Library Vision 2014 Grants Awarded

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and the North Dakota State Library awarded Library Vision 2014 grants in January and April, 2011.

In January 2011 grants totaling $64,759 were awarded to 64 North Dakota libraries to purchase computers for student and public use, as well as for the purposes of facilitating access to Online Library Resources and online library catalogs. In April, 2011 $23,075 was awarded to 8 North Dakota libraries to purchase technology to facilitate the goals of Library Vision 2014. The next round of library grants will be announced in the upcoming month of 2011. Specific details will be sent to each library and posted on the State Library website at www.library.nd.gov, at that time.

Once again, the North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops were a huge success. A mix of relevant topics, excellent discussions, and networking opportunities all contributed to the effectiveness of the workshops. In addition to the workshops, a host of technology training sessions were available for those interested in learning more about Online Library Resources.

Featured presenter Pat Wagner hosted an all-day workshop that focused on developing a strategic plan for libraries. Rebecca Chalmers facilitated a workshop about the North Dakota Humanities Council's "Dakota Discussions" book discussion program. Workshops featuring fundamental skills such as basic cataloging, reader advisory, and book repair were presented by professional staff from the North Dakota State Library.

The staff of the North Dakota State Library would like to thank all workshop attendees. We'll see you next year at the 2012 State Library Spring Workshops!

Pat Wagner, co-owner of Pattern Research, Inc., a research, consulting, and training firm, engages attendees during her Vision and Mission: Working for the Better Future *workshop.*

Summer Classes Offered for Graduate Credit

The North Dakota State Library training staff is offering classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. Classes will be in Fargo at the Fargo Public Library - Main Branch on June 13th and 14th and in Bismarck at the Bismarck State College 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 class will explore searching methods for the databases, proper source citations, and searching methods for the ODIN UFind catalog and WorldCat.org.

Credit for Effective Online Research is available for teachers and library media specialists. This class 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 or to register for Effective Online Research, please visit the Summer Classes page at http://www.library.nd.gov/training.html or call Steve Axtman or Al Peterson at 800-472-2104.

E-rate Changes for 2011

The Federal Communications Commission released new guidelines and rules for the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate." All of these changes are in effect for the 2011 E-rate Funding Year. The following is a summation of the changes.

- You can now apply for E-rate funding for fiber optics, including dark fiber (fiber optics not currently in use). Any dark fiber must be lit or turned on immediately. Any service provider can provide telecommunications or internet service over a fiber line.

- Schools may now use their E-rate resources to provide educational opportunities to their community during after-school hours. The use of these resources is at the discretion of the school and usage is limited to non-operating hours and only on campus. Schools may not charge for use of these services.

- Residential schools that service populations facing unique challenges can receive E-rate funding to support services in residential areas (dormitories) of their schools. Schools can be public or private and include Tribal schools, schools serving children with physical, cognitive, or behavioral disabilities, schools with 35% or more of their students eligible for NSLP, and juvenile justice residential schools.

- The Budget portion is no longer required.

- Technology Plans are no longer required for Priority One Services, which includes telecommunications and Internet services. Technology Plans are still required for Priority Two Services, Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections. **With Priority Two Technology Plans, four elements must be met:**

  1. The plan must establish clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services;

  2. The plan must have a professional development strategy to ensure that staff know how to use these new technologies to improve education or library services;

  3. The plan must include an assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services; and

  4. The plan must include an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

If you are interested in reading the entire report, you may access it at http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/sl/pdf/6th-Report-and-Order.pdf. If you have any questions about E-rate or would like your library to participate, please contact Al Peterson at 800-472-2104 or alpeterson@nd.gov.

Publishing Reminder

Beginning with the July 2011 issue, the *Flickertale* newsletter 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. One click will download the full-color newsletter from the State Library website.

Lunar and Planetary Institute Hosts NASA Lunar Workshop in Bismarck

In April, 25 librarians from North and South Dakota attended a NASA Space Science Workshop called "Explore! Marvel Moon." The North Dakota State Library and the South Dakota State Library collaborated with the Lunar and Planetary Institute to host the "Explore!" program at the Heritage Center in Bismarck, which was free for attendees and also included a stipend for travel expenses. The "Explore!" program consisted of hands-on space science activities designed to be used outside of a classroom setting, such as in your library.

Keliann LaConte, from the Lunar and Planetary Institute; Andrea Jones, from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; and Michelle Kirchoff, from the Southwest Research Institute enthusiastically taught attendees about the moon and how to share that knowledge with 8-13 year-olds in their communities. Topics included how the moon formed, what causes the phases of the moon, and what life on earth would be like without the moon. Participants learned how to present these lessons to children in fun, interactive ways with materials that can be easily obtained. Attendees also became certified to request samples of moon rocks from NASA.

Participants also learned about the wealth of resources available online for librarians and teachers. Resources for the "Explore! Marvel Moon" program can be found at http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/marvelMoon/ so, even if you didn't attend, you can implement the activities at your library. The Lunar and Planetary Institute's Education and Public Outreach site at http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/ has additional resources for K-12 educators which reflect national science standards. For an overview of the science covered in the workshop, please visit http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/marvelMoon/background/.

Get Ready for Summer Reading!

One World, Many Stories

Libraries throughout North Dakota are gearing up for 2011 summer reading programs. This year's themes are One World, Many Stories (children), You Are Here (teens), and Novel Destinations (adults). North Dakotans of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in programs, parties, crafts, book discussions, and, most importantly, reading at their library this summer. Governor Dalrymple has proclaimed Friday, June 3, 2011 "Summer Reading Kickoff Day @ Your Library". Many libraries throughout the state will be hosting a kickoff event on or close to June 3rd. For questions about summer reading programs in North Dakota, please contact Adam Emter, Public Awareness Coordinator at the State Library and North Dakota representative to the Collaborative Summer Library Program at 800-472-2104 or ndslpa@nd.gov.

NOVEL Destinations

YOU ARE HERE

North Dakota Librarian Elected to OCLC Global Council

Congratulations to Ann Pederson, librarian at Altru Medical Library in Grand Forks, who has been elected to the OCLC Global Council as a Member Delegate from the Americas Region. The Americas Regional Council is one of three regional councils designed to facilitate conversations and provide feedback to help shape the future direction of the library cooperative. "I look forward to serving on the Council as an advocate for our regional library communities. I will also be interested in hearing your opinions," Pederson said.

Delegates are elected for a three-year term and serve as a key strategic discussion forum and the major communication link between member libraries, Regional Councils and OCLC.

Library Director Retires

After serving 35 years as director of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, Tom Jones will retire.

Many changes have occurred during his time as director, including building expansions, increased utilization of information technology, a newly-renovated children's library, and bookmobile service to Burleigh County. Currently, the library offers computer and Internet access, eBooks, eAudiobooks, a vast collection of print materials, community meeting space, and other vital resources for the Bismarck community.

Jones was awarded the Mountain Plains Library Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1983. In 1999, he was the North Dakota Library Association's Librarian of the Year.

Kristi Harms, current director of the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison, Indiana, has been hired to replace Jones.