

## Public Libraries Survey Update Submitted by James W. Murphy

I would like to thank all the public library directors for their patience and congratulate those who have already finished their surveys. The programming section that had errors on our side should now be fixed, but please let me know if you encounter any more edit checks that do not make sense.

The PLS LibGuide Resources section has been updated with calendar year 2022 PebbleGo usage in the OLR spreadsheet (question 8.7). This spreadsheet contains the usage that the State Library provides, and any additional local or regional consortium-purchased OLR usage should be added to these numbers.

An OverDrive/Libby ND consortium circulation and holdings spreadsheet has also been added to the LibGuide, which can be used for electronic circulation and holdings. Please be sure to add any additional local or regional consortium circulation and holdings numbers to what is listed in the spreadsheet.

I am still playing catch-up from my vacation, but I am hoping to get back to everybody before the end of next week. If you have something that cannot wait that long, please send me a new email marked urgent, as my backlog of emails and voicemails is quite large. You can reach me at [nds-lid@nd.gov](mailto:nds-lid@nd.gov) or [jwmurphy@nd.gov](mailto:jwmurphy@nd.gov). The PLS LibGuide is available at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/PLS>.

### NNLM Region 4 Continuing Education Opportunities

The National Network of Library of Medicine (NNLM), Region 4, offers continuing education opportunities to support the professional development needs of librarians/information professionals to improve their ability to grow and advance their skills as health information professionals.

The continuing education opportunities include:

- [Free online, on-demand, and in-person training opportunities](#)
- [NNLM Region 4 Professional Development Funding](#)

The mission of NNLM is to advance the progress of medicine, improve public health by providing U.S. health professionals with equal access to biomedical information, and improve individuals' access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health. Under a Cooperative Agreement with the National Library of Medicine ([NLM](#)), the University of Utah Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library serves as the Regional Medical Library for NNLM Region 4. Region 4 supports NNLM members in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Want to receive the latest news and announcements from NNLM Region 4 about educational and funding opportunities? Subscribe to the NNLM Region 4 newsletter at <https://news.nlm.gov/region-4/newsletter-2/>.

# Libraries in the News

## [‘Check Out’ This Bismarck Library \(KX News\)](#)

“Local libraries are an important part of our community. Books not only help our intelligence, but they also bring us together...”

## [Destination Dakota: Morton Mandan Public Library \(KX News\)](#)

“Reading is vital to our education and growth. In Friday’s Destination Dakota, reporter Taylor Aasen ‘checks out’ the Morton Mandan Public Library...”

## [Destination Dakota: North Dakota State Library \(KX News\)](#)

Are you an avid book reader? Book a trip to the library! On Friday for Destination Dakota, reporter Taylor Aasen checked out some local libraries.

## [Mad Hatter Tea Party at West Fargo Public Library – March 3 \(Valley News Live\)](#)

“With this weather, we might be going mad. I know I am. But we can celebrate with a Mad Hatter Tea Party at the West Fargo Public Library. We have Lauren and Kirsten here with us from the library to tell us all about it...”

## [Seeds, Seeds Galore Available at the Jamestown Seed Library \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

“If you have been on the lookout, you will have noticed that nearly every store has a rack of seeds out on display. Flowers, annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs create the lineup of choices. When they first came out it seemed early, but the time is moving right along and some of the seed choices enjoy an early start indoors to be placed outside when the time is ready...”

## **Youth Literacy Grants Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs

For more information, visit <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#youth-literacy-grants>.

Deadline to apply: April 27, 2023 (by 10:00 PM)

Grant announcement: August 17, 2023

Maximum grant amount: \$4,000



## Interdisciplinary Instruction: School Librarians and Physical Education

Admittedly, physical education and library classes might not sound well-matched. After all, reading tends to be more of a sedentary activity, while the gym is meant to get bodies moving! However, both of these disciplines share a very important goal: teaching learners life-long skills that benefit their mind, body, and spirit (Derby, & Benveniga, 2019).

[Read More](#)

### Women's History Month Book List

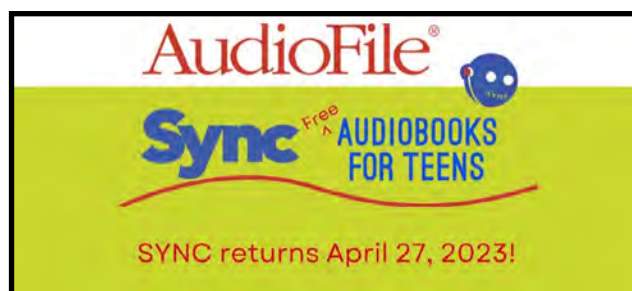
Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn



To learn more about Women's History Month and to view, download, and print this Women's History Month Book List poster, visit <https://bit.ly/3Fk7Qza>.

### SYNC 2023 Is Almost Here!

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn



SYNC returns April 27!

Visit [audiofilemagazine.com/sync](https://audiofilemagazine.com/sync) to see the complete 2023 title lineup and sign up for this summer's program of 14 weeks of free audiobooks for teens. And to learn more about how the program works, [sign up for a free live webinar](#) on April 18, where speakers from AudioFile and OverDrive will discuss the benefits of audiobooks, preview titles from this year's offerings, and demonstrate how to access the titles with Sora, the student reading app.

# Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

New tutorials and a pathway have been added to Niche Academy.

## [Library 101- Book Repair category](#)

The *Basic Book Repairs* tutorial provides basic information about book repairs, including repairing torn pages, loose hinges, and loose pages.

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

- *Staff Safety and First Aid Training* is a new pathway that groups three safety tutorials with two first aid-related tutorials.
- The *Working Well with Others #1: How to Work Well with Someone You Can't Stand* tutorial has been added.
- Normally, I try not to repeat tutorials, but I felt the webinar, *Dealing with an Angry Patron, Harassment, and Threats*, needed to be listed under two categories, Library 101 – Library Directors and Library 101 – Library Staff Training and Development.

Check out [Niche Academy](#) for these and other great training and learning opportunities.

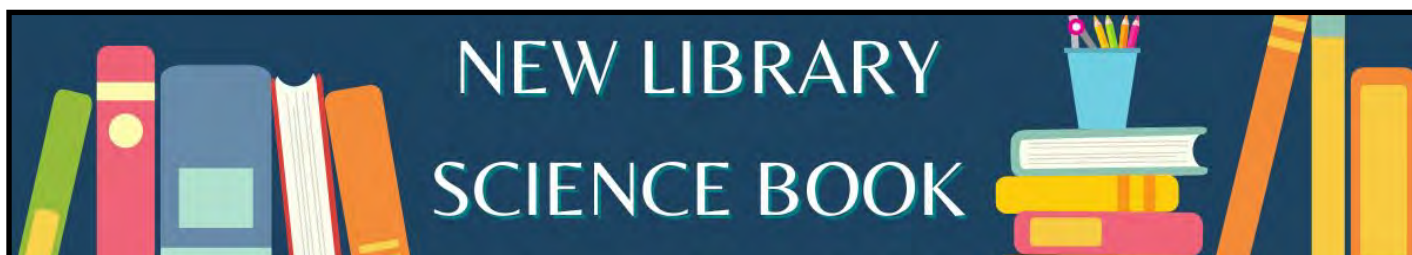
# Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

## Scout-Cobber Yearbooks

The “Scout-Cobber Yearbooks” collection contains several yearbooks from Concordia College from the 1920s to the 1950s. The yearbooks were a popular student-run publication. They were initially published every three years, beginning in 1920 until 1932, under the title “The Scout.” Beginning in the 1935 academic year under a new name, Cobber, the yearbook was published every two years until 1946, when it became an annual publication. The yearbook grew in popularity over the years and covered the major events and trends on campus each year while highlighting all the faculty, staff and students enrolled at Concordia. The yearbook ceased as a publication in 2008. This digital collection, provided by Concordia College, is available on [Digital Horizons](#).





**“Creating Literacy-Based Programs For Children: Lesson Plans And Printable Resources For K-5” by R. Lynn Baker**

“The all-in-one resource you’ve been clamoring for, this book presents a comprehensive package of literacy-based public library programming ideas designed for children in kindergarten through the early tweens. Chock full of strategies and best practices for promoting literacy and reading skill development, it also features numerous planning templates and other materials ready to print and adapt as needed. With specific guidance for improving and streamlining each step of program planning and implementation, this book: defines literacy and reading skills by grade levels, in addition to information on other developmental stages; explains multiliteracies and connects them to programming practices; provides step-by-step program planning guides, arranged by grade level, which include book-based programs, clubs, makerspaces, afterschool/study programs, author/guest visits, family/all age programs, impromptu programming, and many others; offers STEAM-based programs which connect to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics; gives advice on collaborating effectively with school librarians and teachers to plan school field trips; addresses large event and summer reading program planning; shows how to program for children with special needs; and shares tips and suggestions for getting the word out through advocacy and marketing.”



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

## Upcoming North Dakota State Library Webinars

**Find Your Niche... Academy**  
**Tuesday, March 21 (2:00 PM – 2:30 PM)**

Register at <https://bit.ly/3miOzYe>

This webinar will introduce participants to Niche Academy, examine how it is organized, explore what tutorials are included, look at some of the North Dakota-focused content, and discover how it can help with librarian professional development and library worker training.

**Reader Advisory Tips And Tricks**  
**Featuring NovelList**  
**Thursday, March 23 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**

Register at <https://bit.ly/3mb8MyS>

Ever have a patron ask you for a “good book” to read? Or, do you have a patron who is really caught up in a series and wants the “next three books in the series?” Do questions like these make you want to freeze up? Then this webinar is for you. We will explore the topic of Reader’s Advisory and examine the Online Library Resource NovelList.

## Futures School Future Thinking and Scenario Development Training Overview

Submitted by Kathy Jo Cline, Tammy Kruger, Lexi Whitehorn

### About the Team Behind the Training

Connecticut State Library and The Futures School (TFSX) collaborated to host this three-day seminar. The theme was futurist scenario planning. While librarians were the primary attendees, this interactive seminar featured curriculum coordinators, district/organizational leaders, and strategic planners as well.

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Webinars

### [All Together Now - Citizen Science in Your Summer Reading Program](#)

*Wednesday, March 29 (1:00 PM)*

Jumpstart your summer reading preparation! This year's theme All Together Now ties in perfectly with Citizen Science and the resources developed by the National Citizen and Community Science Library. Join us to learn more about preparing for the 2023 Summer Reading.

### [SYNC Audiobooks for Teens 2023](#)

*Tuesday, April 18 (1:00 PM)*

SYNC is a free summer audiobook program for teens 13+ that gives participants two thematically paired audiobooks each week for sixteen weeks. Titles are all available worldwide and change every Thursday at midnight Eastern Time during the season.

Join speakers from AudioFile and OverDrive for this live webinar as they discuss the benefits of audiobooks, preview titles from this year's offerings, and demonstrate how to access the titles with Sora, the student reading app.



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# Kit of the Week

## STEM Kit: Cubelets

Cubelets are pre-programmed robot blocks. Each type of Cubelet is designed to sense, think, or act in a specific way. They snap together magnetically, and different combinations of Cubelets create robots with different behaviors and capabilities. They're a fast and easy way to inspire kids to become better thinkers.



This kit includes two packs. Each pack contains five black sense blocks, eight colorful think blocks, six white/transparent act blocks, two dark blue battery blocks, one USB charging cord, four flat yellow square brick adapters, and six idea and rules cards.

There is also a folder that includes an overview and activity guide.

More information about this kit can be found at <https://library-nd.libguides.com/STEMkits/cubelets>.

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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