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Think Tank, Dickinson

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June 1

Summer Reading Kickoff Day
@ Your Library

June 15-16

Advanced Online Research Class
Devils Lake

June 18-19

Advanced Online Research Class
Bismarck

Share Your Input - Attend a Think Tank!

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library invite you to participate in a day-long Think Tank to further develop the long range vision for libraries in North Dakota. The Think Tanks will be held from 9:30am-4:00pm in three locations: May 28 in Dickinson at the Days Inn, May 29 in Minot at the International Inn, and June 5 in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn.

All citizens of North Dakota, including librarians, library staff, students, and library board members are encouraged to participate in the Think Tanks. The goal to further develop the vision for libraries in North Dakota will be better met with input from a broad section of librarians, board members and the public. Lunch will be provided, and a mileage reimbursement of \$.20 per mile is available for one vehicle per library. A drawing will be held at each location for one free registration fee to the 2010 State Library Spring Workshops.

Please register online at www.library.nd.gov or by phone at 1-800-472-2104 by May 21st. Plan to attend a Think Tank and participate in creating an updated vision for library and information services in North Dakota!

Summer Classes Offered for Graduate Credit

The North Dakota State Library is offering Advanced Online Research classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. Classes will be in Devil's Lake at Lake Region State College in Room #15 on June 15th and 16th and Bismarck at the Bismarck State College in the library computer lab, June 18-19.

One graduate level continuing education credit is available for teachers from Minot State University, University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University. Credit is available for Library Media Specialists from Valley City State University. Registration will be posted on the State Library's Web site at www.library.nd.gov, or you may register by calling Sue Clark at 1-800-472-2104.

In addition to a fee for credit, which is \$50.00, there is a workshop fee of \$10.00. If you choose not to take the course for credit, the cost will be \$10.00. Please write separate checks for the graduate credit fee and the workshop fee.

Reference Corner

If you're a librarian at a North Dakota library, the State Library's reference collection is open to you. To make this valuable resource easier for you to access, you can now request titles 24/7 directly from the State Library website. Simply go to the Reference Book Shelf section of the Librarian Resources page, and you'll be able to pick from some of the most popular titles and have them mailed to you.

If there's a title you'd like the State Library to send you that's not on this list, just e-mail statelib@nd.gov and we'll be happy to help you out.

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The Advanced Online Research class will explore basic and advanced searching methods for the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) catalog, Online Library Resources, and selected Internet sites. This class is designed for public librarians, teachers, and school library media specialists who have a basic familiarity with the online resources. The content of this course covers the same materials as Electronic Resources Searching Techniques that was taught in 2006.

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State Library Hosts Spring Workshops



Despite the weather, road closures and cancellations, the 2009 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops were held in Bismarck on March 23rd and 24th. Employees from the State Library and guest speakers presented excellent workshops, chock-full of pertinent information for North Dakota librarians. Eric Stroshane presented an informative workshop on basic book repair techniques. Adam Emter gave a presentation on hosting a successful summer reading program. And Shari Mosser got her "game on" with a demonstration of video games and how libraries can incorporate gaming into their programs.

Dorothy Liegl, a guest speaker from South Dakota, gave ideas to turn your library into a community focused center, while Christine Kujawa, Head of Circulation for the Bismarck Public Library, provided an introduction to basic marketing concepts. A new feature for the workshop that was very successful was the addition of roundtable discussions. Roundtables were set up to give librarians the opportunity to learn from each other by discussing various topics.

On the technology front, representatives from EBSCO and Gale gave instructions on using the Online Library Resources. HealthScience librarians were on hand to present Go Local, an online resource that provides information about health services available to the residents of North Dakota, and Medline, an authoritative health information resource.



Participants at the gaming workshop had a hands-on opportunity to learn new gaming technologies.

Handouts for the workshops have been posted at www.library.nd.gov/training.html. Make plans to attend the 2010 Spring Workshops to be held next April!

Library Receives Materials from Libri Foundation

The Stutsman County Public Library in Jamestown recently received 83 books with a retail value of \$1,411.93 from the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon. Local matching funds of \$350 were provided by memorial funds donated by family and friends of Christine Kruger. Math and Science books worth \$350 were received as a special bonus in addition to the 3 to 1 match of fiction books. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide, non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Visit the Libri Foundation online at www.librifoundation.org for more information.

Grafton Librarians Excited to be Automated

The Grafton Public Schools were awarded a grant in September 2007. The State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council awarded the grant to become automated on the ODIN system. The Statewide Catalog Development Department of the State Library has been adding the titles to WorldCat and ODIN since the cataloging phase began in December 2007. The high school has 6,600 titles, the middle school has 4,800 titles and the elementary has 12,100 titles.

The cataloging phase will be completed by May 2009. During the next phase, the librarians and aides at the Grafton schools will load records for their patrons into the circulation system and learn to use the system to check out their materials. Grafton is currently using a card catalog system, so they are looking forward to having an automation system to keep things more efficient, as they have a large number of materials circulating every week. "It will be great to have everyone in the database and to be able to quickly check if a title is already checked out. I can't do that now without going through every single card!" says Lynda Brady, the librarian at Grafton Elementary.

Brady also sees a benefit to being automated when it comes time to purchase new titles for the three buildings. According to her, "To be able to plan between schools will be a great help. Making sure not to duplicate will be very cost efficient. It will also help tremendously in the elementary to see if a certain title is already in our catalog without having to hunt through all the cards. My answer is just a click away!"



The students are already using ODIN to find materials. Brady stated, "They think it is great to be able to see what material we have in our libraries. It helps to see what is at the other Grafton schools as well so we can borrow from each other." Wendy Bina, a library aide at the high school, is also looking forward to sharing books between the schools, since this is the first time they will easily be able to see what the other schools own.

Hot town, summer in the city

I know it's hard to believe, but summer break is rapidly approaching in North Dakota. Students, teachers and faculty are preparing to go off to have fun in various locales. However, before that happens, please remind students to return their library books as soon as possible. School libraries will be closing soon for their well-deserved summer vacation!

Some of the books you may have borrowed from the State Library originated from school libraries. Soon the State Library will be sending letters asking patrons to return those particular items. Please return them promptly so libraries can get all their borrowed items back before they close.

We appreciate your help in getting these books home safely to their deserved vacations! See you all in the fall cuz "Despite the heat, it'll be alright."



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