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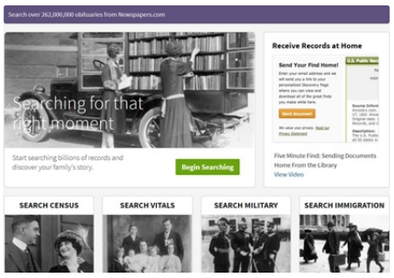

Are you interested in discovering your family history but unsure where to start? If you have a library card from a local library or the State Library, you now have access to Ancestry Library Edition at home through December 31.

Ancestry Library Edition gives you instant access to a wide range of unique resources for genealogical and historical research. With billions of historical documents and millions of historical photos, this resource offers the most comprehensive genealogical information available online. Search through immigration, census, family histories, court records, directories, military records, photos, and more to discover new things about your ancestors.

For more information, please contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 / 1-800-472-2104 or statelib@nd.gov.

November Course of the Month

How to Write a Grant Proposal

Writing grant proposals is an important skill that needs to be developed, regardless of the sector of business. If you have never written a grant proposal or want to make your grant proposals stronger, this is the course for you. This course will impart the techniques needed to write a proper proposal, including discussing the key components to writing the grant proposal, where to find grants, how to write a grant budget, and so much more. This course has everything that you will need to become a better grant writer.

This course is 16 lessons long, has 29 exams and assignments, and will take an average of 9 hours to complete. It's available for free through Universal Class with a library card.

New Book Club Kit

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Eleanor struggles with social skills and lives a very structured life. While this may sound like the setup for either a comedic satire or slow-paced book, it is, instead, the setup for a discussion on mental health, individuality, and the importance of human connection. This novel has both well-developed characters and a strong narrative voice. Honeyman highlights how a person can be both content with their life that is different from what is considered 'typical' and simultaneously left wanting. Eleanor's perspective on the world is real and honest, and it is this voice that makes the book so profoundly moving and ready for discussion.

"Sometimes you simply needed someone kind to sit with you while you dealt with things." —Eleanor.

This kit comes with ten books, one discussion guide, and one sign-in sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Book club kits can be checked out by patrons; no more than three kits can be checked out at one time. To see when this book club is next available, check out KitKeeper.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

New E-Books

New Fiction Books

New Nonfiction Books

Most Popular Languages on Mango

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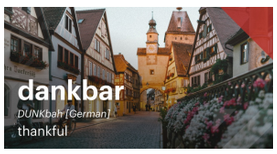
French
Spanish, Latin American
Hindi
Russian
Chinese, Mandarin
Korean
Arabic, Modern Standard
Greek
Japanese



Are you interested in learning a new language? With Mango Languages, you can learn over 70 world languages for free! All you need is a library card from your local public library or the State Library.

State Government Book Clubs

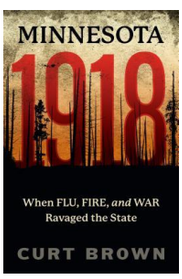
The North Dakota State Library, in partnership with the Governor's office, has completed our first two book discussions with state employees. The two books featured were "Leadershift: the 11 Essential Changes Every Leader Must Embrace" by John C Maxwell and "The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias" by Dolly Chugh. The discussions for both books were engaging, lively, and fun. It's great to see state employees from a variety of different agencies participating in our book discussions. We want to thank the attendees of our first book discussion for your participation, and we look forward to you joining us for other book discussions.

For those you would like to sign up, registration can be found through the PeopleSoft portal under Learning.

You can find the registration by searching "ND State Library Book Discussions." Once registered, we will send out a copy of the book to you through inside mail or mail it to your home. You can also pick it up at the State Library - we offer curbside service if you would prefer not to enter the building.

Please attend the discussion even if you have not finished reading the book. You still have something to add to the conversation. When you are ready to return a book discussion book, there are several options. You can send it back through inside mail, drop it off at the State Library (either in one of our book drops or in-person), or you can mail it back. If you have any questions about our book discussions, please feel free to reach out to Al Peterson at alpeterson@nd.gov or 701-328-4661.

Book Review
"Minnesota 1918: When Flu, Fire, and War Ravaged the State" by Curt Brown
Reviewed by Crystal Forster



This book reveals the series of calamities that converged on the state of Minnesota during 1917-18. Fires started by trains in the northern part of the state killed nearly 500 while thousands were dying from the Spanish Influenza throughout the state, country and world. At the same time, additional thousands were sent to fight in WWI where more died from influenza than in combat. The book covers little-known details about the strange political atmosphere, as well as details from individuals who lived and died during that time. Heart-wrenching stories and letters give the history a mesmerizing human interest. I learned a great deal about this time in history from this book and would recommend it to anyone.

This book is available at the State Library. It can be requested through theonline catalog or by calling 1-800-472-2104.

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