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RESEARCH METHODS CLASS

The North Dakota State Library is offering a two day course for one professional development credit on June 28-29. If you are a new librarian, a library assistant, a teacher, or just need a refresher, this is the class for you!

The course will explore different types of research methods, library subscription databases, and internet search engines, which will have practical applications that can be used in the classroom.

Professional development credit is available through [Valley City State University](#) for Library Media Specialists and the [University of North Dakota](#), [North Dakota State University](#), and [Minot State University](#) for educators. Please be sure to register with both your university and with the [State Library](#).

*Please note that all participants should bring a personal device to the course in order to follow along.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 24 = [YA Summer Reads Webinar](#)
- June 1-30 = [GLBT Book Month](#)
- June 1 = [Summer Reading Celebration](#)
- June 10 = [National Children's Day](#)
- June 21 = [Federal Government Resources for K-8 Webinar](#)
- June 21 = [Make Music Day](#)
- June 21-26 = [ALA Annual Conference](#)
- June 28-29 = [Research Methods Class](#)

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UPDATE ON KITS

Starting July 1, libraries will be responsible for return postage on ALL kits (including STEM kits like littleBits).

If you check out a STEM kit, please fill out the statistics form in the folder included with it. We need to track their usage for grant reporting. Thanks and enjoy!

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

When we first announced our “Lunch with the State Librarian” monthly Facebook Live series, we also requested topics that North Dakota Librarians would be interested in learning more about. I received a handful of topics right away. One of the topics was collaboration between school and public libraries, which appealed to me since that was what I did my final research paper on in grad. school. That was however a, ahem, few years ago. I wasn’t sure if what I wrote back then would still be applicable, so I did the “librarian thing” and started researching the topic. I decided to expand it to collaboration between all library types. I was delighted to learn that most of what I thought I knew about the topic was still relevant and applicable.

Many of you may wonder where you might start if you want to collaborate with another library. The first step is communication. Reach out to the entity that you’d like to collaborate with. If you’re a school librarian that would like to collaborate with a public library, send an email to the children’s or teen librarian at the local library. If you’re in one of our many small or rural towns, chances are you know the children’s librarian because it’s the same person that does everything else at the local public library. Instead of an email, go old school and pick up the phone and call the other librarian. This actually applies to all library types that would like to collaborate.

You don’t need to have a specific project in mind to make the connection, although it is absolutely fine if you do. Sometimes asking the question “how can we work together?” is enough to get the ball rolling. It’s important that the amount of work is split evenly and that each party knows who is responsible for what.

There are many examples of collaborative activities between different library types. An easy area for school and public libraries to collaborate is literacy. Public libraries can assist the school

library with creating and running a bookclub. One librarian I know did a program called “doughnuts and books” at the local middle school. College readiness and career development are other areas that these libraries can collaborate on. Hold a joint career event. Let the school librarian know what materials the public library has available for those preparing to take the ACT.

Academic and special libraries can collaborate with public libraries by offering instructional programs at the public library. One topic could be related to researching health resources; this could also be offered to library staff. Offering a joint “one book, one community” program between the public, academic and school libraries is a great project to start a collaborative relationship with. Public libraries can meet the needs of academic students by partnering with the academic library to deliver bestsellers and other recreational reading materials. Some libraries, and we have a number of them in North Dakota, take collaboration to the next level by sharing spaces or collections.

I did find some great resources when I was researching this topic. One in particular is an ALA toolkit. Even though it’s geared at public-school collaborations, I think the information is applicable to other types of library collaborations as well. Visit <http://bit.ly/2rTLX2T> to view the resource.

There are as many ways for libraries to collaborate as there are librarians and communities. Partnerships will vary by community. Start by reaching out to your colleagues at the other library entity in town and ask the question “how can we work together?” Be sure to drop me a line and share the answer you get. Don’t forget to tune in on Facebook for “Lunch with the State Librarian” on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 P.M. central time. I look forward to learning more about the collaborations that you create in your community.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

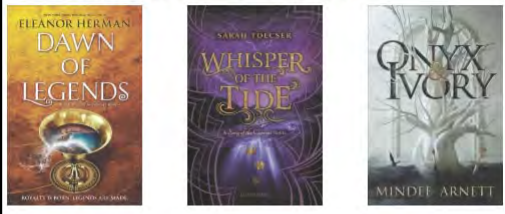
NOVELIST

As readers, we love databases that will track the books we've read, organize the books that we want to read, and give us suggestions. Sounds a lot like I'm talking about Goodreads, right? Nope! I'm actually talking about our database NoveList!


NoveList has all of the previously mentioned functions as well as Lexile reading levels, reviews from professional sources, curriculum for teachers, and yes, it even connects to Goodreads. This readers' advisory database is phenomenal for finding book-a-likes, similar authors, and what to read next after you have finished a series.

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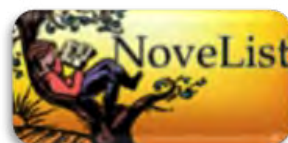
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If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at nds@train.nd.gov.



NDLCC CORNER

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) met in Hazen on May 17. The NDLCC discussed the next round of Library Vision 2020 (LV2020) grant categories. There will be one non-competitive grant category for public libraries that opens on June 1 and closes on June 30. This grant is an opportunity for public libraries to receive a commercial grade wireless access point. The equipment will be ordered and installed by the North Dakota State Library. Libraries will have to sign a grant agreement at the time of installation. The value of the equipment is approximately \$500 and no match is required. Questions may be sent to IT Manager Ryan Kroh at ndsl-it@nd.gov or via phone at (701)328-4658.



There will be four competitive grant opportunities; guidelines for those will be available on July 1. Applications will open on August 1 and be due on September 30. There will be a Resource Sharing grant that will allow a library to add its records to OCLC. There will be two different collection development grants. The first one is the North Dakota Collection which will allow a library to create, update or increase their North Dakota materials. The second will be a General Collection Development grant that will allow libraries to choose what areas of the collection they need to address. All physical formats will be acceptable for these grants. The final category will be another Makerspace Grant. Libraries that did not receive a Makerspace grant the last time around will be given priority; prior recipients are encouraged to apply in case there are funds available for additional projects. The competitive grants all have a required match or a local funding commitment in the case of the Resource Sharing grant.

The NDLCC recognized three members whose terms are expiring. Stephen Bannister, formerly of Minot State College, ended his term a few months ago. Current Council members Ted Smith, Supreme Court Law Library, and Beth Reitan, Bottineau Public Library, are both finishing up their second three year term. We extend a heartfelt thanks to all of them for their years of service!

The NDLCC also visited the Beulah and Stanton Public Libraries. They received tours and learned about the successes and challenges of all three libraries. We'd like to thank the three libraries for their hospitality.

The next meeting of the NDLCC will be on August 9th.



MORE STEM KITS AVAILABLE

CODEYBOT

The description on the box says it all: "He dances, he plays music, he shoots lasers. He's the Smart Robot who teaches coding to kids and adults." Codeybot is a user-friendly, wedge-shaped robot with endless possibilities. Don't let Codeybot's size fool you; he packs a punch, especially in Battle Mode.

Codeybot can cruise around horizontally or vertically, thanks to his built-in self-balancing feature. You can customize his color and look, or choose one of his pre-programmed faces. You can record your voice for Codeybot to repeat in his silly voices, via the Voice Changer. Codeybot accommodates visual, auditory, and tactile learners with its respective block coding, Voice Control, and tilt remote control features. Dance parties are only a click away with Codeybot's pre-programmed music and dances.

The best way to learn coding is to have fun while doing it, and Codeybot excels at having fun. Simply select commands on Codeybot's block coding app and drag them into place to program him to zoom around the room, navigate through a maze, spin in a circle, make sound effects, and more.

Attach a LED laser to make Codeybot ready for battle. In Battle Mode, two Codeybots channel their inner tank in order to defeat their opponent. Challenge your friends and battle for supremacy!

There will be 3 Codeybot kits. Each kit will include 6 Codeybots, 6 LED Laser Turrets, activity suggestions, and quick-start guides. Reserve Codeybot today through [KitKeeper](#).



ORION STARBLAST TELESCOPE



Explore the universe with the Orion StarBlast telescope! The telescope is perfect for all ages. It is a grab-and-go tabletop telescope that you can take practically anywhere. Whether you're a novice astronomer or an expert enthusiast, you'll be impressed with the views and how user-friendly the telescope is.

There are 3 telescope kits available. Each kit includes 1 Orion StarBlast telescope, 1 Orion accessory box (EZ Finder II, 6mm eyepiece, and 17mm eyepiece), 1 book (NightWatch: A Practical Guide to Viewing the Universe by Terence Dickinson), and 1 Gosky accessory case (6mm eyepiece, 12.5mm eyepiece, 20mm eyepiece, 2x Barlow lens, and 4 filters). Each kit also includes manuals, packaging and assembly guides, and activity suggestions to go along with the telescope.

With this telescope, you can easily explore and be awed by the cosmos. Reserve the telescope kit today through [KitKeeper](#).

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SPHERO

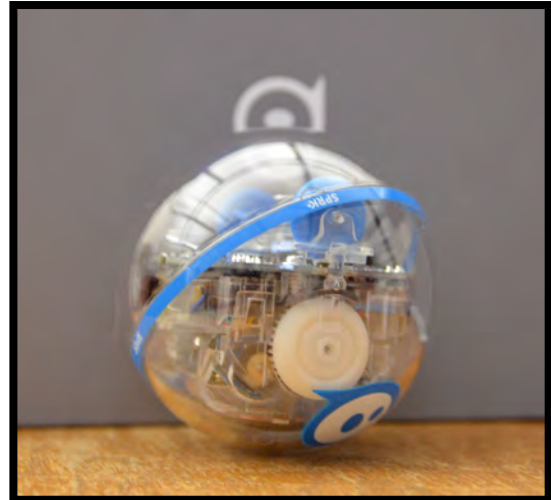
They roll here. They roll there. They roll everywhere!

Spheros are now available through [KitKeeper](#). These ball robots are used to teach block coding, drawing, and java script.

They are perfect for any level of user. People with no coding background can use the drawing feature or use the remote feature to drive it like a car. Those who want to learn how to code can use the block coding feature and code the robot to go and do different tricks. The more advanced coders can begin to learn java script within the education app.

Within that app there are a ton of activities and items that are preprogrammed so the user can see how the code is supposed to work before they attempt it on their own.

Did I mention that the sphero has multi-colored lights? Pair it up with the Codeybot for the ultimate dance party!



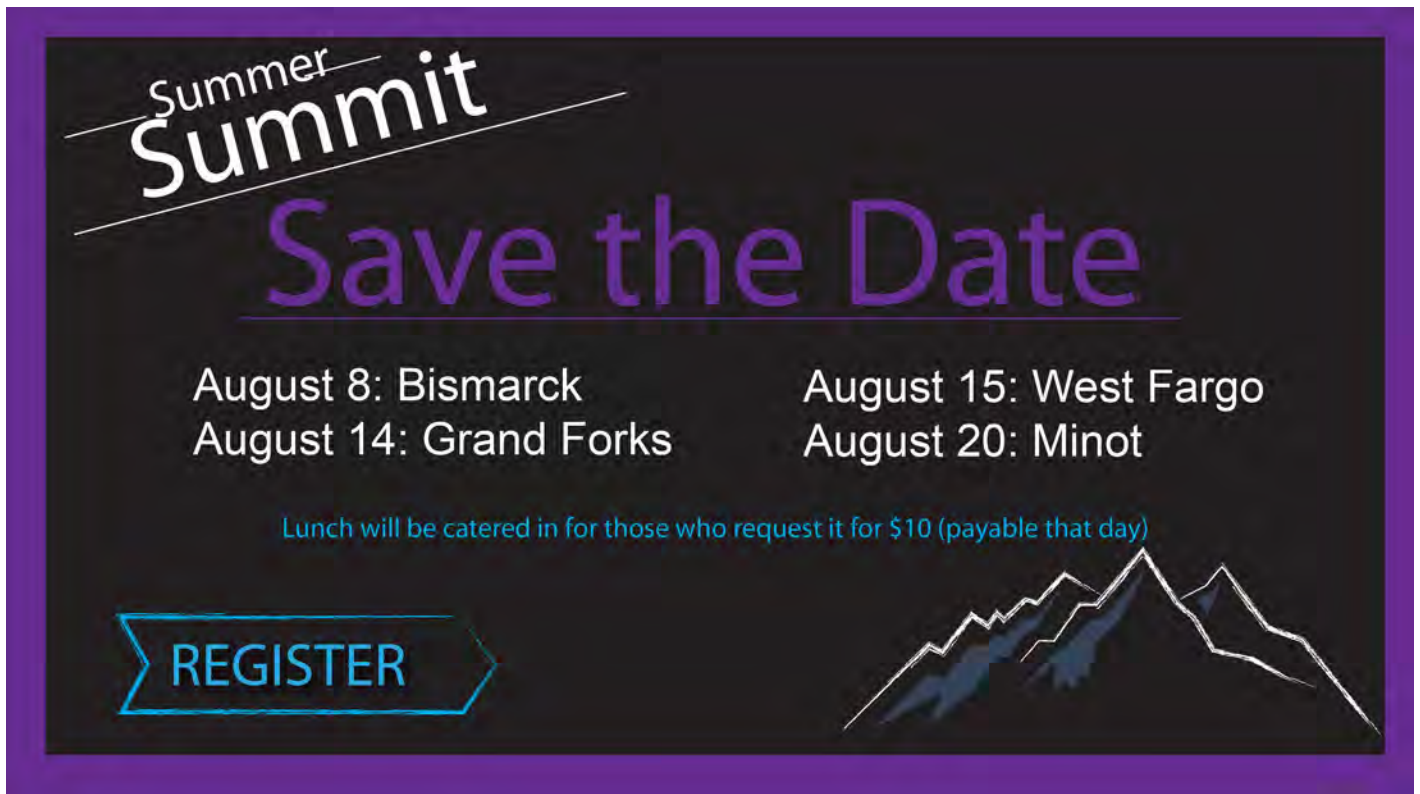
CODE & GO ROBOT MOUSE

Help Colby find his cheese! Children 5+ learn to program using cards and buttons to 'tell' the mouse how to find his way through different mazes. Learning to code is easy with Colby; by creating a step-by-step guide with the cards before programming the mouse, mistakes are easily spotted and rectified.

With bright colors and sounds, the Code & Go Robot Mouse is a dynamic and engaging kit for beginning coders in any classroom or library. No tablet or handheld device is needed to play with this energetic little mouse.

Reserve some robotic mice today through [KitKeeper](#).

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](#).



Summer
Summit

Save the Date

August 8: Bismarck
August 14: Grand Forks

August 15: West Fargo
August 20: Minot

Lunch will be catered in for those who request it for \$10 (payable that day)

REGISTER

NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Director Christine Kujawa, North Dakota Center for the Book Coordinator/ILL Manager at the North Dakota State Library Shari Mosser, and State Librarian Mary Soucie went to Washington, D.C., to represent the state of North Dakota at the 2018 National Library Legislative Day.

The three North Dakota librarians had the opportunity to meet with Senator Heidi Heitkamp and her aide Libby Marking; Alexis Aafedt and Jen Newman, aides to Senator John Hoeven; and Alex McIntyre, an aide to Representative Kevin Cramer.

They used their time to advocate on behalf of the state's libraries and discuss how libraries help close the digital divide for those who don't have access to high speed internet and how Congress can support these efforts.



THE READING NOOK

By Jessica Robinson

Something about spring makes me want to go exploring. While there is plenty to explore here on Earth, this month I want to set my sights a little more galactically with a small sampling of some great science fiction titles, starting with this year's Hugo Award nominees before taking a break to enjoy some movie adaptations and then heading back out to meet some familiar and unfamiliar faces.

The Hugo Awards were established in the 1950s to recognize the best in science fiction and fantasy publishing. The 2018 nominees for best novel show that this trend continues decades later. Among the stand-alone or first in a series novels are John Scalzi's space opera *The Collapsing Empire* featuring a new type of space travel called the Flow that allows humanity to reach out to the furthest points in the universe and then threatens to strand them there; Kim Stanley Robinson's *New York 2140* that takes readers into a dizzying future where New York City was partially submerged in the rising ocean but continued to thrive; Ann Leckie's *Provenance*, a standalone novel in her Radch universe, where a young woman tries to carve a place for herself in society by finding the person who stole their lost artifacts; and Mur Lafferty's disturbing space mystery *Six Wakes* where a small group of clones have to figure out who killed their previous bodies. There are also a couple of sequels up for best novel: Yoon Ha Lee's *Raven Strategem*, which is a sequel to the previous Hugo nominee *Ninefox Gambit*, in his *The Machineries of Empire* series, and N.K. Jemisin's third *The Broken Earth* book called *The Stone Sky*. Jemisin's previous books in this series, *The Fifth Season* and *The Obelisk Gate*, won the Hugo Award the years they were nominated. Also mark your calendars for August when Hugo-winner Cixin Liu's newest book, *Ball Lightning*, brings us a new tale of obsessive science, political conspiracy, and the search for meaning in the wake of random events.

Now that you've sampled some of the best on offer this year, take a break from nature and explore space indoors with these science fiction movie adaptations. Ernest Cline's *Ready Player One* - a nostalgia-filled tribute to the 1980s via a dystopian future - was a perfect fit for nostalgia-fueled director Steven Spielberg, who brought the book to neon-colored life in late March. Earlier this year Jeff Vandermeer's tense mystery *Annihilation* was turned into a moody science fiction thriller starring Natalie Portman as a biologist desperate to find her missing husband in an isolated stretch of land called Area X. If you need more fantastical fare, I would recommend waiting for the big-screen adaptation of Philip Reeve's steampunk adventure *Mortal Engines*, set in a post-apocalyptic world where major cities like London roam the land on top of monstrous great machines that devour the resources - and people - of the smaller cities that they catch.

If you haven't had enough of space yet, keep going with some of these new and timely novels. Ursula K. Le Guin's death earlier this year robbed the world of one of the most influential science fiction authors of all time but thankfully her work is still with us. Start with the *Hainish Cycle*, which allowed her to explore her love of anthropology through alien worlds and societies. There are several books in the series and they can be read in any order, with the most popular being *The Dispossessed* and *The Left Hand of Darkness*. After you've read one of the best in the field, try something newer with these recent releases, such as Brooke Bolander's *The Only Harmless Great Thing*, Tom Sweterlitsch's *The Gone World*, Sue Burke's *Semiosis*, David Pedreira's *Gunpowder Moon*, and Mary Robinette Kowal's *The Calculating Stars*.

Now that we've explored the far reaches of the galaxy, I think it's time to sit back on a beach and take in some sun. Next month, we'll take a look at some great beach reads, perfect for these long, lazy days.

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH: ASSESSMENT MADE SIMPLE

Every month the State Library has a webinar on different topics in the library world. We record every webinar and post it in its own playlist on our channel.

This month's video is the recording for last month's webinar, Assessment Made Simple. Check out this recording to learn how to use free tools and readymade surveys from Project Outcome.



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

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – GET WHAT YOU NEED!

By Christy Schafer, Procurement Officer, OMB State Procurement Office

Did you know your library can use state contracts to purchase goods and services?

Cooperative purchasing is a FREE service and an effective tool you can use to leverage time and cost efficiencies.

State Contract #200 – Office Supplies

The State Procurement Office is excited to announce a new contractor for State Contract #200 – Office Supplies. Innovative Office Solutions from Burnsville, MN, is the new contractor. This contract offers deep discounts on a core product list including file folders, notepads, binders, pens, highlighters, etc. There is also a percent off discount for all other items. You can purchase paper and envelopes from this contract or you can check out the individual contracts for those two items (information below).

If you are interested in finding out more information about the office supplies contract or to set up an account, contact the contract administrator Christy Schafer at cmschafer@nd.gov or 701-328-2740.

State Contract #002 – Paper

This is a contract for cut paper, delivered statewide, and offers volume purchase discounts because of the large purchase volume for the State of ND and the North Dakota University System. Cole Papers is the contractor and you can view the contract pricing on the OMB website by clicking on contract #002. Contact the contract administrator Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767 with any questions.

State Contract #151 – Envelopes

This is a contract for bulk orders of several different types of envelopes including clasp envelopes, catalog envelopes and basic white envelopes with and without window. There are also options for custom envelopes. There are 3 contractors including Innovate Office Solutions, Cole Papers and North Dakota Envelope Company. You can find out more detailed information including pricing on the OMB website or contact the contract administrator Chad Keech at ckeech@nd.gov or 701-328-2767 with any questions.

You can find more information about all the State Contracts on the OMB website at <https://www.nd.gov/omb/agency/procurement/state-contracts>. If you have any questions, please contact the State Procurement Office at 701-328-2740 or infospo@nd.gov.

Let's do more with less!

STEM KITS AT RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

The Library Development Department at the North Dakota State Library held a STEM Petting Zoo at the Renewal and Development Conference in April. Attendees were encouraged to play with the new STEM kits that are available to be reserved through [KitKeeper](#). See pages 5 & 6 for a list of our newest STEM kits.



EDIBLE BOOK CONTEST

The North Dakota State Library held their 2nd annual Edible Book Contest in May. This year, staff members from a division of the State Tax Dept. were invited to participate. There were twelve entries vying for the chance to win in one of five categories: Most Creative; Best Representation of Book; Punniest; Best of Show; and People's Choice, as voted by the public.



Winner of the Punniest:
"Plague of Doves"



The winner of the Best
Representation of Book and
People's Choice:
"Great Grandpa's in the Litter Box"



The winner of Best of Show:
"Hope for the Flowers"



"The Cat in the Hat"



The winners of Most Creative:
"Lonesome Dove"



"Standing in a River
Waving a Stick"

BOOK CLUBS: GETTING ENOUGH COPIES

The North Dakota State Library has been distributing book club kits for several years now, and our collection has grown to over 80 kits. These are available to check out to all North Dakota libraries, schools, and even individuals with State Library cards.

Sometimes, libraries and schools would like to have their own book clubs and need multiple copies of a book. We can assist you in getting copies for your book clubs. We can request up to ten copies from other North Dakota libraries as long as they are available. If you try to request through PRIMO, the system won't allow you to make multiple requests for the same copies, so you'll get an error message stating that you are submitting duplicate copies.

The easiest way to ask for multiple copies is simply to e-mail us at statelib@nd.gov and ask us for multiple copies. Please include a need by date with your requests and if you are willing to accept less than your requested amount. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-472-2104.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- The complete summer reading program manual : from planning to evaluation
- Teen services 101 : a practical guide for busy library staff
- Easy graphic design for librarians : from color to kerning
- Getting your money's worth from training and development
- The Family tree German genealogy guide : how to trace your Germanic ancestry in Europe
- A broken flute : the Native experience in books for children
- War stories : the war memoir in history and literature
- The Futilitarians : our year of thinking, drinking, grieving, and reading (book club memoir)
- Crash override : how Gamergate (nearly) destroyed my life, and how we can win the fight against online hate
- Explore makerspace!
- 3D printing projects / DK Publishing
- Minecraft annual 2018
- Ultimate Slime : totally borax free!
- Birds from bricks : amazing LEGO designs that take flight
- Mr. Lemoncello's great library race (juvenile fiction)

LUNCH WITH THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Join Mary on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 Central Time for a 30 minute virtual lunch date. Each month, she will discuss a different topic, some library related and some not. Topics will be posted on [Facebook](#) a few days prior to each session. Mary will do her best to answer questions that are posted during the live session. The next session is on June 6.

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.

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.

Summer Fun with Digital Citizenship (edWeb)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2ImSj24>

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 3:00-4:00 PM CT

As summer fast approaches, learn tips for keeping kids engaged when school is closed, including: Tools for engaging students academically and creatively; Tips for helping students stay digitally safe; Ways to promote healthy media balance through fun outdoor activities and screen time limits.

YA Summer Reads (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2s70Ter>

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!

People - Difficult or Different? (Effectiveness Institute)

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

Friday, May 25, 2018, 1:00-2:00 PM CT

In this interactive and engaging webinar, you will discover why "different" does not have to mean "difficult." Then you will learn the magic of making slight adjustments in your awareness and behavior that will have a significant impact on your ability to "click" with customers and co-workers. You will laugh as you identify your behavior style, as well as those with whom you work.

Libraries Helping Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA (STARNET)

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

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM CT

The Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA (GSAWN) initiative is again partnering with public libraries to provide NASA-themed activities for girls and their families. Part of the NASA's Universe of Learning program, GSAWN resources include a range of computer-based and paper-based activities, along with exhibits and poster series. During this webinar, you will hear about the GSAWN project, why girl-serving programming is important and needed, and the range of resources available to your library. There will be time for questions so we can address any concerns and best support your library efforts.

Federal Government Resources for K-8 (NDSL)

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

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Kristen Northrup, Technical Services Coordinator

Just like North Dakota state government agencies, federal agencies produce a wide range of kid-friendly information. Learn about the material available for use in your classroom or program, especially in the sciences and history. Note that unlike state documents, almost all of the federal resources are web-based.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

STEM INNOVATION & INTEGRATION MATCHING GRANT DEADLINE: MARCH 1

This grant is designed to encourage STEM activities in K-12 education that innovates and integrates STEM methodologies into existing or new programming. \$150,000 is available in total funding, but grants awarded may not exceed \$15,000. Grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar from business and industry partners. Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a first come first served basis, and all subsequent applications will be reviewed on a continuing basis.

For more details see <http://bit.ly/2LIpWVs>

W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION GRANT

DEADLINE: ONGOING

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports new and innovative ideas that help ensure all children, families, and communities have opportunities to reach their full potential. This includes high-quality early childhood experiences that allow children to thrive, efforts to help families obtain and keep stable jobs, and encouraging groups to engage with each other to create a vibrant and equitable community.

To learn more and apply see <http://bit.ly/2Knz3ly>

GREAT PLAINS CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION GRANT

DEADLINE: JULY 16

The purpose of this grant is to encourage new agricultural health and safety research, prevention, intervention, community outreach, and translation projects across the Midwest. The Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of farmers and ranchers as well as their workers, families, and the agricultural community members. Pilot projects addressing an aging workforce, mental health, chemical safety, and machinery and equipment safety are especially encouraged.

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

ANDEAVOR FOUNDATION COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT

DEADLINE: ONGOING

Andeavor Refinery looks to support local communities that support their philanthropic mission and focus areas in STEM education, public safety, and environmental conservation and sustainability. Organizations with strong, impactful programs will be given preference.

To learn more about the focus of the foundation and application process see <http://bit.ly/2jVvTdq>

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

North Dakota Library Tidbits

- Libraries across the state celebrated National Library Week with fun and unique activities—LEGO building contest (Stanley Public Library), Build Your Library fundraiser in partnership with Leever's grocery store (Cavalier Public Library), coffee and cookies (New England Public Library and Mayville Public Library), drawings for free books (Cavalier County Library), bake sale (Griggs County Library), fine forgiveness (Heart of America Library), Food for Fines (Minot Public Library), Camp-Read-Aloud with tents, crafts, a photo booth, and a face painting station (Oakes Public Library), and many more!
- McVille Community Library hosted a Vendor Fair and Bake sale to support their children's summer reading program.
- Forman Library hosted their first Chili Cook Off. They had six entries and awarded prizes for Most Original and Best Presentation.
- The Washburn Public Library updated their carpet for the first time in over 30 years.
- Fargo Public Library hosted "Artsy Baby" programs where parents and caretakers can bring their young babies and toddlers to the library to explore art through their senses. This might be painting (with edible paint) with their feet or drawing with colored ice.
- Mohall Public Library raised \$80 for the Mohall Lansford Sherwood Public School Prom with a fundraiser. Two prom dresses created out of newspaper were on display around town, including in the library, for community members to vote for their favorite by putting money in its jars.
- A girl scout has sponsored the Margaret Fraase Public Library in order to reach her silver award. She has already donated 200 books to the library for circulation.
- Grand Forks Public Library has hired a consultant to work towards rebranding and increasing foot traffic to the library. The process will include a new logo, a new communications plan, and likely new job titles for staff.
- The Minot Library invited Nordic women to bring their favorite cookbook to become a "cook book detective" and partake in the cultural tradition of sharing and recording their recipes.
- Dickinson State University's Theodore Roosevelt Center digitized their 50,000th document. They have partnered with the Library of Congress and many individual collectors to complete their project which aims to digitize approximately 150,000 documents worth of Theodore Roosevelt's writings.
- Harry L. Petrie Library received a \$100 donation from the Linton American Legion Auxiliary.
- Casselton Public Library will be holding a Happy Camper Book Fair as a part of the town's annual Summerfest.
- Mott Public Library hosted a book signing with Kim Stokely, speaker, performer, and author of the new book "Woman of Flames."

- Elgin Public Library received new puzzles to update their puzzle collection.
- McKenzie County Public Library hosted a Sleepy-Time Storytime PJ Party where kids learned sign language, did some evening stretches, and received a glow stick necklace as well as a star-in-a-jar craft.
- Lakota City Library is excited to start teaching their young patrons how to use the library's new 3D printers.
- Dickinson Public Library hosted a Toddler Prom where parents and their kids could get dressed up and dance the night away.
- William Matson, author of the book "Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior's Life and Legacy" and his family held a book signing at the Minot Public Library.
- Mott Public Library has started a community garden in partnership with the Hettinger County 4H club.
- The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library's second annual Adult Spelling Bee was held at Laughing Sun Brewing Company. The winning word was "tchotchke".
- Morton Mandan Public Library had Mrs. North Dakota United States attend their Spring Storytime Finale.
- Hebron Public Library received a \$500 grant from the Hebron Community Grant Foundation.

COMIC CON AT THE LIBRARY

The Grand Forks Public Library hosted its first Comic Extravaganza with free comic giveaways, face painting, costumes, prizes, and fun for all.



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library held its second Comic Con event. They had panels with local artists and authors, trivia, video game tournament, and many other fun opportunities.



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



This portrait of Beatrice and Florence Starr is from 1913. Beatrice is standing in front of the wicker chair wearing a white dress and a large bow in her hair, while Florence is the baby wearing a white lace dress.

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