

LibYAC HAS BEEN BORN

The North Dakota State Library understands that networking opportunities are key to running a successful summer reading program. As a result of this need, we have set up a listserv for networking opportunities. We have affectionately name it LibYAC - Library Youth and Children listserv.

All public libraries who have asked for the summer reading manual have been added to the listserv. We realize that some other libraries may benefit from the conversations and want to join.

In order to send something through the Listserv, e-mail ndsl-libyac@nd.gov.

We would be delighted to add your library to this list or answer any questions. Contact Carmen Redding at credding@nd.gov or 701-328-4676.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 19** = [Assessment Made Simple webinar](#)
- April 21-28** = [Money Smart Week](#)
- April 22-28** = [Preservation Week](#)
- April 23-24** = [NDSL Renewal & Development Conference](#)
- April 30** = [Children's Day/Book Day](#)
- May 1-7** = [Choose Privacy Week](#)
- May 7-8** = [National Library Legislative Day](#)
- May 7-8** = [Virtual Library Legislative Day](#)
- May 24** = [YA Summer Reads webinar](#)
- June 1-30** = [GLBT Book Month](#)
- June 1** = [Summer Reading Celebration](#)
- June 28-29** = [Research Methods Class](#)

UPDATE ON KITS

Starting July 1, libraries will be responsible for return postage on ALL kits (including STEM kits like littleBits). Schools and libraries can request kits through [KitKeeper](#).

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Assistant State Librarian Cindy Clairmont Schmidt and I recently had the opportunity to attend a gathering of folks from the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches that was convened by Governor Burgum. It was a great meeting with lots of information sharing and we are happy to have been able to attend. I had an opportunity to speak with Governor Burgum and with Jodee, Chief Operating Officer in the Governor's office, about two of the governor's strategic initiatives that I believe libraries can play a significant role in advancing, namely the Main Street and Recovery Initiatives. Jodee has connected me with the people coordinating both of those initiatives and we'll be following up with them to discuss the role that libraries can play in each one.

The Main Street Initiative (MSI) is built on the three pillars of economic success, which are a skilled workforce, smart, efficient infrastructure, and healthy, vibrant communities. We know that libraries are providing services and programs that support each of these pillars and we are in the process of creating a list that we are aware of. We would love for the ND library community to reach out to us and share with us how your library is tied into each of these pillars so that we make sure we are sharing the right stories. The MSI has three suggested books for people to read; you may want to add these to your collection. They are *The Great Inversion* by Alan Ehrenhalt, *Walkable City* by Jeff Speck, and *The End of the Suburbs* by Leigh Gallagher. We currently have 2 copies in state of the first book and 3 each of the other two. NDSL will be adding these titles to our collection so they will be available to patrons through ILL but we do suggest that you add them to yours if you have the budget to do so. You can learn more about MSI at <https://www.mainstreetnd.com/>.

The Recovery Reinvented Initiative aims to take the stigma out of addiction for North Dakotans. The focus is on prevention and recovery. Libraries can play a key role in prevention by providing a place in the community for people to connect to others and opportunities for people to participate in a variety of activities. Libraries contribute to the health of a community in many ways. We are also the resource that people look to for credible information and assistance with finding resources. Take a look at your collection and see if you need to add titles about addiction, recovery, and prevention. Look at the programs you're offering to make sure there are opportunities for all ages. Increase your social media presence to spread the word about your programs and services and to connect to your patrons and non-users in a different way. You can find more information about Recovery Reinvented at <https://recoveryreinvented.com/>.

We will keep you posted as we continue these conversations about these two initiatives. Governor Burgum's other three strategic initiatives are Tribal Partnerships, Transforming Education, and Reinventing State Government. Libraries certainly play a role in the other initiatives, especially school and tribal librarians. Take some time to read up on the five strategic initiatives.

If you have ideas on how libraries fit into any of them, please reach out to me at msoucie@nd.gov or (701)328-4654. More information on the strategic initiatives is available at <https://www.governor.nd.gov/five-strategic-initiatives-north-dakota>.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

UNIVERSAL CLASS








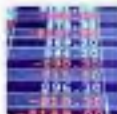










This continuing education database is a product for the company Recorded Books. In this database you can take a variety of courses on subject areas for students, ones that could help with discovering a hobby, or ones that can teach skills to further a career.

Each class will give you how long it will take to finish, how many lessons & exams there are, and how many CEUs (continuing education units) the course is worth. If you pass the course, you will receive a certificate that can be used to prove how many CEUs you have earned. You also have the option to take most of these courses without having assignments and exams.

Each course is different, so make sure you read the entire course page before you sign up. If you sign up for a course and decide you don't like it, then you can just unenroll yourself. There is no monetary commitment on your end, just a commitment of time.

If you have any questions, please email ndsltrain@nd.gov.

I Want to Take a Class in...

 Accounting Over 30 online courses	 Alternative Medicine Over 40 online courses	 Crafts & Hobbies Over 70 online courses
 Business Over 100 online courses	 Career Training Over 100 online courses	 Computer Training Over 50 online courses
 Entrepreneurship Over 100 online courses	 Finance Over 45 online courses	 General Education Over 90 online courses
 Health & Medicine Over 45 online courses	 History Over 30 online courses	 Homeschooling Over 45 online courses
 How To / Do it Yourself Over 55 online courses	 Language Arts Over 35 online courses	 Law/Legal/Criminal Over 25 online courses
 Mathematics Over 10 online courses	 Office Skills Over 50 online courses	 Parenting and Family Over 45 online courses

**RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT
BAYMONT INN AND SUITES
MANDAN, ND
APRIL 23-24, 2018**

The program is available:
<http://bit.ly/2HaXlJE>

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS:

CALL TO ACTION

Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

State Librarian Mary Soucie will lead a discussion on advocacy. She will define advocacy, discuss informal and formal advocacy activities, and provide concrete ideas for attendees to become advocates for their library and for the larger library community. Please come prepared to share examples of your own personal advocacy, questions you have about being an advocate, and a willingness to commit to at least one new advocacy activity.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ITS CHALLENGES

Deborah Jendro, Parent Coordinator for ND Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Through this presentation, one will learn about mental health and the challenges that can arise through all stages of life. Participants will also gain knowledge of the more common mental health disorders and focus on the indicators of someone in distress. We will also come to know the importance of being a compassionate guide for someone experiencing a mental health crisis and the skills needed to attend to their despondency.

SECOND DAY:

Breakout sessions the second day will include: public and school safety, how to hold a comic con in your library, AASL Standards examined, how to utilize Google Expedition kits, NASA programming at your library, how to do a break-in-box program, an overview of the uCodeGirl organization, and more.

GRADUATE CREDIT:

School library media specialists can get one graduate credit from [Valley City State University](#). Carmen Redding, School & Youth Services Specialist, will teach an additional session Monday evening for those who want the credit. VCSU charges \$50 for the credit and you will need to register for it separately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Renewal & Development will be held at the [Baymont Inn & Suites](#).

REGISTRATION:

Cost to attend is \$55 for both days, \$35 for a single day. Register online and pay when you attend or send a check to North Dakota State Library, ATTN: Cheryl Pollert, 604 E Boulevard Ave. - Dept 250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. [Register here!](#)

Contact Angie Houser at 701-328-3495 or ndsltrain@nd.gov if you have questions.

Note: Programming subject to change.

MORE STEM KITS AVAILABLE

CUBELETS

Welcome to the world of Cubelets! These neat little cubes teach how block coding works by using physical blocks to build with. Each kit will come with two boxes of cubelets and four battery cubes which will allow up to 4 kids to build at one time.

Cubelets introduce the world of coding to young kids who may not have been exposed to any type of coding yet and those that have just begun to learn block coding. The cubes have magnetic sides that allow them to connect together and have power flow through them. Each block has a specific coding, so it functions properly with the other blocks in whatever sequence they are put in. The outcome of the robot is determined by the sequence of blocks, so if it doesn't do what you think it should, try switching around the blocks.

These little robots will give your young patrons the ability to play with a robot and not have you worrying about them break it. Let each patron use their imagination to build a robot or use the quick-start guide for simple ideas that will have them playing in no time.



MAKEBLOCK STARTER ROBOT KIT

With the Makeblock Starter Robot Kit, up to six people (or teams) get to construct a robot from start to finish including simple wiring. This versatile robotic vehicle can be constructed two ways depending on your preference; drive it around with a remote control or program it using a smart phone, tablet, or computer.

The Makeblock Starter Robot Kit is excellent for an hour of code. Assembly takes about 30 minutes which can be followed by 30 minutes of coding fun on a tablet or smartphone with the Makeblock App.

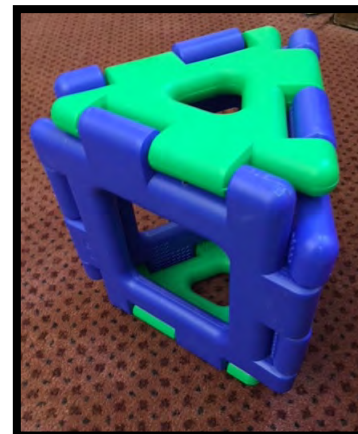
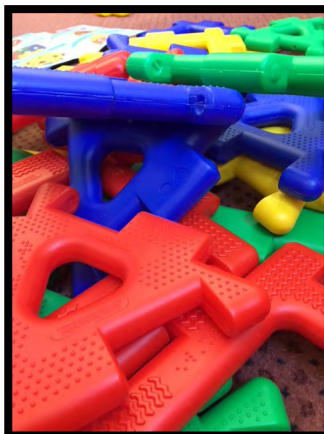
Each kit includes six Makeblock Robot Starter Kits, a toolbox, and instructions on how to construct and code the robots. This kit is designed for students and adults aged 12+.



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GIANT POLYDRON SET

The Giant Polydron Set helps get children as young as 2 thinking about STEM. This set of 40 oversized, interlocking pieces lets kids and adults build small 3D boats, blocks, and even houses. Try to replicate the shapes on the boxes or design your own geometric creations with this colorful and versatile kit.



These kits can be reserved on [Kitkeeper](#) today!

Be sure to attend our [Renewal & Development conference](#) to meet the 'bots and get a sneak peek at our other upcoming STEM kits!

This STEM initiative was made possible by the collaboration of the Air Force STEM Program and Grand Forks AFB, School Liaison Office. The mission of the Air Force K-12 STEM program is to inspire and develop student interest in Department of Defense STEM education and careers. The Air Force provides numerous K-12 STEM outreach opportunities to K-12 students both on Air Force bases and in the local communities. For more information on AF STEM programs, visit www.afstem.org or Facebook at AirForceSTEM.

LUNCH WITH THE STATE LIBRARIAN

NDSL has been experimenting with different ways to use social media, specifically Facebook Live. For the past 6 months, we have been doing a 30 minute Facebook Live presentation each month on a variety of topics. Beginning in May, we are going to shift gears a little bit. State Librarian Mary Soucie invites you to join her once a month for a virtual lunch date.

Mary will give a 30 minute talk on a variety of topics, some library related and some not. She is soliciting suggestions for topics from the ND library community... or anyone that would like to suggest a topic. [Email](#), [tweet](#), or Facebook message topic ideas to Mary. As we work on learning the technology, Mary will do her best to answer questions that are posted during the live session.

Join Mary on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 Central Time for her virtual picnic. The topics will be announced on Facebook a few days prior to each session.

THE READING NOOK

From Jessica Robinson

DC and Marvel stand at the top of the superhero comic book world, but the two companies have different philosophies when it comes to maintaining the universes they've built up over the decades. Marvel tends to favor soft reboots, updating the histories of their characters in small ways to keep them current. By contrast, DC has often favored a more dramatic approach, using huge storyline events to completely rewrite their own continuity, often in order to make their disparate characters fit together in a more cohesive universe. As a result, DC has periodically cancelled their entire line and started again from scratch, with the most recent shake-up being the 2016 relaunch called DC Universe: Rebirth.

The DC Rebirth was designed to take elements from the 2011 relaunch called the New 52 and merge them with earlier eras, bringing back characters that were erased when the New 52 rolled out, reintegrating popular older storylines, and introducing characters from DC's subsidiary companies. This relaunch has been widely praised by new and older fans alike and provides a good place to start for a library collection in need of some great stories.

Fans of Gene Luen Yang, author of *American Born Chinese* and the *Avatar: The Last Airbender* comics, will find plenty to enjoy in his run on *New Super-Man, Volume 1: Made in China*, in which a young man is recruited by the Chinese government to become a member of their own version of the Justice League. This story would be a good pairing with Kurt Busiek's *Superman: Secret Identity* mini-series from the early 2000s, where everyman Clark Kent is teased for having the same name as the famous fictional superhero - and then wakes up one day to discover that he has the exact same powers. Another good pairing would be from Gail Simone's New 52 run on *Batgirl, Volume 1: The Darkest Reflection*, which marked Barbara Gordon's return as Batgirl after the

incident that left her paralyzed.

Anybody familiar with the popular Young Justice cartoon will see some familiar faces in Dan Abnett's *Titans, Volume 1: The Return of Wally West*, which marked DC's reintroduction of Wally West, first created as the sidekick to Barry Allen's Flash before taking over the role for decades. Here Wally reunites with several other sidekicks-turned-superheroes to battle the interdimensional demon that split them apart. This run is a modern complement to Marv Wolfman's classic 1980s series *The New Teen Titans*, still available in print and still some of the most fun in the business. Then if you can't get enough of nostalgic team-ups, take a look at Peter J. Tomasi's New 52 collection of the *Green Lantern Corps, Volume 1: Fearsome*, which pairs up previous Green Lanterns Guy Gardner and John Stewart as the heads of the new Green Lantern Corps, defenders of the universe.

Of course, Detective Comics wouldn't be nearly as popular without their main detective, the broody billionaire Bruce Wayne, better known by friends and foes alike as Batman. Tom King explores Batman's relationship to his city and its people in *Batman, Volume 1: I Am Gotham*, where a new hero decides that the greatest villain in Gotham City is actually Batman. Meanwhile in John Ostrander's popular 1980s run of the Suicide Squad, collected first in *Suicide Squad, Volume 1: Trial by Fire*, a team of actual villains prove that they can save the world too - so long as the price is right. Finally, Geoff Johns showed that Aquaman can be just as much of a hero on ground as he is in his ocean kingdom in the New 52's *Aquaman, Volume 1: The Trench*.

DC has a long history of great characters and stories, of which this has only just scratched the surface. However, it's time to switch gears from superheroes to space and celebrate the month of May with some great new and classic science-fiction titles.

SAVE THE DATE! *Research Methods*

June 28-29, 2018

If you're looking for one Professional Development credit this summer, look no further!

The State Library's Research Methods course is open to those seeking a PD credit in education, library media specialization, or who just want to learn more about doing research. More information will be available in the May and June issues of the Flickertale.

If you have questions or would like more information now, please email Angie Houser at nds1train@nd.gov.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Library programs and services for new adults
- The librarian's guide to homelessness : an empathy-driven approach to solving problems, preventing conflict, and serving everyone
- No more reading for junk : best practices for motivating readers
- The Family Tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy
- Dear Fahrenheit 451 : love and heartbreak in the stacks : a librarian's love letters and breakup notes to the books in her life
- Copyright for schools : a practical guide (5th edition)
- Protecting intellectual freedom and privacy in your school library
- Bibliomysteries : crime in the world of books and bookstores
- What stories does my son need? : a guide to books and movies that build character in boys
- Social media wellness : helping tweens and teens thrive in an unbalanced digital world
- The big book of makerspace projects : inspiring makers to experiment, create, and learn
- Junk drawer engineering : 25 construction challenges that don't cost a thing
- Authenticity and how we fake it : belief and subjectivity in reality TV, Facebook and YouTube
- Deluged by data : the infobesity epidemic (DVD)
- Nothing but the truth : a documentary novel / Avi (juvenile fiction; about fake news)

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT BEN'S GUIDE?

Trevor Martinson

Ben's Guide is a free, online resource from the Government Publishing Office (GPO). Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government, or Ben's Guide for short, is a fun, interactive resource designed to inform children, students, parents, educators, and everyone else about the Federal Government.

The logo/mascot for Ben's Guide is an animated rendition of Benjamin Franklin. Join Ben as he leads you across the many aspects of the website, including a government glossary, learning adventures, a section dedicated to citizenship, and games!

On the homepage, you will be invited by Ben to "go on a learning adventure!" Ben's Guide divides its learning adventures into age groups: 4-8 (apprentice), 9-13 (journey person), and 14+ (master). Individuals can simply click on their age group and have information catered to them.

Ben's Guide also contains resources for parents and educators, including (but not limited to) infographics, lesson plans, and links to other kid-friendly and educator-friendly government websites.

GPO, established in 1861, produces and distributes documents from Federal agencies and Congress, as well as providing permanent and free access for the public to these Federal documents through its Federal Digital System, the Federal Depository Library Program, and the U.S. Government Bookstore. And to top it all off, GPO provides free access, learning, and resources with Ben's Guide.

What are you waiting for? Go check out [Ben's Guide](#) today!

TEEN BOOK CLUBS

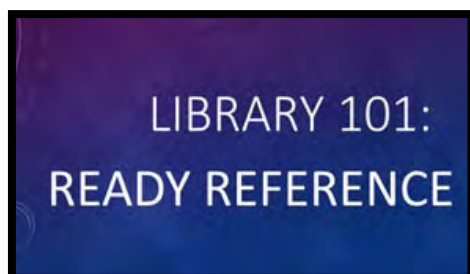
Abby Ebach

Are you looking to start a book club for teens at your library? A teen book club can be challenging in the beginning but will be rewarding once it is started. New teen programs may need to wait until there is an established group of teens that regularly attend programs or a Teen Advisory Group before they start a book club. This ensures that there will be active, regular participation. Here are a few tips and tricks to help your book club cater to the interests of your teens.

- Make sure participants know that it's OK to not like or finish a book; encourage them to come to book club anyways to share their opinions.
- Combine forces with public librarians, local book store owners, and Library Media Specialists at the middle and high school levels to find interested individuals or different places to host the book club.
- Remember that not all of your books need to be brand new. These are often expensive or have long waiting lists at the library. Choose books that are a few years old so that if you purchase them, they are more than likely available in paperback and if you request or ILL them, they probably won't have a waiting list.
- Give your participants buy-in by letting them vote for future titles or submit requests.
- Supply snacks or other incentives

For descriptions of different types of book clubs, common book club discussion questions, a list of book club kits available from NDSL, and more, click [here](#).

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH: LIBRARY 101 - READERS' ADVISORY



The Library 101 videos on the State Library's YouTube channel serve as short informational videos on topics that every library needs to know but may not. In this particular video we explain what counts as readers' advisory and why you are doing it even if you don't think you are. Since topics like readers' advisory are vague, the Library 101 will help clear up some of the confusion for these areas.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NDStateLibrary>

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN BOOKS

International Peace Garden: Promise of Peace is the first ever published book on the International Peace Garden. The book includes 90 images that showcase the garden and monuments. It also includes a brief biography of sculptor Arthur Norby who created the Promise of Peace sculpture, which was commissioned for the Peace Garden by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

Hens and Chicks, The Vitko Collection is about the inspiring story of a boy from Minot who started with a packet of seeds and ended up with a world class collection of more than 4,000 different species and 6,500 plants. This book includes more than 220 images that showcase the beauty of the largest private indoor collection.

These books can be ordered at the following website: <http://goo.gl/fVDNb3>. Receive 20% off by using promo code: NDSchool20

ARE YOUR HOLDS LISTS GROWING?

Maybe we can help out!

We get the top titles on the New York Time Bestsellers list through our McNaughton subscription service. These bestsellers are available for you to borrow through interlibrary loan. If you need a second copy to whittle down your holds list, why not check our catalog and borrow one from us? Our McNaughton collection is in regular print and circulate for four weeks.

In addition, we have large print books available for your patrons who need them. Our large print books circulate for eight weeks and we can send your library a box full!

If you have any questions or would like to request books from us, please contact us at statelib@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

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.

Fine Free Libraries - What, Why, and How (Indiana State Library)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2z2vL2D>

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 9:00-10:00 AM CT

In this webinar, you'll learn more about the trend toward the suspension of fines in public libraries including what "fine free" means, the philosophies behind the shift, and the practical considerations that go into becoming a "fine free" library.

Assessment Made Simple (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Eric Stroshane, Library Development Manager

All our libraries offer programs running the gamut from story time and author talks through health care enrollment and financial planning. We generally do a solid job of recording basic statistics, like the number of programs held and their attendance. However, it's much more challenging to measure, understand, and share the actual impact our programs and services have on our community. Usually the most we get is anecdotal evidence. In times of tightening budgets when the ongoing relevance of libraries is being questioned, outcome-based assessment can create datasets demonstrating libraries' substantial community impact at the local, state, and national levels. In this short webinar you'll get an overview of how to use free tools and readymade surveys from Project Outcome to tackle this tough problem in a simple straightforward fashion.

Don't SEL Yourself Short: How to Build Social-Emotional Learning Into Any Teen Program (Indiana State Library)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2z2vL2D>

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 10:00-11:00 AM CT

Youth need more than traditional literacies to succeed in life – they also need emotional intelligence. Learn how you can build Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) into any teen program and help your teens develop their self-management, social awareness, and relationship skills. You'll leave this session with great resources and concrete ideas for incorporating SEL at your library.

YA Summer Reads (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Jessica Robinson, Cataloging Librarian

School's (almost) out for summer and it's time to add a few more titles to that summer reading list with these new and upcoming books. With this webinar we'll help a young woman navigate the complicated politics of a fairy kingdom, make up with our handsome best friend while struggling to survive in the wilderness, get punished for our prankster ways through a summer job at a food truck with an uptight classmate, and decide if we can trust a mysterious stranger while hunting down murderous mermaids. All that and much, much more!

Disclaimer: There must be at least 5 participants signed up for the webinar by Monday, May 21st. We will not have the session if there are not enough participants.

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.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SMALLER INSTITUTIONS (NEH)

DEADLINE: MAY 1

Preservation Assistance Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities provide up to \$7,000 to help to small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for significant humanities collections – such as collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2mncR3I>

JUDITH KRUG FUND BANNED BOOKS WEEK EVENT GRANT

DEADLINE: MAY 11

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation awards grants to libraries, schools, and universities to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship during the annual Banned Books Week celebration. Grants are awarded at two levels: \$1,000 and \$2,500. Grant recipients will also receive an ALA 2018 Banned Books Week PromoKit.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2nkPsuX>

BEST BUY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

DEADLINE: MAY 31

The Best Buy Foundation is on a mission to provide teens with places and opportunities to develop technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. They are providing Community Grants to local and regional (within 25 miles of a Best Buy location) nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills, including: computer programming, digital imaging, music production, robotics, and gaming and mobile app development. The average grant amount is \$4,000-\$6,000.

Find out more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/1dZ64UT>

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE GRANT (NDSL)

DEADLINE: MAY 31

The North Dakota State Library provides a training grant encouraging North Dakotans to pursue a Master of Library and Information Science degree from an ALA-accredited school (ALA/MLIS) and to work in North Dakota. Applicants must be employed by a North Dakota public school library, a public library, a public academic library, or the State Library. Applicants must be accepted into an ALA/MLIS program prior to the award. Applications may be submitted for a total amount of up to \$8,500.

Find out more and apply at: <http://1.usa.gov/1UYmPiC>

MOCKINGBIRD FOUNDATION MUSIC GRANT

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1

The Mockingbird Foundation offers grants to nonprofit organizations and schools for projects and programs involving music education. Grants range in size from \$100 to \$10,000.

For more information and to apply: <http://bit.ly/2j8Bdl0>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- A group of local residents have started a project to bring Little Free Libraries to all Mandan elementary schools.
- McVile Community Library hosted a book reading event featuring some of the student authors of the book *Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from a Fargo High School*.
- The In Knots Crochet group, who meets at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library, contributed to the making of over 45 baby hats, which were donated to the Jamestown Regional Medical Center.
- Mohall Public Library held its annual Scholastic Book Fair and a Bingo event for children.
- James River Valley Library System received an \$18,000 Jamestown Tourism Grant to help complete a permanent Louis L'Amour display.
- Adams County Library received \$900 in donations to be used toward their summer reading program and early reading books.
- Tate Topa School in Fort Totten received a \$600 grant from the North Dakota Telephone Company of Devils Lake and used the money to purchase iPads for the library.
- For the entire month of April, Lake Region Public Library is offering amnesty for patrons with outstanding fines and fees. Patrons can bring in their long overdue items and have their fees and fines waived.
- Stanton Public Library and Adams County Library spruced up their buildings with fresh coats of paint.
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library held its second annual Painting Night with attendees participating in a step-by-step painting demonstration.
- Stanley Public Library had an art display featuring the work from the children's classes at Eazy Breezy Artworkz in Stanley.
- Kidder County Public Library hosted a book drive to help secure funds to get outstanding books for the children in the community. *Usborne Books & More* matched the funds raised by 50%.
- Fargo Public Library partnered with the Cultural Diversity Resources Center to host "The Colors and Culture of Haiti." The presentation included images of Haiti along with information on the country's festivals, art, religions, languages, and traditions.
- Bowman Regional Public Library held a community tattoo photograph exhibit. Patrons visited the library, had their tattoos photographed, and explained why their ink was important to them.
- The Friends of the Griggs County Library created an AmazonSmile account for the library.
- The Minot Tool Library is now up and running at the Minot Public Library.
- The Williston Community Library signed up 305 new library patrons during the month of March.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AT THE LIBRARY

The North Valley Youth Orchestra came to the Grand Forks Public Library for a special music filled storytime.

It included a live string orchestra performance and a reading of “Berlioz the Bear.”



NEW BOARD GAME COLLECTION

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library recently added a circulating board game collection. There are currently over 50 games in the collection with plans to add more in the future. The games seem to be a hit because they are almost never on the shelves. The collection contains classic games, family games, and Euro games - there is something for every age and interest!



SCANDAY AT THE LIBRARY



The Edna Ralston Library held a ScanDay in April. State Library staff were on hand to scan photos, which will be uploaded digitally on Digital Horizons. Each participant received a flash drive with their digitized photos.



Kids at the Edna Ralston Library had a fun time building a tower with Kapla blocks and sending it crashing to the ground.

DIGITAL DELIGHTS



Bill Nieland and his dog Amos received an award at the 1982 Animal Kennel Club event in Washington.

Credit:

North Dakota Memories Collection, North Dakota State Library.

Check out Digital Horizons at:

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HORIZONS

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