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Library Vision Grant Opportunities

The State Library and the Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) are pleased to announce two grant opportunities. The Collection Development and Laptop and Tablet grant applications will be open from January 2, 2023, through January 31, 2023. Neither of the grants have a match component.

The Collection Development Grant has a maximum award of \$2,000. The purpose of this grant is to support collection development for libraries. Libraries are encouraged to use grant funds to develop a new collection for their library or to expand their North Dakota collection. The grant may be used for e-materials if a library belongs to one of the shared e-book collections.

The Computer and Tablet grant has a maximum award of \$3,000. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to purchase laptop computers and tablets for patron use. The devices may not be for staff use.

Both grants will follow the same timeline.

- Application Period: January 2-January 31, 2023
- Award Date: February 28, 2023
- Grant Period: March 1- May 31, 2023
- Final Report Due: August 31, 2023

All applicants are required to attend or view the most current grant webinar. The State Library will host a live webinar with a Q&A on January 4 at 1:00 P.M. CT. There will be a recording that can be viewed that will be posted to our [YouTube channel](#) by noon on December 30. All prior grant webinars have been removed from the YouTube channel. Please be sure that you are watching the current grant webinar if you do not attend the live one.

Applications must be submitted through Counting Opinions. If you need assistance with your login for Counting Opinions, have questions about the grant opportunity or need assistance with your application, contact Grants Coordinator, James Murphy, at (701)328-3495 or ndsl-ld@nd.gov.

NEA Big Read Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read is a program that awards grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to organizations. These grants help broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and our neighbors through the power of a shared reading experience. Through the NEA Big Read, communities come together to converse, present a series of public events inspired by books, and promote participation in the program.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://artsmidwest.org/get-support/nea-big-read/>.

North Dakota Star Libraries

As 2022 comes to a close, we would like to thank you all for your hard work. Much has been accomplished in the last year, and we hope that the coming year will be even better. The State Library would like to congratulate the following libraries for earning Star and Wheelie awards!

Total Operating Expenditures < \$10,000

LaMoure Public & School Library
Max Community Library
Stanton Public Library

Total Operating Expenditures \$10,001 - \$25,000

Maddock Community Library
Turtle Lake Public Library
Velva School & Public Library

Total Operating Expenditures \$25,001 - \$50,000

Garrison Public Library
Hebron Public Library
Mohall Public Library

Total Operating Expenditures \$50,001 - \$150,000

Beulah Public Library
Bowman Regional Public Library
Griggs County Library

Total Operating Expenditures \$150,001 +

Grand Forks Public Library
Hazen Public Library
West Fargo Public Library

Wheelie Award

Ward County Public Library Bookmobile

WE ARE HIRING



**Information Services
Assistant**

Closing Date: December 16, 2022

Libraries in the News

[20 North Dakota Communities Receive Main Street Initiative Vibrancy Grant Funding Dakota \(News Network\)](#)

The North Dakota Department of Commerce today announced that 20 North Dakota communities received a total of \$28,985 of funding from round four of the Main Street Initiative Vibrancy Grant...

[Always Liked Reading \(The Dakotan\)](#)

Not everyone's hobby is reading, but for some people, books are more than a hobby. Ward County Public Library Administrator Kerriane Boetcher grew up in Lansford, but moved to Minot in 2012, where she has been working as the director of the library ever since...

[Minot Public Library offers free ASL class Saturday \(KFYR\)](#)

Two Minot community members are teaching a class on American Sign Language Saturday at the Minot Public Library...

[Morton Mandan Public Library hosting holiday events \(Bismarck Tribune\)](#)

The City of Bismarck turned 150 this year, and in a period of time that long, one can take a lot of pictures...

[Unique Vending Machines To Soon Pop Up Around North Dakota \(Hot 97.5\)](#)

133 boxes of books were delivered to the library, with the intention to do something good for North Dakota communities. Book vending machines will soon be popping up all over the state, according to the source...

2023 Summer Reading Workshops

Training Dates and Locations:

Valley City Barnes County Public Library on February 3

Grand Forks Public Library on February 13

Morton Mandan Public Library on February 14

Minot Public Library on February 17

Williston Community Library on February 22

Register at <http://library.nd.gov/summerreading.html>

Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

Niche Academy continues to grow with new tutorials and pathways.

[Library 101: Library Staff Training and Development](#) category

Pathway: Active Attacker and Workplace Violence includes the following tutorials and webinars:

- **Active Shooter Procedures for Libraries**
- **Preventing Workplace Violence** presented by the Saratoga Springs City Police Department
- **Niche Academy Webinar - Library Security Solutions**

These tutorials provide information on how to prepare for the unthinkable, but not impossible, active shooter event and other violence at the workplace.

[Library 101-Adult Programming](#) category

- **ESL Conversation Groups: Up Close and Personal** is a great starting point if your library is thinking about starting an English as a Second Language Conversation program.

[Library 101-Library Directors](#) category

Two new tutorials were added in order to help managers and directors with common staff issues.

- **Conflict Resolution** presents ways to deal with workplace conflict, address differences and find common ground.
- **Secondary Trauma Stress Compassion Fatigue Burnout** help find ways to address workplace stress and the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive effects it can have on staff.

[Advocacy](#) category

- **Steps to Successful Community Engagement** discusses how to connect people with the library and build relationships.
- **Community Mapping for Public Libraries** explores how creating a community map may help understand the community's wants and needs.

Check out Niche Academy for tutorials and webinars at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/northdakotastatelibrary>.

5 Fun Winter Facts for Kids From Britannica Learning

It is the coldest time of the year, with short days and long nights. Trees start to lose their leaves, animals enter deep sleep, and snow blankets everything in many places. But how much do you really know about this season? From the science behind salt melting ice to animals who know just what to wear for winter to the origins of magical traditions and festive celebrations, put your knowledge to the test on all aspects of the snowy season at <https://britannicalearn.com/blog/5-fun-winter-facts-for-kids!>

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut by librarians Nadine Lipman (Waterford Public Library, retired) and Caitlin Augusta (Stratford Library) with artist Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. Join the celebration!

The 12th Annual Take Your Child to the Library Day will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2023 - though you can celebrate on any other date in February that suits your library, your community, and your goals.

Find out more about this program and register your library at <https://www.ctlibrarians.org/page/Take>.

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Nonpartisan Leader Cartoons

The 'Nonpartisan Leader Cartoons' collection contains nearly 100 political drawings/cartoons that were used in the "Nonpartisan Leader," the official publication of the Nonpartisan League. The cartoons date from the mid-1910s to the 1930s and depict many topics relating to politics in North Dakota. Most of the cartoons in the collection were created by John Miller Baer, who also served as a U.S. Representative from North Dakota from 1917 to 1921.

This digital collection is provided by NDSU Archives and is available for browsing on Digital Horizons at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital/collection/ndsu-npl>.



CSLP Summer Symposium (December 8, 2022)

Submitted by Tammy Krueger, School Library Specialist

Last week, a couple thousand librarians gathered virtually to attend the CSLP Summer Symposium. This five-hour event shared information about the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a keynote by Tracie D. Hall (current director of ALA), outreach to underserved children and caregivers, intergenerational programming, and decorating ideas.

[Read More](#)



Fund Your STEM Learning Initiatives: Tips and Opportunities

On December 12th, edWeb and Vernier Science Education hosted a webinar about grant writing for STEM projects. Here are my takeaways.

How to Get Started with Grant Writing

1. Develop your what and why. Some potential questions to ask include:
 - What difference will it make if funders invest in your project?
 - How will the project improve student learning?
 - What is your vision of learning once you have implemented your project?
2. Clarify your students' needs. Some questions to ponder:
 - What skills are your students lacking?
 - What projects are in your community that you can build upon?
 - What technology and/or consumable materials are needed for this project?

[Read More](#)

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