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Combating Late Returns of Book Club Kits

We've all had this happen: one of the local book club members misses the monthly meeting and does not return one of the books in the kit. So, we wait, figuring they will drop it off in the next day or two. We wait, give them a few more days. We wait, a week goes by, and we give them a call. Insert patron excuse here, but they assure us they will drop it off tomorrow. We wait, and another week goes by.

It's been two or three weeks after the book club met, and you're still short a book. Now what?

The solution is easy. Send the kit back before the waiting starts. Let us know via email or a note in the kit box that a copy is missing and you are following up with the patron to return the missing book. The State Library has one or two extra copies of each book that we can substitute into the kits while you are chasing down the missing item. That allows State Library staff to re-prepare the kit and send it to the next requester.

We will make a note in your account and wait for you to return the errant book. Please include the name associated with the account when you send the book back. It will make finding and updating your account much easier. If the book doesn't come back, you know what happens.

Library Materials From PBS MASTERPIECE

MASTERPIECE on PBS airs two book-based mystery adaptations on PBS this fall — *Van der Valk* based on the novels of Nicolas Freeling beginning September 25, 2022, and *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz (who also wrote the screenplay), beginning October 16, 2022 — both at 9/8c.

Libraries may access free assets to share this news with patrons and introduce them to these authors. Specifically, <https://bit.ly/3BmbTZ1> contains the following downloads:

- 8.5x11" tabletop sign for counters, book displays;
- Facebook and Twitter social posts;
- *Surprising Facts about Nicolas Freeling* handout;
- *Magpie Murders Book-to-Screen Discussion Questions* handout; and,
- a "How to Use" document that includes additional library programming ideas.



Talking Book Topics

The National Library Service (NLS) is now using publisher-provided book descriptions for new titles added to the collection in Braille Book Review, Talking Book Topics, on BARD, and in the catalog. This is an exciting enhancement as it empowers patrons with access to the same richer, more detailed descriptions of new NLS titles as print readers. These publisher descriptions are longer and more complete, presenting the same information to NLS patrons that are routinely used by other libraries and book providers. These descriptions provide more insight into book topics and will make it easier for patrons to identify and search titles of interest to them. We hope you enjoy this upgraded access to NLS collections.



Environmental Literacy

We celebrate Earth Day in April – a time when the North Dakota landscape seems to be coming back alive. (This is, of course, if we do not have a blizzard halfway through that month!) However, environmental literacy should be a focus throughout the year. With fall quickly approaching and all the changes to nature that occur during such a season, I wanted to focus my last nod to International Literacy Day on Environmental Literacy.

What is Environmental Literacy?

Karimzadegan and Meiboudi, (2012) define environmental literacy as understanding how human social systems affect nature. Environmental literacy stresses conservation and preservation of nature. The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (n.d.) adds that environmental literacy encompasses experiences, understanding, and actions. Basically, people need to understand what is offered to them by the Earth and how to protect this planet so that future generations receive the same offerings. On a more 21st Century Learners note, environmental literacy ties into responsible citizenship.

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Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

Niche Academy Updates

New tutorials have been added to two categories in Niche Academy.

The Fighting Fake News pathway in the Library 101- Information Literacy category includes nine tutorials that examine how to recognize fake news and counter it. These tutorials delve into topics such as recognizing a Straw Man Argument, identifying loaded questions, and learning skills such as lateral reading and using the Command/Control F function to quickly search for keywords.

Also added recently is a four-part series on reading choice under the Library 101- Issues Libraries are Facing category. PCI Parents: Why We Should Let Our Kids Choose Their Own Books explores the educational value of children choosing their own books (yes, even comic books!) and ways to gently communicate this information to parents. Presenter Susan Metallo has been championing stories since she began her career as a librarian and children's storyteller.

These and other great tutorials are available through Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

State Historical Society of North Dakota

"State Historical Society of North Dakota" is the State Archives division's main collection on Digital Horizons. Included in the collection are over 11,000 items from its photograph, manuscript, film, cataloged publications, and map collections that document the history of the entire state of North Dakota, as well as the Northern Great Plains region. The collection is publicly accessible on [Digital Horizons](#).



North Dakota Libraries Tidbits



135 years of history are on display at the Williston library thanks to one woman's passion

The Williston Public Library has 135 years of history of the Riverview Cemetery on display. This display was made possible through years of research, long hours of genealogy work, and records research completed by Adrienne Stepanek, who is eighty-five years old and still working.

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Annual Tables of Contents event a success for the Williston Library

The Williston Community Library hosted its 21st annual Table of Contents fundraiser and it was a great success with 20 tables this year. This was a community volunteer based event where people came together to display their artistic place settings.

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Fargo Public Libraries bring back Storytime sessions

We are part of The Trust Project. FARGO - Weekly Storytime sessions for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers have returned for the fall season at the Fargo Public Library. Sessions will continue through Wednesday, Nov. 16. and are offered at the following locations, days, and times: Main Library, 101 4th St.

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Fargo Library's "Teen Time" sessions start Tuesday

FARGO, N.D. (Valley News Live) - The Fargo Public Library's "Teen Time" sessions for teens and tweens, ages 10 to 18, start Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Dr. James Carlson Library located at 2801 32nd Ave. S. These free weekly sessions will run on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Morton Mandan and Dykshoorn Park ribbon cutting

BISMARCK, ND (KXNET) - The \$5.8 million renovation of both the Morton Mandan Public Library and Dykshoorn Park has finally been completed, and the city will be celebrating next week. The original project was made possible thanks to a \$3 million donation from Energy Transfer, as well as smaller donations from the Mandan Visitor's Fund and Mandan Supplemental Environmental Project Trust.



Giant Dominoes

Dominoes is a family-friendly game that hones math skills. This game can help develop new brain cells and assist in number and shape recognition, grouping, counting, visual perception, hand-eye coordination, and manual dexterity. It can also teach children important social skills, such as verbal communication, sharing, and taking turns.

This kit includes one bag with 28 giant dominoes.

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.

Reserve a kit today at <https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris>.



Adding a Map To Your Website

One of the many neat features that WordPress has is the ability to add a map to show your library's location. Having a map directly on your website makes it easier for people to find your library and allows them to click on it for directions.

If you are interested in adding a map to your WordPress website:

Once you are signed in, there are two ways to add a map – in a sidebar/footer (Appearance -> Widgets) or on a webpage (Pages). Once you have decided which sidebar/footer or webpage you want to add the map to, you can click on the plus sign, put "map" in the search bar, and click on the map option. It will then ask you to add a location.

Once the map is on your website, you will be given multiple options on how you would like it to look. You can change the style of the map, marker color, zoom level, caption, and more.

If your public library doesn't have a website or you are looking for something new, contact BreAnne at ndsipa@nd.gov or fill out the application at <http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/librarywebsiteapplication.pdf>.

If you have questions or concerns about your public library's current WordPress website, please e-mail ndsipa@nd.gov or call 701-328-4656.

Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

How To Request Kits Now That KitKeeper Has Gone Away Tuesday, September 20 (3:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Now that the North Dakota State Library has added the Book Club and STEM kits to the Public Access Catalog (PAC) and is no longer using KitKeeper, how do you reserve kits? To find out, sign up for this short webinar on how to reserve kits in the PAC. We'll go over the new procedures and review some basic PAC functions.

Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fp0zHL0aTTqWxxsiSPzPBg

**North Dakota State Library Services Review
Wednesday, September 14 (4:00 PM - 4:45 PM)
Friday, September 16 (4:00 PM - 4:45 PM)**

Are you a new school librarian or need a refresher on State Library Services? This webinar is designed to provide an overview of what services and resources the North Dakota State Library offers to school librarians. Our role is to support you as you help your students.

September 14 Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TFTaSoCQTVSupfzBXeSCcA

September 16 Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OWI7-0_CQUqMrgHsw5I3cA

OCLC WorldCat FirstSearch Basics and Interlibrary Loan
Wednesday, September 21 (3:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

No library has everything that every one of their patrons needs. Libraries need to share materials between each other to serve the needs of their patrons. This webinar will present information on how to successfully send Interlibrary Loan requests to the North Dakota State Library using FirstSearch.

Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ayHBLjyREqXVSUaca9VHA

Attention Elementary School Librarians!

The Library Speakers Consortium is looking to bring virtual author events to elementary schools! For a fee, based on student population per school, students will have access to 2-3 interactive events each month. These author visits are recorded so that they can be viewed outside their live sessions.

An informational Zoom meeting will be held on September 19 (4:00 - 4:45 CT).

Register at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd-CoqzvwEtdRqzGfSfzk_Cv5iw2aURJH.

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>.



2022 National Tribal Broadband Summit

This September, the Department of the Interior (DOI), in collaboration with our federal agency partners, will convene Tribal broadband industry experts to discuss how to make the best use of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Federal Broadband Connectivity Grant funds for Tribes, and how to plan for the future of wireless networks and digital economies on Tribal Lands.

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Turning STEM Avoiders into STEM Lovers - edWeb

How can we get students to believe they too can change the world? They can make it a better place for everyone, including the people of the future. Help your students identify a real need and design an inventive solution by listening to this young inventor who did just that. Join us as we talk to an innovator who participated in competitions that changed his life.

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