

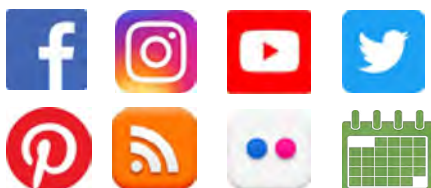
## TUTORND HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

As of June 30, 2019, the North Dakota State Library has stopped subscribing to TutorND.com. We appreciate the partnership we've had with Tutor, but usage of the service has dropped in recent years. The State Library's internal database committee performs an annual evaluation of each database, looking at usage statistics for the prior three years as well as a Return on Investment (ROI) for each database. In May, we presented our recommendation on database changes to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council who serves as our external database committee and they approved of the changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angie at [nds@train.nd.gov](mailto:nds@train.nd.gov).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September	<a href="#">Library Card Sign-Up Month</a>
September 19	<a href="#">ND Women's Suffrage Webinar Centennial &amp; Your Library</a>
September 22-28	<a href="#">Banned Books Week</a>
September 26	<a href="#">Banned Websites Awareness Day</a>
September 25-27	<a href="#">NDLA Annual Conference</a>
September 30	<a href="#">NDLCC LV2020 Grant Applications Due</a>
October 1-31	<a href="#">TeenTober</a>
October 1-31	<a href="#">Health Literacy Month</a>
October 20-26	<a href="#">National Friends of Libraries Week</a>

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## PLEASE RETURN KITS ON TIME

There are 172 STEM, Book Club, and Display kits available through NDSL. The kits are very popular with libraries across the state, and we would like to remind you that they are on a very tight schedule to turn-around kits once they are returned to us.

Kits can be reserved up to a year in advance, and they are oftentimes booked back-to-back. This means that if a kit is delayed in getting back to NDSL, it can disrupt the schedule for countless libraries for up to a year into the future.

Please be kind to your fellow librarians and return your book club kit before or on the due date. (And remember that the due date is the date we expect it to be at the State Library, not the day it should be shipped to us.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the State Library at 701-328-4622.

## News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

I recently accompanied our Center for the Book Coordinator (and ILL Manager) Shari Mosser to the National Book Festival. We had interesting but little known facts about North Dakota posted in our booth. We also handed out buttons that said that "Books Are My Happy Place." People loved the buttons, and we also got lots of comments on our facts. It is always interesting to attend an event like the National Book Festival because lots of people have a North Dakota connection, even if it's that ours is the last state they have to visit. This comment is not infrequent.

I had the opportunity to attend a reception the night before at the Library of Congress where I was happy to have the chance to speak briefly to and take a picture with Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, who I really admire, as well as connect with several other State Librarians and staff from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It is always great to connect with my State Librarian peers, and I enjoyed this opportunity. We listened to a presentation from four of the authors at the festival; they were rich and full and very impactful. The State Librarian from Vermont, Jason, turned to me after one of the talks and said, "there was so much there I'm going to have to unpack it tonight." I felt that way about several of the talks.

From Washington, D.C., I traveled to Rhode Island where my colleague, Karen, acted as Tour Guide Extraordinaire. She even planned my route for me through Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, which was my final destination. I thoroughly enjoyed my tour of New England. So often, when traveling for business, I don't have the chance to get out

and enjoy the local area, so having a few extra days to do so was a real blessing. It was absolutely lovely to see so many trees, bubbling brooks, covered bridges, and other things that I stumbled upon during my drive. My eventual destination was Burlington, Vermont, for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference. Almost 700 librarians attended this conference from 48 states; we had 15 North Dakota librarians in attendance at the conference. Several of us went to dinner together one evening, and I thoroughly enjoyed the great conversation, laughs, and even dancing at the end of the evening. I always look forward to connecting with my "ARSL peeps" each year at conference. Many of them are now colleagues that I am honored and thankful to also call friends.

I am looking forward to the upcoming North Dakota Library Association Conference (NDLA). It will be a wonderful time with my North Dakota Library Land colleagues to connect, learn, and, I'm sure, laugh. Paulette from Minot and I will once again be coordinating the live and silent auctions, so please come with your checkbook or credit card in hand.

Conferences and events such as the National Book Festival are about learning, but they are also very much about networking with colleagues and expanding your library land circle. I am grateful to have the chance to connect with my "Library Peeps" from across the spectrum. I always learn lots, laugh a ton, and get refreshed, energized, and renewed. If you have an opportunity to attend a conference or a continuing education event, I encourage you to take it and to participate fully. You never know when the person sitting next to you will become a lifelong friend.

# ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

## ACADEMY SEARCH PREMIER

Not only does the State Library offer great databases to improve your skills and leisure time but we also have databases that are perfect for research. Many of these databases hold scholarly, peer-reviewed resources that will work for supporting a report or paper. One such database is Academic Search Premier.

This database searches journals, research papers, books, and more for the most relevant information to your search topic. After finding all of the items that are within your search term you can refine the results on the left hand side of the page. Say you only want information published during a certain set of years, you can adjust the years on this part of the page. This will adjust the amount of items to go through and will give the most relevant articles to your research. On this same side, you can choose other databases to search, additional subject terms, and even choose which language you want the results to come in.

When looking for the perfect resource, it is important to notice if the database has access to the full article or just the abstract. It will tell you on the search page if the PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text are available before you even read the abstract. When you find an article that works for your research, you can save it to a folder with a free account, email the item, print, or save it to your computer. In addition to these saving options there are options to cite the article, translate it, and create notes on different parts of it. All of these options will create a more robust research experience and give the best resources for whatever research is needed.

For more information on this database and others contact [nds1train@nd.gov](mailto:nds1train@nd.gov).



## DID YOU KNOW?

North Dakota has the 2nd highest number of outreach vehicles per capita in the United States (not including book-bikes). There is one outreach vehicle for every 62,949 people. Kentucky comes in 1st place with one outreach vehicle for every 59,959 people.

## SCHOOL TOURS AND TRAININGS

The State Library is open for tours! We provide free tours to school groups, and we are located right on the capitol grounds. If you're coming to the Capitol and/or the Heritage Center, let us know, and we can arrange a tour date and time with you.

In addition to tours, the Continuing Education Coordinator can travel to your school for professional development days. We will speak to the school staff and administrators on what the State Library has to offer to teachers and librarians for programming and/or research.



For more information, contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-472-2104 or [ndsltrain@nd.gov](mailto:ndsltrain@nd.gov).

## ANNUAL REPORT TO GOVERNING BODY

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

Did you know that North Dakota public libraries are required by law to submit an annual report to their governing body (either the city and/or county commission)? [NDCC 40-38-09](#) outlines what needs to be included, but there are numerous ways in which this annual report could be approached.

Your report should be organized, well-thought-out, visual, and informative. With a little time and dedication, you should be able to create a report without any issues. Take advantage of resources like Word and Publisher to help create your report.

Fun facts about the library, highlights from the past year, photographs, and any other relevant information should absolutely be included in the report. Definitely include information from your library's most recent Public Library Survey (the annual report that is submitted to the State Library). However, you should NOT just print this off and submit it as your annual report to the governing body. The raw data in the PLS can be bland, and it includes information that the governing body may not understand without proper context.

Numbers can really drive the point home. However, don't use too many figures. That may overwhelm folks. Consider doing something fun with the data, like an infographic. Infographics are brief and visual. You don't have to be a graphic designer to create an infographic. You can easily create free infographics online by using websites like [Canva](#).

And don't forget, this report can also serve another purpose: advocacy. Never miss an opportunity to advocate for your library, and the annual report to the governing body is a wonderful opportunity to do this. The governing body should be able to review the report and visualize the impact the library is making in the community.

Additional information and examples are available on the [State Library's blog](#).

## PROGRAMMING KITS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY

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!

- Airblock
- Be a NASA Detective
- Book Club Kits
- Code & Go Robot Mouse
- Codeybot
- Cozmo Robot
- Cubelets
- Dash And Dot Wonder Pack
- Evo Ozobot
- Fuel Cell Car
- Giant Polydron
- KEVA Planks
- littleBits
- Makeblock Starter Robot
- Q-Ba-Maze 2.0 Mega Stunt Set
- Robot Wars Coding Strategy Game
- Roli Blocks
- Sphero
- Starblast Tabletop Telescope
- Sun-Earth-Moon Connections

## GROW YOUR GRAPHICS COLLECTION

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Looking to beef up your Junior and YA graphic novel collection? Below you will find some authors that consistently have popular work as well as lists curated by ALA, YALSA, Common Sense Media, and more.

### Authors to watch:

- Ben Hatke
- Jarrett J Krosoczka
- Jen Wang
- Jennifer L Holm
- Katie O'Neill
- Nathan Hale
- Raina Telgemeier
- Shannon Hale
- Ursula Vernon
- Victoria Jamieson



### Readers Advisory Lists:

- [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/resources/its\\_elementary\\_graphic\\_novels](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/resources/its_elementary_graphic_novels)
- <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/great-graphic-novels>
- <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/best-graphic-novels-children>
- <https://www.common Sense Media.org/lists/graphic-novels>
- <http://goodokbad.com/kids/>

Check out [our blog](#) to see some popular books and series as well.

## NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE LIBRARIAN FOR THE I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

Is there a librarian who has made a difference in your life or made an impact on your community? Now is your chance to honor their contributions by nominating them for the national I Love My Librarian Award.

The I Love My Librarian Award invites library users across the country to recognize their favorite librarians working in public, school, college, community college, or university libraries for transforming lives and improving communities. Nominations are being accepted [online](#) now through Oct. 21, 2019.

Ten librarians will be selected to win \$5,000, a plaque, and a travel stipend to attend the I Love My Librarian Award ceremony on January 25, 2020, in Philadelphia.



To be eligible, each nominee must hold a master's degree in library and information studies from a program accredited by the American Library Association or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must also currently work in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or at an accredited K-12 school in the United States.

For additional information, resources and stories from past winners, visit the I Love Libraries [website](#).

The philanthropic foundation Carnegie Corporation of New York generously sponsors the I Love My Librarian Award. The New York Public Library and the New York Times are co-sponsors of the award. The award is administered by the American Library Association, the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services.

### FLICKERTALE SURVEY

In order to make sure the Flickertale is meeting the needs of our readers, we would like to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see in future issues. This [quick survey](#) (only 3 questions) asks which sections you actively look for, which ones you skip, and any topics or ideas you would like to see included. Make your voice heard!

### NEED AN INFOGRAPHIC FOR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY?

The North Dakota State Library is happy to provide a basic infographic based on the numbers you submitted for the Public Library Survey/Annual Report. These infographics will include the number of visits to your library, registered users, items, wireless sessions, programs, program attendees, and circulations. It will also have the average cost to taxpayers.

If you are interested in receiving a custom infographic, please send an e-mail to [ndsipa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsipa@nd.gov).

# THE READING NOOK

By Jessica Robinson

Historical fiction is a versatile genre—casting its wide net over all of human history (and sometimes beyond). This month we'll take a look at the historical fiction of 2019 and see what we can learn about what's come before us.

Lyndsay Faye started the year off with a literal bang in *The Paragon Hotel* when Alice "Nobody" James flees a Prohibition-era New York after a botched liquor deal ended in a shootout and finds refuge in an all-black hotel in Portland. Rhys Bowen's *The Victory Garden* jumps forward a few more years to World War I, where a pregnant Emily Bryce finds comfort in the neglected gardens of a Devonshire estate after her pilot lover is lost to the war. Next, we cross the ocean to dusty Kansas to explore the friendship between a young Judy Garland and L. Frank Baum's widow Maud in *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. Kate Quinn delves into an intriguing bit of WW2 history in *The Huntress* where she follows the exploits of a member of the Night Witches, an all-female group of Russian aviators, as she tracks a Nazi war criminal to America. After that, go back a few hundred years to 1793 in Niklas Natt och Dag's *The Wolf and the Watchman*, a suspenseful mystery set in a Stockholm that's still reeling after the death of their king.

Stephanie Thornton is a queen of historical fiction and that's well on display in *American Princess*, a story centering around Theodore Roosevelt's infamous daughter Alice as she fights to be heard in Washington during her father's time in office. After that, we race to the 1960s in Chanel Cleeston's *When We Left Cuba* where a Cuban sugar heiress named Beatriz Perez is recruited by the CIA to spy on Fidel Castro. From the Cold War to the Trojan War comes *A Thousand Ships* by Natalie Haynes, a sweeping account of the Trojan War from the perspective of several women (and goddesses) across Greece and above. Readers will find a

new kindred spirit in the heroine of Kim Michele Richardson's *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, a young Appalachian woman who afflicted with a rare genetic condition that turns her skin blue, as she struggles to fulfill her quest to deliver books to impoverished mountain folk in Kentucky. *The Electric Hotel* by Dominic Smith is another great historical fiction novel set in a hotel but this time it's the home of a reclusive French silent film director named Claude Ballard who recounts the story of the movie which destroyed his career.

*The Tenth Muse* by Catherine Chung revolves around a brilliant mathematician and her quest to solve the Riemann Hypothesis, a quest which leads her right to World War II and a secret that will change everything she thought she knew about herself. Next, we go to 1953 Tehran with Marjan Kamali's *The Stationery Shop* and explore a doomed romance set in the eponymous stationery shop during the Iranian coup d'état. We can never get too far away from World War II in historical fiction, and Jeanne Mackin's *The Last Collection* takes us right back in with this story of the rivalry between fashion icons Coco Chanel and Elsa Schiaparelli on the eve of the Nazi threat on Paris. The next book also takes a close look at a famous woman of history in *Meet Me in Monaco* by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb, a story of a friendship between a perfume boutique owner and the legendary performer Grace Kelly. Finally, we end the year on *Today We Go Home* by Kelli Estes, all about a PTSD-suffering soldier in Afghanistan and the comfort she finds in the journal of a woman who disguised herself as a man to fight in the Civil War.

Next month, we enter into my favorite time of the year and all agree to spend some time with a few ghosts and other assorted monsters as we explore 2019's best and most highly anticipated horror novels.

# 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.

## **North Dakota Women's Suffrage Centennial and Your Library**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/2Y0Fg5L>

*Thursday, September 19, 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)*

Presenter: Dr. Barbara Handy-Marchello

In September, 2019, South Dakota Historical Society Press will release *Equality at the Ballot Box: Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains*, a collection of essays about how women won suffrage rights in several Northern Great Plains states including North Dakota. Three essays in the book focus on North Dakota events: "Quiet Voices in the Prairie Winds" by Barbara Handy-Marchello, "Kate Selby Wilder: Clubwoman, Suffragist, Temperance Activist, and City Commissioner" by Ann W. Braaten, and "Cora Smith Eaton and North Dakota Woman Suffrage, 1888-1897" by Kristin Mapel Bloomberg. The essays on North Dakota suffrage are the first to be published on this state's woman suffrage campaigns.

Dr. Barbara Handy-Marchello is co-chair of the North Dakota Woman Suffrage Centennial Committee which is planning a series of events to commemorate the centennial of the 19th amendment. She will discuss the importance of commemoration as well as the work of the committee in raising awareness of the campaign for political equality for women. This webinar will also go over a few ways on how libraries can commemorate the event and what they could add to their collection to contribute to the celebration.

## **Stories Connect Us: A Conversation With Bestselling Author Kate DiCamillo**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/2ZTvuLI>

*Friday, October 11, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)*

Join two-time Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo in a candid online conversation to celebrate the publication of *Beverly, Right Here*, the concluding story in her sequence of novels about the three rancheros, and to discuss writing, reading and connecting through books. The live webinar will allow for teacher/student participation as well as for Q&A with the author. Kate's insights and her trademark friendly rapport with her audience will make this a memorable part of the academic year.

## **Library Con Live**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/2ZN0FvC>

*Wednesday, November 6, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CST)*

This is a day-long celebration of fan-favorite stories, creators, comics, and graphic novels. Learn from industry insiders, network online with other fans and librarians, meet your favorite creators, attend panels and more! Plus, network online with other fans and explore our virtual exhibit hall where you'll hear directly from publishers about their newest books and engage in live chats with featured authors.

## **NDLCC Standards for Public Libraries: New and Improved!**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/2kxWUro>

*Thursday, October 24, 2019, 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)*

Presenter: Trevor Martinson, Library Development Specialist

The North Dakota Standards for Public Libraries (pause for dramatic effect) have been updated. Hooray! Attend this webinar to learn why they were updated and how they were updated (a.k.a the method to the madness). Attendees will also get a crash course on the restructured format, brand new elements, compliance, and eligibility for Library Vision Grants. There will also be time at the end for any Standards-related questions.



## NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL 2019

Submitted by Shari Mosser

Tens of thousands of book lovers appeared at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for the 19th annual Library of Congress National Book Festival. The festival, held on August 31, allowed people to celebrate reading and meet some of their favorite authors.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg drew a record-setting crowd of more than 5,000 cheering people. Nina Totenberg interviewed Justice Ginsburg and discussed her book "My Own Words." The Library of Congress livestreamed the event and it has had over 13,000 views. View it, as well as other videos of the event, [here](#).



Mary Soucie and Shari Mosser represented North Dakota at the Festival's Parade of States where attendees learned about the literary heritage of the state. The beards were a great draw for many children and adults! The discussion naturally led into Chris Rylander's book "The Legend of Greg (An Epic Series of Failures)" which was North Dakota's featured book for "Discover Great Places Through Reading." You can find out more about it at your local library.

Next year's book festival will be held Saturday, August 29, 2020.

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Welcome back to fall storytimes and programming. One easy and fun way to target those reluctant readers is to host a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Invite your young readers to bring their best, stuffed friend to the library for a special storytime. Then, when storytime is over, the stuffed animals stay behind for a special sleepover in the library! Take pictures of the stuffed animals reading in the stacks, playing in the reading room, and maybe getting into a little bit of mischief in the staff-only areas. Pictures can be posted throughout the night on your library's social media pages or displayed the next day at pickup. This great program shows youngsters that reading with their stuffed animals can be fun and encourages them to read to their stuffed friends at home.

Tips from the experts:

- "Check in" each stuffed animal and give it a name tag and list the owner. This way, you can avoid issues of duplicate animals or find lost owners that may forget to pick up their friend.
- Put multiple animals in each photo and make sure that they all get equal camera time.
- Limit the number of sleepover attendees so that you are not overwhelmed with participants.
- Get creative! Have teen volunteers or other staff members have fun with the photo setups.
- Search the internet for fun ideas. [Here](#) and [here](#) are great places to start.

## UNIVERSAL CLASS COURSE OF THE MONTH: GED TEST PREPARATION

Submitted by Angie Houser

This is one of the longest courses offered on Universal Class, but it is designed to take the place of any GED test preparation classes that a student would take.



The course goes through each section of the GED test and gives exams and assignments for each one. Unfortunately, a student cannot skip around areas of the test depending on what they need to work on. Every lesson must be done in order. But when students are done with this course, they will be ready to take the GED test without any additional courses.

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This course is comprised of 50 lessons, 96 exams and assignments, and should take about 37 hours to complete.

All of this is available with a public or [State Library card](#). Check out this course and more today!

## BISMARCK PUBLIC LIBRARY JOINS DPLA

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (BVMPL) has joined the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)! This will expand on the [Big Sky Country Digital Network \(BSCDN\) hub](#) on DPLA that also includes the Montana State Library, Montana State University, University of Montana, Montana Historical Society, North Dakota State Library, and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

BVMPL's collection ("[Bismarck - Capital City Memories](#)") includes images depicting the history of Bismarck from its early pioneer days through the 1990s. This collection is now a part of the 34 million items on DPLA, the 88,000 items on the BSCDN hub, and the 16,000 items contributed by North Dakota institutions.

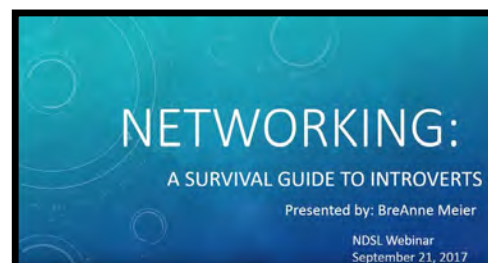
[DPLA](#) is an online repository that connects people to the millions of hidden riches held within libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions.

## YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH:

### NETWORKING: A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR INTROVERTS

Submitted by Angie Houser

NDLA is right around the corner, so I thought it would be good to bring out an old favorite for those who are attending the conference and might not do so well with people. Being an introvert is hard and trying to be a professional at the same time is even harder. In this webinar, the presenter will go over some of her tips and tricks for networking at conferences as an introvert—just in time for you to put them to use at the NDLA Annual Conference.



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

## BRITANNICA LMS-SSO INTEGRATION

Britannica School has been approved with the following Learning Management System - Single Sign-On companies. Each one works a little different and would be handled on a school-by-school basis. If anyone is interested in this type of authentication, you would also need to have an account with one of the companies listed below.

[ClassLink](#)  
[Canvas](#)  
[Schoology](#)

With the above companies, Britannica School would need to assign you a consumer key and consumer secret code which would be used when setting up access on your platform.

[Clever](#) is another option, but this can only be setup at the district level and not at individual schools or libraries if that is the case.

If any schools are interested, please reach out to [edsupport@eb.com](mailto:edsupport@eb.com) and let them know which of these services your school is using, and they will instruct you on how to continue with your setup.

### NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- The stories we share : a guide to preK-12 books on the experience of immigrant children and teens in the United States
- Honey for a child's heart : the imaginative use of books in family life (4th edition)
- Game changer! : book access for all kids
- Cricut crafting : a basic beginner's guide to using your cricut machine
- The workshop and the world : what ten thinkers can teach us about science and authority
- Internet abuses and privacy rights / The Reference Shelf
- Alternative facts, post-truth and the information war / The Reference Shelf
- Digital minimalism : choosing a focused life in a noisy world
- Karakuri : how to make mechanical paper models that move
- Loops : repeat, repeat! (Code It! series for ages 3-9)
- Sequences : order matters! (Code It! series for ages 3-9)
- Algorithms : solve a problem! (Code It! series for ages 3-9)
- Debugging : you can fix it! (Code It! series for ages 3-9)
- Bearnard's book (picture book)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

The North Dakota State Library's [marketing webpage](#) has a new look. Do you need flyers, posters, or bookmarks to promote the databases? We've got you covered! If you would like materials mailed to you, fill out the online order form and send it via e-mail to [ndsldata@nd.gov](mailto:ndsldata@nd.gov). If you need materials right away or just want to print your own, click on "Download promotional materials" to download, save, and print the materials that are available.

If you are unable to find the materials you need, or if you have changes you would like made to the existing materials, send an e-mail to [ndsldata@nd.gov](mailto:ndsldata@nd.gov).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & LEGAL RESEARCH RESOURCE ANSWERS, CONTINUED

Submitted by Catie Palsgraaf, Acting North Dakota Supreme Court Law Librarian

This is the twelfth in a series of Flickertale articles that aim to take the mystery out of North Dakota's legal reference resources.

The previous articles in this series can be found in past issues of [The Flickertale](#).

Following are more frequently asked questions by self-represented patrons and the legal research resource answers given by North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library and North Dakota Legal Self Help Center staff.

### **I was served a civil summons and complaint, but there's no case number and the Clerk of District Court says the case hasn't been filed. Do I have to do what the summons says?**

Civil cases in North Dakota State District Court start with service of the summons and complaint on the Defendant(s). Generally, filing is not required to occur before the summons and complaint are served. Filing is when a case number is assigned by a Clerk of District Court.

So, it is very common for the summons and complaint for a civil case to be served without a case number because the case is not yet filed with the District Court.

Since service starts the civil case, the deadline for the Defendant to answer starts to run when they are served the summons and complaint.

Direct the patron to the [ND Legal Self Help Center website](#) and scroll to the District Court Civil section. Click on the '[Answering a Summons and Complaint](#)' link.

### **How long do I have to bring my case?**

This is a statute of limitations question. A statute of limitation is the time allowed by law to bring a civil or criminal action to court.

[Chapter 28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains many of North Dakota's statute of limitations laws.

Other laws besides those contained in Chapter 28-01 may apply. Direct the patron to the printed General Index of the North Dakota Century Code. The Index has a "Statute of Limitations" topic section.

The patron needs to determine for themselves which statute of limitations applies to their circumstances, or will need to consult an attorney for advice.

### **How do I change my name/name of my minor child?**

[Chapter 32-28 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains the requirements for adult and minor name changes.

For forms and instructions for changing the name of an adult or a minor, direct the patron to the [ND Legal Self Help Center website](#) and scroll to the 'Name Changes' section.

### **My relative died and I need to pay the funeral expenses and deal with their estate. What do I do?**

When a person dies, most of the work to be done with the estate is the legal and orderly transfer of the deceased person's property to the persons entitled to receive it (the creditors and heirs).

[Title 30.1 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains laws related to handling a deceased person's estate.

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the 'Probate section'. Click on all three links. Each link has information about the three different processes to transfer probate property under Title 30.1.

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**I was injured on the job, and Workforce Safety and Insurance denied my claim. Workforce Safety and Insurance says I have 30 days to appeal their decision to the district court. How do I do that?**

When a party in an administrative agency proceeding disagrees with the administrative agency's final decision, they may appeal the decision to a North Dakota state district court.

[Chapter 28-32 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) contains laws related to this type of appeal.

The specific laws for the administrative agency may have additional, or different requirements to those in Chapter 28-32. Direct the patron to the printed General Index of the North Dakota Century Code. Administrative agencies are listed by name.

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the Appeals section. Click on the [Appeal an Administrative Agency Decision to District Court link](#). The link includes general information about administrative appeals, and informational guides specifically for appealing Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI) or Job Service North Dakota (JSND) final decisions.

**I bought a car, and I can't get the title from the previous owner. The North Dakota Department of Transportation says I need a court order. How do I get it?**

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the 'Miscellaneous' section. For information about the process of petitioning a North Dakota state district court to award title to a motor vehicle, click on the ['Motor Vehicle Title – Petition to Award' link](#).

**My out-of-state or tribal court order gave me custody/visitation. The other parent is in North Dakota and won't return our child. Law enforcement says I need an order from a North Dakota Court. How do I get it?**

[Chapter 14-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code](#) is North Dakota's version of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA).

Chapter 14-14.1 allows a North Dakota court to enforce a custody or visitation order granted by another state court or tribal court. A North Dakota state district court may enforce the current custody and visitation provisions of the order.

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the 'Family Law' section. Click on the [Out-of-State or Tribal Court Custody or Visitation Orders link](#). The 'Enforcing a Foreign (Non-North Dakota) Custody Order Informational Guide' gives the steps in the enforcement process and a variety of forms.

**How does my husband adopt my child?**

A stepparent is allowed by North Dakota law to adopt a child. Some requirements for adopting a minor child do not apply in a step-parent adoption of a minor child.

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the 'Family Law' section. Click on the [Adoption link](#).

**How do I get an annulment?**

An annulment is a civil court process to declare that a marriage never happened. If a North Dakota state district court annuls a marriage, the marriage is void.

A North Dakota state district court can annul a marriage only in limited situations.

Direct the patron to the ND Legal Self Help Center website and scroll to the 'Family Law' section. Click on the [Annulment link](#).

## SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### **USDA: COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM**

**DEADLINE: ONGOING**

This USDA program helps provide funding to develop community facilities in rural areas. A rural area, as defined by the USDA, has a population of less than 20,000 residents. The funds can be used to purchase, construct, or improve facilities. Priority is given to communities with a population of less than 5,500 and communities with a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income. To get started, contact your local Rural Development office.

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2zK80xq>

### **NDLCC LIBRARY VISION 2020 COMPETITIVE AND NONCOMPETITIVE GRANTS**

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30**

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council currently has three grants open—General Collection Development, Innovative Partnership, and Networking Infrastructure. For this grant round, the Standards for Public Libraries compliance requirement has been waived. Please check the Competitive Grant Program Guidelines to make sure your library is eligible to receive a grant prior to applying.

The guidelines can be found on [NDSL's Grants page](#).

### **EBSCO ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1**

EBSCO gives out a \$1,000 scholarship for expenses to allow librarians to attend ALA's Annual Conference. The 2020 conference will be held in Chicago on June 25–30. Applicants must be ALA members and have no supervision of professional library staff. The application requires a copy of your CV and a 250 word essay that answers the question, "How will attending this ALA Conference contribute to my professional development?"

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2zLib4H>

### **KIDS NEED TO READ**

**DEADLINE: ONGOING**

Kids Need to Read provides literacy resources, books, and periodicals to schools, libraries, and other organizations that administer literacy programs to children and adolescents. There is a heavy emphasis on assisting disadvantaged children, whether they are juvenile offenders, children and adolescents living in impoverished communities, or youth faced with learning challenges. Kids Need to Read intend to assist educators who are devoted to helping such children overcome the odds and succeed through worthwhile literacy programs. They accept submissions for young readers, middle readers, and young adults.

To find out more or apply, visit their site at: <http://bit.ly/1BLDhM8>

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

## *North Dakota Library Tidbits*

- The Doorstep Library program at Morton Mandan Public Library will bring up to 10 items a month to any homebound patron
- An escape room program with challenging puzzles was hosted by Dickinson Area Public Library
- Adams County Library has begun digitizing local historical documents so that members of the community have easier access
- Michael Jacobson was selected to join the US LEGO Education Master Educator Program for its 2019 cohort; Mr. Jacobson is a library media specialist at Legacy High School in Bismarck
- Libraries across the state have wrapped up their summer reading programs! Some highlights include straw rockets, moon-landing celebrations, and night-time programs with telescopes. Thank you to all of the libraries for sharing a love of space and reading this summer
- Mayville Public Library is currently hosting an amateur photography exhibition. Participants will be judged in the categories of Sepia/Black and White, Color, and People's choice
- The patrons of Adams County Library have access to 30,000 films for free through the library's recent acquisition of the streaming service, Kanopy
- August marked the 75th anniversary of the Griggs County Public Library; the community celebrated with treats supplied by the local PEO
- Minot Public Library provided a book folding art demonstration at the Minot Area Council of the Art's final concert of the summer
- Grand Forks Public Library greatly increased their summer reading program participation this year. They attribute their success to adding an adult reading program, marketing, being intentional with their programming, and letting minutes be logged online
- Walhalla Public Library received a donation of \$1,000 to go towards their "Apollo Project." The funds collected for this project will go towards housing photos and equipment used for Apollo 11 among other things
- Landscape improvements are on the horizon for Williston Community Library; fresh plants and grass along with landscaping stone will be added to exterior of the building. In the future, they hope to add benches in the lawn
- The Gnarly Barley 5k raised \$23,500 this year; proceeds were all donated to the Ray School Library
- Griggs County Library received \$400 from the Pilcrow Foundation to purchase new science and math books
- Children at McKenzie County Public Library attended a story time with Sid Moore, the author of "Major: A Soldier's Dog." Moore donated his dog, Major, to the Dogs for Defense program during World War II and wrote a children's story about his pet
- Valley City Barnes County Public Library's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) has helped guide the programming for the library's new series of events discussing mental health. "Practical Discussions on Depression and Anxiety" will include three licensed councilors hosting Q&A session throughout September at the library

## DIGITAL DELIGHTS



This photo is of the 1914 Bowman High School football team.

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