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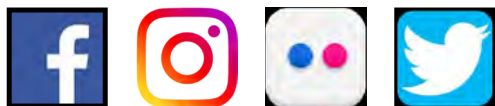
New clothes, backpacks, lunch accounts, supply lists, classroom “donations”...the cost of each new school year can quickly drain your wallet. Thankfully, the library can help you save some money while also helping your kids save themselves from extra stress.

Private tutoring and tutoring centers are expensive, but for many students, the one-on-one attention a tutor provides can make a huge difference in their school performance and their confidence. Give your students a leg up without spending an arm and a leg by introducing them to Tutor.com through the library.

Tutor.com provides on-demand, one-on-one tutoring in an online classroom for students in kindergarten through college in over 60 academic subjects and test preparation areas, including the ACT and SAT. The Tutor.com Learning Suite also includes practice quizzes, skills drills, video lessons and The Princeton Review Essentials test preparation.

Tutors are available everyday from 3:00pm to 10:00pm Central Time. To access the service, students should visit <https://lh.tutor.com/Landing.aspx>. If accessing the service outside of North Dakota, a library card may be required.

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August 16	Marketing for Rural Libraries Webinar
September 20	Bits, Bots, and Blocks Webinar
September 21	Library Design Institute
October 3-5	North Dakota Library Association Conference

KIT CIRCULATION POLICY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Institutions are limited to **3** STEM kits at a time without prior approval
- Schools' kit requests must be made by their school library media specialists
 - You are responsible for the return postage on any kits you receive
 - You may be charged for damaged or lost kit components

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Libraries are so much more than book repositories these days. Libraries are still about books but we're about so much more than books. Libraries, more than ever before, are the centers of their community. The role of the library is to help our patrons individually as well as our community as a whole make connections with information, people and resources in many different formats.

Moms and dads that come to storytime with their infants and then toddlers often form lasting friendships with each other as their children grow up. People that meet in bookclubs share a love of reading and discussion that can lead to more meaningful relationships outside of bookclub. I always love when I hear a story of a couple that met through the library or that gets engaged or married at the library because it's such an important part of their story.

Libraries help people connect to information when they are facing an illness or loss but also when they are celebrating the next chapter in their lives. Books expand people's lives in many ways just as a library does. We introduce people to new ideas, new technologies and new people.

Librarians make connections with their patrons. I love when we watch kids grow up in the library. We might be the only person that someone talks to when they come in to check out books. We are honored to be part of our patron's stories in so many ways. My

predecessor at my last public library believed that librarians are like bartenders because people trust us with their secrets.

The State Library aims to help libraries make connections with their patrons. One way that we do this is with the kits that we check out. We have over 130 kits which includes bookclub kits, historical displays and STEM kits. Our Library Development and Circulation staff are ready to help you use the kits in a meaningful way to expand the services that you offer to your community.

The networking and connections that take place at our continuing education events are so important. As I'm attending this year's Summer Summit and watching our librarians sharing information and ideas, it really makes me happy to know that we at NDSL have helped to facilitate these relationships. I've heard many good ideas shared over the years at Summer Summit that have sparked ideas at other libraries.

Think about the ways that your library connects people with what they need. It is a vital role that libraries play and an important role to embrace. I would love to hear about the connections that you're helping to create in your community as well as the ND Library Community. I look forward to connecting with you at the NDLA conference in Minot in October, at a State Library event, our monthly Facebook Live or during a Librarian for a Day visit.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

KIDS INFOBITS

As the summer is coming to an end, you are probably starting to think of ways that you can make research interesting to children. The State Library has several databases geared toward elementary school children, and Kids InfoBits is one of them.

This colorful and fun database is designed to get kids interested in looking up information and keep their interest in it. The resources are vetted for research, but they are at the correct level for children to understand the content and use for class. The homepage is broken up into sections for the student to choose, and then they can look at subsections based on their selection. The database also connects to Google and Microsoft classrooms. You can teach your students how to do research and save it to their individual accounts so that everything they have previously looked at is in one spot.

Additionally, when your students find an article that they are interested in, they can tell right up front if the article will be too difficult for them. The database uses a color coded system of red, yellow, and green to tell which items will be difficult, medium, or easy. Teaching a student how to use this right away will ease them into research and take the guess work out of it.

If you have any questions on this database or any others, please feel free to email us at ndsldata@nd.gov.

The screenshot shows the Kids InfoBits website interface. At the top left is the logo "GALE kids InfoBits" with a search bar labeled "Search...". To the right of the search bar are navigation icons: a right arrow, a magnifying glass labeled "Advanced", a bookmark icon labeled "Bookmark", and a hamburger menu icon labeled "More". Below the navigation is a "Browse Topics" section with six topic cards, each featuring a representative image and a title with an information icon (i):

- Animals**: Image of a green parrot and a brown dog.
- Music and Movies**: Image of a young girl playing an acoustic guitar.
- People**: Image of four diverse children smiling.
- Plants**: Image of a field of colorful tulips.
- Sports**: Image of various sports balls including a basketball, soccer ball, baseball, and tennis ball.
- Technology**: Image of a hand holding a smartphone in front of a tablet displaying an app interface.

START A FREE GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB TODAY!

The North Dakota State Library is excited to announce its partnership with Girls Who Code. Sign up to facilitate a club and gain access to coding curriculums for 3rd–5th grade or 6th–12th grade clubs. Upon starting your club, you will be eligible to apply for grants to help support your club with materials, events, workshops, or even snacks.



[Girls Who Code Clubs](#) are FREE after-school programs for 3rd-5th or 6th-12th grade girls to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models and use computer science to change the world. Girls Who Code has already reached 90,000 girls across the country as they learn how to use computer science to impact their community.

Girls Who Code 6th–12th Grade Clubs revolve around a Girls Who Code Project, where Club girls work in teams to design and build a project that solves real world problems they care about through code. We offer resources and tutorials for students with ZERO computer science experience all the way up to activities that introduce college-level concepts.

Girls Who Code 3rd–5th Grade Clubs are designed to build a community of girls who actively design, code, read and explore together. It features interactive activities, characters, and vocabulary drawn from the Girls Who Code book, [Learn to Code and Change the World](#). Each meeting begins with girls reading together from a part of the book, followed by discussion, and a creative challenge that can be done on a computer or entirely offline.

Learn more by checking out our [Clubs curriculum](#) or by registering to join our upcoming Girls Who Code [webinar](#).

To start a Club, you need:

- **A FACILITATOR:** An adult must be responsible for facilitating the club for 1-2 hours each week and communicating with Girls Who Code. Club Facilitators can be teachers, computer scientists, librarians, parents, or volunteers from any background or field. **Many Facilitators have NO technical experience and learn to code alongside their Club members with the help of our comprehensive resources and ongoing support!**
- **EQUIPMENT:** Computers and internet must be available for each Club member in 6th-12th Grade Clubs. **3rd-5th Grade Clubs have the option to either be online or offline.**
- **SPACE:** Clubs can be hosted in schools, universities, libraries, community centers, faith-based organizations, or nonprofits. There must be enough space to host the Club, such as a classroom or computer lab.

[Start a Club by applying here!](#)

As a Girls Who Code Community Partner, any Clubs in our network are eligible to receive additional partnership benefits by indicating North Dakota State Library on the Clubs Application in the “About Your Club” Section on Page 4!

Contact Abby Ebach at aebach@nd.gov or clubs@girlswhocode.com with any questions.

LIBRARY DESIGN INSTITUTE

Library Journal and Hennepin County Library are hosting a Library Design Institute at the Minneapolis Central Library on September 21, 2018.

This one-day, hands-on, small group event will feature breakout sessions and panels on designing for changing collections, staff roles, and new services. There will also be speed sessions where attendees can get answers to their own questions from architects and vendors along with time to network.

When you register, make sure you use promo code MN 30 for a special rate of \$114 (the full rate is \$163).

The State Library would like to congratulate the following people who received free registration for the institute:

MaLynda Kramber (Garrison Public Library)
Jackie Hawes (Morton Mandan Public Library)
Carol Kunnerup (Mott City Library)
Sandra Hannahs (West Fargo Public Library)



STEM KITS BY THE STATE LIBRARY

by Angie Houser

The North Dakota State Library has STEM kits available for schools and libraries across the state. In collaboration with the Air Force STEM Program and Grand Forks AFB, School Liaison office, the State Library is able to provide a greater amount of STEM kits to schools and public libraries. 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. These STEM kits cover every aspect of the STEM curriculum. There are kits that are heavy in teaching and using technology and others that teach how to think with an analytical mind.

These kits are available for an 8-week checkout period and the school can check out up to 3 kits at one time. They can also be reserved up to a year ahead of time. The school librarian must be the one to check out the kits and will be the one responsible for sending the kits back to the State Library. The majority of kits come with multiple items in the kit, a guide on how to use the items, a list of all the pieces included in the kit, a guide on how to pack the kits, and (most importantly) a stats sheet to be filled out. We need the stats sheet filled out every time the kit goes out to a school or library so that we can report back to the School Liaison Office on the kit usage.

Kits can be found through our KitKeeper website. To get there go to www.library.nd.gov, choose the tab "Services for Libraries and Education", then click on the hyperlink that says "KitKeeper". This will take you to the page where you can reserve one of the kits. We have tutorials on how to use KitKeeper available on our YouTube channel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us as 701-328-4622 or ndsctrain@nd.gov.

BRING EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE PROGRAMMING TO YOUR LIBRARY!

Public libraries throughout the state are encouraged to borrow the Sun-Earth-Moon Connections kit that provides activities and experiences that help patrons understand their place in space and how the Sun and Moon interact with our planet.

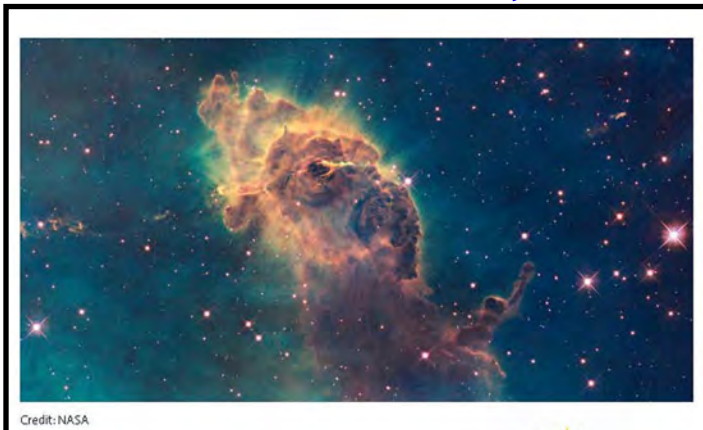
Patrons will be able to:

- Model both lunar and solar eclipses with easy-to-use tools.
- Detect ultraviolet light in a creative way.
- Use sorting cards to explore concepts relating to size, distance, and temperature.
- Create a scale-size model of the Solar System.
- Safely view the Sun with Sunoculars.

This Facilitation Kit includes:

- STEM programming for all ages from the very young to adults and books focused for storytime.
- An activity guide for librarians or others to facilitate the activities with patrons and to understand the science behind the activities.
- NASA space science information.
- Links to STAR Net's STEM Activity Clearinghouse where even more activities are available.

Reserve the Kit today!



GET A KIT

Programming kits are available from the State Library. Whether you want to bolster your book club, host a fun display, ramp up your STEM offerings, or support a code club at your school or library, we have you covered. Simply head over to KitKeeper and reserve some kits today!



WE WANT YOU:

To Fill Out The Stat Sheets That Come with the STEM Kits!

COZMO STEM KIT

More STEM kits are being added to KitKeeper! Two more kits of 6 Cozmos are available to reserve, today.

Cozmo is a friendly AI robot with a wide range of skills. Compete with Cozmo in a series of games using his special power cubes, spark him to play a trick, or see the world through Cozmo's eyes (er...camera) by driving him around like a race car. With his built-in facial recognition software, Cozmo can even recognize up to ten unique faces (including pets!).

Cozmo opens up the world of coding to beginning, intermediate, and advanced programmers. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten can begin coding Cozmo in Sandbox Mode while older children and teenagers refine their skills using the scratch block method in Constructor Mode.

THE READING NOOK

By Jessica Robinson

Before we know it another school year will begin and what better way to combat the end-of-summer blues than a long list of great Middle Grade and YA books from 2018? We've got a long list today, so everybody settle down at your desk and pick up your pencils.

The first book for Middle Grade readers came out in early January and is another fantastic work of biographical fiction from Malcolm X's daughter Ilyasah Shabazz called *Betty Before X*—this time centering on her mother's activist childhood. After that, switch over to the book with this year's best title, *Play Atari with Saddam Hussein* by Jennifer Roy, which is based on the real-life experiences of Ali Fadhil, who was eleven in Iraq during the first Gulf War. If the idea of a Scottish medieval adventure filled with invading knights and featuring the only daughter in a family of ferocious warriors sounds like a good time, then *The Mad Wolf's Daughter* by Diane Magras was tailor-made specifically for you. And by you, I mean me too. *The Language of Spells* by Garret Weyr has a story that would have blown middle grade me away—and still does—since it involves a dragon! This dragon's name is Grisha and he lives in a world that has lost the ability to see him, all except for young Maggie. Together, Grisha and Maggie have to solve a dark mystery in Vienna, one that will answer the question of where all the other dragons are. Ann Hood's *She Love You (Yeah, Yeah, Yeah)* takes place in thick of Beatlemania, in 1966 Rhode Island near the end of the Beatles' world tour. Trudy Mixer's life is falling apart around her but she's sure that everything will turn around if she can only get to Boston and meet her idol Paul McCartney, no matter what the cost. Daniel Jose Older offers up stiff competition for the year's best Middle Grade title with *Dactyl Hill Squad*, a September release that combines dinosaurs, the Civil War, orphans, evil magistrates, and once again, dinosaurs!

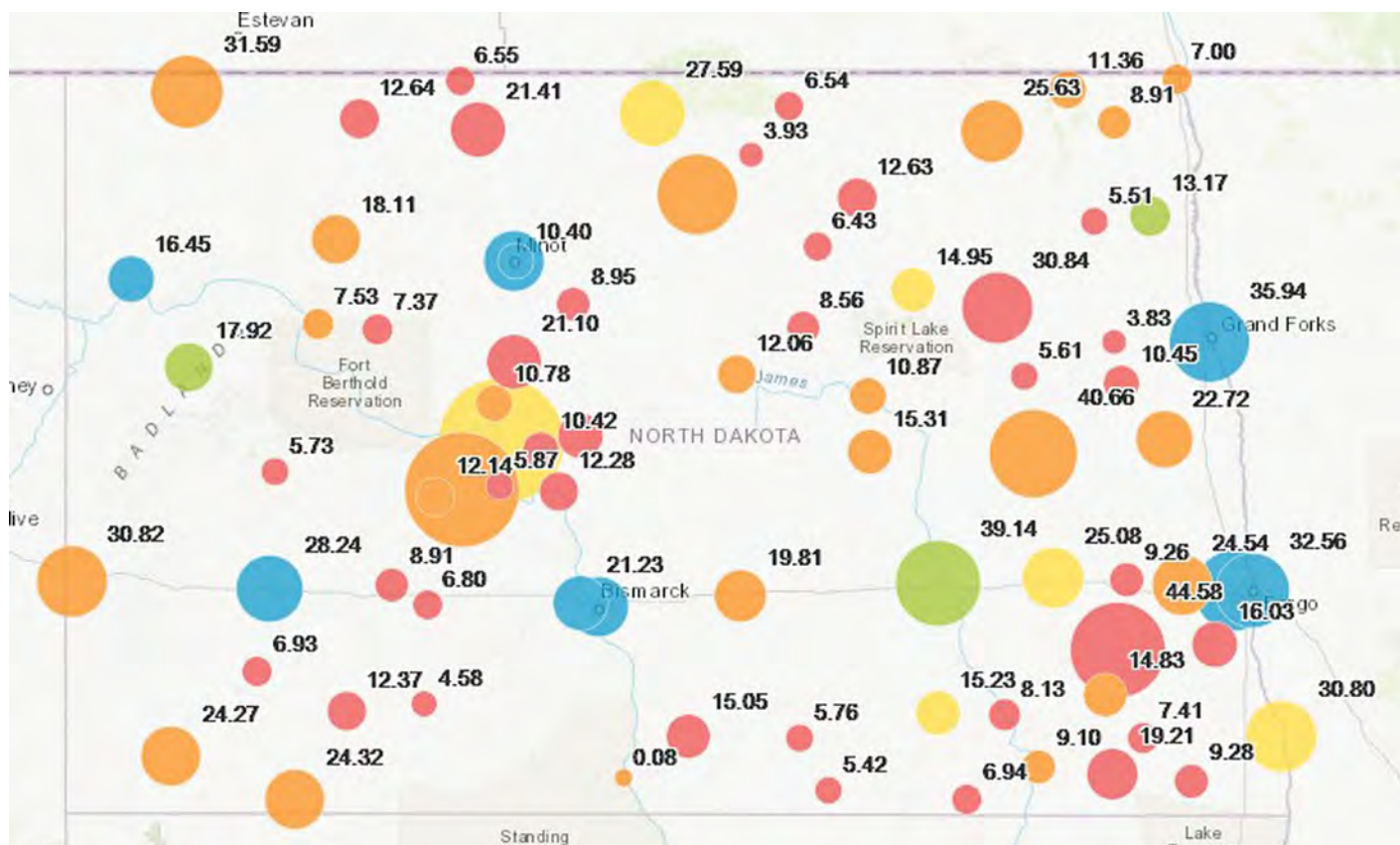
Now, let's go up a few grades and look at some great YA titles. I did a webinar earlier this year about a number of 2018's amazing YA releases,

but the best thing about YA is that there's always more to talk about. Joy McCullough's *Blood Water Paint* is a verse novel based on the true story of Artemisia Gentileschi, a young woman in 1600s Rome whose art becomes famous when her father puts his name on them and who suffers a tremendous injustice when attempting to escape him. Tales of teen spies during World War II are always exciting, and Matt Killeen's *Orphan Monster Spy* adds to the subgenre with the blonde and blue-eyed Jewish teen Sarah who uses the impersonation talents her actress mother instilled in her to infiltrate a boarding school attended by the daughters of high-ranking Nazi officers. *Fatal Throne* is a unique YA experience. Coordinated by Candace Fleming and co-authored by six other YA authors, *Fatal Throne* tells the story of Henry VIII and his six wives, all from their own perspectives. Sandhya Menon's *From Twinkle, With Love* is a love letter to filmmaking—literally—as Twinkle Mehra tells the story of her summer through a series of letters to her favorite female directors, a story of film festivals, cute twins, and learning to step out in front of the camera. Basically, if you say *Pride and Prejudice* around me my head pops up like a prairie dog, so I'm excited about Ibi Zoboi's upcoming P&P adaptation *Pride*, set in modern-day Brooklyn and featuring a young Latina named Zuri Benitez who has no time for the arrogant Darius Darcy that moves into her neighborhood, even when her older sister begins to fall in love with his charming brother Ainsley. There's something very sweet about families writing together, and thankfully, Jarrod Shusterman has a great partner in his father Neal Shusterman, especially since they're writing a dystopian novel. *Dry* by the Shustermans is about a world in which water has become the most precious resource and then goes a few steps further when the last of it finally runs out, turning neighbor against neighbor in a terrifying war for survival.

Now, hopefully, these reading lists are a little more fun than the traditional kind, but next month we're going to stay on an educational bent and hit the history books for this year's best historical novels.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS MAP

The North Dakota Public Library Statistics map has been updated with the information from the 2017 public library annual reports submitted to the state library. Check out how your library compares to other libraries around the state and in your same population tier. <http://bit.ly/2NZdjho>



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT! LEGO Builds—5 Minute Librarian By Abby Ebach

The 5 Minute Librarian has compiled a handy list of resources to host a LEGO builds program at your library. Simply download a free template, order the necessary bricks, and build ornaments or standalone projects like a tree garden, modular arcade game, or the question block from Mario. Allison suggests running the programs for grades 3+ and working on the project step-by-step rather than handing out instructions and letting people move at their own pace. Find the list of resources and other tips and tricks to run this program at <https://bit.ly/2mZZZG1>.

LUNCH WITH THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Join Mary on Wednesday, September 5, at 12:30 Central Time for a 30 minute virtual lunch date on [Facebook](#). Mary will do her best to answer any questions that are posted during that time.

She is soliciting suggestions for topics for future sessions from anyone who has an idea. [Email](#), [tweet](#), or Facebook message topic ideas to Mary.

MAKOTI'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

by Abby Ebach

Vanessa Frasen, a 10 year old from Makoti, ND, had a vision. After seeing a little free library in Minot, she got the idea to install one in her local park since her community doesn't have a public library. The project grew to include a community garden with an apple tree, vegetable plants and seeds, strawberries, herbs, rose bushes, pollinator plants, and perennials as well as an additional little free library at Vanessa's school in Plaza where she will be a 5th grader in the fall. The community garden aspect of this project was inspired by one of Vanessa's favorite books, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, and her 4-H club, classmates, family, and community all came together to help create a beautiful space in their community park.



"This project has grown bigger and more involved than I ever imagined. It has been a very rewarding experience," Vanessa said.

During the fall and winter of 2017, Vanessa applied for various grants to help her fund the Little Free Library and build the garden. She applied for and won the following grants:

- \$500 from Disney Be Inspired Summer of Service Grant which is given to 250 students aged 5–18 that want to make a positive impact on their community.
- Little Free Library's Impact Library Program: One book sharing box, mounting post, information materials
The Impact Program aims to place book-sharing boxes where they can be a catalyst for improving reading motivation and deepening community connectedness.
- Bayer's Feed a Bee program: \$1,000
Bayer Corp. wants to plant bee and pollinator forage in all 50 states and is giving grants for gardens, schools, communities, organizations all over the United States.

Once the funds were received, Vanessa went to work purchasing, constructing, and decorating the libraries. She also had to go to the city council to get permission to install the library and help improve the park, work with the park board, get other students involved from school, and coordinate a meeting for her 4-H club where they cleaned the park, installed the library, and planted trees. The installation took about a week including cleaning up the park and building the raised garden beds. She made posters and created Facebook events to get the community involved on the pre-planned work days. Vanessa is now hosting story hours in the park during the summer.



Vanessa's mother, Laura, who helped throughout the project, has enjoyed this process as well, "This Little Free Library and community gardens projects just keeps growing and growing! It has been a very fun project and has brought so many rewards, benefits and experiences that we never imagined."



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Vanessa learned to write plans, fill out reports, estimate costs and stick to a budget with her project. She also had to speak to her school and city council to get them more involved. She created a book about her project and learned about gardening and pollinator plants. "This project has been fun for my whole family, my 4-H club, my school, and my community. I have received many compliments from community members about how nice the park looks, and that they love the library and gardens. I hope that my community, schoolmates, and 4-H club members keep participating with the library book exchange and the gardens. I hope that my project inspires others to do community service projects, be involved in their community, help other people, and to read and educate themselves."

Vanessa's project won Grand Champion in 4-H Leadership at the Mountrail County Fair and North Dakota State Fair.

For more information, check out the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/MakotiLittleFreeLibrary/>

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

<http://feedabee.com/>



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Main Street Initiative seeks to create healthy, vibrant communities that attract the talent needed to support growing businesses. Engaging youth in these efforts is key to creating communities where people want to live and put down long-term roots. Youth are a great resource for fresh ideas and energy and can have a big impact on advancing community projects.

"There are many ways to get ideas for projects, including community surveys or asking the youth what they think the community is lacking," State Librarian Mary Soucie said. "Projects that youth can own are achievable. Projects with quick results or those that are scalable to keep momentum going will be most successful."

Student and community leaders may start with a swap meet where ideas are pitched or opportunities showcased, or start by determining who is active in their community. It may be a formal group such as FFA, FBLA or DECA or it might be an art club or individual student in need of a service project.

"By engaging youth and sharing ideas, students can help build the community they want to call home in North Dakota," Gov. Doug Burgum said. "Envisioning North Dakota's future requires youth to inspire ideas and insights to guide our state and community leaders."

Youth involvement can benefit communities as well as the youth themselves. Programs developed in partnership with youth are more likely to be effective at engaging the population and, therefore, have a greater impact.

The Main Street Initiative is focused on three pillars of economic success: a skilled workforce; smart, efficient infrastructure; and healthy, vibrant communities to help North Dakota compete in an increasingly global economy.

For more information visit: www.MainStreetND.com.

HONOR YOUR LIBRARIAN: NOMINATE THEM FOR THE 2018 I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

Nominations for the 2018 I Love My Librarian award are open until October 1, 2018.

The award invites library lovers from across the country to recognize how their librarians transform their communities and improve lives.

Library users from public, school, university, college, and community college libraries are encouraged to submit a nomination online at ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Up to 10 winners will receive a \$5,000 cash award and a travel stipend to attend a ceremony in their honor at Carnegie Corporation of New York on December 4, 2018.

For additional information, resources, and stories from past winners, visit ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.



WI-FI ACCESS POINT GRANT RECIPIENTS

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) held a non-competitive grant round for public libraries to receive a commercial grade wireless access point. Congratulations to the following libraries who will be receiving their wireless access points soon!

Adams County Public Library
Beulah Public Library
Bottineau County Library
Carnegie Regional Library
Carrington City Library
Casselton Public Library
Cavalier County Library
Cavalier Public Library
Divide County Public Library
Eddy - New Rockford Library
Edgeley Public Library
Edna Ralston Public Library
Enderlin Municipal Library
Garrison Public Library

Griggs County Library
Harvey Public Library
Hazen Public Library
Heart of America Library
Hebron Public Library
Kenmare Public Library
Leach Public Library
Lisbon Public Library
Maddock Community Library
Max Community Library
McKenzie County Public Library
McLean Mercer Regional Library
McVille Community Library
Mohall Public Library

Morton Mandan Public Library
Mott Public Library
Pembina (North Border) School &
Public Library
Rolla Public Library
Satre Memorial Library / Milnor
Public School
Stanley Public Library
Stanton Public Library
Turtle Lake Public Library
Underwood Public Library
Walhalla Public Library
Ward County Public Library

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH: UNIVERSAL CLASS - HOW TO USE IT

This tutorial will take the viewer through the ins-and-outs of the continuing education database Universal Class. This database is free to use with a public or state library card and can be used at your convenience.

Watch the video first so you learn all about what Universal Class is and how you can use it to learn almost anything you want.



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

THORMODSGARD LAW LIBRARY NOW LENDING SELF-HELP LEGAL BOOKS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACROSS THE STATE

Submitted by Tammy R. P. Oltz

North Dakota citizens now have a new way to access useful, reliable, and free legal information from the comfort of their local libraries.

With the help of a Library Vision 2020 grant from the North Dakota State Library, the Thormodsgard Law Library at the UND School of Law recently created a collection of self-help legal books that can be checked out from any public library in the state. The books cover a variety of topics such as divorce, child custody, bankruptcy, credit repair, and more.

“We picked books on topics that we knew were important to the everyday lives of North Dakotans,” said Tammy Oltz, Director of the Thormodsgard Law Library, and an Assistant Professor at UND School of Law. “Not everyone wants to – or can afford – to hire a lawyer for every legal issue they might have. We wanted to find a way to help those people understand their rights.”

Books in the collection were selected by a committee of four UND law librarians, three of whom are lawyers themselves. And while the committee cautioned that a book can’t replace a good lawyer, they made sure to choose books that were up-to-date and published by reliable authors and companies.

Anyone in North Dakota with a library card can check these books out, and they don’t have to go to Grand Forks to do it. Descriptions of the books can be viewed online by either searching the library catalog or going directly to the Thormodsgard Law Library webpage (<http://libguides.law.und.edu/self-help>). When someone finds a book they want to check out, they can simply request it at their local public library, and the law library will send it there.

“As the largest law library in the state, we have an obligation to make sure that all North Dakotans have access to legal information,” said Oltz. “We are so excited about this opportunity to help our citizens and to remind them that UND Law is their law school, and we are their law library.”

DIGITAL INITIATIVES LAUNCHES HISTORYPIN ACCOUNT

The Digital Initiatives Department at the North Dakota State Library has recently created an account on Historypin. Historypin is an online, user-generated archive of photographs, videos, and audio recordings. Users are able to pin their content to Google Maps. Where Google Street View is available, users can overlay their historic images and compare them with the modern view by using the slider feature.



*Example of the slider feature on Historypin
Shown here: Central Avenue, New Rockford, ND*

Historypin collects, curates, and organizes stories to bring people together, one story/pin at a time. Historypin has created and continues to maintain storytelling techniques for thousands of members and organizations across the globe. Historypin helps expand understanding of community history and culture by bringing resources to life.

The State Library currently has two dozen images on its Historypin account and more are on the way! The images come from the many ScanDays held in libraries and other organizations across the state. All of the pinned images are Google Street View compatible, so the fun slider feature is available. Each pin also includes certain information about the image, like title, description, location, date, and the link to the full item record on Digital Horizons.

Historypin is free to use, and it is also free to join by creating an account. To explore the State Library's collection of images on Historypin, visit <http://bit.ly/ndslhistorypin>

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NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- Putting teens first in library services : a road map
- Dragons in the stacks : a teen librarian's guide to tabletop role-playing
- The story of classic crime in 100 books
- Experiencing America's story through fiction : historical novels for grades 7-12
- Marley Dias gets it done : and so can you! (Written by the 11-year old founder of the #1000BlackGirlsBooks campaign)
- My first coding book / DK Publishing
- So, you want to be a coder? : the ultimate guide to a career in programming, video game creation, robotics, and more! (For grades 4-6)
- World of geekcraft : step-by-step instructions for 25 super-cool craft projects
- How to read literature like a professor : a lively and entertaining guide to reading between the lines (Revised edition)
- Reading with Patrick : a teacher, a student, and a life-changing friendship
- The infernal library : on dictators, the books they wrote, and other catastrophes of literacy
- The intersectional Internet : race, sex, class and culture online
- I'd rather be reading : a library of art for book lovers
- The librarian of Auschwitz (YA novel based on a true story)
- Franklin's flying bookshop (picture book)

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 the chat feature to ask questions.

Marketing For Rural Libraries

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

Thursday, August 16, 2018, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenters: Angela Houser, Continuing Education Coordinator, & BreAnne Meier, Marketing Specialist

As a rural librarian, marketing your library and its services tends to get put on the back burner. This webinar will go over some easy marketing ideas for those who don't think they have the time or the money to market their services.

Out-of-School Time: How to Plan STEAM Programming in Your Library (Association for Library Services to Children)

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

Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 11:00-12:00 PM CT

Want to engage school-age kids through exciting STEAM programming in your library but don't know where to start? Three recipients of the Strengthening Communities Through Libraries grant are ready to share tips and tricks for partnering with others, selecting materials, outreach to build participation, measuring outcomes, and documenting success. Many libraries struggle with STEAM programming; this webinar will give you the confidence to start tomorrow.

Getting Unstuck: Help Your Board, Staff, and Town Talk about Library Funding (WebJunction, ARSL, and EveryLibrary)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2Mjr5yg>

Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM CT

A webinar hosted in collaboration with ARSL and EveryLibrary to grow skills for talking about library budgets with staff, boards, and other stakeholders in your community and to secure funding.

No Money? No Design Skills? No Problem: Making Professional Graphics on a Budget (Training Magazine Network)

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

Thursday, August 30, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM CT

Do you want customized, professional graphics but lack the resources? If yes, you must attend this one-of-a-kind session. Mike Parkinson, a graphics guru and Microsoft MVP, shares how to do it yourself. NO design skill needed. Get the latest tools and techniques to make professional graphics quickly with little to no money. All attendees get Mike's Graphic Cheat Sheet, his top 25 websites for free graphics, and step-by-step instructions for making graphics yourself.

Bits, Bots, and Blocks

Register: <http://bit.ly/2MmJz7>

Recording will be made available no later than September 20, 2018

Presenter: Angela Houser, Continuing Education Coordinator

The ND State Library has STEM kits available through a collaboration with the Grand Forks Airforce Base, School Liaison Office, and the Airforce STEM program. This webinar will introduce the STEM kits to our libraries and how to get the kits.

Note: This webinar will be prerecorded. Please register to receive the recording as soon as it is available.

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

ALERUS COMMUNITY DONATION PROGRAM

DEADLINE: ONGOING

Alerus supports the communities they serve by donating both money and volunteer hours to non-profit organizations that are important to their customers and employees. Donations are focused on the following priority areas: arts, culture, and quality of life; economic development; financial literacy; and community development. Donations are restricted to the following communities and their surrounding areas: Fargo, Grand Forks, Northwood, and West Fargo.

Learn more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2AW2yen>

BASIN ELECTRIC CHARITABLE GIVING

DEADLINE: ONGOING

Basin Electric's Charitable Giving is focused on the following areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Civic and Community Betterment, Cultural and Arts, and Member Matching Donations.

Further details and the application are available at: <http://bit.ly/2vT8AGK>

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15

As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, the Foundation for Rural Service provides annual grants for communities served by NTCA members. The goal of the program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. Grants will be concentrated in four major areas: business development, community development, education, and telecommunications. Grants can range from \$250 to \$5,000.

Read their guidelines and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2AVVbrs>

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 28

Lowe's Toolbox for Education grants fund improvements at public schools throughout the United States. Projects should fall into one of the following categories: technology updates, tools for STEM programs, or facility renovations and safety improvements. Grant requests can range from \$2,000 to \$100,000.

Eligibility requirements and the application are available at: <http://low.es/2vtymCR>

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES ECO FUND

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

MDU's ECO Fund supports projects that enhance environmental education and stewardship in communities they serve. Environmental education projects may include grants for teacher training, books or equipment for classroom use, as well as field trips or special project support in the natural or physical sciences. Funding is also available for community environmental stewardship projects.

Learn more and apply at: <http://bit.ly/2MwTTAo>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Plans for merging the Ward County and Minot Public Libraries are being discussed by the Ward County Commission and Minot City Council.
- Numerous books suffered water damage at the Supreme Court Law Library when a valve broke. Staff from the State Library assisted with the triage and salvage efforts.
- Lake Region Public Library is the latest library in the state to hold a circulating collection of board games—will your library be next?
- Hazen Public Library has received unexpected assistance from three hard-working and community-focused Girl Scouts. Sameena Knopik painted and redecorated their meeting room and Isabella Nolan and Abigail Lee cleared out the storage room, built cabinets, and helped organize materials.
- Bernice Ferguson Community Library (Michigan) recently hosted a rosemåling display.
- Casselton Public Library recently held a Pie Day fundraiser at Casselwood.
- James River Valley Library System's Alfred Dickey location (Jamestown) required additional foundation work as part of their renovation efforts. The foundation work is now expected to cost \$446,095. The meeting room will also require a new concrete floor before carpet can be installed. The library is still expected to reopen sometime in August.
- Leach Public Library held an Air Guitar Contest as part of their Summer Reading Program.
- Hazen Public Library is one of dozens of Mercer County geocache sites and they're using their GPS hidey-hole to provide bibliographic instruction.
- Friends of the Stanley Public Library are now providing Senior Book Delivery once a month for older patrons with mobility issues.
- Leach Public Library (Wahpeton) celebrated Harry Potter's birthday on July 31st, with a potions class, costume/prop photo op, door prizes, film screening, and other activities.
- Aneta Public Library recently celebrated their 110th anniversary.
- Morton Mandan Public Library just conducted a library usage survey of all residents. Surveys were included in the July water bills, online, at the library, on the bookmobile, and mailed out by request.
- Fargo Public Library wrapped up their summer reading program with a family-friendly concert series culminating in Library-Palooza, a family-friendly fun fest replete with live music, STEM activities, Navy sailors, and other fun.
- Williston Community Library held a week of family fun nights where kids of all ages could come together around LEGO, board games, video games, and crafts.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library hosted a Lego Build-off. The library provided kids with Legos in order for them to compete in a construction competition.
- Grand Forks Public Library was selected by the ALA as one of 100 libraries to lead the "Great Stories Club", a national grant program that supports reading and discussion programs for underserved teens. The library will be working with Community High School students this winter.

DIGITAL DELIGHTS



NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BUSES

Three horse-drawn wagons were used to transport school children in Edgeley, ND, in the early 1900s.

Credit: North Dakota Memories Collection, North Dakota State Library.



DIGITAL
HORIZONS

Check out Digital Horizons at:
<http://bit.ly/2yj5DIq>

Please submit library news to ndslpa@nd.gov.

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