Library Vision Grant Opportunities

- **Collection Development Grant for New Collections**
- **Makerspace Grant**
- **Programming Grant**

Application Period:
July 1-31, 2023

Award Date:
August 31, 2023

Grant Period:
Varies

Final Report Due:
Varies

Collection Development Grant for New Collections

The purpose of this grant is to expand collection development for libraries. Libraries must use grant funds to develop a new collection for their library. To further meet the needs of their patrons and move into the future, libraries are encouraged to purchase materials that include formats beyond traditional books.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–December 31, 2023
- Final report due: March 31, 2024

Makerspace Grant

Makerspaces allow people with shared interests in STEAM activities to create projects using shared space, equipment, and knowledge. This grant supports the ability to add new STEAM experiences in the library setting.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–February 29, 2024
- Final report due: May 31, 2024

Programming Grant

The purpose of this grant is to support the development of new programs or the enhancement of existing programs in North Dakota libraries.

- Application period: July 1–July 31, 2023
- Award date: August 31, 2023
- Grant Period: September 1–March 31, 2024
- Final report due: June 30, 2024

Learn More and Apply

Upcoming NDSL Webinar

Check Out The New North Dakota State Library Website
Wednesday, July 19 (2:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

It's finally here, the new North Dakota State Library website! We're excited to unveil our new website. This webinar will orient you to our new website and show you how to navigate the various features and pages.

NDSL CONFERENCE

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NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER
BISMARCK, ND

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The North Dakota State Library is hosting an in-person conference in Bismarck on August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Our 2023 Summer Conference builds on the mental toughness we all developed after 2020 and strengthens us for the challenges that lie before us. Join us as we gather in person for discovery, inspiration, and camaraderie. Together let us build stronger libraries and stronger communities.

Location: North Dakota Heritage Center, located on the State Capitol Grounds

Lodging: Bismarck Wingate by Wyndham Block of rooms under North Dakota State Library August 6-8 @ $88.20 (State Rate) Book rooms **online** or call 701-751-2373. Be sure to ask for the North Dakota State Library block.

Featured Speaker: Jay Turner from EduJay Learning & Development

Programs include:

- A Book Mending workshop
- Getting Things Done: a time management presentation
- Is Your Library Crisis Ready: How to Develop a Public Relations Program
- Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshop (For Public Libraries Only)

Continuing Education credit will be available for school librarians.

Register

40+ Ways to Spark Reading Love by Shannon Anderson

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

1. Do a read aloud of the first chapter or the whole first book in a series.
2. Allow audio assistance.
3. Use whisper phones for students to hear themselves read.
4. Employ buddy reading.
5. Take advantage of the fun of interactive books.
6. Let students read on devices.
7. Order high interest low ability books.
8. Use QR codes to show book trailers and reviews. (Bonus point if these trailers and reviews are student-made!)
9. Conduct book tastings.
10. Use book wish lists.
11. Bring in expert guests to read and discuss books about their professions.

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Birds Aren't Real: How Students Can Work Against Misinformation: An ALA Presentation by Robbie Barber

Submitted by Tammy Kruger

What is Misinformation?
Misinformation is the unknowingly spreading of fake data, usually without intentional malice. (Disinformation, on the other hand, entails spreading false information with the intent of causing harm.) An example of misinformation involves sharing an article on social media because of a clickbait title, without actually reading the article. Satire, which Birds Aren't Real falls under, and sarcasm are also types of misinformation.

A Little History of Birds Aren't Real
Birds Aren't Real is a conspiracy theory began by Peter McIndoe in 2017. McIndoe, who proclaimed that he was basically raised by the internet, started this movement to show just how ridiculous the spread of misinformation can be! According to this theory, birds were replaced by surveillance drones back in the 1970s. McIndoe created an elaborate back story, complete with an actor, posing as a former CIA agent, sharing his role in the operation. As Birds Aren't Real gained traction, the mainstream media approached it as a factual movement! Over the years, Birds Aren't Real supporters (often called "bird truthers") have grown in number. While, supposedly, most of the supporters are in on the joke, people still question the legitimacy of this theory (Lorenz, 2021). More information can be found **here**, **here**, and **here**.

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Upcoming Free Webinars

Managing Difficult Conversations (Niche Academy)
Wednesday, July 12 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Fall Picks from OverDrive Librarians (OverDrive)
Thursday, July 13 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Developing a Compelling Teaching Philosophy Statement (Niche Academy)
Wednesday, July 19 (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Check Out The New North Dakota State Library Website (North Dakota State Library)
Wednesday, July 19 (2:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

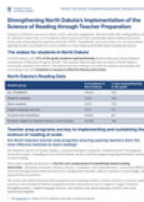**Finding Pictures: I Want You to Learn About the LC's Poster Collection! (Library of Congress)**
Wednesday, July 19 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Back to Basics: Open Culture for Beginners (Creative Commons)
Thursday, July 27 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)

Strengthening North Dakota's Implementation of the Science of Reading through Teacher Preparation

National Council on Teacher Quality

"Literacy is critical for success in school, work, and civic engagement. Research finds that reading failure can be reduced to fewer than 1 in 10 students when teachers provide scientifically based reading instruction.1 In the wake of learning loss experienced in the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever, we must ensure aspiring teachers are prepared to teach children to read using scientifically based reading instruction."

View the Report

By BreAnne Meier

French

July 14 is a French national holiday known as Bastille Day that commemorates the storming of Paris's Bastille prison by a revolutionary mob in 1789 at the start of the French Revolution. It is now a celebration of French national pride marked by fireworks, dances, festive meals, and military parades.

Learn to speak French with Mango Languages! This online library resource offers a personalized, adaptive language-learning experience that provides the tools and guidance you need in order to expand your language skills wherever and however you learn best.

Top Ten Mango Languages
June 2023

1. Spanish, Latin American
2. Chinese, Mandarin
3. French
4. English
5. Arabic, Levantine
6. Korean
7. Russian
8. Japanese
9. German
10. Italian

Enhance your communication skills with specialty courses that cover a range of culturally significant topics, including Argot, romance, and wine and cheese. These courses were created using the same conversational methodology, native-speaker dialogue, and cultural context as Mango's world language courses.

Reference:
Ruth, Michael. 2023. "Bastille Day." *Salem Press Encyclopedia*, April.
https://discovery.ebsco.com/linkprocessor/plink?id=4357a2c3-5714-363f-ad15-08dda0d79bdc.

By Kathy Jo Cline

Changing Stereotypical Beliefs Through Books

How are stereotypes formed? Do these beliefs influence how we react to or interact with individuals? Can stereotypical beliefs be changed? These are questions that have come to my mind as I have served the Academic, Special, & Tribal libraries over the last several months.

According to **Amy Morin's** article *Harmful Psychological Effects of Racial Stereotyping*, we all create mental shortcuts, split-second judgments, when we encounter others. While these judgments help determine if an individual is safe, trustworthy, or a source of risk, the quick analyses are usually inaccurate and create bias and stereotypical assessments. Generalizations are usually based off an individual's experiences formed during the foundational years of their life. Things such as what we hear others say, how they treat other people, what we read in text, view on TV, social media or movies, the heroes presented in sports, or celebrities in society are just a few examples that influence how we as adults will interact and respond to others. If these learned stereotyping behaviors are not recognized and acknowledged, such discriminatory behavior will continue to occur and negatively impact others around us.

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Libraries in the News

Calling all artists: Sign up for Chalk Festival in Mandan (KX News)
"The Morton Mandan Public Library is looking for artists to help make their first Chalk Festival a truly colorful event..."

Governor Burgum appoints LRPL Director to statewide library board (Devils Lake Journal)
"Maddie Cummings, Library Director at the Lake Region Public Library, has been named by Governor Doug Burgum to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council assists in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries..."

Public libraries in region still figuring out next steps moving forward following passage of House Bill 1205 (Grand Forks Herald)
"For staff at Grand Forks Public Library and Lake Region Public Library in Devils Lake, the next steps moving forward following the passage of House Bill 1205 are still being determined..."

Plain Talk: Book ban update and honoring public service (Jamestown Sun)
"Kerrianne Boetcher, administrator of the Ward County Public Library and president of the North Dakota Library Association, discusses the new library law..."
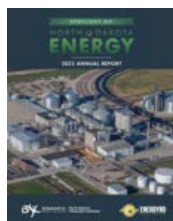
Unique scavenger hunt invites locals and tourists to explore the history of downtown Fargo (Valley News Live)
"Most have been downtown and know all of the buildings for what they are now, but have you ever wondered what's the story behind them? The Fargo Library History Hunt is back..."

The State Document Depository collects, preserves, and disseminates all North Dakota state government documents produced for public use.

State government documents include annual reports, strategic plans, audits, meeting minutes, newsletters and magazines, brochures, handbooks, maps, statistics, public university catalogs, Cooperative Extension publications, and research results.

Spotlight on North Dakota Energy: 2022 Annual Report
Bismarck State College: North Dakota's Polytechnic Institute
EnergyND, Great Plains Energy Corridor

This annual report is available to be checked out (2011-2022) or viewed as a pdf (2014-2021) at
https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris/search/title.aspx?ctx=71.1033.0.0.1&pos=1&cn=96192.

More Information
To request any title, please go through the **library catalog** or contact the State Library at (701) 328-4622 or **statelib@nd.gov**.

For more information about the State Document Depository, please contact the State Document Department at (701) 328-2491 or **ndslstatedocs@nd.gov**.

View the Lists of Recent Arrivals

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

Gordon and Emma Anderson Collection

Anderson boys by Fort McKeen blockhouse, N.D., 1956
Andersons at Plymouth Rock, M.A., 1944
Bunker Hill Monument, 1944
F. Lyle Neshem home on furlough, 1944
Melvin Berg at train station, Berthold, N.D., circa 1942

Milton and Johnnye Landers in San Diego, circa 1944
Niagara Falls, 1944
Plymouth Rock memorial, M.A., 1944
Sign for Fort Lincoln State Park and Fort McKeen, N.D., 1956

North Dakota Memories

Struck photo album of CCC and Turtle River State Park, 1930s

Political Prairie Fire

Gives Decision in Case of Wallace Home, 1923 [newspaper article]
IVA tank running over boss rule, 1919 [political cartoon]
L.L. Stair, Speaker of the N.D. House, circa 1919
List of Organizers and Leaders of the Non-Partisan League, 1922
New Administration Fires Wallace, 1922 [newspaper article]
North Dakota Referendum Election Results, 1919
Portrait of A. E. Bowen, circa 1917

Portrait of Laureas J. Wehe, circa 1919
Portrait of Usher L. Burdick, circa 1917
Suits Started Against Hagan and Wallace, 1922 [newspaper article]
The New Cincinnatus, 1916 [political cartoon]
The Non-partisan League vs. the Home
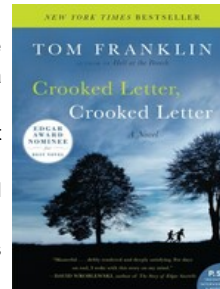U.S. Representatives Burdick and Lemke review documents, 1936

Visit Digital Horizons

"Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter"
by Tom Franklin

In the late 1970s, Larry Ott and Silas "32" Jones were boyhood pals. Their worlds were as different as night and day: Larry, the child of lower-middle-class white parents, and Silas, the son of a poor, single black mother. Yet for a few months the boys stepped outside of their circumstances and shared a special bond. But then tragedy struck: Larry took a girl on a date to a drive-in movie, and she was never heard from again. She was never found and Larry never confessed, but all eyes rested on him as the culprit. The incident shook the county—and perhaps Silas most of all. His friendship with Larry was broken, and then Silas left town.

More than twenty years have passed. Larry, a mechanic, lives a solitary existence, never able to rise above the whispers of suspicion. Silas has returned as a constable. He and Larry have no reason to cross paths until another girl disappears and Larry is blamed again. And now the two men who once called each other friend are forced to confront the past they've buried and ignored for decades.

This kit includes ten books, one discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet.

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