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## KitKeeper Update

The State Library will be making some changes to our checkout procedures for STEM Kits and Book Club Kits over the next couple of months. We will discontinue Kitkeeper. All kits will be cataloged into Polaris and be searchable and reservable in the Polaris online catalog, just like any other item in the State Library's collection.

We are starting with the Book Club Kits and should have them done by the middle of August. We hope to have the STEM kits cataloged and available by the start of the school year.

The upside of the change will be better searching through Polaris, better data on Kit usage, better tracking for inventory, and a much easier to use interface. The downside is that kits will no longer be reservable for a specific date, months in advance. We acknowledge that's a big downside. Libraries and individual patrons will be able to put a hold on Kits in the same manner as the rest of the collection. We believe this will allow more access to the kits by a wider audience.

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**Information Services Assistant**  
Closing Date: August 5, 2022

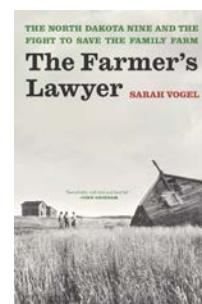
A red rectangular banner with a white sign hanging from the top left corner that says "WE ARE HIRING" in red, bold, sans-serif capital letters. In the top right corner of the banner is the North Dakota State Library logo. Below the sign, the text "Information Services Assistant" and "Closing Date: August 5, 2022" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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## Books By North Dakota Authors Selected To Represent Our State At The 2022 National Book Festival Submitted by Tammy Kruger

North Dakota Center for the Book has selected two titles for the 2022 National Book Festival: *The Farmer's Lawyer* by Sarah Fogel and *An Epic Series of Failures: The Rise of Greg* by Chris Rylander.

Both novels will be part of the National Center for the Book's Great Reads from Great Places program. This program highlights books and authors representing each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Marianas, and Guam. Once a year, representatives come to Washington, D.C., to share their state/territory's picks with one another and the public. This year's National Book Festival will be held on September 3rd. Although it is back to in-person, live-streamed and recorded virtual programs are included. Some features of the book festival include discussion panels with selected authors, book signings, and trinkets from exhibitor booths. Members of the public are encouraged to visit each booth and receive a stamp on their Roadmap to Reading.



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## **Farm And Ranch Stress Assistance Network**

**Submitted by Betty Schneider, ND Mediation Service Coordinator**

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). NIFA's Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) connects farmers, ranchers, and others in agriculture-related occupations to stress assistance programs. NDDA will partner with North Dakota State University and the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education to initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through farm telephone helplines and websites, training programs and workshops; support groups; and outreach services and activities.

North Dakota libraries can play an important role in getting the word out that this assistance is available to our farmers and ranchers. More information about this service can be found at [www.nd.gov/ndda/frsan](http://www.nd.gov/ndda/frsan).

Brochures describing this program are available to libraries, free of charge. If you would like to order brochures, please contact Betty Schneider at 701-328-4158 or [ndms@nd.gov](mailto:ndms@nd.gov).

This work is supported by the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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### **Survey Participation Request Focusing On Public Libraries' Readiness For Weather-Related Disasters**

**Submitted by Monika Antonelli**  
**Professor, MLS, MS, Outreach Librarian, Library Services**  
**Minnesota State University, Mankato**

We are asking for your help to benchmark both public library preparedness for disaster and their contribution to community resilience efforts. This research is being conducted by Monika Antonelli (Minnesota State University, Mankato), Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Mid-Hudson Library System), Adrian K. Ho (University of Chicago), and René Tanner (Rollins College).

The short survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete and is intended for public library directors or public library administrators. The aim of the project is to aid the researchers in assessing U.S. public libraries' readiness for weather-related disasters as institutions, as well as to assess how public libraries can provide assistance to their communities' recovery in the wake of weather-related disasters.

If you would like to participate in this Minnesota State University, Mankato study (IRBNet ID 1919288) please click on this [link](#) to go to the [survey](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Monika via email at [monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu](mailto:monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu). The survey will close on August 31, 2022.

Survey: [https://chicagobooth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ZAn6VowG4TpNbg](https://chicagobooth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZAn6VowG4TpNbg)

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Registration for the United for Libraries Virtual Event (August 9-11) is FREE for library directors, staff, trustees, friends, and foundation members in North Dakota!

Register today at [www.ala.org/united/virtual](http://www.ala.org/united/virtual).

### **National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled: Topic For September Quarterly Patron Corner Call Submitted by Tamara Rorie, Head, Patron Engagement Section**

On Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. EDT, the National Library Service (NLS) Patron Engagement Section will host the quarterly Patron Corner. The topic for this session is Narration: The Art of Telling the Story. The guest speakers will include Celeste Lawson, narrator and head of the NLS Media Lab. She will include other NLS narrators on her panel. The session will run for 90 minutes.

Bring your questions and your thoughts about audio narration and join us at <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>.

When you join this Zoom event, you will be in the waiting room until the program starts. When you enter the room, your phone or computer will be muted. Please stay on mute unless you are called on. If you want to ask a question, you may raise your hand by pressing Alt + Y on your computer or Star 9 on your phone. Once you are called on, press Alt + A on your computer or Star 6 on your phone to unmute yourself.

For the full Zoom invitation, including call-in numbers, or if you have any questions, please contact the Talking Book Department at 701-328-1408 or [tbooks@nd.gov](mailto:tbooks@nd.gov).

## **North Dakota Libraries Tidbits**



### **Funding & Closures; Big Decisions Looming for JRVLS**

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The future of libraries service to communities is changing. The James River Valley Library System (JRVLS) has been working to meet these changes and demands, but have added other big decisions surrounding funding and possible closure of the Stutsman County Library (SCL).

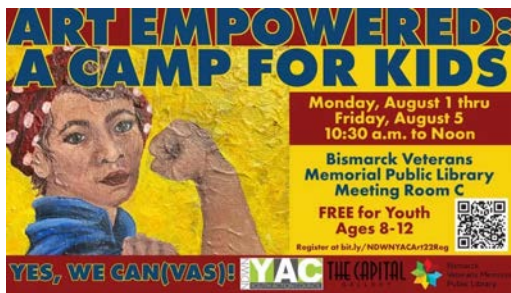


### **Wet & Wild Fun At Valley City Barnes County Library**

VALLEY CITY, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) - The Valley City Barnes County (VCBC) Public Library wrapped up their "Ocean of Possibilities" summer programs with a wet and wild time in the library parking lot on Tuesday, July 26th. VCBC

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## Art Empowered introduces Bismarck Youth to famous female artists

A program from the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library hopes to help promote women in the arts with Art Empowered - a series of day camp classes highlighting famous female artists in history. The camp will last from Monday, August 1st, to Friday, August 5th, and last from 10:30 a.m.

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## Give summer a sweet ending at Memorial Library's ice cream social

BISMARCK, N.D. (KXNET) - Summer is almost over, and with the new school year comes a scramble to make up for the lost time in the classroom. Luckily, for those who practice summer reading, that isn't much of a problem. The idea of summer reading is a pretty popular one to help develop childhood education [...]

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## Friends of the Library Librarypalooza!

BISMARCK, N.D. (KXNET) - New to Bismarck? Haven't been to the library in a while? Not sure where your library card is (or don't have one)? Think libraries are just books? There's so much to love, and the library is for everyone.

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## Job Service ND to offer free walk-in services at Fargo libraries

FARGO - Job Service ND will offer free, one-on-one walk-in help, at the Main and Dr. James Carlson libraries starting in August, the library system announced Tuesday, July 26. Services will be available at the Carlson branch from 2 to 4 p.m.

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## Britannica's NEW Fall Webinars With A Focus On Developing Students' Skills With Media Literacy, Inquiry, And SEL!

Submitted by Laurel Greene, Sr. Education Consultant,  
Western Region, Britannica Digital Learning

Join Britannica's Education Consultant team to learn how to best use your Britannica resources to support your classroom or library! We offer free webinars every month and provide a recording to all who register.

Take a look at our upcoming webinar topics:

- **August** - Developing Students' SEL Skills at the Beginning of the School Year
- **September** - Teaching Latinx History through Media Literacy
- **October** - Deepen Students' Understanding of Indigenous People's History Through Inquiry
- **November** - Explore Veterans Day Through Media Literacy
- **December** - Developing SEL Skills Through Learning About the Importance of Human Rights

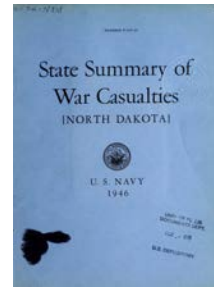
To sign up for one of our webinars, go to <https://britannicalearn.com/professional-learning/public-webinars/>. We hope to see you there!

# New Items Added To Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

## Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

- Gordon and Emma Anderson by the Andrew Jackson statue, Washington, D.C., 1944
- Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- Lincoln Statue, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- Pentagon Building, Arlington, Va., 1943
- United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., 1940s
- White House, Washington, D.C., 1960s



## North Dakota Histories

- Ramsey County, North Dakota: 1883-1983, Volume 2
- State Summary of War Casualties, North Dakota, 1946

## ND Memories

- Hydraulic stone picker patent, 1956
- Military portrait of Charles Hoof, circa late 1910s
- Portrait of William W. Grover Cleveland Barry, circa 1915-1917



## North Dakota State Documents

- The Nodak Guardsman, 1991

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## Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

### **OCLC WorldCat FirstSearch Basics and Interlibrary Loan**

**August 17, 2022 (2:00 PM - 2:30 PM)**

Since libraries cannot possibly have everything their patrons want, they need to share materials with other libraries. This webinar will present information on how to successfully place interlibrary loan requests to the North Dakota State Library using FirstSearch.

#### **Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BLQRw1QDTbukgqg9NdsXVw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BLQRw1QDTbukgqg9NdsXVw)

### **Front Line Library Basics: Reader Advisory Tips and Tricks Featuring NoveList**

**August 31, 2022 (2:00 PM – 2:45 PM)**

Have you ever had a patron ask you for a good book recommendation? Or do you have a patron who wants the next three books in the series they are reading? This webinar will explore the topic of readers' advisory and examine the online library resource NoveList.

#### **Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WK82mfXnRkeAZ-oMvQvGqg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WK82mfXnRkeAZ-oMvQvGqg)

This fall, we will feature two new webinar series, Front Line Basics and Back to School. For librarians and library workers, the Front Line Basics series will explore the online library resources available for public library patrons and other resources that can help you better serve your patrons.

The Back to School series is designed for first-time school librarians and those who may be seeking a refresher on services offered by the North Dakota State Library and the online library resources that are specifically tailored to K-12 students.

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## **N.D. Out-of-School-Time Conference**

**Submitted by Tammy Kruger**



Approximately 100 youth development, afterschool educators, paraprofessionals, school librarians, and children advocates gathered for the ND Out-of-School-Time Conference in Fargo on August 2nd and 3rd. ND Out-of-School-Time is a part of the [North Dakota Afterschool Network](#). This event focused on establishing interpersonal relationships, building up youths' confidence, reinforcing 21st-century skills, and creating atmospheres where everyone feels welcomed and appreciated.

While the sessions focused on PreK-twelfth-grade students, the lessons can easily translate into programs and resources for library users across the ages. For example, Meredith Scott Lynn, founder and CEO of Write Brain Books, conducted sessions where participants used pictorial writing prompts to create their own short stories. They started with a draft. Then, they revised using more enhanced language. Lastly, they presented their final products. The concepts of expressing oneself creatively, revising those creative works, and presenting to an audience are as pertinent of skills for second graders and college freshmen as they are for senior citizens!

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## Other News, Grants, and Webinars

More webinar information can be found at:  
<http://library.nd.gov/publications/webinars.pdf>  
<https://library-nd.libguides.com/c.php?g=1018436&p=8791171>.



### Public Event | Register - Moon: NASA Science

Thank you for registering your participation in International Observe the Moon Night. By registering you will promote your event to a wide audience and become an official part of International Observe the Moon Night. All those who register will receive updates on NASA's lunar exploration and connect with a global community of lunar observers.

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### National Call for Libraries - Summer 2022

We are recruiting 25+ libraries to become hubs for making outdoor games and interactive stories - using your local history, community voices, and neighborhood landmarks. This is a 2022-23 initiative, thanks to an IMLS grant. Why apply today? There is a growing need to engage beyond library walls, including with digital media - as revealed by the COVID pandemic.

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## Workshops at Libraries (IMLS Project)

American University's [Game Center](#) and the [DC Public Library](#) have received an IMLS grant to offer libraries tools, training, and templates to create neighborhood games.

The Engaging Beyond Our Walls project provides:

- basic training in game design and storytelling for communities, plus \$300 for supplies and \$150 for training;
- turn-key game templates to tell local stories in just 30 minutes;
- free authoring tools that are easy enough for non-technical users to create games and stories;
- workshops and experiences for patrons, led by the pioneering Game Center of American University.

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## Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans, Service Members, Families and Communities

Suicide is a national public health issue that impacts people from all walks of life, regardless of whether or not they have served in the military. However, the suicide rate among Veterans was 52% higher than non-Veteran adults in the U.S. in 2019, and Veteran suicides represent approximately 22% of all suicide deaths in the U.S.

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## Emerging Tech Trends for 2022 and Beyond

Technology has changed the face of



## NNLM All of Us Community Awards | NNLM

The NNLM All of Us Program Center (NAPC) Community Awards will provide funding to community-serving libraries and organizations to meet the following goals:

- Further individual and communities' knowledge of and/or skills related to health literacy, digital literacy, and/or understanding of clinical medical research.
- Build and strengthen partnerships with communities who are underrepresented in biomedical research.
- Raise awareness of All of Us, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) precision medicine research program and interact with All of Us partner organizations.
- Increase awareness and use of NNLM All of Us learning activities, National Library of Medicine (NLM), and other trustworthy health information resources for individuals to make informed decisions about their health and wellness.

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## New Librarians, Mental Illness, and Burnout

This survey is being used to aid in research for a column for the Journal of New Librarianship, discussing the correlation between mental illness and burnout, and how it especially affects librarians who are new to the profession.

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## Community-Led Planning for Equitable, Responsive

libraries and is continuing to change how we work and how we deliver services to customers. In fact, the past few years have pushed us, and in some cases made us scramble, to discover and experiment with new technologies and tools, to train our staff and community, and to look for new ways of doing our core activities.

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## Services

You want to serve your community equitably and well, but you have endless possibilities and finite resources. How do you know which direction to go? Community-led planning is a strategy that invites community participation in service design and implementation by sharing power.

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