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## DATES

March 30-April 1

*Spring Workshops, Bismarck*

April 6-9

*Mountain Plains Library Association  
Conference - Billings, MT*

April 22

*State Library Closed - Good Friday*

June 3

*Summer Reading Kickoff Day*

## 2011 Spring Workshops



It's not too late to register for the 2011 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops! The workshops will be held in Bismarck on March 30th, 31st, and April 1st. The workshops will be presented at the Radisson Hotel and the Bismarck State College Library computer lab.

Workshops topics include strategic planning, book discussion groups, basics of cataloging, and book repair, as well as reference and reader advisory services. If your game plan includes brushing up on your Online Library Resources searching skills, check out the workshops from Gale Cengage, EBSCO, Encyclopedia Britannica, LearningExpress Library and UFind.

For more information, please access the North Dakota State Library's website at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov) or consider the details of the workshop that are noted in the printed flyer mailed in January. We look forward to seeing you at the 2011 State Library Spring Workshops!

## Reference Corner

Training materials for the new UFind Catalog are now available from ODIN and the North Dakota State Library. Simply click "Guides & Tutorials" under "Find Library Items" at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov) to access the new UFind materials. The training materials include videos, quick guides, and a comprehensive search guide.

The State Library Training Department is also offering webinars for those interested in learning in-depth search techniques for UFind. To register for an "Introduction to UFind" webinar, please visit the online calendar on the State Library website.

For more information about these and other training resources, please contact the State Library Training Department at 800-472-2104 or [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov).

## Legislative Update

HB1076, relating to compensation for members of public library boards, has been referred to the Political Subdivisions Committee in the Senate and has a hearing scheduled for March 3rd at 9:30 am in the Red River Room.

HB1396, relating to exemptions for certain library, archive, and museum collections from open records requirements, has been referred to the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee in the Senate.

SB2013, to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Department of Public Instruction, the School for the Deaf, North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, and the State Library, passed the Senate unanimously, and has been referred to the Appropriations Committee in the House.

For more information about legislation affecting North Dakota libraries or if you're willing to provide testimony about library-related bills, contact the North Dakota Library Association's Legislative Representative Kelly Steckler at [kellysteckler@yahoo.com](mailto:kellysteckler@yahoo.com).

## Summer Classes Offered for Graduate Credit



*State Library Trainers Steve Axtman (front) and Al Peterson (back)*

The North Dakota State Library training department is offering classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. The classes will be in Fargo at the main Fargo Public Library on June 13th and 14th and in Bismarck at the Bismarck State College in the library computer lab on June 16th and 17th. “Effective Online Research” will focus on the need for students to find reliable sources for research. The instruction will explore searching methods for Online Library Resources, as well as source citations and other features of the resources that are useful for conducting research. Students will also examine the ODIN UFind catalog and WorldCat.org. The resources being explored will have a practical application to your classroom instruction and will, in turn, provide your students with reliable information to use in research papers and other school work. A minimum of ten participants is needed for each class.

Credit for “Effective Online Research” is available for teachers from Minot State University, the University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University. Also, credit is available for Library Media Specialists from Valley City State University. The content for these classes is different than the content of the previous Summer Classes offered by the State Library.

Either of these classes will also fulfill the training requirement listed in the grant guidelines for the Library Vision 2014 Grant for Services through Enhanced Technology, 2011.

For more information about the workshops, please contact Steve Axtman or Al Peterson at the North Dakota State Library at 800-472-2104 or [statelib@nd.gov](mailto:statelib@nd.gov). Individuals with disabilities or other special needs, or who need special accommodations in this course, are encouraged to share these concerns or requests with the instructor as soon as possible.

## State Library Interlibrary Loan Department Hits Milestone Request

The North Dakota State Library Interlibrary Loan department recently achieved a significant milestone - the 200,000th request. The request, from a library patron requesting a Mercedes Lackey title, was received in December, 2010. While this achievement is represented by a simple number, the commitment behind the number is where the biggest accomplishment lies. The staff providing Interlibrary Loan services diligently work to provide library materials such as books, CDs, DVDs, or articles from the collections of other libraries, fulfilling requests for materials not available at the requestor’s local library. In addition to borrowing materials from other libraries, the North Dakota State Library also lends items from the State Library collection to other libraries in North Dakota and around the United States.

Generally, there is no fee for obtaining an item through the State Library Interlibrary Loan department. If a fee is required to borrow an item, the State Library will secure the patron’s permission before confirming the request.

Please feel free to contact the Interlibrary Loan department at 701-328-3252 or [ssandwick@nd.gov](mailto:ssandwick@nd.gov) if you have questions about interlibrary loan or interlibrary loan statistics in North Dakota.

## Talking Books and Braille Program Celebrates 80 Years

On March 3, 2011, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), the Library of Congress' talking-book and braille program, celebrated 80 years of helping visually impaired and physically handicapped individuals enjoy reading their favorite books and magazines.

This free library program brings reading materials in digital audio and braille formats straight to the homes of patrons. Braille books, books on digital cartridge, and digital talking-book players are sent to patrons via the U.S. mail at no cost to registered users. People who sign up with the program also have the option of downloading books and magazines over the Internet in audio or braille format.

North Dakota patrons are served locally through the Talking Books service at the North Dakota State Library. "Talking books offer a wonderful opportunity for anyone who cannot use regular print materials because of blindness or a physical, visual, or reading handicap," says Susan Hammer-Schneider, head of North Dakota Talking Books.

The NLS collection of more than 400,000 titles of bestsellers, classics, biographies, romance, and other genres delights even the most selective readers. Magazine-lovers enjoy free subscriptions to more than 40 periodicals in audio format, including *Consumer Reports*, *National Geographic*, and *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, and 30 periodicals in braille, such as *Ladies Home Journal*, *ESPN: The Magazine* and the *New York Times Large-Print Weekly*. The NLS program also keeps pace with the latest book titles, adding 2,500 annually.

For more information about Talking Books service in North Dakota, please contact the State Library at 800-843-9948 or [tbooks@nd.gov](mailto:tbooks@nd.gov), or visit the North Dakota State Library online at [www.library.nd.gov](http://www.library.nd.gov).

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## Publishing Announcement

It began in 1969, when it was published as a two page, typewritten newsletter. In its publishing lifetime it's announced the adoption of computerized catalogs, it's welcomed eight new State Librarians, and it's seen many changes in the methods of its production. It's the document you're currently reading - the North Dakota State Library *Flickertale* newsletter.

It's now 2011, 42 years after that first issue was published. The *Flickertale* continues to function as the official newsletter of the North Dakota State Library, but a major publishing change will soon occur. **Beginning with the July 2011 issue, the *Flickertale* will be published monthly, in electronic format only.** Instead of receiving a print copy, recipients will receive an email when each new issue is available. A simple click will download the full-color newsletter from the State Library website.

Many things change, but the *Flickertale* will continue to be your source for information about library services in North Dakota!

## National Library News

### IRS TAX FORMS CHANGE

IRS tax forms are no longer being mailed to individuals. Fortunately, those tax forms are now available online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). The online portal provides over 1,000 downloadable tax forms and publications for individuals, businesses, charities and nonprofits, government entities, tax professionals, the retirement plans community and the tax-exempt bond community.

### FEMA ACKNOWLEDGES LIBRARY IMPORTANCE

Emily Sheketoff, executive director of ALA's Washington Office, recently announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has changed its policy to allow libraries to be eligible for temporary relocation and support during major disasters and emergencies. "It's the first time FEMA acknowledges that libraries are essential community organizations," Sheketoff said. "In times of disaster, libraries strive to ensure the public has access to the resources and services they need."



## Featured Arrivals in Library Science

**The new inquisition** : understanding and managing intellectual freedom challenges

**Shelf discovery** : teen classics we never stopped reading

**Information technology in librarianship** : new critical approaches

**Library partnerships** : making connections between school and public libraries

**100+ literacy lifesavers** : a survival guide for librarians and teachers K-12

**The librarian spies** : Philip and Mary Jane Keeney and Cold War espionage

**Moral panics and the copyright wars**

**The language police** : how pressure groups restrict what students learn

**Dewey** : there's a cat in the library! [juvenile]

**Best books for high school readers** : grades 9-12

**Best books for middle school and junior high readers** : grades 6-9

**Graphic novels beyond the basics** : insights and issues for libraries

**Bound by law?** : tales from the public domain

**The politics of inquiry** : education research and the "culture of science"

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