



The Future of E-Rate

Last week Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel spoke about the future of E-Rate and the efforts to reboot, reinvigorate and recharge E-Rate. Below are the highlights from her speech:

“Our records suggest that 80 percent of schools and libraries believe their broadband connections do not meet their current needs. Eighty percent! Those needs are only going to grow. Nationwide, in nearly two-thirds of communities, libraries are the only place people can access the Internet for free. Libraries have reported to the FCC that every year they see more and more requests to use public access computers and get online. Moreover, more and more information resources are headed to libraries in digital format, putting more pressure than ever before on bandwidth.

But if we want to keep up and make sure our libraries have the bandwidth necessary to support this opportunity, we need a revitalized E-Rate. We need E-Rate 2.0. Just like with the evolution of any operating system, we need to take the good that we have put in place, build on it, and upgrade it for the future.

Now I want to talk about the essential elements of E-Rate reform. I’ve got three: Speed, Simplify, and Spending Smart. I think this is what we need to focus on if we want to put E-Rate 2.0 in place.

First, Speed. We need to get high-capacity broadband to schools and libraries. Let me tell you what I mean by really high-speed broadband. In the near term, we want to have 100 Megabits per 1000 students to all of our schools. By the end of the decade, we want to have 1 Gigabit per 1000 students to all of our schools. Libraries need access on par with these goals—and I hope you’ll help us develop ways to measure them. As part of this effort, the FCC will need to collect better data from our E-Rate applicants about what capacity they have and what capacity they need. That way we can fine tune our efforts over time to achieve our goals.

Second, Simplify. The E-Rate program is too complicated. This is a program that can be about blazing a path for broadband in the digital age. Then why does it have such a messy paper trail? It has become too difficult and expensive for applicants to navigate our process, especially schools and libraries in low-income and rural areas that are most in need. That is just not right.

So I want us to reduce the bureaucracy associated with E-Rate. To this end, I would like to see multiyear applications. As small as that sounds, the impact could be big. If applications were due every other year, that would cut the administrative cost of applying in half.

I also would like to see more incentives for consortia in the application process. When applicants work together they can navigate the process together and benefit from more cost-effective bulk purchasing. Moreover, by encouraging consortia to include nearby schools and libraries that lack high-speed connections, we can use local forces to help bring everyone along.

Finally, Spending Smart. We need to spend our limited E-Rate dollars intelligently.

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News and Thoughts...

from State Librarian Mary J. Soucie

Last month, I wrote about the importance of advocacy at all levels from local to federal. At the beginning of May, I joined hundreds of library advocates in Washington D.C. for the American Library Association's (ALA) 40th National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). Monday was spent in all day briefings on the issues that are pertinent to libraries. ALA prepared packets of information for each delegation to give to their legislators that included a short synopsis of each issue and ALA's position on the issue. While I was the only representative from North Dakota, some states had almost 30 people at NLLD. National Library Legislative Day is always in January. I would love to have others from North Dakota join me next year in Washington D.C. to advocate for libraries. ALA also hosts a Virtual NLLD for those unable to attend in Washington D.C.

I was able to meet with the Chief of Staff from Representative Cramer's office and legislative aides from Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp's offices. I was supposed to meet with Senator Heitkamp directly but she was caught in a hearing on the Senate floor. It was very beneficial to talk with the legislator's staff members. We discussed E-Rate, LSTA funding, e-books vs. traditional books and all the different services our libraries offer patrons.

In addition to the topics mentioned above, the materials prepared by ALA also included Net Neutrality, Workforce Investment Act, Early Learning, Open Access, Privacy and Surveillance, School Libraries and general support for libraries. You can read all of the materials that were shared with our legislators at ALA's NLLD page. <http://bit.ly/1jg7b2L>

ALA has prepared a Declaration for the Right to Libraries that can be downloaded, printed out and presented to your local funding partners and state legislators. A copy was given to each of our federal legislators. If you'd like to check out the Declaration for Libraries visit <http://bit.ly/QJlsZk>.

On Wednesday, I attended the quarterly meeting of COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies). Our agenda was jam packed and we talked about a lot of different topics, some of which were mentioned above. Broadband access and connectivity was a hot topic of conversation. One of the FCC Commissioners, Jessica Rosenworcel, addressed us. She spoke about the upcoming changes to the E-Rate program and also the importance of net neutrality. You can read more about the Commissioner's remarks on the first page of this issue. Her remarks were very exciting to hear as she reiterated the importance of libraries in relation to E-Rate. She stated that libraries always have been and always will be a vital part of the E-Rate program. The FCC has a public rule making for E-Rate. They proposed changes to the program last year and received feedback from all types of folks on the changes. The next step will be to take the revised program to Congress for approval. Al Peterson from our office is closely monitoring the whole process and will work with our libraries that apply for E-Rate. I hope you will take some time to read Commissioner Rosenworcel's full remarks. She is clearly a supporter of libraries and her remarks were exciting to hear.

ALA has a whole page devoted to advocacy. There are some great resources available on the page. The page with the declaration is part of the advocacy page. Take some time to look through the resources that are available there. Consider attending the Virtual NLLD next year if you can't attend in person. You can also sign up for District Dispatch so you're up-to-date on library issues. Visit ALA's Legislative Action Center at <http://bit.ly/1jg7QkX> to sign up for the dispatch or to learn more about current issues and legislation affecting libraries.

If I can help you in any way with advocating for your library at any level please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm always happy to answer questions, make suggestions on ways to connect with your funding partners, legislators or stakeholders, and just lend a supportive ear.

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Spending smart means better accounting practices that the FCC has already identified will free up more E-Rate broadband support over the next two years.

But spending smart goes beyond that. Because on a long-term basis we need to make sure that all E-Rate support is focused on high-speed broadband. To that end, the time has come to phase down the estimated \$600 million this program now spends annually on outdated services like paging. If we reduce this expense over time we can free up more funds for high-capacity services.

Spending smart also means owning up to the fact that inflation has cut the purchasing power of this program. The E-Rate program was sized at \$2.25 billion in annual support back in 1998. No one buys Internet access in 1998 dollars anymore. So we need to fix this and at a minimum restore the purchasing power of this program by bringing back what inflation has taken away. Between when the cap was put in place and other adjustments were made in 2010 that is nearly \$1 billion.

So I've boiled E-Rate reform down to these three essentials—speed, simplicity, and spending smart. I hope libraries can help us soldier on and finish what we've started. Because this is big. And working together we can spur great things with E-Rate 2.0—and great things for the future of libraries and technology.

For the commissioners full remarks please visit: <http://bit.ly/RGfbOA>

Celebrate Batman's 75th Anniversary With FREE Event Kits

DC Comics is inviting libraries across the nation to join in and Celebrate Batman's 75th Anniversary on July 26. To help celebrate, interested libraries can request a free special events kit which includes: 75th-anniversary timeline posters, buttons, bookmarks, paper Batman masks, and temporary tattoos! Each kit contains the items in batches of 50. To order your kit, sign up via this online form. Requests must be made by June 1, 2014.

For more information, please read the information below from the DC Comics newsletter:

As the Dark Knight celebrates his 75th anniversary, DC Entertainment wants bookstores and libraries across the U.S. and Canada to join the celebration with parties and more this July! Get ready for TWO Batman Days during the San Diego Comic-Con International, the first on Wednesday, July 23, for bookstores and comic shops, and the second on Saturday, July 26, for libraries. Participating bookstores and libraries can order special event kits with the following goodies: 75th-anniversary timeline posters, buttons, bookmarks, paper Batman masks, and temporary tattoos!

To order your kit, click here! Each kit contains promotional items in batches of 50. Additionally, DC Entertainment will make a free comic available separately for order through Random House. The comic will be a special Batman Day edition of DETECTIVE COMICS #27, featuring a reimagining of Batman's 1939 comic book debut, designed by Chip Kidd with a script by New York Times #1 bestselling author Brad Meltzer!

Please note that kits are available while supplies last and on a first come, first served basis. Kit contents are subject to change.

Bookstores and libraries that would like to participate in Batman Day should order event kits as soon as possible by clicking here. The Batman 75 Day Comic 2014 can be ordered through your Random House publisher's rep using the ISBN 9781401252762. Orders must be received by June 6th.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS LOCAL SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

DEADLINE: CONTINUOUS

The Barnes & Noble Community Relations program supports pre-K-12 schools and not-for-profit arts and literacy organizations. They offer both fundraising programs and donations/sponsorships. Fundraising programs are set up at the store level and inquiries should be directed to the store manager or community relations manager. Proposals for donations or sponsorships should be submitted to the store manager or community relations manager at your local Barnes & Noble. For more information: <http://bit.ly/18uQISh>

GRANTS TO EDUCATORS (NEA FOUNDATION)

DEADLINE: JUNE 1

The National Education Association awards grants to public school educators, counselors, and support professionals to enhance teaching and learning. For More information: <http://bit.ly/17J7DeN>

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE COMMITTED AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN LIVING IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE)

DEADLINE: JUNE 3

This U.S. Department of Justice program provides funds to conduct evaluations of promising programs or initiatives managed by state, local, or tribal governments that respond effectively to violence against Indian women living in tribal communities. Eligibility is limited to: states, units of local government, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, certain qualified individuals, and agencies partnering with one or more of the aforementioned. For more information: <http://1.usa.gov/1l2aXet>

ROCKWELL COLLINS

DEADLINE: CONTINUOUS

Rockwell Collins makes charitable contributions to a variety of nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world. Their giving priorities include education with an emphasis in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and arts and culture with an emphasis on youth development. They believe that by strengthening the quality of education and providing opportunities for youth involvement and leadership, they are helping students prepare for the future. For more information: <http://bit.ly/WZ2a1x>

W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: CONTINUOUS

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation places vulnerable children and their families at the center of everything they do. They want the organizations and policies they support to surround them with integrated programs that address comprehensive needs of children, their families, and communities. They're interested in funding programs that work within a programming framework for educated kids, healthy kids, secure families, racial equity, and civic engagement. For more information: <http://bit.ly/1nsl0dK>

Whatdoyougeek?

..... Summer Reading Corner

Fizz..BOOM..Read!

Summer Reading Kickoff:

As many libraries begin your summer reading kickoff events, please share with the State Library any snap shots you take of your event! You can email them to ndslpa@nd.gov

Summer Reading PSA

If you are interested in downloading a PSA please visit: <http://www.library.nd.gov/summerreading.html>

CSLP Update By Sarah Matusz

In April, I attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program <http://cslpreads.org/> (CSLP) annual meeting as the state representative for North Dakota. CSLP is “a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.” CSLP is the organization that produces the summer reading manual. In North Dakota, the North Dakota Library Association pays the dues for all public libraries to be members. The State Library supports my time devoted to summer reading, travel to the national meeting and purchases one summer reading manual for each public library. Member libraries work together to produce the manual, so if you’d like to participate in the development of the manual, please contact me at smatusz@nd.gov.

At the annual meeting, the state representatives vote on the themes, slogans, and artists for future programs based on feedback from the librarians in their states. If you have suggestions for what you’d like to see, please contact me at smatusz@nd.gov.

2015 theme: Heroes

Children’s slogan: Every Hero Has a Story

Artist: Jarrett Krosoczka

Teen slogan: Unmask!

Artist: Hope Larson

Adult slogan: Escape the Ordinary

2016 theme: Fitness/Wellness

Children’s slogan: On Your Mark, Get Set, Read

Teen slogan: Get in the Game – Read

Adult slogan: Exercise Your Mind – Read

2017 theme: Build a Better World

Slogans: will be chosen in 2015

This year, CSLP has partnered with several other organizations with similar missions. Here are just a few:

- Bedtime Math’s mission is “to make nightly math as common and beloved as the bedtime story,” which makes it a perfect partnership for a summer reading program! <http://bedtimemath.org/>.
- The Lunar and Planetary Institute provides free, step-by-step guides for hosting hands-on STEM programming in your library. Visit <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/> to access the lesson plans.
- Movie Licensing USA provides licenses so you can show movies in your library. You can get a yearly license or a one-time license. Check out <http://library.movlic.com/summer> for science-related movie and craft ideas.
- Wordsworth Publishing Group publishes Fit4Fun Readers. They will be giving away one million copies of their special Summer Edition to CSLP member libraries, so request yours soon at <http://bit.ly/1IyLlkr>

For more resources please check out Field Notes: <http://bit.ly/1mV7Au1>



2014 Summer Class for 1 graduate credit:

Do you need graduate credits for your library or teaching credentials?

The North Dakota State Library is offering a summer class for one graduate credit on June 9 & 10, 2014. The class is 15 hours long and lasts two days. It will be held at the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck. Although it is not required, please feel free to bring a laptop or tablet as the classroom has access to a wireless (Wi-Fi) local network.

Description:

Critically Thinking Your Research

Thinking critically gives students more control in this age of spin. The Common Core standards ask students to apply reading comprehension, evaluation and critical thinking skills to research. This course will focus on finding and evaluating reliable sources for student research. We will explore and compare searching the Internet and searching the library subscription databases. We will discuss source citations, information types, and plagiarism. Critically Thinking Your Research will have a practical application to your classroom instruction.

Note: The content for the 2014 class has been revised, so feel free to register, even if you have previously taken the North Dakota State Library summer course.

- Credit is available for Library Media Specialists from VCSU
- Credit for the summer class is available for teachers from MSU, NDSU, and UND
- The cost for the credit is \$50.00 (payable to the university granting the credit)
- The class can also be taken for no credit, free of charge.

For more information, please contact visit <http://l.usa.gov/lcQLi6l> or contact Steve at 1-800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CHOICES

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will be connected to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions. You can find more webinars and training opportunities on our Facebook page under the events tab! <http://on.fb.me/1gcp68H>

Access to eBooks: Challenges Facing Libraries & Publishers (Minitex)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1suJbuv>

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

The barriers to providing access to eBook collections varies by type of library, and is driven, at least in part, by a tension between the practices of publishers designed to increase sales and the desire of libraries to provide access to content of high interest. Additionally, companies use digital rights management (DRM) to restrict certain book formats to work with specific devices, forcing libraries to purchase a single title in multiple formats. This session will explore the challenges facing academic, public and K-12 libraries. Participants will emerge with a deeper understanding of the shared barriers to increasing cost-effective access to eBooks.

Transforming Library Space for Community Engagement (WebJunction)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1uK5bU0>

Thursday, May 22, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 PM CT

As libraries expand their focus from collections to creation, physical spaces are being transformed in ways that enhance community engagement in the digital age. Rethink how your library's space might be configured to better enable your patrons to interact with technology and with each other. We'll look at a variety of projects, ranging from larger room renovations to smaller libraries with modest space.

Using the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) to Locate Government Information (Minitex)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1fUBw6p>

Wednesday, June 04, 2014, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

Digital Public Library of America brings together the rich collections of America's libraries, archives, and museums. You may not realize that government information is searchable in DPLA. Attend this webinar to learn how to locate government information. Sarah Huber, a DPLA Community Rep, will highlight how to effectively search the DPLA.

eBooks in Libraries: Consortia Models (Minitex)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1mIsRqQ>

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

Academic, public and K-12 libraries provide access to electronic content on behalf of patrons. Unique licensing agreements and purchasing models reflect the particular needs of the library type, yet there are concerns that resonate with all and may be addressed in a consortia agreement. This session will provide an overview of the most common business models used by a consortium.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

Summer SUMMIT

Coming August 2014

On Tap

The Summer Summit is a regional networking and development opportunity for library administrators and board members. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet with your fellow library leaders and discuss the issues that matter most to you. This year's Summit will consist of table talks on a host of topics, including: marketing, social media, emerging technology, programming, library standards, E-Rate changes, and whatever else you wish to bring to the table! Field Services and other State Library staff will be on hand to facilitate, support, and document these engaging conversations.

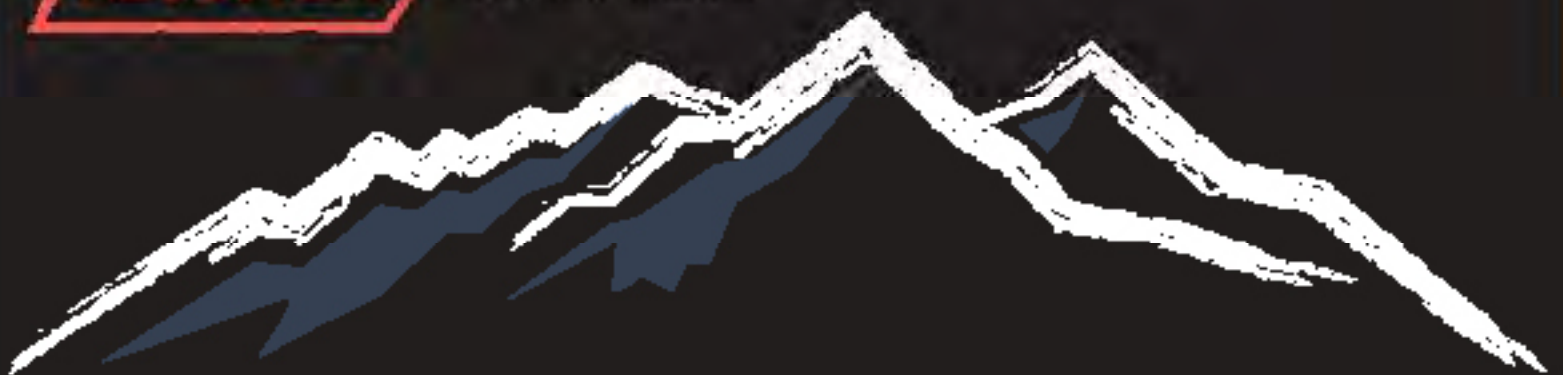
Locations

August 6: Dickinson
August 7: Minot
August 8: Jamestown (Alfred Dickey)

August 12: Grand Forks
August 13: West Fargo
August 15: Bismarck (State Library)

REGISTER

<http://bit.ly/1ouQdNu>



North Dakota Library Tidbits

- New library director of the Hebron Public Library: Kim Frazier. Jean Pascual resigned her position in early April after three years of dedicated service, which included overseeing the library's move to its expanded Main Street location.
- The Mohall Public Library Book Club that started its monthly meetings last September with just two members has grown to a dozen-strong.
- The Fargo Public Library hosts a monthly book reading for adults called Blue Plate Special. It features guest readers or library employees entertaining attendees with gripping tales of suspense and rollicking comedies for approximately a half hour. April's session featured a puppet show adapted from Edgar Allen Poe's "Some Words from a Mummy."
- On April 24th, Hankinson Public Library held a story hour graduation pageant for pre-school children replete with diplomas and ceremonial animal headbands.
- The Bismarck Public Library and the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation teamed up to celebrate National Library Week through a series of interpretive programs. The sessions included a pre-school story time, the "Who Wants to be a Fur Trader" game, and a Hidatsa cooking demonstration for adults.
- The Minot Public Library hosted their annual Grandparents Tea during National Library Week. Pre-school children and their grandparents were regaled by stories, puppets, and treats.
- The Bernice Ferguson Community Library (in Michigan, ND) recently expanded into the adjoining room in the Michigan Mall. They also painted and added new carpet. Now that their renovation is complete, they're once again accepting book donations.
- The Grand Forks Public Library participated in International Tabletop Day last month—the only library in North Dakota to do so. International Tabletop Day is a celebration of tabletop gaming, spending time together, and having fun.
- Jon Henry Phelps left a memorial donation of \$40,000 to the Divide County Public Library. Phelps was born in Crosby in 1918; his father was the superintendent of Divide County schools and his mother was a librarian. Library Director Traci Lund said the money will be used to enhance the adult section with a new fireplace and area rugs and add signage to assist patrons.
- The Cavalier County Library recently received a generous donation of \$2,500 from local farmer Jason Schill. The funding, which is through America's Farmers Grow Communities, will help the library purchase a color printer/scanner, cordless barcode scanner and a receipt printer.
- The Carrington City Library received a Community Endowment Grant of \$1,000 to purchase e-readers and to fund instructors of community computer classes.
- Sherryl Lefor is spearheading a book donation drive to help restore the Trinity High School library's collection which was catastrophically depleted by an act of arson. If you're interested in helping, you can contact her at 701-290-1591.
- Congratulations to Stephanie Baltzer Kom from the North Dakota State Library, who was just accepted into the 2nd round of DPLA Community Representatives!

Library Snap Shots



Cake Decorating at West Fargo Public Library



Lego Club at Dickinson Public Library



Bird Watching at Carnegie Regional Library



Cavalier County Library Celebrated National Library Week



Egg Hunt at Hazen Public Library



Story & Craft at Lakota City Library



Relaxing at McVille Community Library



Youth Art Show at Bowman Regional Public Library



Photobooth fun at Leach Public Library



Go Green Night at Minot Public Library



Patron Puppet Show at Valley City Barnes County Public Library



Book Club at Hankinson Public Library

Online Library Resource Corner: Zinio

Zinio is an e-magazine service that offers full color digital magazines. Access these popular magazines from numerous publishers via computers, tablets, or smart phones. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. The North Dakota State Library's Zinio collection of 99 magazines covers news, sports, entertainment, travel, fashion, art, and more. Use your public library card to setup an account and download digital magazines. Here's a link to the ND Zinio titles: <http://bit.ly/18IAoo5>

Contact us if you have questions: statelib@nd.gov

Zinio Promotional Materials Available at:

<http://www.library.nd.gov/guides.html>

New North Dakota Kids Book

Patricia MacLachlan, author of *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, has a new book set in North Dakota – **Fly Away**.

Publisher description: Everyone in Lucy's family sings. Opera. Rap. Lullabies. Everyone, except Lucy. Lucy can't sing; her voice just won't come out.

Just like singing, helping Aunt Frankie prepare for flooding season is a family tradition—even if Frankie doesn't want the help. And this year, when the flood arrives, danger finds its way into the heart of Lucy's family, and Lucy will need to find her voice to save her brother.

Fly Away is for ages 7+ and has already received starred reviews from *Publisher's Weekly* and *Kirkus*. Both reviews, along with *School Library Journal's*, can be read at the Barnes & Noble listing.

MacLachlan grew up in Massachusetts, but her father, Philo Pritzkau, is from the Napoleon area.

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