

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY FLICKERTALE

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2015 has been a great year for the Digital Initiatives Department. They have been working really hard to expand the information available on the Digital Horizons Website - digitalhorizonsonline.org. You may have caught the Digital Horizons presentation at the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) Conference. They gathered hundreds of pictures and documents from the nine Scan Days hosted around the state. There have been a number of questions about the department and Scan Days, so we are here to answer them!

Q: What is a Scan Day?

A: Scan Day is an event hosted in communities around the state, where state library employees bring scanning and photography equipment to a community and scan local or state historical photographs and documents. Patrons can bring in photos, documents, artwork, objects, etc. We scan or photograph the items and give the patron a digital copy of their items.

Q: What happens to the pictures/documents collected after a Scan Day?

A: The Digital Initiatives Department works to sort through the documents taken at the Scan Day. Not all items scanned will be entered onto the website, but they will be scanned for the patron for their personal use. After sorting is complete, the department works to catalog the information and enters them onto the website!

Q: Where can we find the items from Scan Days on the website?

A: All items from Scan Day events are part of the North Dakota Memories Collection - <http://bit.ly/1yAmsIL>

Q: What is the responsibility of a library hosting a Scan Day?

A: The responsibility of the library is to provide a space for us to set up our equipment. Marketing materials will be provided by the State Library. The library is responsible for distributing the marketing materials and answering patrons' questions about the event!

Thank you to: Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Heart of America Library (Rugby), Underwood Public Library, Harvey Public Library, Eddy-New Rockford Public Library, and Griggs County Public Library for hosting Scan Day events at your library in 2015. If your library is interested in participating in a Scan Day Event in 2016, please contact Stephanie Baltzer Kom at 701-328-4629 or sbaltzer@nd.gov

If you missed the NDLA presentation, look for another presentation at NDSL Spring Workshops in April, 2016.



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News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

I have decided that my December Flickertale article will be an annual look back at the things that I am thankful for throughout the year. This year, we have a lot to be thankful for.

This was my first legislative session and I learned so much about the process. Staff told me it's the busiest session we've ever had. Since tax reform was one of the agenda items, we went to many hearings on bills that had a chance to impact libraries. We were pleased that the language regarding library levies was not changed at all.

We were thankful for all of the assistance that the NDLA Legislative Committee provided us in getting the word out about bills and other session news. We appreciate each person that took time to write letters of support when we asked for them.

The Governor's Executive Budget included our budget as we had submitted it. State Aid for Public Libraries was increased to being fully funded for the first time since its inception and we received additional monies for grants to public libraries for renovation and repairs.

We are thankful that we were able to introduce ILEAD USA successfully. We had three teams participate in this innovative leadership initiative and we were grateful for their trust, the gift of their time and their willingness to fully immerse themselves in the process. We had two team members from Minnesota and one from South Dakota and we appreciated the opportunity to build a stronger partnership with those states.

We were invited to partner with Library Strategies from Minnesota on L3: Library and Literacy Leadership Institute. L3 brings librarians together with members of the literacy community. Each team identifies a project for their library. The in-person sessions focus on a variety of topics to help the attendees successfully complete

their projects, as well as to build capacity and infrastructure for their organizations. I've been able to attend at least a portion of the two institutes so far and have been impressed with the quality of the breakout sessions and the information that is being shared. I look forward to seeing the complete projects for each of our libraries.

Our Public Awareness Coordinator, Kristin Byram, introduced the "Librarian for the Day" program earlier this year. I have visited a number of libraries as part of that program. It has been really helpful to me to spend time at various libraries throughout the state. I am thankful to each of the libraries that have invited me and look forward to continuing the project next year. If you'd like to have me visit your library, please contact Kristin to schedule a visit.

Our Digitization Librarian, Stephanie Baltzer Kom, introduced Scan Days this year. She has been to half a dozen libraries and has collected some really neat images to add to our Digital Horizons collection. Patrons that attend a Scan Day are given copies of the digital images on a flashdrive. If you'd like to have a Scan Day at your public library, please contact Stephanie for more information.

Last but certainly not least, I am grateful for our NDSL staff. They are very dedicated to customer service. The staff works very hard to meet the needs of those we serve. They have introduced new programs and services this year in an effort to better serve our library community and our patrons. They are always willing to pitch in and help each other also. I am truly thankful to be working in a state that is full of dedicated librarians and library staff and look forward to seeing what our next year together brings. I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

POINTS OF VIEW REFERENCE CENTER

Points of View Reference Center presents the pros and cons of today's social and often controversial issues. Designed for high school, academic, and public libraries, it contains hundreds of topics and is updated daily. Each topic presents an overview, point and counterpoint essay, bibliographical references, and a guide to critical analysis. Every topic search also generates links to related information from newspapers, magazines, academic journals, reference books, and primary documents.

Every article is cited in several formats including MLA, APA, and Chicago. Each citation also includes the article's Lexile reading level. Students will like the integrated screen reader, which lets you choose an American, Australian, or British accent.

High school and undergraduate students can use Points of View for social studies, speech, debate, or developing arguments or position papers. This resource can help students develop critical thinking and information literacy skills.



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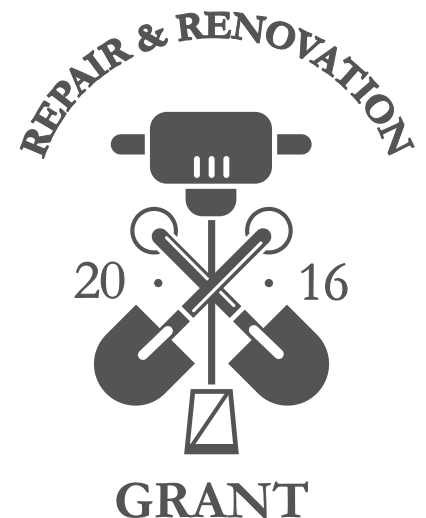


RENOVATION AND REPAIR GRANTS

The Renovation and Repair Grant for public libraries is open until March 31, 2016. Please visit the North Dakota State Library's website to view the guidelines and the scoring rubric. Please take time to read through the guidelines before you complete the grant. The guidelines and rubric can be found at: <http://library.nd.gov/grants.html>.

Grants will be submitted through Counting Opinions. Your library has a login and password for Counting Opinions. Please contact the Administration Office at ndsladm@nd.gov or via phone at (701) 328-2492 if you need assistance with your login and password. You can access Counting Opinions at <http://nd.countingopinions.com>.

Please contact your Library Development Specialist or Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt if you have questions about the grant. Cynthia can be reached at 1-800-472-2104 or ccclairmont@nd.gov.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!



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2016 SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS

Join your colleagues to discuss ideas and start planning your 2016 Summer Reading Program! The 2016 Summer Reading Workshops will be held in the following locations:

Wednesday, February 17	Bismarck	North Dakota State Library
Thursday, February 18	Minot	Minot Public Library
Friday, February 19	Dickinson	Dickinson Area Public Library
Wednesday, February 24	Grand Forks	Grand Forks Public Library
Thursday, February 25	West Fargo	West Fargo Public Library
Friday, February 26	Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Public Library

There is no charge to attend the Summer Reading Workshops. Each workshop will run from 10am-4pm with a break for lunch, which will be on your own. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/1ISjhSV>.



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SUMMER READING TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

Encourage your teens to participate in the 2016 Teen Video Challenge! Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their interpretation of the 2016 teen summer reading slogan "Get in the Game-Read." The creators of the winning video will be awarded \$150 and their associated public library will receive prizes worth at least \$50 from CSLP, Upstart, and CSLP partners. For full details about the 2016 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter, please visit <http://library.nd.gov/videocontest.html>

..... **FREE TRAINING WEBINARS**

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect 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/1xOGaLB>

Freegal Suite (NDSL)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1Xycdw7>

Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

The Freegal (free and legal) suite includes: Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, Freeding (downloadable ebooks), and Rocket Languages. Each library card holder is limited to certain number of downloads per week. Users must login with a recognized personal library card number and password. This webinar will navigate each module, view site features and content, and discuss logins, accounts, and apps.

Searching Google (NDSL)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1jyms0F>

Wednesday, December 23, 2015, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

Google is the world's most popular search engine. The term "Google" is now often used as a verb, synonymous with "search." This webinar will navigate the Google interface, search the Web using Google searching methods, and discuss how to setup a Google account to access all the free Google services.

Zinio (NDSL)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1I7ADeZ>

Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 10:30-11:30 AM CT

Access over 150 popular full color e-magazines with any smart device or computer. There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Learn how to connect, browse, create an account, and add magazines to your personal collection.

Tutor ND (NDSL)

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

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 3:30-4:30 PM CT

TutorND offers free online K-college tutoring for all ND residents. Get live, one-to-one help from carefully screened professional tutors in major academic subjects like math, science, social studies, and English. Get help with writing and grammar or boost your career with resume and job search assistance. TutorND can be accessed from any device with an Internet access. This webinar is an overview of TutorND.

**Enhancing Your Library's Web Presence
with WordPress (WebJuction)**

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2016, 2:00-3:00 PM CT

WordPress makes it easy for libraries of any size or budget to have a user-friendly web presence. Whether your library's website needs to be refreshed or rebuilt, this webinar will provide practical steps for creating, maintaining, and enhancing your website without technical expertise. Learn how the right WordPress template and plugins can help you provide your community with an informative and nimble website, 24/7.

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.



Registration is open for the 4th annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference! This is a virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System in Wisconsin, but it is open to all libraries in any state. Thanks to the support of various Wisconsin library systems, all sessions are free to attend. Sessions will be held January 20-21, and if you can't attend at the scheduled time, you can still register to receive the recordings. There are sessions on youth services, customer service, library leadership, and, of particular interest to many North Dakota libraries, small and rural libraries. Check out the programs to see if your library would benefit from attending!

HUMANITIES COUNCIL GRANT OPPORTUNITY



In 2016, the North Dakota Humanities Council (NDHC) will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize Foundation. In addition to council run programming, we are inviting community partners and nonprofits to submit grant applications to the NDHC for projects highlighting Pulitzer Prize winners. Grants taking part in this special initiative will receive funding preference from the NDHC in 2016. All projects seeking funding should deepen and inspire the public's engagement with and understanding of the value of great literature, history, music, drama, and journalism.

The NDHC is seeking projects that fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

1. inspire new generations to be interested in pursuing letters or journalism
2. broaden audiences for high-caliber writing or journalism such as that exemplified by Pulitzer winners
3. use Pulitzer Prize-winning materials and writers in imaginative ways
4. foster news literacy ("Why News Matters," a grant making program of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, defines news literacy as the ability to use critical thinking skills to judge the reliability and credibility of news reports and information sources.)

For more information visit www.ndhumanities.org.

Be sure to check out www.gamechangernd.com to see the lineup of six Pulitzer Prize winners and finalists slated to appear in Bismarck on September 24, 2016. The event will also be live streamed and viewing parties are encouraged.

PULITZER PRIZE

EDITION CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
IN HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND JOURNALISM



2016

DATABASE TRAINING AT YOUR SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS

The North Dakota State Library offers FREE in-classroom training for students and workshops for teachers on accessing and using the databases for research.

Students can find reliable, grade-specific, 24/7 information on a wide range of subjects with the databases. Trainings are adapted to fit class schedules and multiple sessions can be presented on the same day.

Teacher trainings can be scheduled during an in-service day or as an after school workshop. Databases include teacher tools, citation styles, and content that is aligned to Common Core State Standards.

For more information or to schedule a training session, contact Steve Axtman at the North Dakota State Library: 1-800-472-2104 or saxtman@nd.gov



NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- By the book : writers on literature and the literary life from the New York Times Book Review
- Bookmarked : reading my way from Hollywood to Brooklyn
- Poets for young adults : their lives and works
- American pulp : how paperbacks brought modernism to Main Street
- The food section : newspaper women and the culinary community
- Letter to a future lover : marginalia, errata, secrets, inscriptions, and other ephemera found in libraries
- Making the most of your library career
- Book banning in 21st-century America
- Making the library accessible for all : a practical guide for librarians
- Going beyond loaning books to loaning technologies : a practical guide for librarians
- Bullies and mean girls in popular culture
- Freedom of expression and the Internet
- Seed libraries : and other means of keeping seeds in the hands of the people
- Mentoring A to Z (Library-specific)
- The weeding handbook : a shelf-by-shelf guide (Dewey-based)

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEA BIG READ GRANTS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 27

NEA Big Read supports organizations across the country in developing community-wide programs that encourage reading by inspiring their community to read and discuss a book. Eligible organizations may apply for a grant ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and can be used for expenses, including book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, promotion, and venue rental. A 1:1 match with nonfederal funds is required.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://bit.ly/100Ue0X>

SPARKS! IGNITION GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15

These grants are meant to encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. Successful proposals will address problems, challenges, or needs of broad relevance to libraries and/or archives.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://1.usa.gov/1NGaKxp>

YALSA/BEST BUY TEEN TECH WEEK MINI GRANT

DEADLINE: JANUARY 1

This grant is designed to support digital literacy programming for and with underserved or marginalized teens during Teen Tech Week (March 6-12, 2016). The applicant must plan and present an outline that is coordinated by a library. YALSA encourages innovative proposals that help teens gain skills in using digital media, whether to help with school work, explore personal interests, or prepare for careers. Made possible by Best Buy, this \$1,000 grant is to be used to support the activity. This grant is only open to YALSA members.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://bit.ly/21OQGig>

LRNG INNOVATORS CHALLENGE

DEADLINE: JANUARY 13

The LRNG Innovators Challenge supports educators to work together to develop new practices, arrangements, curricula, and/or projects that have, at their core, principles of Connected Learning – interest-driven, production-centered, peer-supported work by young people. Teams of educators, including librarians, youth workers, mentors, museum educators, teaching artists, etc., are eligible for a grant of \$20,000.

To find out more information <http://bit.ly/1R9XRhm>

REIMAN FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: ONGOING

The Reiman Foundation provides support to non-profit, charitable, and civic initiatives across the United States, particularly those involved in health care, education, the arts, and children's initiatives.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at <http://bit.ly/1t2C006>

If you have applied for a grant you found in The Flickertale and received it, please let us know!

LIBRARIAN FOR THE DAY

Submitted by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

In October, I visited the Mott Public Library. Library Director Carol, welcomed me to the facility and gave me a tour of the building. The library has a wonderful mural in the children's section and Carol explained the history of the mural. We visited about social media, policies, budgeting, and the relationship between the library director and then library board. Carol introduced me to many patrons and several board members. The patrons and I chatted about books, a favorite pastime of mine. Carol and I also talked about space utilization and allocation and requirements of ADA. Meeting ADA is always a challenge in such a small space. The library is very warm and welcoming as is the library staff. I enjoyed visiting with Carol and the patrons of the Mott Public Library.



Carol Kunnerup & Mary Soucie



Jim Chattin & Mary Soucie

In November, Library Development Manager Eric Stroshane and I visited the Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake. After a warm greeting from Library Director Jim and an introduction to the staff, Eric and I toured the building. Lake Region Public Library has a beautiful fireplace and several comfy seating areas throughout the building. I could easily imagine curling up with a good book in several spots in the library. After our tour, we visited with Jim about library programming and his impending retirement in November, 2016. Eric and I met with the Library Director Search Committee to discuss their process, the needs of the library, and qualifications of a new director. We were both impressed by the very thoughtful process the board

is undertaking to hire a new library director. After our meeting with the board and a lovely dinner, Eric taught a class on the Freegal suite. The class was attended by the library staff and a few members of the public. Lots of great questions were asked.

One of the things I love most about our Librarian for the Day project is visiting various libraries throughout the state and learning about all the wonderful services and programs being offered. I enjoy meeting patrons and talking about books or visiting with library staff about a variety of topics. What I appreciate the most, though, is that each visit is as unique as the library I'm visiting. If you'd like to have me visit your library for a day, please contact Kristin Byram at kbyram@nd.gov.

WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS

Check out the North Dakota State Library Calendar for listings of **FREE WEBINARS**: <http://bit.ly/1PoPLkE>

Just click on the webinar name to register online. Shortly after you have registered you will receive an email with the webinar link.

Webinars last 45-60 minutes and are offered twice a day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM Central Time. In order to hear the webinar, use a headset or computer speakers. You can also use the chat feature to ask questions if you do not have a microphone.

We can also customize a special webinar for you, if the topics, dates, or times do not work for you. If you have any questions, contact me:



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23rd
Annual Writing
CONTEST

2015 - 2016

Letters About Literature

Read.

Be inspired.

Write Back.

A Library of Congress National Reading
and Writing Promotion Program

The 23rd annual writing contest for young readers is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries and other organizations.

Competition
Levels:

- Level 1 Grades 4 - 6
- Level 2 Grades 7 - 8
- Level 3 Grades 9 - 12

THEME

How did an author's work change your view of the world or yourself?

How to Enter

READ

Select a fiction or nonfiction book, a poem or play you have read and about which you have strong feelings. (Sorry, no song lyrics!) It might be a book that helped you through a difficult time or it might be a book that simply touched your heart or inspired you.

REFLECT

Think before you write. How did this author's work change you or your view of the world? How do you know it did? How and why are you different now than you were before you read this work?

Persuade

Write a personal letter to the author, stating how reading his or her work changed you. Be personal but also persuasive! Support your ideas with specific details, including details from the work itself. This is not a fan letter but rather a reflection on how an author influenced you.

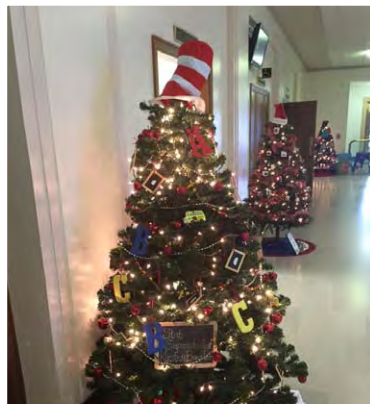
WRITE

Type your entry in letter format – do not send handwritten letters. Your name and complete return address (either school or home) must appear in the upper right corner of the first page of the letter.

SEND

Mail your letter with the required entry coupon by the deadline date.

Need some tips to get started? Not sure how to write a personal letter? Visit read.gov/letters to read winning letters from past competitions and to access the Letters About Literature Teaching Guide.



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Lakota City Library

'TIS THE SEASON



Bowman Regional Public Library



Walhalla Public Library



Leach Public Library

The Giving Tree

The Bowman Regional Library has set up a "Giving Tree." The tree helps those in need in the Bowman Slope Community. Patrons take an angel off the tree, purchase the gift on the tag, and return the gift with the tag attached to the library!



Grinchmas

The Dickinson Area Public Library did a fun spin on the classic holiday party. See more pictures from the event here:
<http://on.fb.me/1M7jzok>



North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Leach Public Library held a Chocolate Chocolate Day/Night which made \$3,200.
- Underwood Public Library held a Hunger Games movie trivia and archery night.
- Mayville Public Library received donations from the American Crystal Sugar Company, the Goose River Bank, and Miller's Fresh Foods for their upcoming windows project. The library also received a donation from the Hometown Inn.
- Walhalla Public Library received a \$500 donation from the Bartlette Resler Post #62 which will go toward renovating their community room.
- Harry L. Petrie Public Library hosted and co-sponsored "A Walk in the Woods" art exhibit.
- Cavalier County Library received a grant of \$1,400 worth of new hardcover children's books from the Libri Foundation.
- Maddock Community Library, along with the Theo. A. Togstad American Legion Post 123, hosted North Dakota author Merry Helm for a presentation on decorated men from the Dakotas who served in the Korean Conflict.
- Carrington City Library received \$500 in proceeds from the "Night Out in Carrington" dinner and dance held on October 18. The "North Dakota Flickertail Series" will be purchased with these funds.
- Ward County Public Library has moved to a new location.
- Casselton Public Library waived fines for people who brought in non-perishable food items in November.
- Leach Public Library received a \$500 donation from the Women's Literary Club to go toward a library statue.
- Parshall Public Library received a \$1,000 grant from the Parshall Area Community Foundation. This grant will go toward the purchase of new books.
- Grand Forks Public Library Food Drive Cans for Fines. For every nonperishable food item donated, the library took \$2 off patrons' overdue fines.
- Casselton Public Library initiated a "Buy-a-Book for the Community Tree," where members of the community pick a tag that has been labeled with a book title the library would like to add to the collection.
- Kindred Public Library co-sponsored the second annual Kindred City Holiday Decoration contest.
- Forman City Library held their annual Bake Sale.
- Cavalier Public Library received funds from a Thrivent member to purchase a new 50 inch flat screen TV to hold movie nights.
- A Digital Scan Day was held at Griggs County Public Library on November 12, facilitated with staff and equipment from the State Library.
- Fargo Public Library will soon be launching a new Integrated Library System, Koha.
- Griggs County Library added over \$700 worth of books and prizes for the Summer Reading Program through their annual book fair.
- Garrison Public Library was awarded \$5000 from the NDLC for the 2020 Nonfiction Collection Development Grant. They also received a donation from Garrison State Bank & Trust through Wayne D. Stoupe Estate for \$2000 and \$500 from Great River Energy.

DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Barnes County Historical Society

This picture is from the Barnes County Historical Society. It's a view of a railroad snowplow engine cutting through a large snowdrift. There are people dressed in winter coats and hats on top of the snow drift on the left. The train engine is on the right blowing smoke and snow. Find it online: <http://bit.ly/1TD76nZ>

Credit Line: Barnes County Historical Society (BC 11-4 -1)

Check out the Digital Horizons new logo on the website at <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/> —see how many digital North Dakota gems you can find!

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“subscribe” or “unsubscribe” requests to ndslpa@nd.gov.

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