

Submitted by Lexi Whitehorn

The official author list for the National Book Festival is here! Every year, the Library of Congress hosts the National Book in Washington, DC. Thousands of people flock to the convention center for the day, hoping to get a book (or two!) signed by their favorite author. With 50+ sessions, and sometimes two authors at a session, you can see why this festival is the biggest literary event of the year! This year, the festival will be live-streamed, so even if you can't attend in person, you can still participate!

Here are just a few of the sessions from each category that I am most excited about. (And if I don't come home with a signed book by Alan Gratz, I will have one very disappointed son!) For the full list of authors and sessions, visit the Library of Congress website at <https://blogs.loc.gov/bookmarked/2023/06/09/its-here-the-2023-national-book-festival-author-lineup/>.

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Call for Nominations: I Partner With My Public Library: An Award Celebrating Community Collaborators

Has a community partner made a difference by collaborating with your public library? The I Partner With My Public Library Award invites you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public library partners. Each year, up to 10 partners are honored at a ceremony held in their honor.

This award exists to publicly celebrate those individuals, businesses, and organizations that make a difference by teaming up with public libraries.

The I Partner With My Library Award will shine a light on positive things happening through library–community collaborations.

Submitting a nomination is the perfect way to thank your library's partners.

Any public library partner anywhere in the world is eligible.

Nominations will be accepted through the end of August 2023. Final decisions will be made on October 1, 2023, with a public awards ceremony occurring in early November 2023. Awardees will also be publicly celebrated on the Let's Move in Libraries webpage. Join us in this new endeavor!

[Submit A Nomination](#)



**The State Aid Application
is due on June 16!**

[Click here for more information](#)

Libraries in the News

[Frolfing fun for all in the Capitol City \(KX News\)](#)

One of the biggest challenges for staying healthy is finding entertaining ways to stay active. However, a new partnership aims to help with that. [KX News](#) hit the course to show you how.

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library has partnered with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health to offer disc golf sets for checkout. These kits allow people to try their hand at disc golfing without having to dish out the cash for a set of discs.

[Policy approved on challenging materials at Alfred Dickey, Stutsman libraries \(Jamestown Sun\)](#)

The James River Valley Library System Board of Directors unanimously approved a policy on challenging materials in its libraries.

[READ program brings excitement to Minot library \(Minot Daily News\)](#)

The first Tuesday of every month dog handlers Ann Jussero and Theresa Flagstad bring their specially trained canines to the Minot Public Library (MPL) for a unique reading experience. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs program (READ) encourages young readers to strengthen their skills by reading to therapy dogs.

Call for Nominations: Best Small Library in America

Library Journal's annual award for the Best Small Library in America, made possible by Ingram, was founded in 2005 to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of these libraries. It honors the U.S. public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less.

The winning library will receive a \$5,000 cash award, and two finalist libraries will receive \$1,000 each. All three will be featured in the September 2023 issue of *Library Journal* and online.

THE NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR THE AWARD IS JUNE 26, 2023.

[Learn More and Nominate Your Library](#)

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

William E. (Bill) Shemorry Photograph Collection

The "William E. (Bill) Shemorry Photograph Collection" includes nearly 10,000 images of advertising, aerial photography, agriculture, aviation, businesses, churches, city organizations, community celebrations and events, education, history, the military – especially the China-Burma-India theater in World War II, Native Americans, parades, people, photography, pioneer and homesteading photographs, politics and politicians, sports, the oil industry, transportation, firefighting and fires, weddings and anniversaries, and much more.



Shemorry's career included newspaper publisher, reporter, photographer, historian, researcher, and author in Williston, North Dakota. He also collected photographic prints, negatives, and glass plate negatives of 19th-century photographers and photo studios of northwestern North Dakota.

The collection, contributed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, is available on [Digital Horizons](#).

Lewis-Houghton Civics & Democracy Initiative

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Attention teachers & library media specialists!

As the ND Center for the Book representative, I am excited to share an opportunity for ND libraries! This initiative through the Library of Congress would be a great opportunity to introduce students to primary sources and to provide opportunities for cross-curricular projects.

In the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023, Congress honored the service of Rep. John R. Lewis (D-GA) and Rep. Amo Houghton (R-NY) by establishing the Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative within the Library's Teaching with Primary Sources program. Through this pilot, the Library will distribute the appropriated funds in the form of grants to organizations to develop digitally enabled learning initiatives for secondary education based on creative arts-driven instruction, especially focused on music, in history, civics and democracy.

For more information, visit <http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2023/06/the-lewis-houghton-civics-and-democracy-initiative-opportunities-to-use-creative-arts-to-engage-students/>.

** Please note that this opportunity is an initiative through the Library of Congress and not the ND State Library.



There have been some new additions to Niche Academy.

Category: [Library 101 – Cataloging, Collection Development, Automation, and Shelving](#)

Pathway: [Collection Development](#)

New Tutorials: [ABLE 01 Collection Development Basics](#) and [ABLE 02 – Collection Development Policy](#)

These new editions introduce the basic concepts and examine the importance of developing collection development policies.

Category: [Library 101 - Information Literacy](#)

[Niche Academy Webinar- Unpacking Conspiracy Theories](#)

This Niche Academy webinar, which was presented on June 7, 2023, is now available for your viewing. If you missed out on this webinar, here is another chance to view it.

Category: [Research 101](#)

Pathway: [Research Essentials](#)

New Tutorial: [Research Essentials: How To Do a Literature Review](#)

This tutorial is a great resource for brushing up on your research skills.

Start Learning Today!

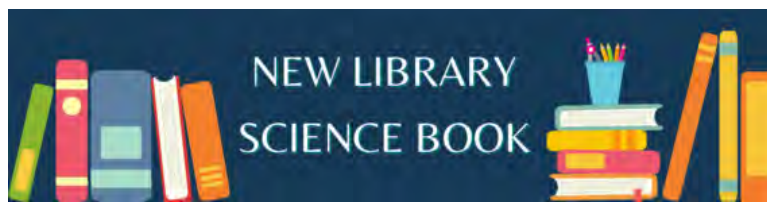


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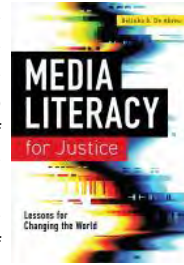
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"Media Literacy for Justice: Lessons for Changing the World" by Belinha S. De Abreu

Featuring reflective activities and lesson ideas that can be adapted for educational settings from higher education to the K-12 spectrum, community centers, and libraries, this resource presents ten chapters that explore such timely issues as how to deal with controversial topics in the classroom, the effects of misinformation/disinformation on civics in society, why the media underrepresents certain people in their programming, the digital divide and where libraries fit in, how injustice exacerbates public health issues, and global conceptions of social justice and media literacy examined through various world events.



Reserve This Item

RWJ Jr.'s 2023 Summer Reading List!

I'm so excited to be partnering with Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), recommending a few of my favorite 2023 summer reads for kids. Take a look at the list, check out a book and spend a few minutes or a few hours reading ALL TOGETHER NOW! - Jenna



Picture Books

- Very Good Hats by Emma Straub
- Juneteenth by Van G. Garrett
- Summer Is for Cousins by Dr. Rajani LaRocca
- Why Did the Monster Cross the Road? by R.L. Stine and Marc Brown
- BIG by Vashti Harrison
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- How to Write a Poem by Kwame Alexander

Middle Grade

- Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume
- Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea by Dav Pilkey
- The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate
- Ways to Grow Love (A Ryan Hart Story, 2) by Renée Watson
- Fall of the School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani
- The Human Kaboom by Adam Rubin
- Starfish by Lisa Fipps
- School Trip: A Graphic Novel by Jerry Craft
- Joy, to the World by Kai Shapley and Lisa Bunker
- The Language of Seabirds by Will Taylor

Young Adult

- Nigeria Jones by Ibi Zoboi
- Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley
- Borderless by Jennifer De Leon
- The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
- The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich by Deya Muniz
- The Night in Question by Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson
- Victory. Stand! by Tommie Smith

Scan this QR code for more summer reading fun!





Kindergarten Gear Up



Kindergarten Gear Up is a program designed to help kids and caregivers prepare for kindergarten, especially those whose children have not attended preschool. This program consists of ten one-hour sessions.

For more information, resources, lessons, book lists, and activities, visit <https://www.kindergartengearup.org/>.

Kit of the Week

Outdoor Kit: Ring Toss

Ring Toss is a family-friendly game that is great for honing the entire family's math and science skills. Practice keeping score and mentally calculating angles, distance, force, and momentum.

The overall objective of the game is to toss the rope around the scoring poles.

Each kit includes one bag, four rope rings, five posts, two base pieces, and a folder with instructions.



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.

[Reserve Today!](#)

International Observe the Moon Night 2023



International Observe the Moon Night 2023 will take place on **Saturday, October 21**. Join lunar observers around the world in learning about lunar science and exploration, making celestial observations, and honoring cultural and personal connections to the Moon.

[Find Out More](#)

North Dakota Author Spotlight

Elizabeth Raum

Elizabeth Raum is an author who used to live in North Dakota. Raum has written many middle-grade historical novels, children's nonfiction books, picture books, and adult books, including the following that are available to be checked out from the [State Library](#):

- Bears Make Dens
- Beavers Build Lodges
- Bees Build Beehives
- The Big, Bold, Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren
- Birds Build Nests
- Expanding a Nation: Causes and Effects of the Louisiana Purchase
- German Immigrants in America: An Interactive History Adventure
- Orangutans Build Tree Nests
- Rabbits Dig Burrows

[Learn More About Elizabeth Raum](#)

On The Moon Again

International Observe the Moon Night



Join On the Moon Again, one of our International #ObserveTheMoon Night supporters, for a weekend of lunar fun on **June 23-25**.

Participate by observing the Moon through a telescope, binoculars, with your unaided eye, through images or art, or however makes sense to you.

[Register Here](#)

The North Dakota State Library has STEM and NASA@ My Library Kits available, which include telescopes, binoculars, and lunar activities.

- NASA@ My Library: Sun-Earth-Moon Connections
- NASA@ My Library: To the Moon and Beyond
- Orion StarBlast Telescope



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