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Connections

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Join North Dakota libraries as they present a Virtual Statewide Summer Reading Kickoff. Programs will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day on the Facebook page found at https://www.facebook.com/groups/492047345453882. Join us for storytimes, yoga, craft projects, puppet shows, a safari, and much more!

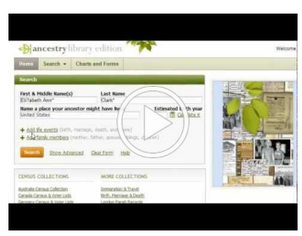
Keynote Presenters every day at 10:00 AM:
On Wednesday, June 9, **Cynde McInnis** will tell you all about Nile, a humpback whale, and then take you "virtually" inside a life-sized model to learn how humans and whales are similar.

On Thursday, June 10, **Karen Land** will talk about Iditarod dog mushing and show off part of her "string of dogs," which includes an Alaskan husky named Noggin and a Corgi-Springer mix named Chloe.

On Friday, June 11, **Kevin Locke** will present his Hoop of Life Program, which incorporates Indigenous Flute music samples from the prairies and beyond, Sign Language, Prayer songs in Lakota language, storytelling, and much more.

You can find the full schedule at **https://library-nd.libguides.com/summerreading/SRKschedule**.

Ancestry Library Edition



Ancestry Library Edition will continue to be available at home through December 31, 2021. Search your family history, find photos, ship registrations, military records, and more at no cost to you! All you need is a library card from a North Dakota library.

If you need a State Library card, you can fill out an application at http://library.nd.gov/librarycard.html.

To access Ancestry Library Edition, you can find the link under Genealogy at http://library.nd.gov/onlineresources.html.

ND Library Photography Contest

The State Library is looking for photo submissions! When you see a North Dakota library, bookmobile, or book bike, take a photo and send it to the North Dakota State Library on social media using @NDStateLibrary or #NDLibraryPhoto, or by filling out the Google Form found at **https://forms.gle/ibtJ5VkpZ56rdsaY8**. The photos can be of the outside, inside, unique features, etc., but please include the name and location and a brief description.

Submissions will be accepted through August 31, 2021.

Voting will take place in September 2021.

Only North Dakota residents are eligible for prizes.

By submitting photos to the State Library, you are authorizing the use of them on social media and in promotional materials (both electronic and print).

Universal Class Update

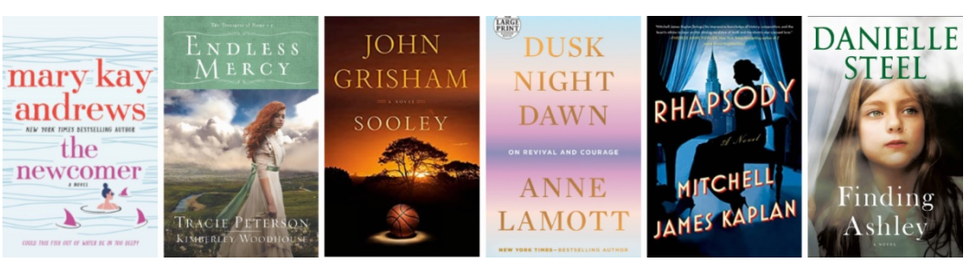
You now have another way to access Universal Class! Go into your Libby app and find the new section called Extras. Here you will find Universal Class which has over 500 courses for just about everyone! Go at your own pace through lessons, exams, assignments, and discussion boards. Receive actual grades and feedback regarding your performance.

If you would like to access Universal Class on a desktop computer, you can continue to access it through the State Library's website or go to https://libbyapp.com/library/ndlibrary2go/extras. Check it out and learn something new today!

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

E-Magazines Available Through OverDrive

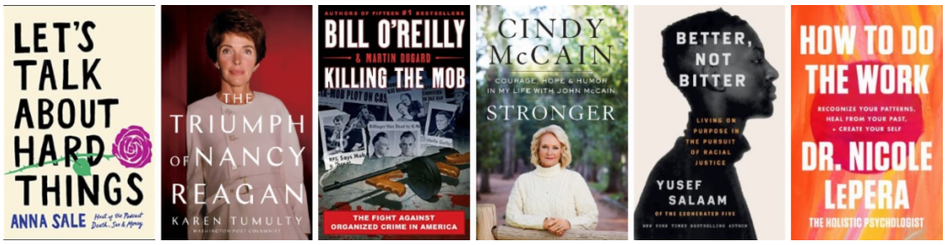
New Fiction Books



New Nonfiction Books

New Fiction E-Books

New Nonfiction E-Books



New Fiction E-Audiobooks

New Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

One of the most popular Universal Class courses is Norse Mythology 101.

Thor, Odin, and Valhalla are names you've probably heard of before, but did you know that they represent one of the most unique religions ever conceived?

The Norse/Vikings/Scandinavians were part of one of the most dominant and different civilizations to ever grace the Earth, and the combination of their civilization and belief systems has puzzled outsiders for ages. Dive into the Norse world and learn about the roots of their beliefs, dangerous sea explorations, human sacrifice, the holy city of Uppsala, and Valhalla.

This course includes eight lessons, 17 exams and assignments, and takes about four hours to complete. If you don't want the continuing education credit, this course is available as a video audit.

Book Review

"Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina"
by Lea Lyon and A. LaFaye
Reviewed by Abby Ebach

"Ready to Fly" includes a little bit of everything I love about nonfiction children's books—beautiful artwork, a simple story that flows, and, in the end, historical context and further reading recommendations.

Sylvia Townsend grew up in 1950s segregated America, but she doesn't let that stop her from becoming like the ballerinas she sees on stage. Using her local bookmobile, she checks out books to teach herself to become a ballerina, complete with a tutu made out of scarves and a barre made out of old chairs and a broom. Soon, Sylvia is teaching ballet classes to the other children in the neighborhood as well.

Sylvia's forward holds a good message for children and adults alike. The artwork is stunning and will capture any reader's attention. To see for yourself, check it out from the State Library **here**.

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