mail.
4. A copy of the House and Senate Journal Index (available after final adjournment), \$30 whether picked up or mailed.
5. A set of weekly committee hearing schedules of the House and Senate, free if picked up; \$30 to receive by mail.
6. A set of daily calendars of the House and Senate, free if picked up; \$55 to receive by mail.
7. A daily bill status report, \$350 if picked up; \$460 to receive by mail.

In order to subscribe to any of these legislative documents, you must complete a legislative document subscription service (2007) form available from the Web site. You may also request a form by telephone (701) 328-2916, fax (701) 328-3615, or mail Legislative Council, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0360. A completed form must be sent along with a check in the appropriate amount payable to NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### Pilot Project Begins

*By Stacey Goldade*

Three North Dakota libraries have been chosen for a pilot project. Hebron Public Library, Hebron Public School, and Glen Ullin Public School will have their holdings added to WorldCat (OCLC), which is an international database with over 70 million titles. WorldCat (OCLC) is available on the State Library Web site.

The purpose of the project is to allow the libraries involved to use whatever circulation system they choose, but still participate in the Interlibrary Loan program in the state. Since the libraries involved are geographically close to each other, another benefit is that they can easily share books with each other by sending them with teachers who are traveling back and forth between the two towns.

The project entails work by the staff of the libraries and the Statewide Catalog Development Department of the State Library. The staff of the libraries supplied the State Library with information on the titles they owned. The State Library staff is now in the process of cataloging each title into WorldCat (OCLC).

While the project is not yet complete, everyone involved is excited to see the results of this new idea. When the cataloging is completed, North Dakota libraries will be notified of how they will be able to contact the libraries to borrow something that they own.



**NDSU's Kathy Thomas Receives Librarian of the Year Award**

*Submitted By Erin L. Smith, Children's Librarian, Fargo Public Library*

Referred to as the "librarian's



librarian" by her peers, North Dakota State University Government Documents Librarian Kathy Thomas is this year's recipient of the North Dakota Library Association's (NDLA) Librarian of the Year Award.

Past NDLA President, Marlene Anderson, called Kathy Thomas one of the Association's shining stars. Thomas has served as Membership Chair of NDLA for the past seven years and was also instrumental in creating the organization's Government Documents Roundtable section.

Thomas was presented with the award during the NDLA centennial conference banquet Thursday, September 21, at the Best Western Doublewood Inn in Fargo.

**Rural Library Sustainability Workshops - For Public Library Staff & Board Members**

**February 9, 2007**—Mandan Seven Seas Inn, I-94 & Exit 152, (701) 663-7401

**February 16, 2007**—Fargo Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Avenue S., (701) 282-2700

**Registration:**

- Online at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or call Lorretta at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-2492
- Deadline: Mandan—February 2, 2007  
Fargo—February 9, 2007

**Reimbursement: \*Please make your own lodging reservation by January 15, 2007—a receipt is required. \*\*Mention—State Library block of rooms.**

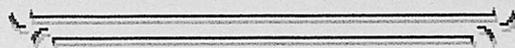
- Lodging—If needed the night before the workshop (up to 2 double rooms per library)
- Mileage (1 vehicle per library)
- Meals on day of workshop and night before if needed (lunch is provided)

**Ancestry Library Edition Training**

Is your library signed up for Ancestry Library Edition? If so, the North Dakota State Library is now offering an on site informational training session on the resources available in this database. This training session will focus not only on the content found in Ancestry Library Edition, but will also demonstrate searching techniques. This training is perfect for your patrons who are just starting out with genealogy research or are interested in getting started with discovering their family history.

The training session lasts about an hour with time allotted for questions. A minimum of ten participants is required for a session, and pre-registration is strongly suggested. Additional sessions can be scheduled if the demand is high. These sessions are provided at no cost. A high speed Internet connection and a room big enough to present this training to the public is required.

For more information about Ancestry Library Edition training or any of the North Dakota State Library's other training opportunities, or to schedule a training session, please contact Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library by calling 1-800-472-2104 or (701) 328-4622, or e-mail [statelib@state.nd.us](mailto:statelib@state.nd.us).



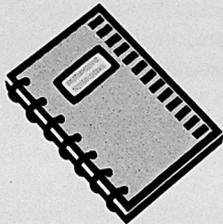
**Public Library Board Changes**

Please send your new public library board appointment information to the North Dakota State Library.

Fill out the *Library Board of Directors* (SFN 51266) change form located on the North Dakota State Library's Web page under "Libraries and Librarians" at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Librarian.html> and mail to: North Dakota State Library, Attn: Lorretta, 604 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. #250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800, or fax to (701) 328-2040.

We appreciate your cooperation!

### North Dakota Library Directory Web Site Updates



The State Library is in the process of updating the North Dakota Library Directory on the State Library Web site.

Public Library directors should have received a paper copy in December of currently-listed directory information for their library. If you have not yet

done so, please look over the information, make any necessary changes, and return the form as soon as possible to the North Dakota State Library, Attn: Lorretta, 604 E. Blvd. Ave., Dept. 250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800 or fax to (701) 328-2040.

If all the information is correct, please let Lorretta know by phone (701) 328-2492 or 1-800-472-2104, or e-mail [lgraumann@nd.gov](mailto:lgraumann@nd.gov).

Your assistance in making the directory information as accurate as possible helps provide good service to our patrons as well as assists fellow librarians.



### Check Out What's New @ The North Dakota State Library

Ever wonder what new materials are being added to the North Dakota State Library collection? Check out the *Check Out What's New @ The North Dakota State Library* link on the North Dakota State Library homepage. This link will take you to lists of all the new materials recently added to the collection.

Each list is in a PDF file that can be printed out for convenient viewing. Their status as large print or oversize is included.

Check the ODIN catalog at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us> (click on Online Catalog) or contact the North Dakota State Library for availability.

#### *Mark Your Calendars*

*North Dakota State Library*

*Spring Workshops*

*March 29 & 30 - Bismarck*

*April 2 & 3 - Fargo*

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## Reference Corner

The recently published *Alternative Energy* by Schlager and Weisblatt presents a comprehensive yet straightforward look at alternative energy. While the majority of the three-volume set spotlights up-and-coming energy sources, also included is information on energy conservation, energy efficiency, fossil fuels, and other existing energy technologies. (The clever addition of existing energy technologies makes this a wonderful resource for "compare and contrast" research!) Each volume contains a glossary, an index, and a list of additional source materials. Check the online catalog at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for availability.

## LIBRARY LEGISLATION MID-SESSION UPDATE

### SB 2013

The State Library presented its 2007-2009 Budget to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, January 18, 2007. The base budget includes: funding for Online Library Resources, Library Vision 2010 grant funds, training, interlibrary loan and reference services, technical assistance, MINITEX resource sharing contract, statewide cataloging services, services to persons with disabilities, and the State Document Depository Program. The optional budget includes an additional \$200,000 for State Aid to Public Libraries and an additional FTE to provide training statewide on the Online Library Resources and statewide library catalog. It was passed by the Senate, 46-1. The House Appropriations subcommittee has not yet made a decision on the bill; it will go to the entire committee at a later date.

### SB 2061

This bill includes a change in the Duties of the State Librarian to compile statistics on public libraries, rather than all libraries. It was passed unanimously by the Senate and House and now goes to Governor Hoeven for his signature.

### HB 1103

HB 1103 is a bill to change the part of the State Aid to Public Libraries law that addresses maintenance of local effort by public libraries in order to be eligible for state aid. The House passed it 92-0, including the emergency clause, and referred it to the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee.

### HB 1309

HB 1309 is a bill for an Act to provide an appropriation up to \$200,000 for libraries that did not receive State Aid to Public Library payments in 2006. It was passed by the House 90-4, and sent to the Senate.

Information for legislative budget hearings will be distributed weekly during the session through the State Library LISTS(s) on Fridays. For up-to-date information about the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, hearing schedules, and legislative bills, go to <http://www.legis.nd.gov/>.

## New Grant Guidelines

The grant guidelines for the fiscal years 2007-2008 will be available on the North Dakota State Library homepage, <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, by April 30, 2007.

The North Dakota State Library will begin a grant round April 30, 2007. The categories this year include Opportunity Knocks, Expanding Library Services, Libraries Leading The Way, Participate in the Statewide Online Catalog Through WorldCat, and Automate Your Library by Participating in ODIN, Infolyinx, or the North Central Library Authority Union Catalog. All grant applications must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2007. Watch your mail for a copy of these grant guidelines. Grant awards will be made by September 1, 2007.

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**SPOTLIGHT**  
**Public Services Staff**

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

*Submitted by Eric Stroshane, Head, Public Services*

It happened again when we were at the annual Marketplace convention in Fargo. A total stranger approached me at our booth and stated simply "You saved me." She was referring to how we'd been sending her books as she was growing up in a particularly rural area, and by doing so, had eased the burden of her sanity. Anyone who has worked with the public knows how much free library services are appreciated. By serving the whole state, we have a pretty large audience, and it means that wherever we go, we meet those who are grateful we're willing to answer questions and mail materials out to them in the far corners of North Dakota. Requests come in to us in all forms—phone calls, letters, e-mails, and from patrons. Topics range from peafowl husbandry to bibliographic instruction; from Dakota Territorial history to the street address of the Church of Rice Krispies. Sometimes it's easy to focus on the funny things we're asked that defy logic or imagination, but there are also constant reminders that we're providing information, enrichment, and entertainment across the state each day we do our jobs. It's part of what makes the job fun.

**Training opportunities offered by the North Dakota State Library**

*Submitted by Al Peterson, Training Coordinator*

Training has taken on a greater role at the North Dakota State Library. Since July 2006, 43 trainings were conducted by the reference staff from the North Dakota State Library with 363 librarians, teachers, students, and community members participating. More and more workshops and training sessions are being planned. In fact, with training taking on a greater importance, Al Peterson has moved into the position of Training Coordinator.

Trainings offered by the State Library include free training on accessing and using the Online Library Resources for teachers, administrators, and other educational professionals. These sessions can be scheduled during an in-service day or after school.

Free training is also offered on accessing and using electronic databases, including training sessions on the Ancestry Library Edition, (a genealogy resource) to citizens of North Dakota, at your library. Other trainings offered include online library resources workshops that are available for credit. Watch for upcoming information in the Flickertale and on the listservs for all the training opportunities that NDSL has to offer.

For more information about NDSL training and how to schedule, please contact Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library by calling 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622 or e-mail us at [statelib@state.nd.us](mailto:statelib@state.nd.us).

**State Library 2007 Spring Workshops**

*Submitted by Al Peterson  
Training Coordinator*



The North Dakota State Library 2007 Spring Workshops are just around the corner. The workshops will be held **March 29 and 30 in Bismarck** at the Best Western Doublewood Inn & Conference Center, and **April 2 and 3 in Fargo** at the Best Western Doublewood Inn & Conference Center. Program topics include Online Library Resource presentations (Bismarck location only), Collection Development Policy writing, Grant writing, Summer Reading Program, and Public Library Laws and Confidentiality.

Presenting at both Workshop locations is nationally acclaimed Scott McFall, motivational speaker and certified hypnotherapist, as well as Patty Sinclair, CSLP "Get a Clue @ Your Library" manual editor. Ms. Sinclair's invigorating workshop will offer crafts, skits, games, and inspiration for planning your 2007 Summer Reading Program.

When it comes to applying for grants, ever find yourself saying, "Find me the Money?" You'll discover the techniques of writing and approving grants from a panel of advisors who have first-hand experience in the process.

Dr. Richard Ott will be presenting valuable information for both librarians and library board members. Dr. Ott will present two workshops, "Public Library Laws and Confidentiality" and "How to Conduct a Meeting and Performance Reviews."

Last year's Spring Workshop on collection development policy covered the basic principles. This year, "Outlining Your Collection Development Policy: A Hands-On Writing Workshop" will focus on creating a collection development policy.

Registration for these workshops can be made by contacting 1-800-472-2104, or download an online form at the North Dakota State Library Web site, <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>.

## Sustaining Rural Libraries



*Submitted by Elizabeth Jacobs  
Reference Librarian*

Sixty-eight rural library directors, staff, and board members from across the state participated in the "Bright Ideas, Bright Future" workshops, as part of the Rural Library Sustainability Project, a cooperative effort of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WebJunction, and the North Dakota State Library.

The purpose of the Rural Library Sustainability Project is to provide rural libraries with resources and ideas to help them sustain and further develop their library technologies and services. Participants gathered for a day of discussion and idea sharing on topics from public access computers and library technology to community outreach and library advocacy. More information on the Rural Library Sustainability Project, along with sustainability resources and ideas from rural library staff around the country can be found on WebJunction at <http://webjunction.org/rural>.

WebJunction is an online community forum for collaborative knowledge and support for library staff from across the country. WebJunction is an invaluable resource where library staff can find information on library-related topics such as patron services, library management, and technology; find answers to questions; locate and participate in online courses; and share their great ideas with others. Are you looking for fundraising ideas for your library? Do you need new ideas for getting teenagers in your community to use your library? Do you have questions about computer security? Find resources to help you with all of these questions and much more at <http://webjunction.org>.

## Summer Classes Offered for Credit

*Submitted by Al Peterson, Training Coordinator*

The training staff is offering two classes in two locations for credit this summer. Classes will be held June 18-19 in Minot and June 25-26 in Wahpeton.

The first course, Basic Online Research, will explore basic searching methods for the ODIN catalog, available Online Library Resources, and Internet sites.

The second course offered is Advanced Online Research. This course will explore basic and advanced searching methods for the ODIN catalog, available Online Library Resources, and Internet sites. Recertification credit from Valley City State University is available for this course only.

For more information, please contact Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library by calling 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622.



## Writer's Workshop with Lauraine Snelling

Sponsored by the  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

May 19, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Trinity Community Center  
Bismarck, ND

Visit [ndsl.lib.state.nd.us](http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us), or  
call (701) 328-2185 for  
more information!

## Construction in the Heart of America

*Submitted by Amy Bryn  
Library Director  
Heart of America  
Library*



The Heart of America Library in Rugby is completing an expansion project that has been in the planning and fundraising stages since 1997. An addition of 1,250 sq. ft. was added to the west end of the building with construction beginning in 2005, and completion to be in 2007. This created more space for the junior collection and added a reading corner for parents and children to relax. Handicap accessible restrooms were constructed and automatic door openers installed in the new one-level entrance. A director's office and cataloging area were created close to the new circulation/reference desk. An art and reading area became possible when the old entrance and restrooms were removed. With the help of a LSTA/LV2010 grant, a computer area for the public was created. The library collection was automated in 2005 and became a member of the North Central Library Authority when the library received a State Library grant. The library is a public library funded with city and county funds.

*...In the next Flickertale, we'll look at  
what's NEW in the Fargo area.*



**Get a Clue @ Your Library**

The North Dakota State Library has joined forces with a variety of other agencies to kick off the 2007 Summer Reading Program with a bang!

The Summer Reading Kick Off will be held on June 1, 2007, at the State Library and the North Dakota Heritage Center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This event is open to the public at no charge and will feature Gary Dulabaum, musician, educator, author, and storyteller from Vermont as the guest entertainer. The North Dakota Governor's office will be releasing a proclamation designating June 1, 2007, as Summer Reading Kick Off @ Your Library Day.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the biggest summer reading event in North Dakota!

If you have questions about this event, contact Lacey Wahl at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or e-mail [lwahl@nd.gov](mailto:lwahl@nd.gov).

**2007 Summer Reading Manuals still available, call TODAY!**



**ODIN Catalog, Who's New?**

*Submitted by Stacey Goldade  
Head, Statewide Catalog Development*

School and public libraries in North Dakota have been awarded grants from the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council to add their titles to ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network). The libraries that receive these grants provide bibliographic information to the State Library. The Statewide Catalog Development Department at the State Library is responsible for adding the titles to the ODIN and WorldCat database. Northwood Public School, Larimore High School, and Larimore Elementary School are cataloging projects that have recently been completed. Anne Vig, librarian at Northwood, says "Our teachers were shown how to use this system at an inservice before school began in August." Other libraries that recently received grants are: Carrington City Library, Wishek School Library, Maple Valley Elementary School in Buffalo, Divide County/Elementary Library and Divide County High School Library, both in Crosby. The State Library will be adding these collections to ODIN to enrich the statewide online catalog and increase the number of titles that North Dakota citizens can access. Once the projects are completed, these libraries will loan their titles via the Interlibrary Loan program in the state.

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June 21-27	ALA
June 25-28	Summer Classes/Minot
Sept. 26-28	NDLA

## Reference Corner

Criminal law can be confusing and downright intimidating. If you're a layperson and are involved in the criminal justice system or you're simply curious to its workings, take a look at *The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System* by Bergman and Berman-Barrett. By using a familiar question-and-answer format, real-life and invented case examples and straightforward language, the authors cut through the commonly used legal jargon and present clear answers to criminal law questions. Visit online @ <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>, or contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for availability.

## Summer Classes Offered for Graduate Credit

*Submitted by Al Peterson, Training Coordinator*

The North Dakota State Library training staff is offering the same two classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. Classes will be held in Wahpeton at the North Dakota State College of Science, June 18-21, and in Minot at Minot State University, June 25-28.

### Basic Online Research

Basic Online Research will explore basic searching methods for the ODIN catalog, available Online Library Resources, and Internet sites selected by North Dakota State Library staff. This class is designed for teachers, administrators, or library aides who are just starting to use the Online Library Resources.

*\*Classes for the Basic Online Research course will be held June 18-19, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., in Wahpeton at the North Dakota State College of Science in the Tech Center, Room #35, and June 25-26, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., in Minot at Minot State University in Old Main, Room #314.*

### Advanced Online Research

Advanced Online Research will explore basic and advanced searching methods for the ODIN catalog, available Online Library Resources, and Internet sites selected by North Dakota State Library staff. This class is designed for school and public librarians who have a basic familiarity with the Online Library Resources.

*\*Recertification credit for Library Media Specialist from Valley City State University is available for this course only. Note: The content of this course covers the same materials as Electronic Resources Searching Techniques that was taught in 2006.*

*\*Classes for the Advanced Online Research course will be held June 20-21, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., in Wahpeton at the North Dakota State College of Science in the Tech Center, Room #35, and June 27-28, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., in Minot at Minot State University in Old Main, Room #314.*

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SUMMER READING  
KICK OFF  
JUNE 1, 2007  
CAPITOL GROUNDS

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.





SPOTLIGHT

Disability Services Staff



**DISABILITY SERVICES**

*Submitted by Susan Hammer-Schneider  
Head of Disability Services*

"To the good people who keep talking books coming to people who can no longer see to read. Heartfelt Thanks! I'm sure I have no inkling of the work, perhaps frustrations involved in keeping those books coming to us. It is a wonderful service."  
~Talking Book Patron

We've also heard many times over that after a patron has lost their sight, being on the Talking Book program has opened a whole new world for them. These are just two of many comments the department hears from patrons who let us know how much they appreciate the Talking Book program. Along with the Talking Books, the Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) is another appreciated service that Disability Services offers patrons. Hearing the local news along with daily features, obituaries, and the weekly grocery ads keeps patrons in contact with their communities. Knowing that it's more than just a service, it's that it is making a difference in someone's life, is what makes the job rewarding.

**Summertime, summertime, sum, sum, summertime ... It's SUMMERTIME!**

*Submitted by Shari Mosser, Head of Document Delivery Services*

I believe that most of us in the Great White North are eagerly awaiting the coming of SUMMER! Warmer weather means it's time to go outside and do many activities like picnic, swim, relax, and return those library books!

Wait.....**RETURN BOOKS?**

Yes, please! The books want to be home for the summer. This is a reminder that school libraries will be closing soon for summer vacation. Please make sure your students return their library books as soon as possible.

Also, some of the books you borrowed from the State Library originated from school libraries. In May, the State Library will be sending letters asking you to send those particular items back. Please return them promptly so the school libraries can get all borrowed items back before they close.

We appreciate your help in getting these books home safely and to their well deserved vacation!

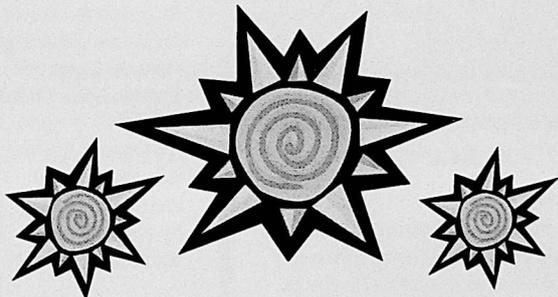
**Summer Classes (Continued)**

Credit is available from Minot State University, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, and Valley City State University (Advanced Online Research only). There is a \$10.00 workshop fee in addition to the \$50.00 graduate credit fee, both payable the first day of classes (please write separate checks for the graduate credit fee and the workshop fee).

Registration will be posted on the State Library's Web site or you may register with Lorretta at 1-701-328-2492.

For more information, please contact either Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622.

Any students with disabilities, special needs, or who need special accommodations are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor as soon as possible.



## Legislative Funding for North Dakota Libraries

Submitted by Cynthia Larson, Assistant State Librarian

The State Library was involved in legislation during the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session ranging from statistics collecting to increasing State Aid to Public Libraries by 20 percent. The North Dakota Library Association proposed and supported two bills that affected State Aid to Public Libraries. In total, the following four bills, now signed by the Governor, enhance and increase support for library services in North Dakota.

**SB 2061** - Changed the duties of the State Librarian so that statistics are compiled on public libraries rather than all libraries.

**HB 1103** - Changed the part of the State Aid to Public Libraries law that addresses the maintenance of local effort by public libraries in order to be eligible for state aid.

**HB 1309** - Began as a request for \$200,000 for public libraries who did not receive state aid in 2006; was amended to equalize in 2008 the amounts between those who received more and those who did not receive funding in 2006.

**SB 2013** - This appropriation to fund the State Library increased funding for State Aid to Public Libraries by \$200,000 (20 percent) and funded a person to provide training to librarians, library staff, public library boards, students, faculty, and citizens to learn to search the Online Library Resources and statewide library catalog. It also continued current funding for Library Vision 2010 grants, Online Library Resources, training, interlibrary loan and reference services, technical assistance, resource sharing, statewide catalog development, services to persons with disabilities, and the State Document Depository Program.

## Tech Tips from the State Library

Submitted by Stuart Harner  
IT Coordinator



Microsoft has recently released the latest version of Windows called Vista. Many retail outlets have switched completely to Vista and you cannot even buy a PC from them with any other version of Windows. Vista is going through the same kind of growing pains that any new software experiences. In the case of operating systems, there can be problems with compatibility between the new operating systems and existing software and hardware. These things usually get resolved in the first few months after general release.

For the time being, it is recommended that everyone continue with Windows XP if you are using ODIN.

Windows XP is still a viable and supported product from Microsoft.



## 2007 Spring Workshops

Submitted by Al Peterson  
Training Coordinator



The North Dakota State Library 2007 Spring Workshops were held in Bismarck on March 29 and 30, and in Fargo on April 2 and 3, with almost a hundred participants pre-registered and a few who signed up at the door. Even if the weather didn't always cooperate, the sessions provided our participants with a wealth of information. Scott McFall was a highlight, speaking to the whole group in Bismarck on Leadership.

Among the programs that received high praise was *Get a Clue*, a program on the 2007 Summer Reading Program presented by Patti Sinclair, editor of the Collaborative Summer Library Program manual. Attendees to this hands-on workshop exchanged ideas about the Summer Reading Program and even got a chance to create some of the crafts featured in the manual.

Another well received program was *Outlining your Collection Development Policy*. Eric Stroshane, Head of Public Services at the North Dakota State Library, took participants through steps on creating a collection development policy to use in their library. Additional well received programs included *Find Me the Money*, a panel discussion on grants, gave out valuable information for people searching for grants or needing specific questions answered about the grant process; and *Public Library Laws and Patron Confidentiality, and How to Conduct a Meeting and Performance Review*, which were covered in an informative workshop facilitated by Dr. Richard Ott.

Database training, featured at the Bismarck workshops, was well attended and well received. Overall, the workshops were a success despite the fact the weather was more like Old Man Winter than a Spring Fling. The staff at the North Dakota State Library looks forward to planning next year's 2008 Spring Workshops which will be filled with quality programs and presentations.

## Fargo Public Library Building Projects Update

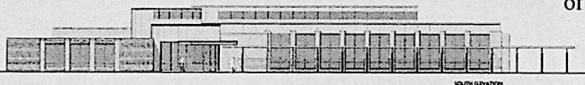
*Submitted by Melisa Duncan, Fargo Public Library*

**Fargo's Main Library** - The closing of Fargo's downtown library in December 2006, brought an end to almost 40 years of library service in that facility. In order to continue to provide library service to Fargo's downtown during the construction period, a temporary downtown facility opened quietly in late January at 408 Roberts Street. This location will serve as the downtown library for the next 14 months while the new main library is under construction. This building is home to 35,000 items, which is about 25 percent of the main library's collection.

There are 10 Internet-accessible computers and a small storeroom area. Because many items from Fargo's main library were not able to be reused or stored, area libraries and other non-profit organizations benefited by acquiring these items for their use at no cost. These libraries and non-profits included the following: Griggs County Public Library, Stutsman County Library, Sitting Bull Technical College Library, NDSU Library, Watts Free Library in Leonard, North Dakota, Grand Forks Public Library, YWCA, Head Start/SENDCAA, Minnkota PAAWS, Moorhead Alternative High School, Dakota Boys Ranch, AGAPE Ministries, and Better World Books.

**The Dr. James Carlson Library branch** - A \$1 million gift to the Fargo Public Library's "Writing a New Chapter" fundraising campaign highlighted Fargo's south branch library groundbreaking ceremony on October 5, 2006. The new south branch library, the second of the three library projects, will be named the Dr. James Carlson Library in honor of the local Fargo businessman who made the generous donation. "Dr. Carlson's generous gift is an asset to all members of the community, no matter what age or area of interest," said Interim Library Director Beth Postema. "The Dr. James Carlson Library will be there to meet their lifelong needs for information, education and recreation."

The facility, which will hold both the new south branch library and a new senior center, will be located in Ed Clapp Park at 32nd Avenue and 28th Street South. As a partner for this particular building project, the Fargo Park District donated the land for the joint facility. Three study rooms and a conference room are also part of the plan and will provide library customers with areas for research and study. In addition, a large meeting room will allow for programming opportunities for both the library and the senior center. The anticipated opening date for the Dr. James Carlson Library is fall 2007. For more information on the progress of Fargo's new libraries, visit [www.fargolibrary.org](http://www.fargolibrary.org).



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14-15	Library Coordinating
	Council, Bismarck
September	NDLA, Jamestown
26-28	



## Looking for something?

WorldCat is the world's largest online database of library-owned materials.

### How do you get to it?

You can access it through Google, your local library's website, or the State Library's website at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov).

### What would you use it for?

Discover what materials are at your local library as well as at libraries nationwide!

For more specific information on WorldCat and other Online Library Resources, visit the article on page 3 of this newsletter.

## Clue #1

### Find the location of nearly 3,000 kids!

The fourth annual Bismarck Mandan Summer Reading Kick Off at the North Dakota State Library and North Dakota Heritage Center on June 1, 2007, was another successful event.



*Kelly Loftis and Nicole Eckroth of Morton Mandan Public Library.*

Children of all ages participated in fingerprinting, face painting, ice cream eating, craft making, code solving and so much more! The Heritage Center arranged to give away *free* books to the first 500 kids who were able to figure out the clues and unscramble the letters on their code sheet.



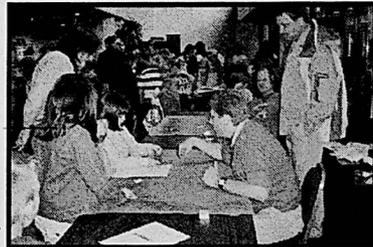
*A youngster "gets a clue" from one of the costumed teen volunteers.*

The event was filled with activities including musical entertainment, a Book Bandit Maze, Dakota Zoo animals, celebrity readers, live medieval display, and most important... **SUMMER READING SIGN-UP!**

Bismarck and Morton Mandan Public Libraries registered over 700 youngsters for their local summer reading and other programs offered during the summer. "Thanks to the North Dakota Council on the Arts for financing Gary Dulabaum who presented three programs of songs and active participation for all ages. A

good time was had by all," comments Marvia Boetcher of Bismarck Public Library.

Kelly Loftis of Morton Mandan Public Library adds, "Since the Library began participating, we have seen an 80 percent increase in registration for the Summer Reading Program."



*"Fingerprinting lessons" with the Attorney General's Crime Scene Investigation crew.*

## Catch the Reading Bug @Your Library

Public libraries, pre-order your 2008 manual!  
Watch your mailbox for more information.



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**@ Your Library****Bowman Regional Public Library**

*Submitted by Sarah Snavelly  
Director, Bowman Regional Public Library*

The Bowman Regional Public Library strives to create a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere. We are "all about service" for our customers. While we love books and they are a large part of what we do, our library is not just about books. High speed Internet for checking e-mail and other activities is very important to our patrons as well as giving access to the latest bestsellers. We have coffee available in the library through a partnership with the local coffee shop--\$.25 of each cup goes to the Summer Reading Program. We offer DVDs and VHS films as well as audio books. We have a special section of G-rated films for easy browsing by children and their parents. Our website with our online card catalog is well used by the community. It can be found at [www.bowmanlibrary.org](http://www.bowmanlibrary.org).

Most of all, we want to make every experience our patrons have with the library a positive experience. We are especially proud of the children and teen users of the library. Just last week, one thirteen year-old girl remarked, "I just love being in the library." When the staff hears these kinds of comments, we feel that we are on the right track. We know how important it is to build readers and library users. And we know youth is a big part of our purpose.

In our first year of operation (May 2006 to May 2007), we have had over 20,000 visits to our library. Our circulation is up 114 percent. We could not possibly accommodate our successes without adult volunteers. In the past year, we had over 1500 hours of volunteer help donated by adults and teens. Recently, we acquired the license to show movies and in July, we will start 'Mystery Movie Mondays' for teens and tweens. For the adults, we are beginning a philosophy discussion group. For the art lovers, we



SPOTLIGHT

Statewide  
Catalog  
Development  
Department

**Statewide Catalog Development**

*Submitted by Stacey Goldade  
Head of Statewide Catalog Development*

North Dakota State Library's Statewide Catalog Development Department is responsible for adding the collections of school and public libraries to ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network) and WorldCat. The libraries that are added are chosen by the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Coordinating Council based on grant applications they submitted. The grant recipients are responsible for providing bibliographic information for all their books, videos, etc. The grant library is able to function normally throughout the project. The cataloging staff of NDSL add each individual title to ODIN and when the cataloging phase is complete, the librarian is trained in how to use ODIN to check materials out to their patrons. Comments from librarians include "Thank you so much for your diligence and efficiency in cataloging our library books! I appreciate all that you do for our school library" and "Your department does a great job and I appreciate it! Thank you so much."

provide on-going art shows. For the history buffs, we brought in Clay Jenkinson as Theodore Roosevelt. We partnered with Dickinson State University, and they have been helpful in providing us with speakers and professors to help with book talks and poetry presentations. We have organized fund raisers sponsored by Hawk's Landing (a local restaurant), Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Prairie Rose Art Association.

Our library renovation came about because the county of Bowman had a collective dream. We dreamed of a place that could be the "community's living room." We are striving to be a place where everyone can recharge his or her cultural batteries. Visit our library and see for yourself!



## Online Library Resources Available to Citizens and Libraries Statewide!



*Submitted by Eric Stroshane, Head of Public Services*

Thanks to fiscal support from our state legislature and LSTA grant moneys, the following subscription resources are available to all citizens and libraries throughout North Dakota:

**eLibrary and eLibrary Elementary** – These great educational resources provide access to newspaper and magazine articles, reference books, maps, images, audio and video files, and transcripts from news programming. They're wonderful for school projects and basic research.

**Health & Wellness Resource Center** – This is a great resource for lay-level health information. The Health & Wellness Resource Center allows you to search through medical journals, health-related newspaper articles, find prescription drug information, browse through a medical encyclopedia or dictionary, and find contact information for health organizations. If you're not a textual learner, there are also numerous videos presented by health professionals on topics ranging from acid reflux to x-rays (and beyond!)

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** – A wonderful place to find information and opinion articles on controversial issues, such as abortion, global warming, immigration, nuclear proliferation, or the war in Iraq. Resources include newspaper, magazine, and journal articles; reference sources; primary sources; statistics;

essays; and recommended websites. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is a great place to turn for debate teams, social studies classes, or anyone looking to learn more about today's hot topics.

**Ancestry Library Edition** – This is a vast and ever-expanding electronic warehouse of genealogical information. You can search through historical records (census, military, birth, marriage, death, immigration, etc.), newspaper stories, books, photos, and maps. Note that unlike the other resources in this article, Ancestry Library Edition can only be accessed from within a library.

**WorldCat (OCLC FirstSearch)** – The largest database of library holdings (Books, CDs, DVDs, etc.) in the world. North Dakota citizens can use this constantly expanding database to locate materials that can be ordered through their library. This resource is especially useful for librarians who work with collection development, cataloging, or interlibrary loan.

You can access these resources through your local library's website or through the State Library's website at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov). If you're not accessing these resources from within your library, you will need to sign in to access them.

## Lauraine Snelling's Bismarck Adventure

The North Dakota State Library welcomed award-winning author Lauraine Snelling on May 18-20, 2007. Lauraine was asked to speak at the annual Volunteer Recognition Event for the State Library which has around 80 volunteers that assist in various departments.

The State Library also hosted a book signing at Barnes and Noble, a writer's workshop at the Trinity Lutheran Church Community Center, and a public lecture, with help of The North Dakota Humanities Council, at the BSC Sydney J. Lee Auditorium.

Lauraine is well known for her historical family sagas set in the Drayton and Medora areas of North Dakota. Smiling fans of all ages were able to visit with Lauraine as well as pose for pictures. For more information on Lauraine Snelling, visit her website at [www.laurainesnelling.com](http://www.laurainesnelling.com).



*Lauraine poses with NDSL staff members. From left; Cindy Larson, Marla Paulson, Hannah Vanorny, Chris Hagburg, Susan Hammer-Schneider, Lauraine Snelling, Lacey Wahl, and Doris Ott.*

***New Arrivals in Library Science***

**A Passion For Print**

Promoting reading and books to teens.

**Classic Teenplots**

A booktalk guide to use with readers ages 12-18.

**The Big Book of Teen Reading Lists**

100 great, ready-to-use book lists for educators, librarians, parents, and teens.

**The Teen-Centered Book Club**

Readers into leaders.

**Using Pop Culture to Teach Information Literacy**

Methods to engage a new generation.

**Blogging and RSS**

A librarian's guide.

**Crash Course in Web Design for Libraries**

**Library Collection Development Policies**

Academic, public, and special libraries.

**Reference Librarianship**

Notes from the trenches.

**The Newbery/Printz Companion**

Booktalk and related materials for award winners and honor books.

**JOIN THE FUN!**



Visit the North Dakota State Library booth at the State Fair in Minot, ND, July 20-28, 2007.

**QUICK FACT**

- In 2006, North Dakotan's used the Online Library Resources for more than 3 million searches!

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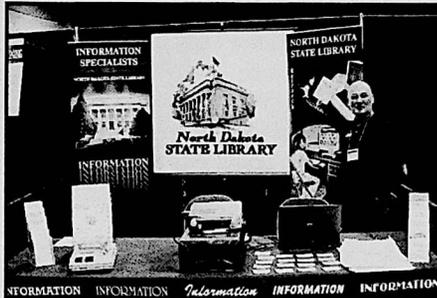
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September 26-28	NDLA, Jamestown
March 25-29	PLA (Public Library Association), Minneapolis

## REFERENCE CORNER

Running out of westerns to watch or wondering whether you've really read everything by Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey? Check out *Read the High Country: A Guide to Western Books and Films*. This new guide provides summaries of classic western novels in every category you can imagine, including Bounty Hunters, Mountain Men, the Army (further subdivided by 10 wars and conflicts), Range and Ranch Life, Trail Stories, and the Contemporary West. There are also sections on western mysteries, romances, short story collections, and westerns for teens. You can search by author, title, or subject and see whether a book is still in print, available in paperback, and if there was ever a sequel. The film section is also broken out by subject, such as Heists, Range Wars, and Trail Drives. The *Legends* section gives you every film on nine classic characters, including Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, and George Custer.

## NDSL Booth at the North Dakota State Fair



The North Dakota State Library staffed a booth at the 2007 North Dakota State Fair in Minot, July 20-28. This promotional booth highlighted the Online Library Resources, Disability Services, and library services in general. State Library staff had the opportunity to interact with thou-

sands of fair goers and promote not only the services offered by the North Dakota State Library, but also encouraged people to use the library services provided to them by their local libraries. Many people who stopped by the booth expressed an interest in the Online Library Resources, especially the *Health & Wellness Resource Center* and the *Ancestry Library Edition*. Many people passing by the booth paid compliments to the quality of service that they receive from their local libraries and the State Library. Staffing a booth of this magnitude is quite an undertaking, but the end results justify the work required for having a booth at the North Dakota State Fair.

## National Library Service Representative Visits State Library

The State Library Disability Services Department recently had its biennial visit from David Whittal of The Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). David met with the staff to discuss the upcoming digital talking books, talking book machine, and other topics of concern. The staff had the opportunity to see and work with the new digital talking book machine that NLS is planning to make available for talking book patrons in the fall of 2008. Staff found the sound quality much improved and all agreed that navigation of the new playback machine will be easier for the patrons.

**Wondering what your State  
Library can do for YOU?  
Visit the State  
Library booth at NDLA!**



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## Get Help with Your Homework: Use Online Library Resources

*Submitted by Steve Axtman, Reference and Training*

It's the beginning of another school year and time for reports and assignments. Students, teachers, and parents can access valuable educational resources from school or home through the State Library's homepage at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov). These resource databases contain a broad range of full-text and multimedia content and are free to all North Dakota citizens, thanks to funding from libraries in the state and the North Dakota Legislature. Resources include full-text articles, citations, images, maps, transcripts, audio and video clips. Online articles can be printed, emailed or saved to disk.

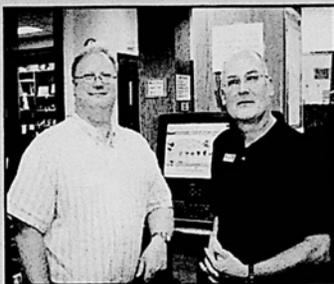
Child-friendly resources for K-5 include **Kids Info-Bits** and **eLibrary Elementary**. These databases are simple to use and are targeted to younger readers. They contain thousands of colorful graphics and full-text articles. Young students can ask questions in natural language or use search terms and they can follow topic trees to narrow and focus searches.

Resources targeted to students in grades 5-12 include the **Discovering Collection, Student Edition, Junior Edition, and Junior Reference Collection**. Here students will find thousands of images and articles from newspapers and popular magazines. Included in the databases are topic overviews, biographies, reference materials, and homework help.

Databases created for high school students, college students, and the general public include: **Oposing Viewpoints Resource Center** (covers current topics and gives both sides of issues); **eLibrary** (simple to search, it includes television and radio transcripts); **Health & Wellness Resource Center** (medical encyclopedia, drug finder, health assessment tools, health news, and health videos); **EBSCOhost Research databases** (Business and Academic information source, includes peer-reviewed articles); **Pro-Quest Newspapers** (over 600 international, national, regional, and local newspaper, most are full-text).

The Online Library Resources available through the State Library and local libraries are a great place for students to begin research for papers and projects. Parents and teachers can rest assured that these data-

bases are evaluated for quality and are appropriate for students of all ages. Contact your school or public librarian or call the State Library at 1-800-472-2104 for more details. Take advantage of these free educational tools and make learning more fun.



*Submitted by Al Peterson,  
Training Coordinator*

A major goal of the State Library is to provide training to librarians, students, faculty and citizens throughout North Dakota. Steve Axtman has joined the Training Department as a second instructor which will allow more opportunities for training.

Training sessions currently offered by the State Library include free training on accessing and using electronic databases for students, teachers, administrators, and other educational professionals. Training can be scheduled during an in-service day or after school. A computer lab with internet access to provide hands-on training is required. Free sessions are offered demonstrating the Ancestry Library Edition genealogy database to citizens of North Dakota at your library. The sessions are provided to you at no cost; high speed internet access is needed and a room big enough to present a program to the public. The State Library is investing in online tutorials and webinar training equipment. Stay tuned to the Flickertale and the list-serves for upcoming training opportunities.

For more information about training or to schedule a training session, please contact Sue Clark or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library by calling 1-800-472-2104 or 701-328-4622 or e-mail us at [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov).

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Training  
Department**



## ND Librarians Attend Rural Library Sustainability Conference at ALA in Washington, D.C.

*Submitted by Priscilla Backstrom, Director, Maddock Community Library*

In June, delegates from 35 states gathered in conference and community to discuss Rural Sustainability of libraries in Washington. We met fellow directors and library personnel who had connected via computer on Web Junction - (the Web site for the connection of rural librarians) set up by the Gates Foundation. We had our own conference time before the ALA gathering of over 26,000. There were interesting introductions from each state represented. We told them of clean air - enough for wind farms in North Dakota. We said that, yes, we have cowboys and Indians and buffalo but we call them ranchers and producers, Native Americans and bison. As the #1 producer of sunflowers, we brought a small sample for each of the other states represented there.

Our time in the afternoon centered on answering the question, "What does it mean if our libraries are the hub of the community?" We rotated in discussion groups and found a wealth of ideas from around the country. One Nebraska library uses their library facility for receptions after funerals in their small town.

There was a presentation from Parker, Arizona that inspired our libraries through COMMUNITY, CONCEPT, COLOR, COLLECTION, CONNECTIVITY AND COMMITMENT. The personal touch was most interesting. At our table was the Paraprofessional of 2007 from North Carolina (see Library Journal, March 1, 2007). We exchanged cards and stories with librarians from Hawaii, Colorado, Ohio and beyond.

The ALA Conference had a myriad of workshops and speakers. A highlight for me was hearing the words of some of my favorite authors like Patricia Cornwell, David Baldacci and Lois Lowry. Others from the ND contingent went to workshops and were inspired by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s presentation. There were hundreds of booths in the exhibit hall offering books, informational and promotional items. Many authors and illustrators were there to sign books.

With our "extra" time we did a lot of walking - I repeat - a lot of walking to the sights of Washington, D.C. and an evening tour of monuments. We visited Senator Dorgan's office and had an escort to the senate in session.

Speaking for the five from North Dakota, it was an honor to represent our state and rural libraries. It was inspiring to see ourselves as a part of the picture of literacy and learning in the USA. The five participants from North Dakota were selected from among the 68 rural library directors, staff, and board members who participated in the "Bright Ideas, Bright Future" workshops, which were held in Mandan on February 9, and Fargo on February 16. The workshops were conducted as part of the Rural Library Sustainability Project, a cooperative effort of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WebJunction, and the North Dakota State Library. Attending the national conference from North Dakota were:

Priscilla Backstrom, Maddock Community Library; Lynda Dunn, Edgeley Public Library; Sarah Snavely, Bowman County Public Library; Beth Reitan, Bottineau County Library; and Suzann Jangula, Harry L. Petrie Public Library, Linton.



*From left to right: Beth Reitan of Bottineau County Library, Suzann Jangula of Harry L. Petrie Public Library in Linton, Priscilla Backstrom of Maddock Community Library, Sarah Snavely of Bowman County Public Library, and Lynda Dunn of Edgeley Public Library.*

***New Arrivals in Library  
Science at NDSL***

- *Checklist of Library Building Design Considerations*
- *Facilities Planning for School Library Media and Technology Centers*
- *Managing Facilities for Results: Optimizing Space for Services*
- *Guide to Review of Library Collections : Preservation, Storage, and Withdrawal*
- *Weeding Manual* [Gwinnett County Public Library]
- *New Librarian, New Job: Practical Advice for Managing the Transition*
- *New on the Job: A School Library Media Specialist's Guide to Success*
- *The Technology Connection: Building a Successful Library Media Program*
- *Your Public Library* [videorecording]: *Keeping Your Community Connected*
- *Books and Libraries in American Society During World War II : Weapons in the War of Ideas*
- *Libraries and Librarianship : Sixty Years of Challenge and Change, 1945-2005*

**ND Game and Fish Department  
Collection on ODIN**

*Submitted by Elizabeth Jacobs,  
State Agency Cataloger*

The library collection of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department can now be accessed through ODIN. The Game and Fish Department has a collection of approximately 5,000 volumes including books and journals covering a range of topics in the subject areas of wildlife biology and management. A large part of the collection is comprised of research reports issued by various national and state-level wildlife agencies from the 1920s to the 1970s, but it also includes current materials covering zoological and management aspects of big game animals, waterfowl, upland game birds, furbearing animals, and freshwater fish.

This non-circulating collection is housed at the main headquarters of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at 100 E. Expressway in Bismarck. Materials can be accessed by visiting the Game and Fish Department, by in-library use at the North Dakota State Library, or via photocopy request through the interlibrary loan system at your local library or the State Library. To search for items in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Library, connect to the North Dakota State Library in ODIN, and select ND-Game & Fish Department from the "ND State Libraries and Branches" dropdown box on the lower right of the Basic Search screen. The Game and Fish Department Library is one of ten state government agency libraries that are cataloged, maintained and made accessible to the public by the North Dakota State Library Statewide Catalog Development Department. For more information, e-mail Elizabeth Jacobs at the State Library at [ejacobs@nd.gov](mailto:ejacobs@nd.gov).

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**January 11-14, 2008**  
ALA Midwinter, Philadelphia, PA

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PLA, Minneapolis, MN

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Spring Workshops, Grand Forks

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Spring Workshops, Bismarck

## REFERENCE CORNER

Did you know that the North Dakota State Library has over 11,000 large print books and adds approximately fifty new titles to this collection every month? While many readers still prefer regular print, an increasing number of people enjoy the improved readability that larger print offers. If you would like to request large print books, you can do so by using the Advanced Search page of the ODIN catalog and limiting your format to large print. You can also contact the State Library and ask that a variety of large print items be mailed to you.

## State Library Training via the Web Debuts



*Submitted by Al Peterson, Training Coordinator*

New online training sessions are being designed to reach librarians who have limited or no budgets to travel to conferences and workshops for professional development.

Online training will offer librarians more flexibility in their daily schedules for gaining professional training. For instance, online training can be scheduled in the morning before libraries are open or scheduled at night after hours. Courses could also be taken at home. The software used is a product called Team2Team On Demand Web-Conferencing. This software allows for the recording of sessions and archiving them in case you missed the live session. Also, the presenter can give an attendee shared control of the mouse, allowing for someone who likes hands-on learning an opportunity to participate in the demonstration. Each Web Conferencing user's system must meet the following requirements:

- Windows 98 or later
- Internet Explorer 5.5 or later
- 1024 x 768 screen resolution
- Microsoft Virtual Machine (VM) or Sun Java Runtime Environment (JRE) installed and enabled, as follows:
  - For Internet Explorer 5.5 or later: Microsoft VM 1.1.4 build 3740 or later, Sun JRE 1.3.1\_08 or later, or Sun JRE 1.4.2\_05 or later.
  - For Netscape 4.75 and later Netscape 4.x versions: Sun JRE 1.3.1\_08 or later.
  - For Mozilla 1.0 or later, Netscape 7.0, and later Netscape 7.x versions: Sun JRE 1.4.2\_05 or later.
  - For Firefox 1.0.2 or later versions: Sun JRE 1.4.1\_03 or later. Pop-up blocking must be disabled in your browser (all pop-up blockers absolutely have to be turned off).

A workshop titled *New Opportunities, New Possibilities: Online Training* offered through the North Dakota State Library was presented at the North Dakota Library Association in September. This workshop introduced the audience to the programs the staff will be using to provide additional training online to North Dakota librarians. Online programs are currently being developed, so keep an eye out for announcements on the LISTS for new training opportunities and possibilities being offered by the North Dakota State Library.

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## Online Library Resources

### Ancestry Library Edition

*Submitted by Steph Baltzer Kom,  
Statewide Catalog Development*

Genealogy is considered by most to be the fastest growing hobby in North America. Once you get started, it's hard to stop. Research is getting easier to do with free access to Ancestry Library Edition, one of the largest genealogy databases in the world. Ancestry is easily navigable and has information from across the United States, Canada, the UK & Ireland, Europe, and Australia. You can start looking at databases by clicking on the map for the area you are interested in or just do a simple name search. Ancestry Library Edition includes immigration records, birth, death, and marriage records, biographies, user submitted family trees, and much more. The following are databases available through Ancestry Library Edition that could be very helpful in starting your genealogy research:

#### **National databases:**

U.S. Census Records 1790-1930  
New York Passenger Lists (Immigration)  
World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918  
Social Security Death Index

#### **Local area databases:**

North Dakota Census, 1870-90  
North Dakota Military Men, 1917-1918  
Northwest History and Men of Progress  
Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002  
Minnesota Divorce Index, 1970-1995  
Minnesota Marriage Collection, 1958-2001  
Montana Death Index, 1907-2002  
South Dakota Births, 1856-1903  
South Dakota Death Index, 1905-1955  
South Dakota Marriages, 1905-1949

These may or may not include your relative depending on what is included in the database and what counties submitted information. A subscription to all of these databases and more has been purchased by the state of North Dakota for free use at your local library. Ancestry Library Edition is different than Ancestry.com and is exclusively available through libraries. Access Ancestry Library Edition at your library TODAY!

#### **Other helpful websites:**

North Dakota Death Records Index  
<https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>  
Immigration Records  
[www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/databases/naturalrec.php](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/databases/naturalrec.php) (ND Naturalization Index)  
[www.ellisland.org/](http://www.ellisland.org/), [www.castlegarden.org/](http://www.castlegarden.org/)



*Submitted by Shari Mosser, Head,  
Document Delivery Services*

**SPOTLIGHT**

Document  
Delivery  
Services



Interlibrary Loan is a cooperative arrangement among North Dakota libraries to share their collections so that citizens have access to materials and information that are not available in their local library. Any North Dakota state resident can request an item from the State Library. The State Library then borrows the material or obtains a photocopy from another library on the person's behalf.

When the request comes into the State Library, the Document Delivery Department staff will find libraries that own the requested item. The library will then send the item directly to the patron. After a patron has used the requested item, it should be returned to the lending library. Once the item is checked in on the lending library's shelf the process will start all over again.

Last month, the Document Delivery Department processed 3,439 interlibrary loans, which figures out to about 150 per working day! The State Library staff looks forward to finding more items for your library and your patrons in the future. Happy Holidays!



# Holiday Greetings!

Dennis

Debbie

Albert

Beth

Sarah

Katie

Sue C.

Gretchen S.

Jacey



Cindy O.

Dani

Erik G.

Kristen

Dave

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Stacey

Chris

Stephanie

Maura

Carrie

Theresa

Steve

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Pam

Cindy L. + her 5!

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Elizabeth

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## Fargo Entertainment Expo

*Submitted by Kristen Northrup, Head of State Documents*

You wouldn't expect to see the State Library at a science fiction convention, and that is exactly why we were there. Outreach means going where the readers are.

The State Library's red booth appears at gatherings all around the state – the State Fair, the Winter Show, educational conferences, Farm Bureau conferences, and Marketplace. Every appearance is an opportunity to reach people who have a need for and an interest in our services. Talking Books, Interlibrary Loan, and the Online Library Resources are all pleasant surprises to folks who stop by. Many fill out a new library card application on the spot. Others walk away with a variety of informative brochures and a snazzy refrigerator magnet.

2007 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> appearance of the Fargo Entertainment Expo (also known as ValleyCon) but the first to feature the State Library. The three-day event attracts fans of all forms of science fiction and fantasy: movies, television, cartoons, video games, role-playing games, costumes, art, comic books, and novels. Popular vendors sold medieval-themed jewelry and figurines and even swords. Attendees dress as pirates and Klingons. Usually held in September, this year's Expo was Oct. 26-28, allowing a Halloween theme to amp up the atmosphere.

The Expo is a popular event with families, so we were able to tell parents about the homework-related databases. Many attendees are voracious readers, and were thus happy to hear about all the obscure books the State Library can fetch them from libraries across the country.

*2005-07 Biennial Report **NOW ONLINE!** Visit [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov).*

## A WORLD of Opportunities with WorldCat

*Submitted by Stacey Goldade, Head of Statewide Catalog Development Department*

Did you know that WorldCat can be used for a variety of things that will make your life easier? Are you wondering what book is next in a series? Do you want a list of titles from your favorite author? You can find these answers by searching WorldCat!

Librarians, you can get help in your daily work by using WorldCat. If you are having problems assigning a call number to a new book, you can see if there is a suggested call number in the bib record in WorldCat. Also, for those libraries with limited budgets, it might be helpful to see how many other libraries in the state own a particular title.

This may influence your decision on whether to buy a copy for your patrons or rely on Interlibrary Loan to fulfill their needs. Of course, interlibrary

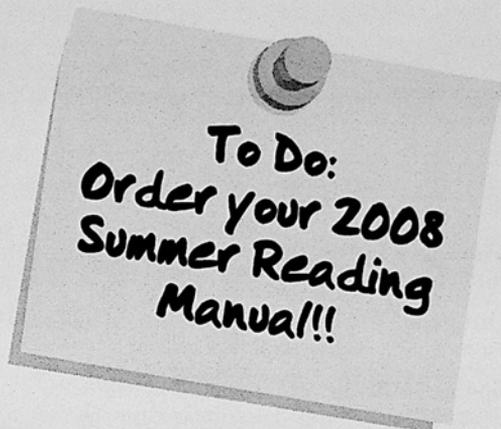
loaning from other libraries does place a bit of a burden on the lending library because of postage costs, etc.; however, it can be a tool to help you evaluate how your budget should be spent. If a patron is requesting something popular, you'll probably want to purchase it yourself. If it's something that only a few patrons will use, it might be better to interlibrary loan it. To see a list of the libraries that own a certain title, just click on "Libraries worldwide that own item", which is found in the bib record display.

You can access WorldCat from the Online Library Resources section of our webpage at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov). You can also access WorldCat through Google and Yahoo by typing in "Find in a Library," as part of your search.

## Promotions at the State Library

**Elizabeth Jacobs** has been promoted to Head of Technical Services. Jacobs has a Masters of Library Science from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Arts from Jamestown College. This is Jacobs' fourth year at the State Library. She previously worked in the Statewide Catalog Development Department.

**Kristen Northrup** has been promoted to Head of State Documents. Northrup has a Masters of Library Science from Emporia State University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. This is Northrup's second year at the State Library.



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## National Book Festival

*Submitted by Eric Stroshane, Head of Public Services*

The Book Festival is a celebration of all things book related: reading, writing, selling, literacy, and libraries!

This year's was packed with literary luminaries ranging from Poet Laureate Charles Simic to giant dancing sloth Snook, including: Terry Pratchett, Diane Ackerman, David Baldacci, Joyce Carol Oates, Jodi Picoult, Mercer Mayer, Rosemary Wells, N. Scott Momaday, and Ken Burns—all of whom read from their work, answered questions from the crowds, and signed books for their fans. More than 120,000 people attended the festival this year, and the traffic to the North Dakota booth was non-stop.

"It was my great pleasure to have helped represent North Dakota in the Pavilion of States at the 7th annual National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. this September," comments Eric Stroshane, Head of Public Services for the State Library.



The Pavilion of States facilitated each state's promotion of their local authors and literary traditions. North Dakota was proudly represented by Janet Daley, Doris and Richard Ott, Eric Stroshane, and Alicia Overbeck, who was the teacher of Alexis Haaland.

Alexis Haaland was one of the six national winners of the 2007 Letters About Literature contest—she was also in attendance and gave a public reading of her award-winning letter on Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*. For more information about the National Book Festival, go to: [www.loc.gov/bookfest/](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/)

## New Arrivals in Library Science

**Naked Reading**, by Teri Lesesne. Uncovering what tweens need to become lifelong readers.

**Measuring Your Library's Value**, by Donald Elliot. How to do a cost-benefit analysis for your public library.

**Metadata**, by Richard Smiraglia. A cataloger's primer.

**Out Front With Stephen Abram**, by Judith Siess. A guide for information leaders.

**Social Software In Libraries**, by Meredith Farkas. Building collaboration, communication, and community online.

**Analyzing Library Collection Use With Excel**

**Crossing Boundaries With Children's Books**, by Doris Gebel. A guide to international titles.

**Library Collection Development Policies**, by Frank Hoffmann. School libraries and learning resource centers.

**Managing Your Library Construction Project**, by Richard McCarthy. A step-by-step guide.

**Neal-Schuman Library Technology Companion**, by John Burke. A basic guide for library staff.

## Grant Information

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library have awarded 2007 grant funds totaling \$137,239 to five North Dakota libraries. The projects include the Bowman Regional Public Library's laptop lab which targets computer literacy for teens and senior citizens; the Dickinson Area Public Library's portable computer lab to be used in partnership with the NDSU Extension Service for technology education; the Hankinson Public Library's computer project to offer distance education classes; and the Mandaree and Grafton Public School libraries projects to participate in the Statewide Library Online Catalog.

The Coordinating Council and the State Library released new grant guidelines in November. The guidelines are on the State Library's website and were also mailed to every school and public library in the state. The current grant round offers an opportunity for libraries to add their catalog to WorldCat, which will strengthen recourse sharing for citizens in North Dakota. Any library that is interested in this grant round may contact the State Library for more information.

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