

Public Libraries Survey and Annual Report Webinar

Wednesday, February 8 (1:00 PM)

Submitted by James Murphy, Grants Coordinator

The Public Libraries Survey (PLS) opened on February 1 and will run until March 31. This survey is conducted annually and is the primary information resource for data on public libraries nationwide. In North Dakota, it is also a requirement for public libraries to qualify for State Aid and to meet the minimum requirements to be eligible for Library Vision Grants. More information can be found at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/PLS>.

We will present a webinar on the PLS on Wednesday, February 8, at 1:00 PM to cover some common questions and give you a chance to ask any that you may have. Please join us or watch the recording that will be posted to our YouTube channel within a couple of days of the event.

I am happy to report that this year's report will no longer include any questions related to COVID-19 and should only include a few new questions, which will only be required in the 2024 survey. We encourage you to start thinking about how you will collect the data for them next year and prepare a year of trial data in 2023. That way, you will be well prepared for when they are required in 2024.

Finally, I would like to note that I am taking a long-planned, COVID-19-delayed vacation right in the middle of the survey and will not be available from February 27 through March 12. However, the Library Development Department will be monitoring the ndsl-ld@nd.gov email address if you need any assistance during this timeframe.

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

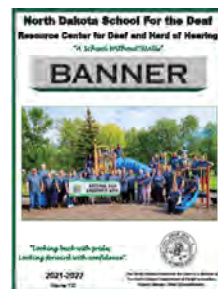
Here is a highlight of the items that were added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

[North Dakota Histories](#)

- 75th Anniversary: Milnor Lutheran Church, 1885-1960
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Centennial, 1883-1983

[North Dakota School For The Deaf](#)

- The Banner, 2021-2022



Digital Horizons is an online resource for thousands of images, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. Find a fascinating snapshot of the lives, culture, and history of the people who shaped life on the prairies at <https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>.

Libraries in the News

[Internet Safety A Focus For ND Teachers, Parents | Virtual Vigilance Part 3 \(KFYR\)](#)

North Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Agents say it's important to educate yourself and your kids about the dangers online. The FBI says one in seven kids are contacted by an online predator, but, due to underreporting, that number could be even higher...

[Kiosk For Legal Self-Help Available At Downtown Main Library \(Valley News Live\)](#)

A new legal kiosk is available at the downtown Main Library. It is part of a partnership between the Legal Services of North Dakota and the Fargo Public Library...

[State Library Sending Book Vending Machines Across ND \(Hillsboro Banner\)](#)

McClusky, N.D., Mayor Bryon Belile isn't sure why his city and surrounding Sheridan County don't have a public library...

[STEM-ming Up Success: North Dakota State School Superintendent Visits Lincoln Elementary School's STEM Day \(Dickinson Press\)](#)

North Dakota State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler watched as Lincoln Elementary students engaged in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities during the school's STEM Day Jan. 27. From "squishy circuits" to building and virtual reality stations, every student was fully immersed in STEM Friday morning...

Proposed Qualified Allocation Plans under the 2024 LIHTC, and 2023 HTF, HOME and HIF programs

Submitted by Sarah Mudder,
Communications and Events Coordinator, ND Housing Finance Agency

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency will hold Public Hearings for its proposed Qualified Allocation Plans (Plan) for the 2024 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, 2023 National Housing Trust Fund, 2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and 2023 Housing Incentive Fund on March 2, 2023. Each plan sets forth the procedures and criteria that the agency will adhere to in allocating financing to multifamily affordable housing projects in each respective program during the September 2023 application round.

Beginning on February 14, the plans can be viewed online at www.ndhfa.org. Written comments will be accepted until March 1, 2023. The hearing is on March 2, 2023. Learn more at www.ndhfa.org.



Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Music Education

While schools typically maintain distinct subject areas, 21st-century learners need to understand that knowledge is multi-faceted. One of the most effective ways for educators to address all standards, thus preparing students for life beyond PreK-12 schooling, entails teaching across the curriculum. School librarians work in an interesting space; they rarely possess a school-set curriculum to follow! (This certainly comes with plenty of opportunities, as well as challenges.) For the next several weeks, “Tammy’s Teaching Tidbit” will highlight how interdisciplinary education might look in the library.

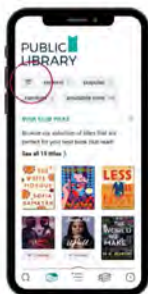
The first cross-curricular effort involves music education. One of the literacies, and often the first to develop, is music intelligence. Music intelligence is the ability to create and appreciate pitch, timbre, and rhythm. Additionally, it encourages appreciation of many forms of musical expressions (Lamb, & Johnson, 2006). Music helps set the mood and can be used to motivate listeners, as well.

[Read More](#)

Updated Filtering System In The Libby App

By Annie Suhy, OverDrive

It’s a new year, and I don’t know about you, but I’m ready to read. With fresh reading goals top of mind, I’ve been browsing through the Libby reading app, planning out all of the books I intend to read this year. I tend to veer toward nonfiction, and I prefer listening to audiobooks. Using the filters in Libby helps me narrow in on the books I want to borrow, saving me precious time so that I can get back to reading.



Find the books you want faster

Recently, the Libby team has reworked the filtering system on the library and search screens in Libby. You can find the handy filter button (circled in the screenshot) in many places throughout the app, including on the library home screen, on the search screen (replacing the + more button), in search results and in lists created by your library.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming WebJunction Webinars

[Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities For Library Engagement](#)

Wednesday, February 15 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

The history and current experiences of Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations are complex, rich and diverse. Libraries can play an important role in counteracting damaging myths and narratives about Native peoples, as well as exploring contemporary struggles and joys. This webinar will highlight opportunities for libraries to connect their communities to accurate and respectful information, fostering understanding and support of Indigenous peoples past and present. Resources for learning about treaties, Tribal Nations and lands, as well as insights into the experiences of Native communities today will also be shared. With a better understanding of these distinctive histories and cultures, library staff can promote learning and knowledge, support engagement with Native issues and peoples, and better serve all individuals in their community.

[Library Policies For Today's Communities](#)

Wednesday, February 22 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Library policies have the power to facilitate inclusive, safe, and supportive experiences for all. Join this webinar to learn the importance of crafting clear policies for your library, to help establish and set standards that ensure equity and safety for both staff and patrons. Follow North Liberty Library's journey as they reviewed and renewed policies and procedures with a lens of inclusivity, for all areas of library operations. In this applicable approach for all library types and sizes, learn effective methods for building staff awareness and understanding of policies, and gain a fresh perspective on how policies can create flexibility, empathy, and allyship with those we serve.

[Creating A Restorative Library Culture](#)

Wednesday, March 22 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Broadly defined, restorative justice is an approach to repairing and addressing harm done within a community. Related to this approach, restorative practices provide proactive ways to build the relationships that can help to address and repair some of that harm done. Oak Park Public Library is using restorative practices to better serve both community and staff. In this session, you'll learn about restorative justice and restorative practices, and how these practices can guide a powerful shift in communities and within an organizational culture. The webinar will have actionable strategies you can start practicing immediately, as well as methods for you to build buy-in from your organization as you get started on this impactful work.



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Great Stories Club

is back for a new round of grants

Learn more at ala.org/greatstories

Kit of the Week

STEM Kit: Fuel Cell Car

This hydrogen fuel cell car kit is conveniently designed to bring the latest research on clean, renewable energy sources out of the laboratories and into your hands. Using distilled water and the supplied electrolyzer, students can transform water into hydrogen which the fuel cell converts into electrical energy, powering the car.



This kit includes six packs, each containing one assembly guide, one curriculum disc, one car base with wheels, one H₂ tank, one O₂ tank, two inner-tank containers, one fuel cell, one solar panel support, one solar panel, one motor shield, one syringe, one battery pack, one set of banana plug wires, four pieces of tubing two colored plugs) + one folder (containing one inventory sheet, one general guide, four teacher guides, four student guides).

No device is required for this kit.

For ages 12 and up.

Sponsored by the Air Force STEM program and the Grand Forks Air Force Base, School Liaison Office.

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

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